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Brighten Christmas for area families through Penny Pitch

Christmas will be difficult for many local families this year. Your donation to Penny Pitch can help make it a little brighter for some of these families. Interviews that determine the needs for the families who have applied are completed, and those who receive help will be notified soon.

Penny Pitch is about helping people who need a boost right now. We want the children to have something at Christmas, and we want them to have warm clothes for the winter. We want to help them keep their utilities on, but we need your help. Your donation goes directly to the families. All of us who work on this program are volunteers. The Mountain Messenger donates all of the publicity to help us. No one is salaried - 100% goes to helping people.

We hope you will join us in this effort. Our goal this year is \$60,000, currently, we have \$18,605. Please

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Greenbrier County Commission prepares for substantial broadband project

Thousands of new addresses to receive high speed internet and broadband capability

Gov. Jim Justice recently announced the approval of \$55.3 million in GigReady and Major Broadband Project Strategies Program (MBPS) funds to broadband infrastructure across the state, which included a momentous Greenbrier Broadband Expansion Project that will bring approximately 176 miles of fiber to over 5,000 addresses located within Greenbrier County at a cost of \$17,254,651.

The project team consists of the Greenbrier County Commission, the West Virginia Development Office, Citynet as the Internet Service Provider (ISP), and Thompson & Litton of Princeton, West Virginia as the project Engineer, Steptoe and Johnson Law Firm, and Region Four Planning & Development Council. This team has been working diligently on this initiative and looks forward to seeing the project completed successfully.

Greenbrier County's project will include 176 miles of buried and aerial fiber infrastructure. The project will primarily be placed along existing utility pole right-of-ways, chiefly utilizing AEP and First Energy utility infrastructure for routing where possible. The proposed quarter mile buried portion for the project near Caldwell, West Virginia is used to safely cross I-64. These aerial routes for the project will also provide the potential for additional interconnectivity with existing SEGRA, Shentel, Gigabeam, and Citynet networks.

The Greenbrier County Commission has been instrumental in coordinating the award process with the project team. Along with GigReady Program funds in the amount of \$12,940,988 there is a local Greenbrier County investment of \$4,313,663 in matching funds.

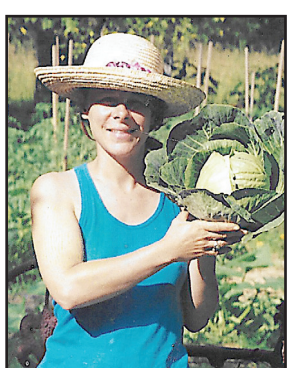
Affordable, highspeed broadband access in rural areas is essential for economic growth and directly linked to increased job growth, new business development, remote workplace opportunities and overall economic expansion and stability. Among many other benefits,

it can increase quality of life by expanding citizens abilities to participate in remote learning, tele-medicine and online services of all types.

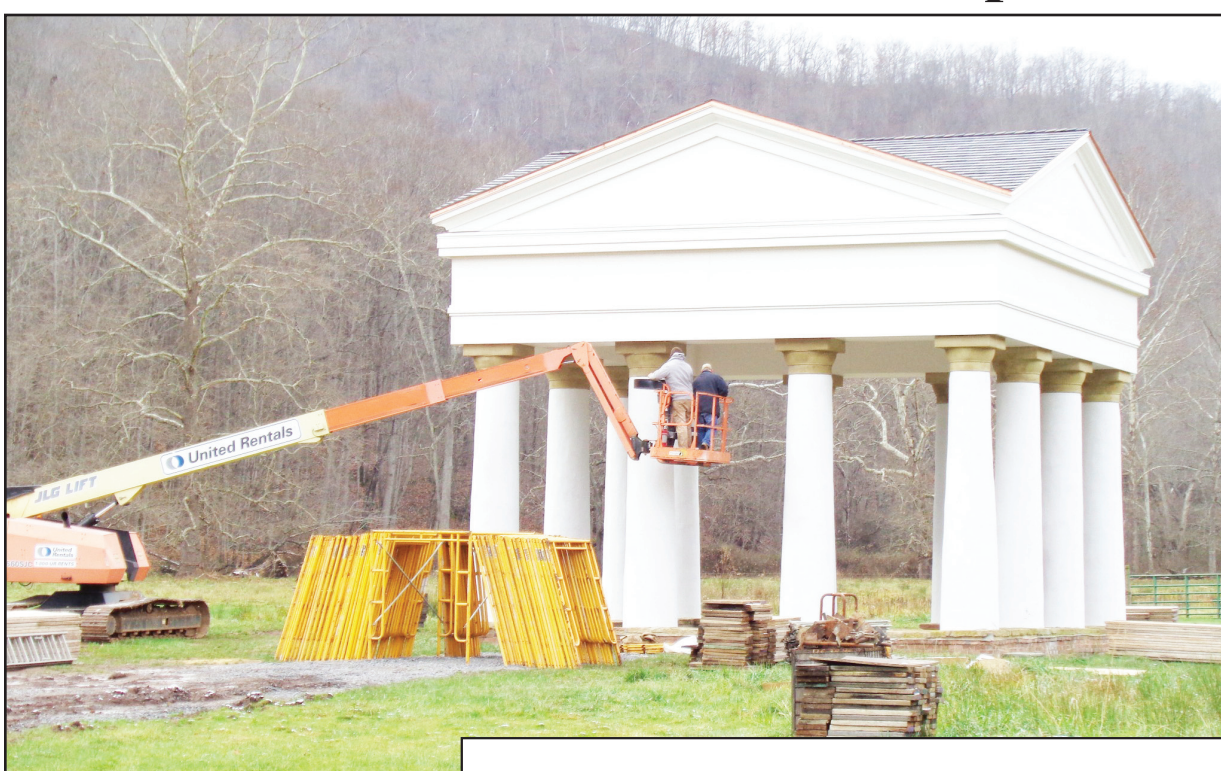
In response to this crucial announcement that is a monumental win and advancement for not only

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Nature's Way By Karen Cohen on page 4



'The Blue' nears restoration completion



The Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion as of last month. (Photos courtesy of the Friends of the Blue)

By Sarah Richardson

After months of hard work and significant fundraising, the Friends of the Blue announced last month that the Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion is starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel with its extensive restoration.

"The Friends of the Blue and everyone who appreciates the Blue Sulphur

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The Blue at the start of this restoration work over the summer.

Angel Tree installed at Greenbrier Valley Airport

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Angel Tree, now in its 12th year, is up once again at Greenbrier Valley Airport. The tree, positioned across from the entrance to Mi Tequila Mexican Restaurant, is adorned with ornaments paying homage to lost loved ones.

Previously located at the Greenbrier Valley Mall, the tree was moved to the airport several years ago. The tree offers free ornaments to write on to memorialize a passed friend or family member, collecting their memories. Then, the day after Christmas, a candlelight vigil is held, giving those left behind a place to share their memories. Coordinator Roger Honaker has been part of the memorial each year, and has added new lights to the tree this week. Lynn Massie has donated some special ornaments for hanging, which are located under the tree for public use.

Airport Director Brian Belcher spoke about the tree and its significance to the community, saying, "We [The Greenbrier County Airport Authority] are always more than happy to have the Angel Tree here. It clearly means a lot to people and we're more than ready to let area churches put up the tree as well as hold their service later this month."

During the candlelight vigil, candles are lit in memory of every person who is memorialized on this year's tree. The vigil will be held in the airport lobby on Monday, Dec. 26, at 6 p.m. and will be officiated by Pastor Kenneth Baker. Candles will be provided.

A flyer at the tree site states, "The Greenbrier County Angel Tree was started in 2011 as a way for family and friends to honor a loved one or anyone who had passed away. By placing an ornament on the Angel Tree, you are keeping their memories alive, as well as honoring them in public. Anyone, no matter where you live, can place as many ornaments on the Angel Tree as you wish. There has never been a charge to hang an ornament on the Angel Tree, nor will there ever be. There are ornaments, markers, and hooks placed under the tree at all times for anyone to use."

Members of the public are encouraged to come and honor the memory of a loved one by placing their name on the tree and attending the memorial service.



There will be a candlelight vigil at the Angel Tree on Monday, Dec. 26, at 6 p.m. in the airport.

Details released regarding homicide in Alderson

It is with deep regret that the Town of Alderson and the Alderson Police Department report a homicide within town limits. The deceased is Marissa Mann-Bennett. An alleged suspect is in custody.

At 9:03 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 25, the Greenbrier County 911 Center was contacted in reference to an unresponsive female at 847 Maple Avenue, West, in Alderson (Greenbrier County).

Upon arriving at the scene, the EMS Unit from the Alderson Volunteer Fire Department realized that a crime had likely occurred at the residence. EMS personnel appropriately secured the scene and immediately contacted law enforcement.

Alderson Police Chief Todd Williams immediately responded to the scene and determined that this was likely a homicide. Patrolman Hannah responded to assist Chief

Williams and went to protect the victim's children who had been at a friend's residence overnight. After confirming the immediate safety of the children, Patrolman Hannah went to the outer perimeter of town due to the possibility of the alleged suspect's returning to the children.

Chief Williams requested the assistance of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department Crime Scene Team in processing the scene. Within 20 minutes Crime Scene Unit One of the Sheriff's Department arrived.

Chief Williams initiated the "BOLO" for the alleged suspect's vehicle. Greenbrier County Sheriff's Unit #4 spotted the vehicle in Fairlea and initiated a traffic stop in Lewisburg with the assistance of units from Lewisburg Police Department, other Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department units, and units from the West Virginia State Police.

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Chamber of Commerce offers ways to support GEHS Soccer Team

The Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce states that many businesses and individuals have reached out in support of the Greenbrier East High School's Men's Soccer Team since they began their run for the State title.

"We know many are still interested in celebrating with the team. We were asked to provide some ways for the community to be able to contribute," the Chamber announced this week.

"The GEHS Men's soccer team will be celebrating their historic season with a team banquet on Sunday, Dec. 4. A contribution toward the banquet meal would be appreciated. Additionally, to commemorate the season, the team is raising funds to purchase championship rings, and last but certainly not least, we are always grateful for your gift of time. There are many things that go into making the season run, if you have time to volunteer, we have lots of projects that we can always use additional help with! Thanks in advance for your support of these young men and this program. It has truly been phenomenal!"

To get involved email donettemizia@gmail.com

Penny Pitch

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send your donation to P.O. Box 494, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or you can drop it by Greenbrier Valley Theatre at 1038 Washington Street East or at the Mountain Messenger, 122 N. Court Street - both in Lewisburg.

We are deeply grateful for our donors.

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- Anonymous - \$100
- Bruce Law Office, Lewisburg - \$250
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- Anonymous - \$100
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- Anonymous - \$150
- Bruce & Jeanne Brenneman - \$100
- In memory of Steve King from Sue - \$200
- Maxwelton Ruritan Club - \$500
- Bluebell Garden Club-Lewisburg - \$2,000
- Ronceverte Baptist Church - \$250
- David E Shaffer - \$100

Turnpike traffic exceeds estimates early Thanksgiving week

Traffic on the West Virginia Turnpike was heavier than expected the first two days of the Thanksgiving travel week.

From Tuesday, Nov. 22, through Sunday, Nov. 27, 721,114 vehicles passed through Turnpike toll booths. Traffic was heaviest the two days before the Thanksgiving holiday and the weekend after.

On Tuesday, Nov. 22, 132,053 vehicles went through Turnpike toll booths. On Wednesday, Nov. 23, 156,757 vehicles passed through the toll booths. Traffic for the two days was nearly 2,000 vehicles higher than predicted.

Highest traffic day on the Turnpike was Sunday, Nov. 27, when 159,366 vehicles passed through the toll booths.

"The West Virginia Turnpike experienced just about the amount of traffic we were expecting for Thanksgiving week," said Jeff Miller, executive director of the West Virginia Parkways Authority. Aside from some weather-related accidents that slowed traffic on Sunday, Nov. 27, traffic flowed smoothly throughout the week.

"We were well staffed, and our crews worked very hard to ensure that traffic got through as quickly as possible," Miller said. He encouraged motorists to participate in the E-ZPass program to speed traveling time through toll plazas and suggested drivers try to plan their travel to avoid peak traffic times.

Greenbrier County Public Library to host Fund Drive Kick-off Event

The Trustees of the Greenbrier County Public Library invite library lovers to a kick-off celebration for its 2022-23 Fund Drive on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the library.

The evening will feature refreshments and entertainment by Sarah Hann, a music educator and percussionist. Hann has an undergraduate degree in music education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a master's in performance from Winthrop University. She has taught general music at White Sulphur Springs Elementary School since 2014 and was named Greenbrier County's Teacher of the Year in 2018. She is active as a performer and educator in the area. While she enjoys all types of percussion, her areas of interest include hand drumming and mbira.

For the evening's performance, Hann will be performing both contemporary and traditional pieces on the riq and mbira. After the performance, guests are welcome to ask any questions about the instruments and try their hand at them as well.

Mardi McMillan, chair of the library's Board of Trustees, noted that because of Covid-19, it has been three years since the last kick-off, so the evening will be somewhat of a homecoming for the library patrons who always look forward to the fellowship and fun of the event.

The goal for this year's drive is \$76,500. McMillan said that while the library receives public support from the state, the Greenbrier County Commission and the City of Lewisburg, it is not enough to allow the library to offer the full range of services the community needs. Support from private donors helps the library operate seven days a week and offer services such as a children's reading program and passport application assistance, in addition to lending books, CDs and DVDs.

Tax deductible contributions can be mailed to: Greenbrier County Public Library, 152 Robert W. McCormick Dr., Lewisburg, WV 24901. If you prefer to make your donation by credit card, you can do so by calling the library at 304-647-7568.



Sarah Hann

Broadband

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Greenbrier County but for West Virginia as a whole, Greenbrier County Commissioner Tammy Tincer stated, "the Commission is excited about the Broadband funding award and looking forward to continuing the work to begin the construction and implementation of this much needed service here in Greenbrier County and Southern West Virginia. We hope that this is the beginning for much needed future business and economic development."

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 Email submission to News@mountainmedianews.com
 or Contact 304-647-5724 for more information

Corrective Article

A Back Down Country Roads column titled "The Tragic Hangings," published in last week's edition, contained an inaccurate and misleading recount of historical events occurring in Greenbrier County in 1931. The "hangings" described by the author were the lynching of two black men, Tom Jackson, 26, and George Banks, 27, by mob after being forcefully taken from the Greenbrier County jail at Lewisburg on Dec. 10, 1931.

The Greenbrier County Historical Society's Echoes of Slavery exhibit details the events as follows, "In Leslie, two white officers, Joseph Myles and Jack Brown, were called to break up a Black party. While the officers were leaving the scene, they were fatally shot. Some say they were shot unprovoked while others say they were shot in self-defense. Two Black men, Tom Jackson and George Banks, were arrested. On Dec. 10, 1931 Jackson and Banks were taken by a mob, hanged from a telephone pole, and shot numerous times. West Virginia's anti-lynching law required Greenbrier County to pay \$5,000 apiece to the families, but they refused to pay until the state demanded payment in 1933."

As of this month, this tragic injustice took place merely 91 years ago.

We invite the public to visit the Historical Society at 814 Washington Street West to learn more about this and other defining events that compose Greenbrier County's history. The Society's Echoes of Slavery exhibit, which was made possible with support from the Daywood Foundation and their community advisory panel, contains a wealth of knowledge about slavery, the Civil War, the Jim Crow era, and more in our area.

To view the exhibit online visit www.greenbrierhistorical.org/echoes-of-slavery-in-greenbrier-county

Moving forward, the Mountain Messenger will no longer be accepting submissions from the original contributor.

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Hello Editor,

Blatant omissions were missing from last week's article "The Tragic Hangings" by Nancy Richmond. Lynching is the correct term for the events of Nov. 22, 1931, after Greenbrier County Constable Myles and Deputy Brown antagonized some dancers at a "Negro dance" in Leslie. After events escalated and resulted in the deaths of both lawmen, the two black men involved in the shooting, Jackson and Banks, were delivered to Lewisburg's jail. On Dec. 10, 1931, an angry mob from Quinwood did break into the jail, hauled Jackson and Banks to the edge of town and lynched them while riddling their bodies with bullets.

A Greenbrier County grand jury refused to pay a bill for \$10,000 as established by the 1921 Capehart Anti-Lynching Law which set compensation for mob induced violence.

However, due to the involvement of the NAACP in February 1933 Kanawha County Judge Arthur Hudson awarded \$5,000 to each estate of both Jackson and Banks.

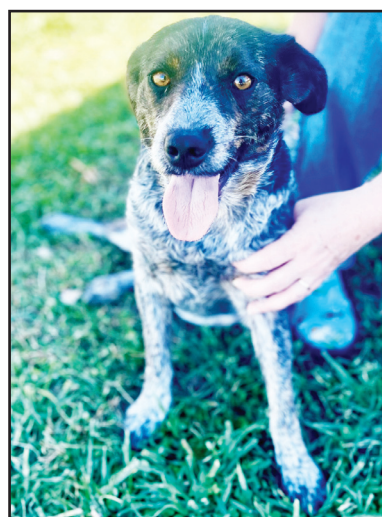
This financial reckoning signaled the end of lynching in West Virginia.

The disingenuous whitewashing of the historical facts by the article's author, Ms. Richmond, is reprehensible.

The people of the Greenbrier Valley need to know the harsh truth.

Jill Fischer
 Monroe County

PICK OF THE LITTER



ZOEY
 Zoey is a one-year-old female Australian Shepherd mix and weighs 30 pounds



OSCAR
 Oscar is a 10-year-old male domestic shorthair.

These and other animals are available at the Greenbrier Humane Society, located at 151 Holiday Lane off of Rt. 60 West in Lewisburg. They are closed Sunday and Monday, and are open from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Their cat adoption fee is \$65 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first kitty vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim and flea treatment.

Their dog adoption fee is \$85 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first dog vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim, flea bath and flea treatment.

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

They also offer donation-based spay/neuter vouchers, and clinics are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. They use a lot of vets in the area but the clinics fill up fast! Fill out an application to help prevent animal overpopulation! Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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Briefly

Williamsburg Community Shooting Match

Our next match will be Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at the Williamsburg Community Building at the Community Building on Sinking Creek Road next door to the fire department starting at 7 p.m. Food concession will open at 6 p.m. The match will be eight rounds, 12-gauge guns only. Full choke, .660 inch minimum. Screw in chokes must be from a recognized supplier (patented) and extend no more than 3 inches beyond original barrel. Barrel length 34" maximum. First seven rounds are \$2 per shot, eighth round 50/50 is \$5 per shot. Shooters must compete in the first seven rounds in order to compete in the eighth round. 50/50 splatter match is \$1 per chance between rounds. Cash prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be a shooter to win! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 6 p.m. Families welcome - you don't have to shoot to get a meal. Proceeds benefit Williamsburg Community service projects. These events are sponsored by a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action and the Williamsburg Ruritans. For more information and directions visit www.williamsburgwv.com

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. **Christmas Dance on Dec. 10 will feature Midland Trail Band 7 to 10:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Dance will feature Ivan & The Outlaws 8 to 12 Midnight.** The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

Democratic Executive Committee

will meet Dec. 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate office in Lewisburg.

Holiday Farmers Market

will be held Saturdays Nov. 5 through Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gus Douglass Building on the WV State Fairgrounds featuring a Market Cafe, special events, food and local crafts.

Shop With a Cop

The Greenbrier County Fraternal Order of Police would like to announce the beginning of our fundraising season for our 2022 Shop with a Cop Christmas program. You may receive a phone call or a mail out about our program. Please do not be alarmed, these calls and mail outs are legitimate. You can contact the Lewisburg Police Dept. with any questions and they will direct you to the appropriate person to speak with. We would like to thank all of our faithful sponsors and look forward to working with our public to provide another successful program for our local children.

Homicide

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The alleged suspect, Zachary Hess Dawson, was taken into custody without incident and was taken to the Lewisburg Detachment of the West Virginia State Police for processing and questioning. A criminal complaint has been filed in the Magistrate Court of Greenbrier County and Dawson is currently lodged in the Southern Regional Jail.

Chief Todd Williams of the Alderson Police Department is in charge of the investigation and is working with Prosecuting Attorney Patrick Via to pursue the case.

The Alderson Police Department and the Town of Alderson are extremely grateful to the West Virginia State Police; the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department; The Lewisburg Police Department and the Greenbrier County Prosecutor's Office who responded initially and continue to respond to assist in the prosecution of this tragic crime. Sheriff Bruce Sloan especially deserves mention due to his drive to have an effective Crime Scene Unit to handle incidents such as this in our county.

City of WSS Christmas Lighting Contest

It's that time of year for the City of White Sulphur Springs Annual Christmas Lighting Contest!

To be sure that our home is included in the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest for judging you can come into City Hall and fill out a form of participation. This contest is open for all residents within city limits. All decorating must be completed by Monday, Dec. 12, so that judging may begin. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Johnathan Lee Collins, Crawley, petit larceny, NCP, jail 9 months, placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
Lyric Raven Walker, Ronceverte, 1) expired registration, GP, fine \$50; 2) no or expired MVI, fine \$10
Bobbie S. Barfield, Jr., Spring Grove, VA, driving too fast for roadway conditions, GP, fine \$5
John D. Love, Round Rock, TX, possession of a controlled substance, GP, fine \$5
Shane Adam Snedegar, Lewisburg, accidents involving damage to vehicle, NCP, fine \$50
James A. Hughes II, North Charleston, SC, driving too fast for roadway conditions, GP, fine \$20
Kaleb Lee Williams, Meadow Bridge, 1) operation of vehicles with safety belts, GP, fine \$25; 2) unsigned registration card, fine \$10
William A. McLaughlin, Lewisburg, expired MVI, NCP, fine \$10
Heather Nicole Felix, White Sulphur Springs, driving while suspended, NCP, fine \$100
Michael James Long, Warm Springs, VA, improper disposal - solid waste, GP, fine \$100

Sprouting Farms' Winter Markets upcoming

Sprouting Farms is a non-profit that strives to support our local food system through community, equity, and innovation. The Sprouting Farms' Food Access Program manages community markets and events to provide food access to healthy, affordable, local produce and products. The program supports local farmers and producers, while connecting their goods to communities that are food insecure. Our events focus on celebrating local food, while also providing nutrition education and physical activities.

Through the winter the SF Farm Stand will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an assortment of local meat, produce, jams, syrup, honey, baked goods, and more.

The SF Mobile Farmers Market will be in Summers County on Tuesdays at the Hinton Park across from the Big 4 Drug Store from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then we will be in Monroe County on Thursdays at the Union Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Greenville Pavilion at the Senior Manor from 2 to 4 p.m.

Sprouting Farms is also attending the Holiday Farmers Market at the Fairgrounds in Lewisburg every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gus Douglass building.

To learn more about Sprouting Farms check out our website sproutingfarms.org, or follow us on Facebook @SproutingFarms and Instagram @sprouting_farms. Have questions? Message us on Facebook or email beth@sproutingfarms.org. You can follow our SF Mobile Farmers Market group on Facebook for all the latest pictures, updates, and announcements. Send us an email if you'd like to be added on our email list for updates, announcements, and our newsletter.

Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council

meetings are held every second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Rainelle City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at 804 Industrial Drive, Suite 5, in Maxwelton. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

Renick Town Council

will meet Monday Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Renick Town Hall. Agenda items include:

- Community comments
- Approval of Minutes and Financial Reports
- Christmas in the Park
- Committee reports
- Other business

Greenbrier PSD #1

will meet Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 1:30 p.m. in a special meeting at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Open bids for Rolling Hills & Brush Road extension projects
- Other project-related business brought before the Board

For the Record

Deeds

Jason Golden and Debra Kay Golden to Steven Dale Simms, 13.75 Acres, Meadow Bluff District
Kish M. Justice to James G. Jeffries, Lots No. 17 and 18, Sunset Hills Subdivision, White Sulphur District
Gerald Sizemore and Phyllis Sizemore to Douglas Persinger and Tracy Persinger, Lots Nos. 86, 87, 88, & 89, Hamilton Place Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs, White Sulphur Springs District
Greenbrier Valley Development Corp. to West Virginia Dept. of Transport, 2,849 Sq. Ft., Lewisburg District
Linda G. Adkins to David Cornish, Lot No. 5 Shaw-Mid-Eca Village, White Sulphur District
Meredith B. Canterbury to Robert D. Canterbury and Debra L. Smith-Canterbury, Lot No. 24, 31 Acres, Fort Spring District
Southey Thompson and Tyler Rhodes to Russel K. Winter and Kathleen D. Winter, Lot No. 70, The Ridges on Greenbrier Mountain Phase Two, Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District
Dorothy S. Lemons to Sheila Spence and Michael Spence, Lots No. 5, 6, 7, and 8, Great Valley Land Company Subdivision, Subdivision No. 1, Fort Spring District
Larry L. Wooten to Brooks R. Carney, 1.00 Acres, Anthony Creek District
Rhonda L. Hamm to Doshia Webb, 0.663 Acre, Lewisburg Municipality
Larry Barrett and Rebecca Barrett to William Shawn Gillian, Tracy Dawn Crites and Victoria Lynn Lester, 1.38 Acres, Falling Springs District

The Blue

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Springs Pavilion have much to be thankful for this year - a great architect firm, The Mills Group; a great contractor, Schleiff Construction (and others before them); support from the State Historic Preservation Office, Curator Randall Reid-Smith and Deputy Director Susan Pierce; incredible donors including the James F. B. Peyton Foundation and so many of you; and the steadfast guidance of the Greenbrier Historical Society (GHS). We are almost there!" announced the Friends of the Blue via social media on Nov. 18.

They explained that representatives recently met at The Blue to discuss some "punch list" items, which will be taken care of, and said that the flooring and spring box work will not resume until mid-December due to material delivery problems.

The Friends explain, "The next phase of this contract will create a new surround for the spring box and install an 8 x 8 brick paver floor. (We found old 8 x 8 bricks in the debris we excavated from inside the pavilion so believe they formed the original floor.) The spring will be covered with a "grate" to keep animals and others from falling in when the area is not supervised. During events, the grate can be removed and the spring exposed like it used to be. We do not yet know if the water will be safe to drink. When all the construction work and disturbances are over, we will ask the Greenbrier County Health Department to test the water and we will let you know the result."

Despite much of the major work being completed, funding is still needed for finishing touches such as signage.

"We are still in need of funding for additional drainage and informational signage. If you can make a contribution to these projects and/or ongoing maintenance, please send your tax deductible check to The Greenbrier Historical Society at 814 Washington Street, West, Lewisburg, WV 24901. GHS is the organization which received Mrs. Rebecca Lineberry's donation of the Blue and its two acres and owns it still. Without GHS, none of the restoration would have happened."

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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen
Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist
Tooling Around


Every gardener knows and expects that this time of the year, the plant and seed catalogs come pouring in the mailbox and into your email box. Most of us actually enjoy receiving the annual assorted selections from various companies. Winter afternoons are set aside for tea, cookies, and catalog research in my house. Slipped and sweated, I wonder, "What shall I grow for 2023?" That is the exact question every gardener faces now. N'est-ce pas?

Not only seed and plant selection happens in these dreary months ahead but also a thorough assessment of our garden implements. Anything that can make gardening more comfortable is always on my wish list along with gadgets that pump up production.

Tools are important to have readily on hand, in good working order, and sharp if needed. One of my most loved tools is my ramp digger. That's what I use it for. A handheld tiller/digger, or mattock tiller is what manufacturers call it. A short handle has two basic garden tools on the end made of iron or stainless steel. One side is a two or three tine fork with a sharp slicing/digging blade across from it, all attached to a long wooden handle. Very easy to hack into dirt cutting right through weeds, I use the forked end to gently pull out the ramps without injuring the long roots. This tool is handy for any bulbs, garlic included, when you want to carefully pry something from the soil. Mine has a 26 inch wooden handle and I clip it onto a belt loop/hook when I am climbing up and down hills to gather ramps.

Two years ago, I figured (wrong!) that it was a pain to carry it by hand along with my bucket up and down steep inclines. I needed two hands to navigate the slippery slopes. So I hurled my trusty tool into the air down a long shot between a grove of trees. I had tied a sturdy rope around trees to help me get down and back up as a makeshift handrail and that part worked just great! Don't you know when I got to the bottom of the creek bank to the spot where I thought I had thrown my ramp digger, it was nowhere to be found. Piles of fallen leaves, 12 inches deep from the surrounding forest, covered the ground completely. Frankly, all the trees looked identical in early spring. I also realized that my flying tool probably bounced a bunch when it hit the ground and ricocheted off into unknown territory. Like looking for a needle in a haystack, I gave up looking under every leaf underfoot and pulled myself back to the road, head hanging down in misery. How was I to tell my husband that our very favorite tool was gone? It wasn't stolen or misplaced, instead it was recklessly pitched into the woods by me, who had never considered the final outcome. I ordered another one for him as a Christmas present! He and I got over my misdeed.

My other very favorite item which is part of my ev-



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eryday routine of weeding is my scoot and do, I don't throw it anywhere, I roll it carefully! A small seat on roly wheels has a flip open lid to store a few tools under the lid and really helps my back. I scoot along as I do my chores. "Hello Gov'nor!" Rolling up and down my garden beds, planting seeds, pulling out weeds, and working in compost, I can't help but wonder if they make these battery powered like the fancy new expensive bikes everyone raves about! Of course, at my age, even sitting for too long will lock up my knee joints! Daily yoga stretches before heading out to the garden keep me somewhat limber.

Can anyone tell me where to buy that special oil that the tin man used in the Wizard of Oz? That could help a lot when I'm tooling around!

(Karen Cohen is a self-proclaimed Mistress (NOT Master) of her own organic garden, also a pet and nature lover, and avid explorer. Please email your tips, comments and questions to natureswaykaren@gmail.com. Happy gardening!)

Commentary A Reflection on our Freedoms

By Kent A. Leonhardt
WV Commissioner of Agriculture

This fall, I was privileged to speak at the dedication of two Living Memorials remembering the fallen sons and daughters of West Virginia Gold Star families. As I spoke to the crowd, I remembered my own service overseas and how lucky I was to come home in one piece. Many of the men and women who have proudly served our country have not been as fortunate, including several that I have known personally. As we head into the holiday season and in the spirit of being thankful, it is vital we reflect on the blessings we have been given to live in this Nation. Take time to remember the sacrifices made by these men and women who have preserved our freedoms. Their memories serve as a reminder that freedom is never free.

To show we have never forgotten and to carry on the legacy started by Hershel "Woody" Williams, the Gold Star Mothers plan on planting Living Memorials in every county of the State. To date, they have planted five apple tree and two maple tree memorials. Each has 55 trees with one or more dog tags tied on them to represent a fallen West Virginian. We do this because every Gold Star mother will tell you their child dies twice - once at that fatal moment and again when their name is no longer mentioned. At every dedication, Gold Star mothers tell us their child's name, as well as date and place of death. It is through these Living Memorials that their child's sacrifice lives on.

As the Commissioner of Agriculture, I am proud to partner with West Virginia Gold Star Mothers in planning and planting these memorials. These plantings not only benefit local communities but serve as a symbol that we will not forget those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. I encourage everyone to visit these beautiful and peaceful sites. Please pick out a tree or two and read aloud the name on the dog tags attached to the tree. Most of us cannot fathom what it is like to be a Gold Star family, but we can show gratitude by remembering those who they have lost. We do not take for granted the brave men and women these families raised.

Our dedication to honoring the fallen, as well as our veterans and those currently serving in the military, isn't isolated to just these memorials. Through our Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program, we have made a commitment of working with our partners to create and expand services to our veterans and first responders. We have donated land to build a veteran's home. Our staff has worked to expand access to mental health services, as well as resources for veterans who wish to transition from the battlefield to farm field. Each day we have staff working on how to help our veterans and first responders in West Virginia. Under my administration, we have made local heroes a top priority.

At the Department, we believe it's vital to continue to make these men and women a priority given the current state of foreign affairs. From the conflict in Ukraine to the unrest in the Middle East, our men and women in the armed services find themselves in harm's way. They proudly serve their country as they respond to threats towards the free world. Many of them are unsure of what the future holds for them or their families, so the least we can do is ensure they have the proper resources to transition into civilian life when they return home. This holiday season, I challenge you to show thanks for their service by supporting or volunteering for the veteran community. Keep these men and women in your prayers that they will someday return and, again, share the holidays with loved ones.

Commentary

Operation Christmas Child thank you

Dear Greenbrier and Monroe Counties,

I want to take this opportunity to give each person who packed a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child a big thank you and prayers for a blessed Christmas season. Because of your efforts, 3,235 Gospel Opportu-

nities will travel from the State Fair of West Virginia around the world to give both a gift to a child who has never received one and an opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus for the first time. Our prayer is that this opportunity bears much fruit.

I also want to explain Operation Christmas Child and hopefully encourage more people to participate. The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and even clothes and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. Once delivered into the hands of these children, every shoebox gift is an opportunity to share about Jesus Christ and God's love through the presentation of the gospel message and receiving a gospel book in their native language.

If you are interested in learning more about the opportunity, please email me at wallace76@aol.com

Blessings,
Brenda Wallace
Year Round OCC Volunteer

Commentary

Heat your home safely

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

It seems like every winter we hear heartbreaking news about a family that has lost everything in a house fire. Nearly half of all house fires are caused by space heaters and over 80% of home heating fire deaths involve stationary or portable heaters, so I'd like to talk about how to heat your home safely this winter.

If you don't have central heating or are dealing with a power outage, take every precaution to keep your home and everyone in it safe. Rule number one: no matter how tempting it is, never use your oven or stove as a heat source. It is not safe under any circumstance.

Keep gas-powered generators outdoors and clear of all doors and windows. Carbon monoxide is a silent killer that can seep inside your home through the smallest opening. No matter your heat source, smoke and CO2 detectors are essential. They have saved many lives.

If you use a space heater that uses kerosene or propane, make sure you have proper ventilation and keep the fuel outside. Keep all space heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials. Keep a safe distance between the heater and your furniture and curtains. Never put a space heater on carpeting. Set it on a flat, level surface away from high traffic areas. Electric space heaters should be plugged directly into the wall socket. If you must use an extension cord, use a heavy-duty outdoor cord. And never link multiple extension cords together or leave space heaters unattended. Turn them off before bed and use an electric blanket overnight.

Wood-burning fireplaces need to be inspected at least every two years. Know what kinds of wood are safe to burn. Evergreens and some kinds of scrap wood cause creosote buildup that can set your chimney on fire. Don't burn freshly cut wood, instead season your firewood so it burns cleaner and safer.

And finally, if you need help paying your heating bill, call your utility. Low-income families may qualify for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance or the 20% Discount Program. Utilities also offer budget billing plans to make heating more manageable and deferred payment plans if you fall behind on your bills. If you need help negotiating with your utility, the Public Service Commission's Consumer Affairs Technicians can help. Call us at 1-800-642-8544.

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OBITUARIES

Benjamin Franklin Renick



Benjamin Franklin Renick, 79, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022 at his home, with family by his side.

In addition to his parents, Robert and Edna Renick, he was preceded in death by son, Christopher Renick; brother, Robert Renick; sisters, V. Kay Renick-Parr, Nellie Renick Canterbury, Verla Renick Christian, Marjorie Renick and Carol Renick Hinkle; and special brother-in-law, Arlie Hefner.

Survivors include wife, Susan Malloy Renick; daughter, Pamela Renick Hillman (Alan); stepdaughter, Leslie Hudson Webb; stepsons, Todd Hudson (Melissa) and Richard Hudson (Heidi); grandchildren, Jessie Gallion, Austin Webb, Gracie Webb, Ava Hudson, Lena Hudson, and Nicholas Hudson; brother, Milton Renick (Brinda); and sisters, Elaine Hefner and Jane McClintic (Bobby).

Benny's first love was his family. He generously helped his mother with his younger siblings and continued that giving attitude all of his life. His next love was nature and all it had to offer him. From the time he was a teenager; he hunted on Kellison Mountain and provided many meals with the fruits of his labor. He was always a conscious steward of the land and worked hard to maintain its beauty. From his early days, Benny joined FFA and continued to support it all of his adult life. He was the recipient of the prestigious Honorary American FFA degree at the National Convention in Lexington, KY. He began his long career with Kroger back in 1961, when he left the family farm to start working retail. He started as a stock clerk in Lewisburg WV, worked in various stores until he became a store manager, then worked his way to being a District Manager over 25 stores in West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky. During those years, he received numerous awards; not only from Kroger, but also from the communities he worked in and held so dear. He retired from Kroger after 43 years, leaving a legacy of compassion and generosity in every community he worked in. He touched so many lives.

The family would like to thank everyone who called, texted, or visited him during his cancer battle. He treasured every connection. We also thank Hospice for the continued care and understanding they provided in that most difficult time.

Pallbearers will be: David Canterbury, Keith Judy, Kevin Renick, Doug Houser, Jeremy Webb, and Steve Adkins. Honorary pallbearer will be life-long friend, Barney Molnar.

Friends may visit from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Wallace Funeral Home, Milton. Funeral services will be conducted at 12

noon on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Wallace Funeral Home, Milton, with Pastor Ted Nance officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Memorial Park, Milton.

Online condolences may be sent to www.timeformemory.com/wallace

Earnest Elles Wyant



Organ Cave-Earnest Elles "Earnie" Wyant, 72, passed away Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022, as a result of an automobile accident.

Earnie was born July 13, 1950, in Eakley, OK, and raised in Pueblo, Colorado. He was the son of the late Isaac Elles Wyant and Clara Willingham Wyant McBride.

He was a graduate of Pueblo South High School in 1968, Bluefield State College in 1984 and received an Associate in Science from George Washington University. Earnie was a member of the Zions Light Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and was a member of the choir. He was also a proud member of the Greenbrier Camp of Gideons International. Earnie served his country for 30 years in the US Navy and US Navy Reserves, retiring with the rank of Master Chief Hospital Corpsman in 2001. He served two tours in Vietnam aboard the USS Midway and served in the first Gulf War. After his ten years of active duty, Earnie also spent time as a Capitol Police Officer in Washington, DC. Earnie worked as a Laboratory Technologist at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center before becoming the Laboratory Manager for B.U.T.A. He then worked in the lab at ABB until his retirement.

In addition to his parents, Earnie was preceded in death by two brothers, Larry Wyant (Ebb) and Bill Wyant; and stepfather, Dave McBride.

Survivors are his loving, devoted wife of 47 years, Vicki Toothman Wyant; son, Matthew Wyant of Ronceverte; daughter, Tara Wyant of Richmond, VA; granddaughter, Hayley Wyant of Ghent; adoptive sister, Tammy McBride; sisters-in-law, Robbie Wilson (Bob) of Organ Cave, Tammy Allen (Dale) of Lewisburg, and Virginia Wyant; uncles, Eugene Wyant (Pam) and Benny Wyant (Marlene); as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Zions Light Baptist Church, Ronceverte, with Pastor Gary Baker officiating. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg. Burial will follow the service Saturday in the McLean Cemetery, Ronceverte.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 1380, Lewisburg, WV 24901 in Earnie's Memory.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Anita Louise Schooley Burr



Anita Louise "Kitten" Schooley Burr went into the arms of Jesus surrounded by her devoted family, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022. Her "Love Forever and Ever" husband of 69 years, James C. Burr, Jr. and her son James C. Burr III "Jimmy" and her daughter-in-love, Cathy Burr greeted her.

Also preceding her were her mother, Lorraine Brett and father, John "Jack" Schooley; her father- and mother-in-love, James Carl Burr, Sr. and Ruth Thompson Burr; maternal grandmother, Hazel Brett; her aunt, who was like a sister, Alice Saunders and uncle Bill Brett; and her brother, Eddie Schooley.

She is survived by daughters, Ruth Miller, (R.J.) and Anita Butts, (Donald); grandchildren, Robert James Miller, (Mellissa), Charles Clifton Miller, (Kathy), Joseph Ryan Miller, (Christina), James Carl Burr IV, (Kennedy), Margaret "Maggie Olivia Butts and Allison Lorraine Butts, (Trey Routt); great-grandchildren, Lindsey Nelson, (Adam), Rhett Ashton Miller, Justin Brown, A'Lhana Mayo, Samuel Mayo, Ryland James Miller, James Wolfe Burr; great-great-grandchildren, Kasen and Kambrie Nelson; brother, Charles Burr, (Shelva); and special cousins, Anne Byrd, Billy Brett, Barbie McBride and Ginny Murphy.

Anita was born in Buffalo, NY, Dec. 26, 1932, and lived in Daytona Beach, FL, much of her young life, raised by her maternal grandmother, Hazel. She moved to White Sulphur Springs when she was a 16 year old teenager and adopted the name "Kitten" to fit in, and that she did for the next 73 years, many thought she came with the town that she loved so dearly. Kitten saw a senior picture of a most handsome James in a photography window and vowed then and there that she would marry him. Thus began the most beautiful love story, they were married on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1954. She was an amazing wife and mother, providing a beautiful, loving and fun home. She was co-owner and bookkeeper of Burr's Service Station and kitten's Gift and Custom Frame Shoppe. She was an active leader in the church and community. Kitten had a beautiful voice and sang in the church choir and at numerous events. A Brownie and Girl Scout leader, she was instrumental in desegregating the scout troops in WSS. She was Past President of the WSS General Federation of Woman's Club, Former member and Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, Teacher and lay leader at Emmanuel United Methodist Church as well as serving the United Methodist Women on a local and state level. She was also past secretary/treasurer of the WSS

Merchants & Professionals Association & Member of WSS Main Street. Her proudest moments were being a grandmother who helped care for and provided many memories for her grandchildren.

Kitten was thought of as one of WSS's best citizens. She loved her family and friends and was a lover of the underdog, never meeting a stranger. She will be greatly missed until we join her one fine day.

Her family would like to thank the staff of Genesis Care Center in WSS for their love for our Momma.

We will celebrate Kitten's life with a visitation on her 90th birthday, Monday, Dec. 26, from 5-7 p.m. and a Celebration of Life Service on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022 at 2 p.m. Both will be held at Rhema Christian Center with Pastor Stewart Farley officiating. Interment will be in Rosewood Cemetery

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Jean Ann Hoke Ballengee



Alderson-Jean Ann Hoke Ballengee, 86, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022, at her home in Alderson, surrounded by her family, following a short illness.

Born Feb. 9, 1936, at Creamery, WV, she was the daughter of the late William Harold and Alice Opal Ellis Hoke.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Ray Ballengee; sister, Patricia Hill; and granddaughter, Aimee Elizabeth Ballengee.

Mrs. Ballengee was a homemaker. She was a 1954 graduate of Greenville High School, Greenville, WV, and completed the secretarial course and graduated from West Virginia Business College in 1955. She was a member of Bethel Methodist Church at Creamery and attended Tempa Church at Tempa, WV. Mrs. Ballengee enjoyed attending the Alderson Senior Center. She loved flower gardening and taking pictures of her flowers, vegetable gardening, canning, quilting, basket making and a variety of arts and crafts. She also enjoyed working jig saw puzzles and loved listening to music.

Survivors include daughter, Pamela Jean Ballengee Cayton and husband Jim of Washington, WV; two sons, Timothy Ray Ballengee and wife Beverly of Alderson, and Jason Harold

Ballengee and wife Kelly of Shady Spring; sister, Haroldine Ward of Wayside; two brothers, Lyndon Hoke and wife Alma of Creamery, and David Hoke of Pence Springs; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; several nieces and nephews; and some very special neighbors.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Lobban Funeral Home Chapel in Alderson, where Pastor Jim Wentz and Pastor Bobby Reed officiated. Burial followed in the Campground Cemetery at Creamery.

Friends called Monday evening, Nov. 28, at the Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson.

Grandsons and great-grandsons served as pallbearers.

For those wishing to show an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Mrs. Ballengee to Kanawha HospiceCare, Inc., 223 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Ballengee family at www.lobbanfh.com

Ethel Montague Piercy



Lewisburg-Ethel Montague Piercy, 99, passed away Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, at Peyton Hospice House, Lewisburg, WV.

Born Oct. 28, 1923, in Keiffer, WV, she was the daughter of the late Emory Clyde Hayslette and Lenie Walker Hayslette.

Mrs. Piercy had worked as a Nurses' Aide for Greenbrier Valley Hospital, in the Burlington Ribbon Factory in White Sulphur Springs and sat with the elderly. She was a member of the Lewisburg Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Ira Piercy; and six brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her son, Ernest Piercy (Suzanne) of Lewisburg; sister, Alma June Holland of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Autumn Lewis (Joe), Alisha Doyle (Jeff), Joshua, Karlie and Hannah Schmidt; great-grandchildren, Stone, Ashton, Tyler, Faith, Kyrie and Delilah; great-great grandchildren, Elana and Stella; and several nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, with Pastor Jonathan Comer officiating. Burial will follow in the End of the Trail Cemetery, Clintonville. Visitation will be on Saturday at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Bernard William Mines

White Sulphur Springs-Bernard (Bernie) William Mines, 51, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, at his home.

Bernie was born Sept. 2, 1971, in Fort Knox, KY, the son of Betty Griffith and the late Bobby Lee Mines.

Mr. Mines was a general laborer and landscaper. He attended the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He had been a meat cutter with his uncle Larry at Larry's deer processing for 20 plus years and worked for the Greenbrier Solid Waste.

Bernie was a big fan of WWE wrestling on TV and enjoyed tattooing.

Bernie is survived by his mother, Betty Griffith Craft; daughter, Savannah Mines Holliday (Hunter Holliday); sons, Gabriel Mines (Jasmine Hoke), Trinity Mines, Trevor Mines and Cody O'Dell; grandchildren, Bentley Mines, Greyson Mines and Jayce Holliday; aunt, Sandra Griffith; and uncles, Larry and Baxter Griffith.

In keeping with Bernie's wishes he will be cremated.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs. The family visited with family and friends before the service at the funeral home.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Charles Franklin Finley



Richmond, VA-Charles Franklin Finley, 92, formerly of Lewisburg, died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022.

Frank was born Nov. 23, 1930, in Parkersburg, the son of the late Paul L. and Dortha Harris Finley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jo Finley; parents, Paul L. Finley and A. Dortha Finley; and brother, Donald H. Finley.

Frank leaves behind to cherish his memory his children, Anna Marie Yarbrough, Debra Tavasso (Kim) and Franklin "Chip" Finley (Cheryl); six grandchildren, Emily and Charlie Yarbrough, Lee Tavasso (Megan), and Sara, Lara, and Mary Finley; and many other loving family members.

Frank will be well remembered for his vivacious enthusiasm and zest for life. He was a lifelong active member of the United Methodist Church. He was involved in several organizations including the Greenbrier Lodge #42 Masons in Lewisburg, past Grand Royal Patron of the Order of the Amaranth, and the "Head Nut" of Tuckahoe Kiwanis. He

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CLUB & CHURCH

DAR holds November meeting

The monthly meeting of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order on Nov. 17 by First Vice Regent Barbara Holt. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice Regent Holt introduced the speaker who was well known to the club.

Member Ruth Sturgill presented a program on Revolutionary War Music. Sturgill is a retired music educator and performer. She brought her 100 year-old dulcimer and entertained the club with such tunes as Barbara (Barby) Allen, Chester and Revolutionary Tea. She introduced each tune with a history of why it was written and double meanings included in the lyrics. It was a very entertaining and pleasant program.

The annual clothing drive for the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Beckley was discussed and delivery is expected to



Vice Regent Barbara Holt (left) and Ruth Sturgill

After the general business of the club was discussed, a lovely dessert was served to the club by The Dutch Haus Restaurant. Ruth Sturgill further indulged the members by being our hostess and choosing delicious desserts for the club to enjoy.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, nonpolitical women's service organization whose main objectives are historic preservation, education and patriotism. Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Revolutionary War back in 1776. If you are interested in the Daughters of the American Revolution, call former Regent Sandra Cowan at 304-497-3553.

be made the first week of December. Members were reminded that the Southern District Conference of the West Virginia DAR will be held on Aug. 26, 2023, at the Clingman Conference Center.

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LOCATION OF VACANCY: POCAHONTAS

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SCRAMBLERS

1. Bounce 2. Smoke
3. Plead; 4. Split
Today's Word
SPOUSE

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

8	7	1	9	5	4	3	6	2
4	5	9	2	3	6	1	8	7
2	6	3	7	1	8	4	9	5
7	1	5	4	8	2	6	3	9
3	8	2	6	9	1	5	7	4
9	4	6	5	7	3	8	2	1
6	2	8	1	4	9	7	5	3
5	3	4	8	2	7	9	1	6
1	9	7	3	6	5	2	4	8

Super Crossword

PUTTIED	TOPPIS	STIP	AMOS
ONEALS	ARIEL	LOISLAINE	ANE
PINKFLAMINGO	IMPELLER		
SSE	BPOE	TIMBERWOLF	
COTTONGANDY	NESSIE		
TNSOLES	FLIFE	TAIT	TOO
WAL	ARON	COE	ROZ
CORNFLOWER	RAZZAMATAZZ		
ODE	FEM	BETAS	TIMELY
WILDBLUEY	ONDER	IRA	
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PONATOR	CRAYOL	LACOLOR	
EDITHANN	HEMIN	CAVERN	
NUTS	RAE	TRIADES	

Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,
This year I am trying to wrap all my gifts in recyclable wrapping paper, as I want to be more aware of the environment and waste. Does this wrapping paper go in the newspaper or magazine bin?
- Wrapper

Dear Wrapper,
Thanks for being aware of waste and the environment. If more people were like you, there would be a healthier environment and less waste. Unfortunately, the local Recycling Center is unable to recycle recyclable wrapping paper, so please don't put it in either bin. With care, your wrapping paper can be rolled or folder and reused next year. If your recyclable wrapping paper is biodegradable, or a hemp blend, it can be added to your compost pile or bin. Have you tried using alternatives to wrapping paper such as a decorative tin boxes, reusable shopping bags, cloth drawstring bags, tablecloths, kitchen towels, gift bags, or a decorative basket? Newspaper is recyclable and can be used to wrap gifts, especially the comics.

Dear Recycle Lady,
What is "extended producer responsibility?"
- More New Vocabulary

Dear More New Vocabulary,
According to Wikipedia, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a strategy to add all environmental costs associated with a product throughout the product's life cycle to the market price of the product. It was first introduced in 1990 by Thomas Lindqvist in Sweden. The primary aim of EPR is to decrease the total environmental impact of a product by making the manufacturer responsible for the entire life of the product, including materials used, packaging, final disposal, recycling, and take-back. Take-back being a component of circular business models that put materials back into use as opposed to going to the landfill.

Dear Recycle Lady,
When my newspapers were delivered just before Black Friday, there seemed

to be more advertisements bundled together inside the paper than there was newspaper. The ads were a mixture of slicks and colored newsprint. However, there were some of the advertisements that I didn't know whether they were slicks or newsprint. How can I tell the difference, so I know whether to put the ads in with newspapers or as slicks in with magazines?
Confused Reader

Dear Confused Reader,
I understand your confusion. Some newspaper ads appear to be slicks but are actually good quality color print on newsprint. The ads that are slicks are generally printed on heavier paper than the ones than the ones that are printed on newsprint. Try wetting a small corner of an ad that you know is newsprint and the corner of an ad that you know is a slick. When you complete this test, the corner of the ad that is a slick will still look like a slick. The corner of the ad that looks like a slick, but is newsprint, will tear and feel like a newspaper, not a slick. If you are not sure which kind of paper the ad is on, put the ad in the magazine/slick bin, not the newspaper bin.

Interesting information: Believe it or not, the great Greek philosopher Aristotle (384-322 BCE) is referred to as the "father of marine biology." He spent a considerable part of his life studying the distribution and habits of marine species and was the first to record observations of marine life more than 2,500 years ago!

Looking for Information on recycling Christmas trees: Does anyone know where Christmas trees will be recycled or added to a body of water? If so, please email so me I can pass on the information.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

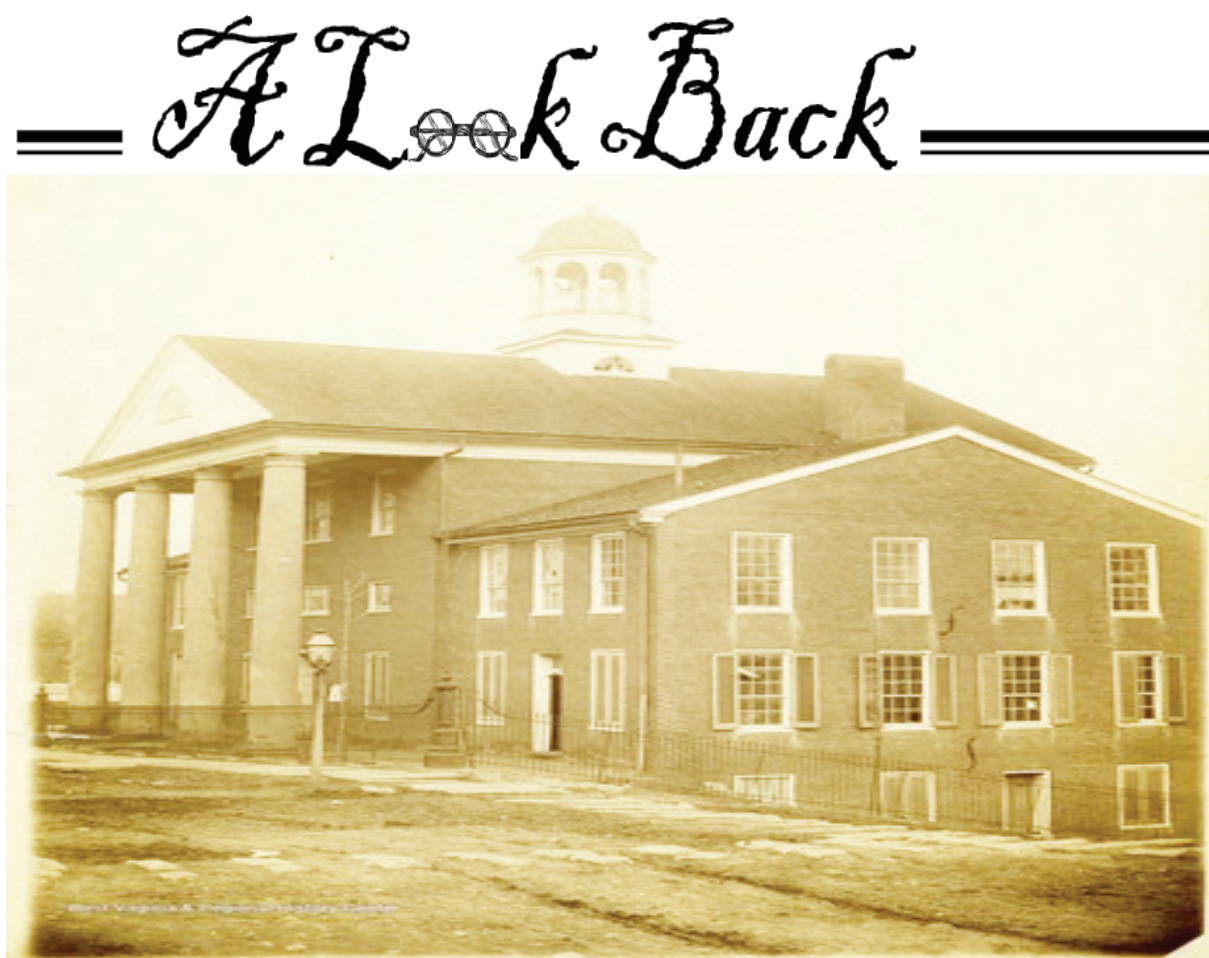
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By William "Skip" Deegans
Shown in this photo are the first additions of the Greenbrier County Courthouse. Funded by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), construction on the two wings began in 1937 and was completed in 1938. The cost of the additions was \$30,000 (about \$620,000 in today's dollars). The date for the original part of the courthouse is debatable, but it was likely built between 1835-1839. Ruth Woods Dayton, a local historian, pegged the date as 1837 and attributes its construction to master mason John Dunn. Dayton wrote that Dunn made and fired the bricks on site.

The WPA was part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal that helped pull the country out of the Great Depression of 1929-1933. The WPA provided jobs on public works projects for unemployed workers. Other WPA projects in Lewisburg included the post office, the post office mural, street paving, and a water works project.

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Sources: The West Virginia News, The Greenbrier Independent, Greenbrier Pioneers and Their Homes by Ruth Woods Dayton, www.livingnewdeal.org

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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of Greenbrier have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the First Floor Courtroom of the Greenbrier County Courthouse beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the afternoon, on the 6th day of December 2022.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold following the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

Table with columns: CERT NO, YEAR SOLD, NAME1, NAME2, DESCRIPTION, DISTRICT. Lists various land parcels with their respective owners and locations.

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to the date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands for Greenbrier County

PUBLIC NOTICE
AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE
Notice of Application

Notice is given that Appalachian Aggregates, LLC has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, for a Construction Application for a G40 General Permit Registration to operate a TCI High Frequency Portable Screen at the Mill Point Plant (Primary Operating Site), Kelly Mountain Quarry (1st Alternative Operating Site), and Lewisburg Plant (2nd Alternative Operating Site). The following tables provide location information for each site:

Table with columns: Facility, Street, City, County, State, ZIP. Lists locations for Mill Point Plant, Kelly Mountain Quarry, and Lewisburg Plant.

Table with columns: Facility, DAQ ID, Latitude, Longitude. Lists coordinates for Mill Point Plant, Kelly Mountain Quarry, and Lewisburg Plant.

The applicant estimates there will be a potential to discharge the following Regulated Air Pollutants: PM of 7.89 tons per year (tpy) of which 2.87 tpy is fugitive, PM 10 of 3.21 tpy of which 1.02 tpy is fugitive, PM2.5 of 0.56 tpy of which 0.21 tpy is fugitive.

The facility will begin operation under the updated permit when the permit is issued. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice. Written comments will also be received via email at DEP@airqualitypermitting@wv.gov

Any questions regarding this permit application should be directed to the DAQ at (304) 926-0499, Extension 41281, during normal business hours.

Dated this the 3rd day of December 2022.
By: Appalachian Aggregates, LLC
John Wilkinson
Vice President
171 St. Clairs Crossing
Bluefield, West Virginia 24605

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until January 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Table with columns: Call Number, Contract State Project Federal Project Description. Lists project details including signing work for I-64.

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Pocahontas County Libraries and Visitor Information Centers is seeking proposals for replacing the roof at the McClintic Public Library in Marlinton, WV.

Proposals should include detailed plans, products, timeline, warranty, and pricing for removal & disposal of existing shingles and installation of new roofing. Roofing type/system to be selected/proposed by contractor, and installed to industry standards and manufacturer's requirements. Area of roof is estimated at 10,000 square feet. Project should include roofing with minimum 30 year guarantee, and installation of ice and water shield protection, underlayment, and replacement of damaged sheathing as needed.

Contractor will be selected based on a combination of factors, including strength of the proposal, expertise/past performance/references, insurance/warranty/guarantee information, scheduling assurances, base and alternate cost proposal, and any other factors demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Library.

All prospective contractors must have current WV business & contractor licenses, \$1,000,000 of liability insurance and appropriate Worker's Compensations insurance, with required licenses and certifications for specific trades.

Proposals must be submitted in writing to PCL & VIC at 500 8th St, Marlinton, WV 24954, or by email attachment to director@pocahontaslibrary.org on or before December 19th at noon. Proposals will be discussed by the Library Board of Trustees on December 20th at their monthly board meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Site may be viewed at 500 8th Street, Marlinton, WV. Inspection can occur during 10:00-6:00 Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact library director, Cree Lahti at 304-799-6000 or at director@pocahontaslibrary.org

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SCRAMBLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words.
BUNCOE, MOSKE, PEDAL, LIPTS

HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF
Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle
Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: Moderate, Challenging, HOO BOY!

- ACROSS
1 Played golf on the green
7 Baseball card company
12 Indy sponsor
15 Andy's pal
19 Ryan and Tatum
20 Little Mermaid's name
21 Superman's love interest
23 Kitschy lawn adornment (1997)
25 Rotating part in a water pump
26 Chicago-to-Atlanta dir.
27 Fraternal org. with lodges
28 Canine with gray brindled fur (1993)
30 Carnival treat on a stick (1998)
35 Loch monster, informally
36 Shoe parts
37 Piccolo's kin
39 Skin art
43 Retail store's beginning?
44 Rice (food brand)
46 Iowa college

- Super Crossword
WAX SHADES
DOWN
1 "Nova" genre, for short
2 Togetherness
3 Doctrines
4 "... we'll — a cup o' kindness ..."
5 Pixieish sort
6 WWW access inits.
7 Florida port
8 Sky hunter
9 Missed badly
10 Wooden pin
11 Vegas fixture
12 Gloppy stuff
13 Burial places
14 Calumet part
15 100% wrong
16 St. (French resort)
17 Like Nash's "lama"
18 Feudal slave
22 Opera (many a Handel work)
24 Basic skills
29 Suffix with hero
31 Smallish city
32 Royal Norse name
33 Little (Dickens girl)
34 Yang go-with
38 Tried to hit, as a clay target
40 British trolley

Crossword grid with numbers 1-127 indicating the start of words.

STEPPIN' OUT

GBV Chorale Christmas Concert



Popular Lewisburg musician Birch Graves will accompany the Greenbrier Valley Chorale in a jazz interpretation of *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*.

For music lovers, the Greenbrier Valley Chorale's annual holiday concert is the official start

of the Christmas season. This year's concert, *We Sing Shalom*, will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday,

Dec. 11, at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg.

The program will feature uplifting seasonal selections in a variety of styles. The concert theme comes from Dan Forrest's *Shalom*, a deeply moving musical offering of peace for all mankind.

A jazz-infused arrangement of *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* will feature saxophone accompaniment by Birch Graves. Percussionist Sarah Hann will contribute her talents to the joyous Nigerian Christmas song, *Betelehemu*.

A string quartet will accompany the choir on several selections, including *See Amid the Winter Snow*, a gorgeous setting by Dan Forrest that has become a favorite of audiences and singers alike. The choir also will reprise Shawn Kirchner's rousing rendition of *Brightest and Best* with accompaniment

by Ian Jessee, principal violinist for the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra.

The concert will even include a Frozen treat, *Do You Want to Build a Snowman*, from the Disney musical. Hal Peterson's whimsical interpretation of *Deck the Halls* also promises to be a highlight. Peterson was a founding member and former president of the Chorale.

The Chorale, comprised of singers from across the Greenbrier Valley and beyond, is known for its broad-ranging repertoire and high quality performances. The 55-member choir is directed by Barbara Wygal Lutz and accompanied on piano by Theresa Bryant.

Tickets are available through the Carnegie Hall box office, 304-645-7917, or at www.greenbriervalleychorale.org

Obituaries

Cont. From Pg. 5

Charles Franklin Finley Obituary Continued

was a veteran of the US Army serving in the 541st Signal Depot, US Forces Austria, WVU class of '52, and a 35-year career with the Travelers Insurance Company.

The family will receive friends from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Shady Grove U.M.C., 4825 Pouncey Tract Road, Glen Allen, VA, where a Celebration of Frank's Life will be held at 1 p.m. The celebration will also be available online at <https://www.shadygroveumc.net/livestream>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shady Grove U.M.C. Building Fund, 4825 Pouncey Tract Rd., Glen Allen, VA 23059

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Rita Faye Bostic

Union-Rita Faye Bostic, 67, passed away on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, at her residence.

She was born May 22,

1955, in Esty (Renick), the daughter of the late John B. and Clara McCoy Harless.

Rita had worked for the Quality Inn in Lewisburg for 26 years.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Lee Bostic.

Surviving are her sisters, Bonnie Burks (David Jr.) of Frankford, Anna Mae Bowels of White Sulphur Springs and Betty Harman (Bryan) of Fairbanks, AK; brothers, Melvin Harless of Neola, Herman Hank Harless of Renick, Herbert Harless (Drema) of Lewisburg and John Dudley Harless of Lewisburg; brother-in-law, David Bostic of Union; sister-in-law, Jeannie Waddell of Union; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service for Rita was held Sunday, Nov. 27, at the Dowdy Cemetery, Glace, where David Bostic officiated.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Christmas Decorating Contest in Alderson



The 2021 winner for Best Nativity in the Christmas Decorating Contest, sponsored by Alderson Main Street.

Alderson Main Street is once again sponsoring a home and business decorating contest for the holidays. Houses and businesses within the town limits will be observed on Wednesday, Dec. 7, between 6 and 8 p.m. Owners are asked to have all their lights and decorations turned on during this time. The judges will select home decoration winners in a variety of categories such as Most Festive Door; Gem of the Hills; Spirit of Christmas; Best Nativity; Children's Fantasy; and Old Fashioned Christmas. Winning businesses will be selected in two categories: large and small.

As part of the Gem of the Hills Holiday Celebration everyone is encouraged to decorate for the season. No registration is required for the contest. The judges will visit every street in town.

Winners will receive a certificate and a temporary yard sign declaring them a contest winner. Winners will be announced on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Alderson-Main-Street-594432723925664 on Dec. 9. Please come to Alderson and drive around to enjoy our decorations first hand!

First Baptist Christmas Cantata set

The FBC Community Choir will present the Christmas musical Brand New Hallelujah Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. (different time than last year) in First Baptist's sanctuary, with a reception to follow.

Arranged by Jay Rouse, this Christmas worship experience shares the joy, celebration, and inspiration of our Savior's wondrous birth by blending familiar carols with new, exciting Christmas selections. Under the direction

of Jeff Bryant, this year's Cantata will feature a live orchestra of local and regional professional musicians accompanying the vocalists. A nursery for children 4-years old and under will be provided for this performance

only.

The choir will also present the Cantata on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 8:30 p.m. at The Greenbrier Chapel. Arrive at the Depot at 7:45 to 8 p.m. to ride the shuttle.

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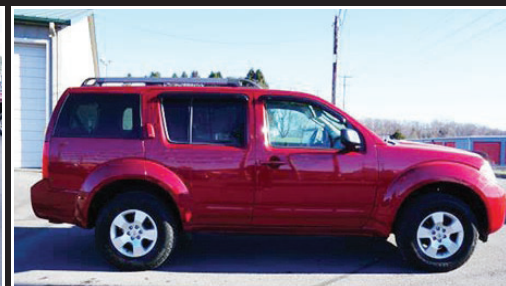
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