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With only two weeks 'til Christmas, Penny Pitch continues fundraising

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude." — *A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh*

No matter the size, we and the families we are able to help are holding a great deal of gratitude in our hearts for the donations Penny Pitch is receiving. With your donations, many children will have something special to be grateful for this year, and many families will have a warmer winter.

We are inching closer to our goal of \$60,000; thanks to you we are now at \$22,720. Please join us and 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.

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- First Church of God Women's Group (Ronceverte) - \$40
- Susan Rosshirt and Bill Turner - \$200
- Sunrise Chapel United Methodist Church (Richlands) - \$100
- Greenbrier Valley Knights of Columbus (St Catherine of Siena, St Charles Borromeo, and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches - \$100

County Commission approves additional work to Meadow River Trail; survey for Health Department expansion, remodel

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Health Department will be receiving some much needed updates and upgrades in coming months as the Greenbrier County Commission approved a payment of \$12,200 to the Terradon Corporation for a topographical survey, underground utility survey, and a boundary survey. This preliminary work will lay the foundation for laying real foundations for this important, but aging, center of essential health services in the county.

The county also designated Public Service Department #2 as a subrecipient of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that were allocated by the County at their last meeting. At that meeting, Commissioner Lowell Rose explained, "We have decided with our ARPA funds ... to [allocate] \$2.5 million for the water line extension." The transfer of funds to PSD#2 is pending review by the county's legal counsel. The extensions will cover from Charmco to Rainelle, from Sam Black to Clintonville, and from Alta to Asbury.

Matt Ford was also present to discuss another change order by Lynch Construction to the Meadow River Rail Trail. According to Ford, "Lynch had made some repairs to a particular section of trail known as 'FEMA Site #1' in the spring, and the rain we had damaged that site again in the summer. Also, the stream had kind of spread out and was going through the trail in all kinds of locations... so we figured out that some concrete would go a long way in an area that's getting a lot more water than it was designed to handle." Ford detailed the work Lynch has planned, saying, "There's going to be a larger culvert put in place that's better suited to that watershed, and there is going to be a concrete low water crossing that's going to be above that so that the water can go over the trail without washing out the trail, and then there's going to be some more substantial ditch work that's going to happen upriver so that when the water comes off the mountain it gets directed either to that larger culvert or over the concrete [low water crossing]"

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WV Dept. of Homeland Security responds to multiple false threats of violence to WV schools

The West Virginia Department of Homeland Security and other law enforcement agencies have received multiple hoax threats about school shootings or other violence on campuses across the state on Wednesday, Dec. 7. All calls have been deemed not credible.

"Each threat is taken seriously and thoroughly investigated," said Secretary of Homeland Security Jeff Sandy. "We are one hundred percent committed to continuing to ensure the health, safety and well-being of students and communities. We diligently work across departments and agencies to respond, monitor, and investigate these alleged threats."

At this time, false threats have been received in Barbour, Cabell, Harrison, Ohio, Kanawha, Marion, Mercer, Monongalia, Raleigh, Taylor, Wirt, and Wood counties.

The West Virginia Fusion Center, under the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security, is coordinating response efforts at the state level.

Reporting a Threat:

The West Virginia Department of Homeland Security

reminds all West Virginians to immediately call 911 if there is an immediate danger or law enforcement intervention is necessary.

Additionally, West Virginia has partnered with My Mobile Witness to implement a "see something, send something" reporting system that can be completed on a smartphone or other mobile device. All West Virginians are encouraged to participate in this initiative by downloading the free See, Send application from the App Store or Google Play.

My Mobile Witness is also compatible with web-based reporting and is not strictly for cell phone use. Once the app is downloaded to a device, users will be prompted to enter their first and last name (though any reporting can be done anonymously, if the user prefers), their phone number, and then select a state of residence. Once those fields are entered, the app will be ready to use. The user may submit tips for "Crime/Suspicious Activity" or "School Threat or Safety Issues," and they may also request help for "Suicide or Addiction."

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen
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WVSOM recognizes Distinguished Alumni of the Year

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) Alumni Association has added two graduates of the school to its list of Distinguished Alumni - both of whom are also current WVSOM faculty members.

Mark Waddell, D.O., was named the 2022 Distinguished Alumni of the Year, and Deborah Schmidt, D.O., was named the 2021 Distinguished Alumni of the Year after that year's award was postponed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Both awards were announced by Manny Ballas, D.O., president of the WVSOM Alumni Association, during WVSOM's

"Cheers to 50 Years" luncheon, part of the Golden Jubilee Weekend celebrating the 50th anniversary of the school's founding.

Waddell is a WVSOM Class of 1990 alumnus who has worked as a physician in West Virginia throughout his career, including serving for 18 years as medical director for Braxton County Memorial Hospital's emergency department. He currently practices at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Ronceverte where he is assistant director of the family medicine residency program, and at the Robert

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Mark Waddell, D.O.



Deborah Schmidt, D.O.

Alderson Elementary ground-breaking ceremony announced

Greenbrier County Schools (GCS) will host a ground-breaking ceremony to mark the beginning of the construction, renovation, and restoration of Alderson Elementary School (AES) at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13. The ceremony is open to the public and will take place in the previous Alderson Community Center / Alderson High School gymnasium.

The school system will facilitate an innovative adaptive reuse, renovation, and restoration of the existing Alderson Community Center /former Alderson High, located adjacent to the current AES and out of the flood plain. The



Artist's rendition of new Alderson Elementary

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Distinguished Alumni

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C. Byrd Center in Lewisburg. Prior to receiving his D.O. degree, Waddell received a Bachelor of Science degree from Alderson Broaddus College in Philippi in business management and management information systems.

He joined WVSOM's faculty in 2020 as an associate professor of clinical sciences. Waddell also has served as a WVSOM preceptor and advanced cardiac life support instructor, and assists with the school's wilderness medicine program. His longtime involvement with the WVSOM Alumni Association culminated in two consecutive terms as president, from January 2014 to January 2018.

Waddell said that as someone who has presented the Distinguished Alumni of the Year award in the past, he was humbled to find himself as its recipient. Having grown up in Greenbrier County, he recalled how early experiences with local doctors influenced his career path.

"This school has shaped the course of my life since young adulthood. I learned early on that osteopathic physicians had something different: In the way they approached patients, they seemed to care more," he said. "This is the biggest honor I've ever received, and it's a wonderful thing to be given it by

the people who have been like family to me for so many years. It's especially meaningful that everyone who has received this award has been a giant not just in the profession, but in their specialties and in their communities."

Schmidt is a WVSOM Class of 1988 alumna whose life before medical school included stints as a heavy-equipment operator, a shrimp factory employee, an asparagus sorter, a waitress and an exercise instructor. After earning a degree in pre-medicine from Ohio State University, she was accepted at the West Virginia University School of Medicine and WVSOM, choosing the osteopathic medical school because she wanted to continue to work with her hands.

She worked at community health centers in Colorado, South Carolina and Virginia before returning to Lewisburg in 1999 to teach at WVSOM as a part-time clinical instructor. The following year, Schmidt co-founded a medical practice with her husband and another partner in downtown Lewisburg that later moved to Covington, VA. She became a full-time WVSOM faculty member in 2010.

Schmidt is a WVSOM professor of osteopathic principles and practice and a former chair of the department. She is a member of the West Virginia

Board of Acupuncture and has been involved in training members of approved health professions to perform the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) protocol, a form of acupuncture in which needles are placed into specific areas on the exterior of the ear to reduce drug cravings and minimize withdrawal symptoms.

In 2021, Schmidt was recognized as one of the year's "West Virginia Wonder Women" by WV Living magazine.

Schmidt said she was honored to be recognized by her colleagues as Distinguished Alumni of the Year.

"I love working with everyone at WVSOM and in the osteopathic medical community, and I'm proud of how well the school has fulfilled its mission of providing health care to rural West Virginia by training dedicated young physicians," she said. "Our graduates are phenomenal. They are thoughtful and compassionate physicians who make a difference in our communities. It's a privilege to work with them."

The 2023 Distinguished Alumni of the Year award winner will be announced during WVSOM's Mid-Winter Osteopathic Seminar, an annual continuing medical education event scheduled for Jan. 27-29 in Charleston, WV.

Jim's Drive-In continues 'Take a Coat, Leave a Coat'

Jim's Drive-In on Route 60 in Lewisburg is continuing their "take a coat, leave a coat" campaign throughout the cold winter months. Anyone who needs a coat is welcome to come grab one from the rack outside the restaurant at no cost, and anyone who has an extra coat (or two) lying around is welcome to come leave it on the rack for someone in need. Jim's Drive-In began the "take a coat, leave a coat" campaign in 2017, and was eager to continue the drive this year. Their Facebook page states that a generous donation means that they currently have plenty of coats on hand, and they ask anyone who takes a coat to please leave the hanger so they may hang more.



Coats and jackets ready for a new home

Kram the Kennel seeks donations from community

The Greenbrier Humane Society is currently holding their fifth annual Kram the Kennel event through Dec. 31. They are accepting donations at the facility Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The facility is currently in need of dry dog and cat food, and other most-needed items include non-clumping kitty litter, HE laundry detergent, paper towels, bleach, cat toys, dog and cat treats, and Ziploc bags.

If you want to drop off donations during our closed hours, you are more than welcome to leave the donations in the red wagon by the front door.

Volunteers brighten nursing homes for Christmas



Dedicated volunteers have decorated a number of Christmas trees to distribute throughout every nursing home in eastern Greenbrier County. Pictured here at Lewisburg Baptist Academy are a few of the trees before they are taken their holiday locations. The volunteers decorate trees each year to add Christmas spirit to the nursing homes.

PICK OF THE LITTER



ATHENA
Athena is a nine-year-old female pit bull terrier and weighs 50 pounds.



MARTY
Marty is an 11-month-old 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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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

Start Your Engines, soon!

Spread across my kitchen table are seed packets, lots of them! In glorious color, images of veggies, not sugarpplums, dance in my head. Oh the countdown begins. Some seeds can be started indoors in January, just a few more weeks! Some can be started, also indoors, about 6-8 weeks before the last outdoor frost. Indoor frosts do occur when the power goes out, which happens in these here hills but let's not even go there. Some seeds have to wait for the ground temperatures to warm up to 68 degrees or more so they can germinate. As Tom Petty says, the waiting is the hardest part. But you know that!


New for us this year is our big plastic mini nursery shed, complete with zippered windows and a zip door. Last year, we used a plastic tarped tunnel over a garden bed for growing greens like kale, mustard, and collards. This year we plan to go BIGGER. The desire for more is ever present in all humans, isn't it? At least, that's what psychologists tell us. It seems the theory says that we are insatiable creatures. As soon as we achieve or get one thing, we jump to the next desire.

Well I do desire more production out of our garden. So there, I said it. Does that make me seem ungrateful? Yeah, I may have too many winter sweaters, too many gloves often with one hand missing, too many spices in the kitchen, but as far as growing food goes...one can never have too much. If you do have too much, zucchini for example, give it away at the food bank or your neighbor's mailbox. No one complains about free food in my experience.

Back to my seed packets. I group them according to the starting dates. I have a simple chart that clues me in to exactly when to get things growing. Leeks take 120-150 days to grow to harvest size so these are the first seeds to germinate. January is my start date. Seed trays complete with see thru clear plastic tops allow me to see what's happening inside. Seeds need to keep moist and warm, not wet, to germinate and the plastic tops allow sunlight and also cause a light misting inside just from evaporation. I use special heating pads for germination. Always check the soil to be sure it hasn't dried out.

Onion sets can be started in pots kept indoors about six weeks prior to putting in 50 degrees soil outside. You can direct seeds when the temps are right but for our growing zone, I prefer to get them in the ground when they have a good start going already. They take about eight weeks to fully mature. On my calendar, my indoor seed start date for onions is February.

Greens are the one item I am committed to growing more of. Salads, daily salads, are what I crave to keep the vitamins, minerals, and fiber coming into my body. I'm trying some new salad blends this year from High Mowing Organic Seed company. Two Star lettuce is bolt



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resistant and dark green, hence two stars! Gemstone Greens is a spicy blend that grows quickly in a month's time with a mix of mustard greens. Another blend called Red Planet salad is great to pick as baby greens. You can keep your greens growing by picking just the outer leaves each time for your meal allowing the center to keep sprouting more leaves. I never can wait for lettuce to come to a full head before I dive in! Lettuces can be started indoors in January, then nurtured along until they can be set in the ground in early spring. A protective cover can be thrown over the garden bed when frost might be in the air! But lettuces do prefer cool temps.

So many seeds to consider. And to plant. And to eat. And to share.

(Karen Cohen writes from her garden journals about organic growing. She is a nature lover, avid explorer, and photojournalist. If you would like to have a seed starting chart mailed to you, please email your request to natureswaykaren@gmail.com, and Happy Gardening!)

Commentary

WV AG Morrissey shares tips for wise holiday giving

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is encouraging consumers to think before they open their wallet for just any charity this holiday season.

The advice comes as part of the Attorney General's Holiday Consumer Protection Week.

"Many people get into the holiday spirit by giving to charities, but before donating, make sure the money will actually support the desired cause," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Charities may also seek donations more actively this time of year, but beware of those who may prey upon the goodwill of others."

Anyone with questions about the legitimacy of a charity or organization can go to the Secretary of State's website to see if the charity is registered to solicit donations in West Virginia. Consumers may also research the charity on websites such as CharityNavigator.org or GuideStar.org.

Those interested in knowing if a donation is tax-deductible can access the U.S. Internal Revenue Service's Tax Exempt Organization Search at <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>.

Those making an online contribution should make sure the website starts with <https://> when visiting the donation portal. This verifies a secure connection, making it less likely for personal information to be stolen.

Additional tips to keep in mind during the season of giving are:

- Never feel pressured to donate immediately.
- Be wary of charities that ask for donations in cash or via wire transfer.
- If the organization is unfamiliar, gather as much information as possible and do research.
- Scams may use sympathetic-sounding names that are similar to the names of legitimate charities.
- Be suspicious if an organization will not give additional information about its mission, how donations are used or proof that a contribution is tax deductible.
- If a donation request is for a local chapter of an organization, verify it is authorized to solicit funds on behalf of the parent organization.
- Go directly to the charity or organization's website instead of clicking on a link to the desired group.
- Keep records. Contributions exceeding \$250 should result in a returned letter confirming the charitable status of the organization as well as the amount of the donation.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov

Alderson Elementary

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initial project cost was estimated at \$11 million, with Greenbrier County Schools contributing \$3 million and the West Virginia School Building Authority awarding \$8 million to Greenbrier County Schools through its Needs-Based Funding program to address safety and health concerns associated with the ongoing flooding issues and extensive updates needed at the school. Since the initial award, materials and construction costs have risen significantly. To ensure the successful completion of the project, the WVSBA recently approved an additional \$1,919,000 for the project, with GCS committing an additional \$1.5 million to meet the now \$14,419,000 project costs.

The existing Community Center/Alderson High building will be renovated into a state-of-the-art facility with updated technology and learning environments to include an addition to house new Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms, a kitchen and dining area, and administrative offices. The new construction will be connected to the fully renovated structure to provide a safe and secure single building. Fencing around outdoor recreation and learning areas, a safe school entryway, an elevator, and a separate bus drive and drop-off loop will help create an organized, more secure operation.

"This project was first on the list of facilities projects recommended by the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Committee due to recurring flooding issues, multiple entryways, and the need for major renovations to sustain the use of the school as it currently stands," states Superintendent Jeff Bryant. "The SBA funding will allow us to transform the aging Community Center into a safe, healthy, and secure learning zone for the

children of Alderson and make it a focal point of the town. Representatives of the Town of Alderson and the Alderson Community Center have partnered with us on this exciting opportunity and share our enthusiasm that the new school will be the beacon of the community," continues Bryant.

In exchange for transferring ownership of the Community Center from the Town of Alderson to Greenbrier County Schools, the current AES buildings will be given to the town of Alderson. The town is exploring the potential for repurposing areas of the vacated school that are not prone to flooding to house their Town Hall, public library, and community meeting spaces. In addition, Greenbrier County Schools will partner with the town to allow community use of the renovated gymnasium and use the school as an emergency shelter in need. The county Board of Education will also grant ownership of other existing parcels of land to the town of Alderson, including the current football field. The field will be owned by the town for community use in the evenings and weekends, with daytime use reserved for Alderson Elementary School.

"This school-community partnership is a win for the students and families of Alderson Elementary, Greenbrier County Schools, and the Town of Alderson. The Community Center building is a special place worth preserving, and this is an innovative way to give the building a new life while meeting the needs of our students

and the community. We value our partnership with the town of Alderson and the WV School Building Authority. We hope this project will serve as a model for adaptive reuse and school-community partnerships that other school systems around the state will replicate," concludes Superintendent Bryant.

Construction will begin in January 2023 and take approximately eighteen months to complete. School officials anticipate that students will start school in the newly renovated facility in the fall of 2024.



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Sobriety Checkpoint

scheduled in Hinton area

The West Virginia State Police will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on Rt. 107 (Stokes Drive) in the Hinton area of Summers County on Friday, Dec. 9. The checkpoint will be in operation between 6 p.m. and 12 Midnight. The purpose of the checkpoint is to detect and deter impaired drivers, as well as to educate the public about the dangers of driving an automobile while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.

The State Police urge the motoring public to assist law enforcement agencies in their efforts to stop driving under the influence incidents by reporting impaired drivers.

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- 3) All letters must be signed by the author and include the city in which they reside.

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OBITUARIES

Kay Ballard Morgan

Ronceverte-Kay Ballard Morgan, 81, passed away Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, at The Brier Nursing and Rehab Center.

She was born June 6, 1941, in Ronceverte, the daughter of the late Loyd and Mildred Crone Ballard.

Kay was a second grade teacher at Ronceverte Elementary School and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Keith E. Morgan in 2019.

Surviving are her sister-in-law, Peggy Crawford (Henry) of Ronceverte; brother-in-law, Mark Morgan of Charlottesville, VA; cousins, Carol Dixon, Dwight Ferguson (Sue) and Shirley Ferguson all of Charles Town, WV and Judy Ballard of Florida; nieces and nephew, Kelli Bostic (Jamie) of Ronceverte, Charles Crawford of Organ Cave, Jennifer Miller (C.J.) of Frankford and Tonya Wolford of Mineral, VA.

Funeral services for Kay will be on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte with Rev. Dr. Joe Geiger officiating. Interment will follow in the Riverview Cemetery in Ronceverte. The family will receive friends on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2 until 3 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be made to either Greenbrier County Humane Society, 151 Holiday Lane, Lewisburg, WV 24901

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

Jeremy Wade Morgan

Frankford-Jeremy Wade Morgan, 32, passed away Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022.

Born Nov. 1, 1990, at Princeton, WV, he is a son of Addison Wade "Atch" Morgan and Patricia Lynn Boggs Hughes.

Jeremy was a former member of the Frankford Volunteer Fire Department, loved bear hunting, never met a stranger and was loved by many. He worked construction with his grandpa, Bill.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Palmer and Janet Morgan; and aunts, Kim Boone and Bonnie Morgan.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia Boggs Hughes (Charles) of Caldwell; father, Atch Morgan of Frankford; brother, Trenton Morgan (Ashley) of Frankford; niece and nephew, Raelynn and Garrison; aunts, Connie Baker (Kenny) of Organ Cave and Allie Deem (Danny) of Ronceverte and Gail Morgan of Lewisburg; uncle, Doug Boggs (Brianna) of Lewisburg; grandparents, Bill and Neva Boggs of Frankford; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, too many to name.

Funeral services will be at 12 noon Saturday, Dec. 10, at Zion's Light Baptist Church, Horseshoe Bend Road, Ronceverte, with Pastor Gary Baker officiating. Burial will follow in McLean Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of the service at the church on

Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to Greenbrier County Drug Task Force c/o Gary Workman, P.O. Box 1861, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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

Glenna Marie Nichols



Glenna Marie Nichols Hefner died Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, following a long and impactful life of more than 100 years. Born May 28, 1922, to the late Luther M. and Ida Mae Butler Nichols, Glenna grew up in Nicholas County, WV, where she attended Enon Baptist Church.

She later studied business and English at Alderson-Broaddus College before pursuing graduate classes at Marshall and West Virginia Universities. She and her late husband Carlos, a sheriff's deputy who she met at a high school football game, married in January 1947 and lived in White Sulphur Springs since 1962. They were members of First Presbyterian Church.

Glenna taught at several schools before moving to White Sulphur, where she worked at White Sulphur Springs High School. Later, she transitioned to Greenbrier East, teaching accounting and typing. Beloved by her students, many of her former pupils kept in touch over the years with several crediting her classes as the inspiration for their own successful careers. Glenna joined the Alpha Zeta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Society for Education Teachers in 1969 and served in a variety of leadership roles for the organization, including as President in 1992.

Smart, loyal, mischievous and feisty, Glenna was known by many in the area as "Mother H" as she nurtured hundreds of relationships through her longtime service at the West Virginia State Fair. She began working and earning prestigious accolades such as Distinguished West Virginian; Outstanding Achievement and Meritorious Service; a National Future Farmers of America Honorary State FFA degree; and the 2000 Fair and Festival Hall of Fame for the State, among other honors.

Glenna retired from teaching in 1983 and from the Fair in 1999, but she wasn't one to sit quietly and relax. She remained active with countless hobbies, including painting, sewing, knitting and crossword puzzles. In fact, she won numerous awards from her own entries in the Fair post-retirement. Following her husband's death in 2014 after more than 65 years of marriage, Glenna remained committed

to her independence and continued to live in her longtime home, receiving family and friends and keeping busy with her crafts until moving to the Brian Center in fall 2021 following an illness.

ted to her independence and continued to live in her longtime home, receiving family and friends and keeping busy with her crafts until moving to the Brian Center in fall 2021 following an illness.

In addition to Carlos, Glenna was preceded in death by her sister, Mary P. Stone and brother, Melvin H. "Bud" Nichols.

She is survived by son, Carl Dean; daughter-in-law, Linda; granddaughter, April and grandson-in-law, Rev. Greg Rumburg; sister, Louise Legg; special niece, Carol "Sis" Campbell; sister-in-law, Virginia Nichols; friend and neighbor, Pastor Greg Scott; and an abundance of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Fiercely protective of everyone she loved, Glenna will be remembered by all for her sly grin, strong will, generous nature and kind spirit. She will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur. Revs. Scott and Rumburg will officiate a celebration of life service Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m., also at Wallace & Wallace, with burial to follow in Mapledale Cemetery.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

Betty Jean Napier Baker



Lewisburg-Betty Jean "Jeanie" Napier Baker, 73, went to be with her Lord and Savior at Stonerise Rainelle following a brief illness.

Born Sept. 24, 1949, in Lewisburg, she was the daughter of the late William "Bill" and Eva Mae Napier.

Ms. Baker was an employee of WVSOM for 35 years. She was a member of the Lewisburg Baptist Church. Betty was a Godly woman who loved the Lord and her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James "Jim" Baker and a brother, William Richard "Billy" Napier, Jr.

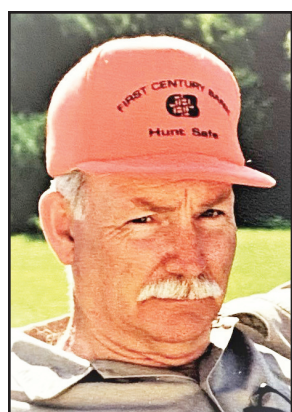
Survivors are her loving daughter, Kimberly Simpson (Wayne) of Myrtle Beach, SC; son, Thomas "T.R." Fuller (Amanda) of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Zachary, Alexis, Madison and Hannah Fuller; sisters, Carolyn Napier, Donna Hanson (Aubrey), Diana Shafer (David), Joyce Clendenin (Roger), and Marie Napier; brother, John Napier (Sharon); and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, with Pastor Jonathan Comer officiating. Burial will follow in Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until time of the service, Saturday.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

William Rose



Ronceverte-William "Bill" Rose, 83, passed away Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1938, in Fort Spring. He was the son of James Henry Rose and Goldie Marie Hicks Barb.

Bill wore many hats throughout his working years. He graduated from Huntington Barber College in 1957 and worked as a barber for Donald McKnight at McKnight's Barber Shop in Ronceverte for an extended period.

As a graduate of Reich American School of Auctioneering in 1967, Bill enjoyed a side hustle of auctioning until the last few years when his struggle with COPD would no longer allow the extra breath needed for auctioning. His father owned a rock quarry where Bill would often help with rock blasting and hauling gravel. He later worked for the WV Division of Highways, building roads where an abundance of crushed rock with a natural by-product of rock dust was used. This exposure to silica dust would set in motion the development and progression of a serious lung disease, pulmonary fibrosis-COPD, which greatly affected his quality of life in later years and led to a devastating and heartbreaking end.

Bill served the city of Ronceverte for over 60 years as a member of the Ronceverte Volunteer Fire Department. He joined in 1957 and was presented Lifetime Membership recognition in 2017. Perhaps his most well-known role was Ronceverte Chief of Police. He served the city for over 35 years in this capacity. Many stories of experiences with Bill as a law enforcement officer have been shared with his family. Most recently, were heartwarming accounts and memories from nurses and other health workers who took such loving care of our beloved father/grandfather throughout his three-week hospital stay and transition to Peyton Hospice House.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Eades Rose, in 2004. They were married for 45 years and had four daughters. He was also preceded by siblings, Pat Nichols and James "Jim" Rose.

He will be loving remembered by his loyal partner, Rita Campbell, of Ronceverte; daughters, Debby Baker, Donna Rose, Diana Hinkley (Bobby), Crissy Bennett (Jimmy), all of Ronceverte; grandchildren, Robin

Helmick, Matthew Hinkley, Jared Fox, Brittany Duncan (Cody), Tori Bennett; great-grandchildren, Emma and Reagan Helmick, Alexis and Asher Bennett; sisters, Maria Hachtmann, of Union, Dona Butuyan of Auburn, WA, and Cynthia Bridges of Crossville, TN; brothers, Ricardo Butuyan of Ronceverte, and David Barb, of Union; and numerous nieces and nephews he adored.

Family and friends were received Thursday evening, Dec. 8, at Ronceverte Baptist Church. Services will be on Friday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. at the Ronceverte Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Mount Vernon Cemetery at Sinks Grove.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea, WV.

Bill's family would like to express their deep appreciation to Dr. Mellette, the 3rd floor staff of Greenbrier Valley Medical Center and the caregivers at Peyton Hospice House who were so caring and attentive, throughout this very difficult time. We are also grateful to have had Lynn Yates on "Team Bill" as a caregiver who was considered a member of the family.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

John M. Demcoe



White Sulphur Springs-John M. Demcoe, 75, was called home to be with his Lord and Savior at his home on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022.

He was born in Johnstown, PA, the son of the late Matthew and Betty Demcoe.

Surviving are his sisters, Linda Demcoe, Kandy Pringle (Alan), Melissa Omer (Gary), niece, Rebbecca Huynh (Huy), great niece, Victoria Huynh, great nephews, David Huynh, Joshua Day (Meredith), great-great nephews, Kolten and Jaxon, great nephew, Shawn Pringle, and great nieces, Willow and Carrie Pringle, and great nephew, Brandon Pringle.

John served in the US Navy and worked in construction for the Neilson Construction Company. John was always willing to help people and lend a hand whenever needed.

He was a skilled woodworker and enjoyed barefoot walks in the woods.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg.

The family would appreciate monetary contributions in lieu of flowers.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Roberta Gay Weikle

Ronceverte-Roberta Gay Weikle, 74, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022, at Stonerise of Lewisburg (The Brier) in Ronceverte.

Born Feb. 21, 1948, at Ronceverte, she was a daughter of the late Roy Lee Weikle, Sr. and Nettie Christine Morgan Weikle.

Roberta was a lifelong resident of Ronceverte and was a member of Graystone Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brother, Roy Lee Weikle, Jr.; sister, Glenda (Donald) Ferguson; and two brothers-in-law, Herman Toothman and Lee Dunbar.

Survivors include a daughter, Angie Minchillo (Glen); three grandchildren, Tyler Minchillo, Conner Minchillo and Lacie Minchillo; her twin brother, Robert Weikle; and sisters, Maxine Toothman, Carolyn Dunbar and Twila Weikle. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Survivors include a daughter, Angie Minchillo (Glen); three grandchildren, Tyler Minchillo, Conner Minchillo and Lacie Minchillo; brother, Robert Weikle; and sisters, Maxine Toothman, Carolyn Dunbar and Twila Weikle. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at Graystone Baptist Church, with Pastor Youel Altizer officiating. Burial will follow in Morgan Cemetery, Ronceverte.

A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

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McMillion Methodist Church

Come celebrate Christmas the old-fashioned way at the McMillion Methodist Church. Enjoy Christmas carols, refreshments, fellowship, and much more on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. The Church is located on McMillion Church Road off of Friars Hill Road. Questions, call 304-645-2153.

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- First place best band: Eastern Greenbrier Middle School
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Hanes confirmed as US District Court Judge in Virginia



Lewisburg native Elizabeth Wilson Hanes was confirmed as a United States District Court judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Elizabeth Wilson Hanes was confirmed as a United States District Court judge for the Eastern District of Virginia on Aug. 2. She will be based in Norfolk, VA. Hanes is the daughter of Dr. John R. Wilson and Vicki Wilson of Lewisburg. Judge Hanes attended public school in Greenbrier County and is a 1996 graduate of Greenbrier East High School. Prior to attending law school, Hanes served as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer for the Family Refuge Center and the Child & Youth Advocacy Center, both in Lewisburg.

Hanes previously served as a United States magistrate judge, also in the Eastern District of Virginia, since 2020. Prior to becoming a magistrate judge, Hanes was a trial attorney. She served as an assistant federal public defender for over seven years, representing indigent individuals in federal criminal matters. She then went into private practice, handling civil litigation focusing on complex class actions. Hanes received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Richmond in 2000 and her law degree from the University of Richmond School of Law in 2007. After graduation, Hanes clerked for Judge Joseph Goodwin on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia and then for Judge Robert King on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Following her confirmation, U.S. Senators Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine released the following statement: "After recommending Judge Hanes for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, we are pleased that the Senate voted to confirm her today. With her previous experience and commitment to public service, we know she will serve our Commonwealth and country with great distinction."

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Dear Recycle Lady,

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Christmas time brings with it lots of tissue paper. Can it be recycled with newspapers?
Christmas Wrapper

Dear Christmas Wrapper,

Tissue paper is one of the few papers that cannot be recycled at the Recycling Center. According to www.theroundup.org/is-tissue-paper, most tissue paper is made from virgin tree pulp, which takes a heavy toll on the environment. Society's heavy use of tissue paper has been described as "flushing forests down the toilet." White tissue paper that doesn't have lotions or perfumes on it is biodegradable. It will break down in your compost pile in two to four weeks and enrich your soil. Tearing the tissue paper in small pieces will speed up the process. Tissue paper that ends up in a landfill can take as long as five years to decompose as it maybe buried under all kinds of other waste. Today there is a biodegradable tissue paper available that is made from plant fibers such as bamboo, hemp, and sugar cane. It is generally softer and stronger than regular tissue paper. It requires less water and energy to produce so is more environmentally friendly. It may cost a little more, but well worth the extra pennies. Reusing tissue paper and gift bags is also environmentally friendly, as well as economical and acceptable.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I just purchased a prepared meal that came in an aluminum pan. The directions said to put it in the microwave for 2.5 minutes. How can this be? I always heard that metal would cause sparks in the microwave.

Questioner

Dear Questioner,

There are several facts to consider when putting aluminum pans in a microwave, as well as two schools of thought. First, metal is not the problem as the walls and the mesh screen on the door of a microwave are all made of metal, one that doesn't heat up or cause sparks. The walls of a microwave must be metal as metal is the only thing that can hold microwave radiation inside the oven. Problems arise when the aluminum pan touches the wall of the microwave, causing an arc of microwave radiation and possible sparks. Be sure to read and follow the instructions on the product.

According to a study by the Fraunhofer Institute for Process Engineering in Germany, using aluminum containers in microwave ovens is safe. They found no hazardous results or damage when testing more than 200 portions of food. They also noted that it was important that aluminum cookware be in the center of the oven, on a non-metal turn table, and away from the sides of the microwave. Those who do not recommend using aluminum pans in a microwave caution that sparks can occur when microwave radiation heats a metal object, causing arcing from the pan to the wall of the oven. They also caution against using pans more than 1.5 inches deep in the microwave, including aluminum pie plates, cake pans, and bread loaf pans. The food in these pans may only be slightly heated; possibly only the open part may be heated. Metal twist ties, and sharp edges or loose pieces of aluminum foil sticking out from food should be avoided, as these objects can act as an antenna and cause sparks.

Kudos to the Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences - They have received an \$80 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to pilot a program that will pay producers to implement climate-smart practices on farms of all sizes and commodities, an initiative that could curb climate-changing gases. (Virginia Tech Magazine)

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A Look Back

By William "Skip" Deegans

Older readers may remember the Nash-Rambler, the first compact car, that was popular in the 1950s. An ancestor of that car was the Rambler shown in the 1910 photo. Thomas B. Jeffrey manufactured Rambler bicycles from 1879 to 1900. In 1902, Jeffrey began building one-cylinder cars in his converted bicycle plant in Kenosha, Wisconsin. It became the second mass produced car after Oldsmobile and before Ford.

In 1919, Charles W. Nash left the presidency of General Motors and bought the Jeffrey Company and changed the name to Nash Motors. In the 1930s, the company employed over 4,000 assembly workers. In 1937, Nash merged with the Kelvinator Corporation, a maker of home appliances. Nash-Kelvinator merged with the Hudson Motor Car Company in 1954 to form the Ameri-



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can Motors Corporation (AMC). George Romney became AMC's president and general manager. Romney (father of Senator Mitt Romney) later served as governor of Michigan. AMC became the Jeep Eagle Company, and in 1987 it became part of Chrysler.

Chrysler merged with the German Daimler company, and after several years of financial struggles, the Italian company Fiat took over Daimler-Chrysler. Along this circuitous path, many iconic automobile names like Rambler, Nash and Hudson were aban-

done.

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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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BID NOTICE

Greenbrier County Schools is looking for Bids to rekey schools to a factory existing key system. Please note all keying needs to be coordinated through Tim Vannoy with the Oscar Henry Company with a 20 each master keys per school and 6 each keys per door. Replacement of all mortise and cylinder locks, mortise cylinders and rim cylinders that are not Sargent. All cylinder locks are to security class room 10G38 LL 26D. All new locks, cylinders and keys must be Sargent originals. No substitutions will be accepted. All keys are to have visual key control. A key cabinet needs set up at each school. Training needs to be provided at each school on the new key system. All county maintenance employees need training on installing and lock smith. Work needs a warranty for one year from time of install. The Bid needs to be for materials, labor, installation and training. Contact David Workman, Supervisor Maintenance for any questions and to schedule time to visit schools. (304-646-5732; david.workman@k12.wv.us)

Schools are: Lewisburg Elementary, Eastern Greenbrier Middle School, Ronceverte Elementary, Frankford Elementary, Smoot Elementary, Western Greenbrier Middle School, Rupert Elementary, Greenbrier West High School, Crichton Elementary and Rainelle Elementary

Bid Opening is scheduled for December 28th, 9:00 a.m., at Greenbrier County Schools, Office of Operations, 391 Judyville Road, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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NIP tax credits available to support NRCTC Foundation scholarships

Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) tax credits are available to support student scholarships at New River Community and Technical College.

The West Virginia Development Office issues NIP tax credits to approved nonprofit organizations, and the New River CTC Foundation has been awarded \$48,000 in tax credits for 2022. NIP is the only state tax incentive for charitable gifts.

"NIP tax credits and our Foundation provide a true win-win-win scenario. New River CTC students benefit from scholarships, donors benefit from tax credits and the New River CTC Foundation benefits from the standpoint of serving our community," explained Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and the New River CTC Foundation Michael Green.

Charitable contributions of cash, stock or personal property valued at least \$500 are eligible to receive 50% of the donated amount in tax credits toward personal and corporate income taxes.

"For those seeking to make an impact, contributions toward education are life-changing," Green said. "Our students are incredibly thankful to receive these scholarships."

The NIP scholarships offered through the New River CTC Foundation are designated for low-income students in need of additional financial aid to attend college.

For more information about NIP donations, call 304-929-6734, email foundation@newriver.edu or visit www.nrctcf.org

New River CTC adds classes to spring schedule

To better meet the needs of students, New River Community and Technical College has added more evening classes to the spring 2023 course schedule.

"Offering classes at times that work for students is crucial, and not everyone can take classes during the day. In developing the spring schedule, we added more evening classes to meet the needs of working adults interested in either advancing

in their careers or preparing for a new one," explained Campus Director and Community Outreach Roger Griffith.

More than 40 of New River CTC's degree and certificate programs qualify for free tuition through the West Virginia Invests grant program, and the college is currently accepting new students. Accounting, business administration and criminal justice programs qualify for WV Invests and eve-

ning classes are scheduled for the spring semester.

The spring semester at New River CTC begins Jan. 17, 2023. New River CTC is offering in-person classes along with web enhanced face-to-face classes using Zoom video conferencing and online classes.

Visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 1-866-349-3739 for more information about New River CTC.



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letter within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the page!

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BAWLER

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TODAY'S WORD

"I understand they're for company."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Pocket is missing. 3. Coral is different. 4. Jacket is opened. 5. Shark is moved. 6. Sign is moved.

Super Crossword

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- 1 James of "Alien Nation"
- 5 Lead-in to hazard
- 8 "My opinion is ..."
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- 21 Actress Hunt
- 22 Fatal
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 26 Strong metal
- 27 Vertical line on a graph
- 28 Attack like an alligator
- 29 Land north of Mex.
- 30 — -country (music genre)
- 32 Peruvian of yore
- 34 Toronto Maple —
- 37 Riddle, part 2
- 44 Wild party
- 47 Battle (for)
- 48 See 60-Down
- 49 Triumphed
- 50 "Right now!"
- 51 First class for painters
- 53 City law: Abbr.
- 54 Sea predator
- 56 Actor Mickey
- 57 Paint crudely
- 58 Riddle, part 3
- 61 Borgnine of Hollywood
- 63 Gulf country
- 64 Sandler of "Spanglish"
- 65 Refine, as metal
- 66 What a hot rod may race on
- 70 Words on an apartment rental sign
- 74 Strong metal
- 76 City near Provo
- 77 Purple Hearts, e.g.
- 78 Riddle, part 4
- 85 Composer Satie
- 86 Apple app for importing video
- 87 "I suffer so!"
- 88 Pan coverer
- 89 Gave for a while
- 90 Sole servings
- 91 Buddhism branch
- 92 Just kills time
- 94 Two, in Spain
- 95 Occupied
- 96 End of the riddle
- 100 For the — (temporarily)
- 102 Blow a horn
- 103 Stephen of "Blackthorn"
- 104 Flower holder
- 106 Kailua Bay locale
- 109 Creator of Tom Sawyer
- 112 Gave a monetary penalty
- 116 Riddle's answer
- 121 Nogales nap
- 122 How figure skaters skate
- 123 Of financial matters
- 124 Rich, eggy cakes
- 125 Entertained lavishly
- 126 Boxing ref's ruling
- 127 Court dividers
- 9 Utter failure
- 10 Sever
- 11 Competitor of Ben & Jerry's
- 12 Yard feature
- 13 Place to ski
- 14 Vietnamese holiday
- 15 Road sign no.
- 16 "Banjo on my knee" song
- 17 Winery tubs
- 18 "Frozen" snow queen
- 20 "— Hollywood Screen Kiss" (1998 film)
- 24 Be alive
- 25 Fifty percent
- 31 Talk show emcee, e.g.
- 33 Egypt's Sadat
- 35 Formally abolish
- 36 Displayed example of a product
- 37 Gives the slip to
- 38 Aviation military branch
- 39 Fix the pitch of again
- 40 Architect Saarinen
- 41 Sierra Nevada evergreen
- 42 Blister, e.g.
- 43 Like GIs peeling potatoes
- 45 Flower holder
- 46 Santa's bagful
- 50 Egg on
- 52 "Yes, if memory serves"
- 54 Benefit bagful
- 55 Chewbacca's companion
- 59 — -la-la
- 60 With
- 48-Across, record of arrests, slangily
- 62 Put in financial distress
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- 77 Sweetie
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- 80 Donator of services
- 81 Old TV clown
- 82 "Fer —!" ("Like, totally!")
- 83 Take responsibility for something
- 84 Easter flower
- 92 Spot's jingler
- 93 Tennis player Edberg
- 96 Fava —
- 97 Catch sight of a restaurant
- 98 Dressed for a ball
- 99 Serve, as at a restaurant
- 101 Concluding musical parts
- 104 "You, over there ..."
- 105 Dayton locale
- 107 Horse foot
- 108 — Reader (eclectic quarterly)
- 110 "Oh, sure!"
- 111 Part of a vase
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by Linda Thistle

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WV Legislative Interim Report: Committee discussions address retirement, pension payments

By Autumn Shelton
West Virginia Press Association

West Virginia Legislature discussions surrounding a possible one-time supplemental payment and a cost-of-living increase for state retirees in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) are ongoing as legislators prepare for their upcoming session.

During December's interim meeting of the Joint Standing Committee on Pensions and Retirement, Committee Attorney Phillip Childs explained that possible legislation, currently titled "Senate Bill X," would provide a one-time bonus payment, or 13th check, of \$1,500 to retirees who have reached age 70 and who have at least 20 years of total service by July 1, 2023.

He said retirees must also have a monthly annuity of \$1,000 or less in order to qualify for this supplemental payment.

As for the cost-of-living increase, Childs stated that the legislation would also be for those who make less than \$1,000 per month.

"They would be bumped up to \$1,000 to qualify for this," Childs said, adding that retirees must also have reached age 70 by July 1, 2023, and have 25 years of service to qualify.

Jeff Fleck, executive director of the Consolidated

Public Retirement Board, added that the one time supplemental payment would benefit 2,291 payees in PERS at a cost of \$3.1 million as well as 2,982 payees in TRS, at a cost of \$4.1 million.

The cost-of-living increase would benefit 437 retirees, 16 disabled retirees and 201 beneficiaries in PERS at a cost of \$7.6 million, Fleck continued. It would also benefit 712 service retirees, 61 disabled retirees and 260 beneficiaries in TRS at a cost of \$11.7 million.

The total cost for the entire bill amounts to \$26.5 million, Fleck noted.

In response to questioning, Fleck stated that, at this time, the bill does not stipulate where the money will come from, although there have been discussions about one-time funding.

"In the past, when there have been increases like this, it typically occurs with an increase in the employer contribution and has to be paid off over a six-year period of time," Fleck said. "So, it would increase the amount employers would have to pay, but I know with the budget surplus that we currently have that there was contemplation of just paying for it with one time money."

In other committee business, Austin McVey, director of Social Security and accounting manager with the State Auditor's Office, provided an update on West Virginia Code §8-22A-28, which extends Social Security

benefits to members of the Municipal Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement System (MPFRS).

McVey explained that a bill modification plan has been signed by Gov. Jim Justice and State Auditor JB McCuskey and sent to the federal Social Security Administration.

"We are just waiting for them to send back the final copy with their signature and date, and then we will be able to start holding these modifications (meetings) and having these votes to happen," McVey said, adding that his office is already working with departments throughout the state to discuss the 90-day process of entering the new plan via majority vote.

Lastly, Fleck said that work is ongoing to determine the cost of allowing municipal police officers and firefighters in both PERS Tier 1 and Tier 2 plans to join the MPFRS.

Legislation passed in 2016 only allowed for those in Tier 2 plans to move over, Fleck stated.

"If the decision was made to open it up to both Tier 1 and Tier 2, it would be much more expensive because Tier 1 people have many more years of service that would have to transfer," Fleck said, noting that all information should be available before the session begins.

The 2023 West Virginia Legislative Session is set to begin on Jan. 11.

GVT celebrates Appalachia in new show 'Mountain Home Christmas'



The holiday season brings a time filled with anticipation and excitement. Some folks may focus on food, gifts, and music; some may think about travel, time off from school, and vacation. Others may get excited about family and traditions associated with the season. The brandnew holiday show Mountain Home Christmas focuses on Appalachian traditions, family, and community within The Mountain State.

"We wanted to have a piece that hit a little closer to home, to the hills of West Virginia," said writer Matthew Scott Campbell. "When we were looking at our season, that show didn't exist, so I thought 'well, we'll find a way to make it exist.'"

Campbell spent time at the state archives, Greenbrier County archives, and other available historical societies researching. Stories highlighted in the show are pulled from actual magazines, newspapers, and holiday cards to create narrative versions of familiar stories centered around the holidays in West Virginia.

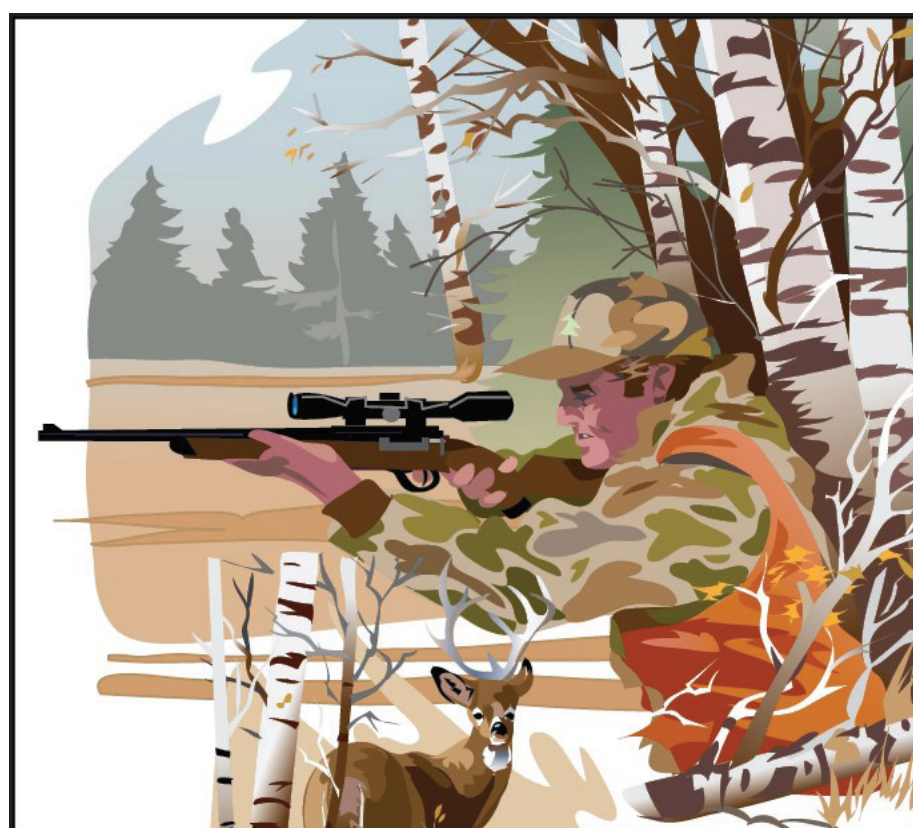
Six actor-musicians bring these stories to life on stage with a myriad of storytelling, humor, and traditional holiday songs alongside creative new music offerings. Returning to GVT will be Ken Sandberg (Pride and Prejudice) and Jenna Fawcett (Midsummer's Night). Joining them will be Melody Berger, Sarah Gliko, Andrew LeJeune, and Spiff Wiegand. Between these six performers, audiences will be entertained by guitars, mandolins, violins, bass, accordions, flutes, and many other talents.

Campbell will be providing direction for the holiday show; Wiegand will direct the music as well as perform. New musical arrangements are written by Patrick Summers. The production features scenic design by Richard Crowell, costume design by Jenna Fawn Brown, and lighting design by E. Tony Lathroum. Elizabeth Salisch will serve as the Production Stage Manager.

Now entering its 55th season, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, is a mainstay and theatre destination located in Lewisburg. The arts organization has been further recognized as a "West Virginia Jewel of the Hills," awarded the Living the Dream Service Organization Honor Roll by The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and is a multi-year recipient of Non-Profit Business of the Year. GVT boasts a robust series of year-round programming and educational offers with the goal to enlighten, enrich, and enliven throughout the region.

The show opens at GVT on Dec. 9 and runs through the 17th. Tickets are \$32 for general seating, \$29 for senior citizens age 60 and above, and \$20 for students. For more information on tickets, shows, and the organization's history, visit the theatre's website: www.gvtheatre.org or call the box office at 304-645-3838.

Gov. Justice, WVDNR announce 4th annual lifetime license giveaway



Gov. Jim Justice has announced that the West Virginia Division of Natural Resource's lifetime license giveaway is back for a fourth year. Hunters and anglers who purchase an annual 2023 hunting, trapping or fishing license in the month of December will automatically be entered into the drawing.

"There's a lot of good things happening in West Virginia and so much to be thankful for as we enter the holiday season, and the return of the WVDNR's license

giveaway is just one more thing that makes our beautiful state such a great place to hunt and fish," Gov. Justice said. "I want to encourage all West Virginians and all those who come to our state to get their 2023 license early so they'll be entered to win some great prizes."

The giveaway is open to residents and non-residents. One resident will win a lifetime hunting, trapping and fishing license, and one non-resident will win a three-night lodge stay at Pipestem Resort State Park with two

zipline tour tickets. Other prizes include state park gift cards, cabin stays and gift bags. The prize drawing is sponsored by the WVDNR and the West Virginia Department of Tourism. Winners will be announced in January 2023.

"As the holiday season approaches, we wanted to start our license giveaway even earlier and give folks more time to buy their license," WVDNR Director Brett McMillion said. "Only a few lucky winners will be selected, but everyone who buys

a license has a chance to win big, so we want to encourage everyone to participate and start planning their hunting and fishing adventures for the new year."

To enter the giveaway, residents may purchase a Class A, Class B, Class AH, Class X, Class XP, Class X3, Class XP3, Class XJ or Class AHJ license. Non-residents may enter by purchasing a Class E, Class EE, Class AAH, Class XXJ or Class AAHJ license. All licenses can be purchased at WVhunt.com or at an authorized license agent.

Annual licenses can also be purchased as gifts by calling the WVDNR licensing unit at 304-558-2758. If the recipient has previously held a license, only the recipient's name and date of birth will be needed. If the recipient has never had a license before, you may need additional information to establish an account.

For more information about the giveaway, rules and prize descriptions, visit WVdnr.gov/license-giveaway.

Additionally, hunters are reminded of another opportunity to win. The WVDNR's Big Buck Contest is open until Dec. 27. To learn more about the contest, visit WVdnr.gov/photocontest.

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Humanities Council History Alive! program seeks proposals for new characters

The West Virginia Humanities Council is seeking applications from individuals interested in portraying historical figures for its popular History Alive! program. Portrayals of historically significant people no longer living, from any period of history, are eligible for consideration. Those interested in applying should contact Kyle Warmack at the Humanities Council at 304-346-8500 or warmack@wvhumanities.org for more information. History Alive! character application materials are available at wvhumanities.org on the History Alive! program webpage.

The Humanities Council will accept proposals for portrayals of influential people who have made important contributions to state, national, or international history.

These could include, but are not limited to: explorers, inventors, musicians, national leaders, artists, authors, educators, military leaders, athletes, scientists, business and labor leaders, activists, and others. The roster of characters now includes characters such as Gabriel Arthur, Nellie Bly, Stonewall Jackson, Theodore Roosevelt, Sacagawea, Charles Schulz, Walt Disney, Harriet Tubman, and Mark Twain.

History Alive! characters are researched thoroughly by the presenters who portray them. Research in first-person sources, such as letters, journals, speeches, official papers, autobiographies, and other archival materials, is required in order to develop the presentations. History Alive! presentations are given for civic groups and at

schools, libraries, senior centers, museums, parks, historical societies, community events, festivals, and a wide range of public gatherings across West Virginia.

The application deadline is Feb. 1, 2023. Proposed characters should have statewide name recognition. Legends and mythical figures are not eligible. Composite characters representing a specific figure from West Virginia history, such as a coal miner, suffragist, or folklife practitioner, may be considered. Submitted proposals are reviewed by a committee, and any that are selected for further consideration advance to an audition of their character. Presenters who pass the audition will join the History Alive! program beginning immediately after selection and receive a stipend from the Humanities Council for each program they present.

Local Realtors earn awards

During the 2022 Coldwell Banker Stuart and Watts Real Estate annual Christmas Dinner held at Lewisburg Elks Country Club on Dec. 2, Tom Johnson, owner/broker presented very deserving awards to several of his professional team of Realtors. Dinner was provided by the Dutch Haus Restaurant.

Top Selling Awards - Robert Bittinger, Jr., Linda Turner, Dianna Perdue, Stacie Cornett, Tara Waugh, Darla Fisher, Josh White, Margaret Harrah, Debbie Amos, Debbie Echols, and Jamie Yates.

Rookie of the Year Award - Debbie Amos

Johnson provided the current 2022 office totals: 324 Transactions Sales and nearly \$48+ Million in sales. And keep in mind, we have 29 days left in this year, in which the complete total will increase.

Johnson said his team of Realtors are devoted to the service of our clients. In every facet of our industry, we set the standard for innovation, expertise and support. Our state-of-the-art technology, the strength of the brand's global network and an empowering culture of excellence keeps us as the dominant source of real estate service in the Greenbrier Valley. Johnson further stated he is very proud of our teamwork as we are the number one real estate service of the Greenbrier Board of Realtors MLS in sales, listings and transactions.

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'Carnegie Classics' a new series hosted by Barbara Nissman



Barbara Nissman

Carnegie Hall introduces "Carnegie Classics," a three-concert series beginning in 2023. Hosted by Steinway "Legend" and Lewisburg resident Barbara Nissman, the Carnegie Classics Series will present three concerts (Feb. 11, Mar. 18, and May 13) featuring Nissman sharing her musical favorites and joined by West Virginia guest artists.

A Valentine Concert – More Music to Love! with

Barbara at the piano kicks off the series on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023. Barbara invites the audience to meet some of her favorite composer "friends" as she shares their music and stories and transports the listener into their special and magical world!

Barbara invites the Montclair String Quartet to join her for the second program, Gershwin Meets Brahms! on Saturday, Mar. 18, 2023. The Quartet performs Gershwin Lullaby and Nissman introduces some of her favorite Brahms pieces before joining the Quartet for the exciting Brahms Piano Quintet in F minor. The Montclair serves as the Quartet-in-Residence at WV State.

The last Classics Series performance of the 2023 spring season Schubert Goes Fishing! on May 13, 2023 features Barbara and her musician friends performing Schubert's "Trout" Quintet. Barbara will introduce the audience to the young Franz Schubert, a true poet of the piano, and perform his virtuosic Wanderer Fantasy before joining her friends for a performance of Schubert's most popular composition and everybody's favorite – the "Trout!"

The Greenbrier Valley is fortunate to be home to renowned pianist Barbara Nissman who is not only committed to continued excellence in her art, but to introducing classical music to new audiences. Her witty intellect and charisma combined with her genuine passion for the composers she performs gives

her an irresistible edge in introducing the novice to the classics and instilling within them a love for classical music. Nissman is the perfect vessel to develop new audiences and Carnegie Hall is the perfect venue to incubate this endeavor.

"I am so looking forward to returning to the stage of our Carnegie Hall and bringing along some of my West Virginia musician friends to share the magic of music with all of you," states Nissman. "This is a series for everyone - all that's required is an open heart to enjoy and to feel the passion!"

Tickets are \$20 for each performance, or you can purchase all three concerts for only \$50. Thanks to the Benedum Foundation, adults over 50 years of age have the option of purchasing two tickets to an individual performance for the price of one. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.



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Carnegie Hall Education Director selected for prestigious arts opportunity



The Legacy weekend ceramics class at Arrowmont with Bill Capshaw, Instructor (standing, second from left) and Flora (standing, center).

Harmony Flora, the education director at Carnegie Hall, was recently selected to participate in the first weekend long Legacy program for Appalachian Administrators sponsored by Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN.

Located just minutes from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Arrowmont dates to 1912 when instructors at the then Settlement School began providing education to children in the remote mountain community. Today Arrowmont is

an internationally recognized visual art education center, providing creative experiences year-round. The School also serves as a cultural center in the community offering adult and children's community classes; an active juried, themed and invitational exhibition schedule; and annual art conferences and symposia.

Based on the annual week-long Legacy program for Appalachian Teachers, the new four-day program offered arts administrators and K-12 support staff the oppor-

tunity to learn in Arrowmont's creative environment with the support of full scholarships including tuition, lodging, meals, and a completion stipend. Participants had the option of selecting from six different arts-based intensives to participate in, including ceramics, basket weaving, art journaling, nature studies, wood carving and fused glass. Along with a fully immersive workshop schedule, students also enjoyed touring the Artist in Residence workshops and a multime-

dia studio crawl.

Speaking about her recent experience, Flora stated, "It was an amazing opportunity and an honor to be selected to participate in a Legacy program at Arrowmont, and a truly enlightening experience to be able to work with a master craftsman like Bill Capshaw. I learned a lot and met many wonderful, talented administrators and artists that I look forward to working with through our educational programming here at the Hall."

STEPPIN' OUT

Free Christmas Concert at WSS Public Library



SPECIALS FOR DECEMBER 10, 2022

Don't miss the ever-popular Girl's Day Out Saturday, December 10

Girl's Day Out will be held all around Lewisburg on Saturday, Dec. 10 with unique shopping, drink specials, samples, giveaways, and more. Presented by the shops and restaurants of downtown Lewisburg, nearly every business will be offering their own fun twist to make holiday shopping a treat for everyone. Check out the list of all businesses participating this year:

- **A NEW CHAPTER** Spend \$50 or more and receive a Complimentary Box of Artisan Truffles from Bellafina Chocolates.
- **AGGIE'S & VEST** Complimentary Ice Water with Lemon, Tylenol & Ibuprofen. Available for use for Tense Necks & Shoulders is a Awesome Massage Gun.
- **AMY'S CAKES & CONES** Enter to win a four pack of Hot Chocolate Bombs - Complimentary Hot Cocoa and Fancy Cookies.
- **THE ASYLUM** Complimentary Holiday Sangria with Purchase of any Food Item.
- **BELLA THE CORNER GOURMET** Sample Champagnes, Non-Alcoholic Rose & Sparkling Wine and Cocktail Mixes. With any Purchase, Enter to Win a \$50 Gift Certificate & a Bottle of Champagne.
- **BLACKWELL'S** Complimentary Fried Green Tomato, Goat Cheese, Candied Pecan Canape and Holiday Fruit Wassail.
- **BRICK HOUSE ANTIQUES** Serving Spiced Cider and Christmas Cookies.
- **BRIERGARTEN** Complimentary Aperol Spriz and 10% off Merchandise.
- **CAT & KATE** Every \$100 Spent Earns You a Ticket to Win their Signature 14K Gold Diamond Necklace.
- **CORN & FLOUR** Free Avalanche Cookie with Any Purchase.
- **CYBELE BOUTIQUE** All Bags 30% Off.
- **DEL SOL CANTINA** Complimentary Glass of Bubbly with Purchase of any Sushi Dish.
- **EDITH'S** Drawing for a \$100 Gift Card.
- **FOOD & FRIENDS** Free Iced Tea or Fountain Drink with Lunch or Dinner Purchase.
- **GENERAL LEWIS INN** Free Holiday Mimosa when you mention Girls' Day Out.
- **GREENBRIER VALLEY THEATRE** "Mountain Home Christmas" Shows at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- **GREENBRIER VALLEY VISITORS CENTER** Enter a Drawing for a \$100 Visa Gift Card and Enjoy Holiday Refreshments.
- **HARMONY RIDGE** Complimentary Champagne - Girlfriend Photo Selfie Station with Fun Props - Drawings for Prizes All Day Long!
- **HILL & HOLLER** Complimentary Mimosas with Any Purchase with Mention of Girls' Day Out.
- **THE HUMBLE TOMATO** Bottomless Mimosas from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **LANDING IN NIRVANA** Enter to Win a Spongelle Gift Basket with any Purchase over \$10. Serving Strawberry Daiquiris!
- **LEWISBURG SURF SHOP** Champagne & Chocolate Bars Complete with Golden Tickets! Golden Ticket Specials include Discounts & Gift Cards up to \$100.
- **LITTLE BLACK BOX** Register to Win a \$50 Gift Card - Free Gift with Purchase - Hot Toddies & Holiday Cookies - End of Year Sale up to 60% Off.
- **LOVE CHILD** Gift with Purchase and 50% Off Ornaments.
- **PATINA** Make & Take your Earring Creation (\$10 to \$30) with Design Help from In-House Jeweler Willow. Door Prizes for Everyone!
- **PLANTS ETC.** Hands-on Intuitive Healing Sessions by Linda Gayla. Serving Fancy Cookie Bites from Amy's Cakes & Cones.
- **THE SHOE BOX** Register to Win Unique Handcrafted Bag Full of Gifts, Including a Pair of Boots! Enjoy Coffee & Donuts.
- **STARDUST CAFE** Free Glass of Champagne with Lunch or Dessert Purchase.
- **STUDIO 40** Holiday Sale and Raffle to Win a \$50 Gift Certificate.
- **SUZANNE PERILLI DESIGNS** Ornament Pull for 10% to 25% Off Purchase.
- **THE WASHINGTON STREET PUB** Drawing for a \$25 Gift Card and Specialty Black Velvet Gimlet for \$8.
- **WOLF CREEK GALLERY** Serving their Famous Champagne Punch - A gift with Purchase over \$30 While Supplies Last - Raffle off a deluxe gift bag!
- **YARID'S** Passing out Yarid's Bucks! Receive \$15 Yarid's Bucks Just for Coming In! Redeemable only on Girls' Day Out.

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR!
DECEMBER 9, 2023



Musicians Leah and Rodger Trent will be performing at the White Sulphur Springs Library.

Leah and Rodger Trent will perform at the White Sulphur Springs Public Library on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. The concert will feature Christmas music played on a variety of different instruments including the hurdy gurdy, the organetto, and the harp. This concert will be the perfect way to relax and enjoy the holidays. This free performance will be followed by light refreshments.

Please call 304-536-1171 if you have any questions. The library is located at 344 Main Street West in White Sulphur Springs.

White Sulphur Springs to hold Santa Parade

The White Sulphur Springs Fire Department will be escorting Santa Claus around town to see the kids on Wednesday, Dec. 21. Santa's parade will start at 6 p.m. and will take approximately 2 to 2 and a half hours to follow his route. Just listen for the siren!

Santa will follow this route:

Tanis Drive to Hamilton Addition Road,

Manor Drive, Hamilton Addition Road, US Rt. 60 to I-64, back toward town, down Hines Avenue, right on Bennett Street, Ballard Avenue, Mamick Street, Nutter Avenue, Bennett Street, Hines Avenue, Mill Hill, Crescent, Maple, Central, Oak, Big Draft to Hope Village, Pine Gap, Old White, Rowan, Patterson, Palm Beach, Spring, Salisbury, Greenbrier Avenue, Memorial Street,

Villa Avenue, Park Street, Greenbrier Avenue, Memorial Avenue, Woodland, Second Avenue, Dry Creek, Church Street, Barton, Dry Creek, Scott Lane, Clark Street, Holmes Lane, Tuckahoe, Circle Lane, Tuckahoe to Branch Street, Rivoire Circle, Mountain Avenue, Drewery, Gum, Ingleside Avenue, Terrace Drive.

15 MORE DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

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STEPPIN' OUT

Carnegie Hall's Lobby and Museum Galleries feature Frederick Hays

Carnegie Hall's November/December Exhibits continue with three galleries featuring the works of regional artists. The Lobby and Museum Galleries feature works by artist Frederick Hays. The galleries are adjacent to the auditorium.

Frederick D. Hays is a contemporary realist painter whose reverence for life and innovative use of light illuminate compelling new perspectives of our universe. A native of West Virginia, his masterful paintings reflect the history, culture and values of his rural Appalachian roots and the dynamics of nature and life's experiences. From an early age, his creative works gained attention in his community, leading a neighbor to thoughtfully gift his wife's oil paints to Fred upon her passing. That touching gift was the catalyst for a lifelong passion for oil painting.

Upon attaining a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts, Fred was honored with a graduate assistantship at Marshall University under the renowned West Virginia artist, June Kilgore, and earned a Master's degree in Painting. Thereafter, Hays gained widespread recognition as an emerging professional artist.

From his first exhibition, his art was featured in media and shown in countless exhibitions in West Virginia, including invitational and solo exhibitions as well as consecu-

tive WV Biennial Juried Exhibitions.

In addition, the State of West Virginia acquired his work for the state art collection. During this period, Fred received extensive art awards and he was named Artist of the Year by the Charleston Gazette.

After considerable years of acclaim in West Virginia, he moved out of state to further advance his art career. Accepted at Somerhill Gallery in Chapel Hill, NC, Fred's work benefited from national attention through notable exhibitions and gallery sales. His oil paintings were also acquired by various corporate collections, including Rockwell International and the Arthur Anderson corporation.

Thereafter, Hays returned to his beloved home state to devote attention to raising a family, which limited his time for art endeavors. Hays has often been described as a renaissance man due to his varied pursuits. His leadership skills led him to oversee programs in several nonprofit organizations and to develop his own business.

During this time, he also achieved certification as a Holistic Management Educator and became well-known in the fields of sustainable agriculture, agroforestry and aquaculture, achieving awards in these areas as well.

An avid outdoorsman, he was sought out for his expertise in innovative ag-



"Dawn at Wellington Heights" by Frederick Hays

riculture and conservation and was an invited presenter and at a number of national and regional conferences. Hays also served as a Conservation District Supervisor, an elected official, for many years and published numerous articles on conservation and sustainability. In addition to being recognized in me-

dia for his contributions in art, he has been featured on Traveling West Virginia, PBS's Three Rivers, the Travel Channel's Cash and Treasures and in Smithsonian Magazine for other endeavors.

Recent years have provided the opportunity to refocus on his lifelong passion for oil painting.

Hays enjoys life on a farm in Elkview, WV, with his wife, three Aussies and a variety of other critters. His art is shown at Tamarack, Love Hope Gallery, WV, Museum of Culture and History and other exhibitions. Hays recently won an Award of Excellence in the 2021 WV Biennial Juried Exhibition.

As in life, the best is yet to come.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and run through Dec. 30. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Ronceverte Annual Christmas Open House set for December 9

Business scavenger hunt highlights local businesses and festive holiday spirit

Join the Ronceverte Development Corporation (RDC) in celebrating the 2022 Ronceverte Annual Holiday Open House on Dec. 9 from 5 to 9 p.m. Businesses in Ronceverte will be opened late for the event and are busy preparing special treats for everyone to enjoy to get into the holiday spirit. Visitors will get to participate in a business scavenger hunt from Martin and Jones to the armory on Main Street and Edgar Avenue. If people collect all of the items on the scavenger hunt, they will be eligible to win prizes.

"I am thrilled to see the Ronceverte Annual Holiday Open House coming together for another year," says Kathy King, president of the RDC. "It's always a fun family night with something for everyone! Come explore some new things along with taking in the return of treasured traditions from open houses past."

The RDC is currently accepting applications to be a vendor at the armory during the open house. Being a vendor is free and interested par-

ties are encouraged to apply by emailing roncevertevents@gmail.com.

"I am so excited to be part of the Ronceverte Annual Holiday Open House," says Heather Webb, co-owner of This Is Us Salon. "A lot of things have been happening in downtown Ronceverte and owners of current and future businesses are all getting ready to welcome people for the open house. We can't wait to see everyone this year."

The RDC welcomes everyone in Greenbrier County to come visit Ronceverte and enjoy the food trucks, carriage rides, Santa photo ops, and tree lighting ceremony happening at 6 p.m. during the Ronceverte Annual Holiday Open House.

Celebrating the talent of Greenbrier County Youth



Artwork by students featured at the Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center (Photo Courtesy Greenbrier County CVB)

The Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center (GVVC) highlights middle and high school students from Greenbrier County as a part of the Art in the Valley Series. The exhibit "Shar-

ing the Gift of Our Talents" is available through Jan. 31, 2023. The main gallery features the work of more than 35 students with additional student art displayed in the digital

gallery upon entry.

"It's wonderful to see the artistic ability of our youth in Greenbrier County," Visitor Center Manager Mary Cole Deitz said. "We are thrilled

to partner with Greenbrier County Schools to provide a venue for students to showcase their work."

To see the "Sharing the Gift of our Talents" stop by the GVVC Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and 12 to 5 p.m. on Sundays through Dec. 23. Beginning Dec. 28, the GVVC will transition to shorter hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center began the Art in the Valley exhibit in 2014 to highlight local artists. Each month the gallery space features new artists, with an opening during First Fridays After Five. For more information about Art in the Valley or the Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center, contact 304-645-1000 or info@greenbrierwv.com.

Thank you for reading this week's Mountain Messenger

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in the chapel of The Greenbrier
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Sunday, December 18 • 7:00 PM
at First Baptist Fairlea
Nursery provided for children four and under at the church performance only.