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— Shannon L. Alder

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you who have donated money and time to Penny Pitch. You have let people in this community less fortunate know that they are not alone this Christmas. Thanks to you, we will be able to help our awardees with their utilities as they face this cold weather.

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Greenbrier County Commission bids farewell to Commissioner McClung

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission bid farewell to Commissioner Mike McClung, whose term is coming to end in January, at their regular meeting held last Tuesday. Commission members presented a painting of a harness race at the state fairground horse racing track as a parting gift.

Commissioner Tammy Shifflett-Tincher, though not present due to illness, spoke to say that the painting was the commission's way of saying thank you to McClung for his years of service. "We all know that though harness racing no longer takes place at the fairgrounds, we know how important it is to your family history and how you have spoken so fondly of it, so we wanted to get you this painting as a token of our gratitude."

"I am very pleased, truly, thank you very much," said McClung. "There are, in life, blessings and honors. Blessings come through grace and that being the unearned favor of God, and I have been truly blessed. Honors, however, are earned, and I will tell you that being able to sit in this chair, the county's chair, for the last 12 years is truly an honor and a privilege. It's not always been a grand old time, but it has been good. I am now obligated to somehow articulate my profound appreciation to the people of Greenbrier County for honoring me with allowing me to be their commissioner. There are times when the simple words of 'thank you' are not enough, but it's quite often all we have, so I say thank you."

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Outgoing Commissioner McClung (left) receives a commissioned painting as a parting gift from fellow commissioners Lowell Rose (right) and Tammy Tincher (not pictured).



Commissioner McClung with painting. The McClung family has a long history with harness racing at the fairgrounds.

Alderson Town Council moves forward with Army Corps of Engineers on water lines project

By Adam Pack

The Alderson Town Council held this month's meeting on Monday, Dec. 19, after rescheduling it from the original date of Dec. 12.

At the meeting, the Alderson Council made the payments necessary to close out the Spring and Lee Street project, which was being paid for by funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. The payments remaining

were for payroll and amounted to \$3,802.44 for work on the Spring Street portion of the project.

The council also approved the sending of the Letter of Intent to Army Corps of Engineers' district command. The letter of intent is the initial step in partnering with the Corps to begin work on the water lines project, which will total \$1,330,000 upon completion. The council then moved on to the actual agreement for design and

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New officers sworn in following 2022 election



Jamie Baker shakes Judge Dent's hand after being sworn in as the newest Greenbrier County Circuit Clerk. Baker will be replacing Louvonne Arbuckle as clerk.



Blaine Phillips will be the newest County Commissioner and will be taking the seat of Mike McClung. Phillips will be joining Commissioners Tammy Shifflett-Tincher and Lowell Rose starting next month.



Greenbrier County Clerk Robin Loudermilk signs her oath of office with the Honorable Judge Jennifer Dent as she prepares to serve another term.

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Ronceverte City Council accepts Councilmember King's resignation, seeks applicants to fill vacancy

By Adam Pack

The Ronceverte City Council met Monday, Dec. 19 for their regular meeting, rescheduled from Monday, Dec. 5 due to illnesses amongst the council members. Items on the agenda included an update on progress to the water system, discussion of new equipment for the fire department, the EMS special needs registry, and more.

The EMS Special Needs Registry allows individuals or their loved ones to register their home with emergency dispatch as having individuals with special needs present. Councilwoman Ashley Gaye spoke to the personal impact of the registry, sharing that, "It could be huge for my daughter, as in the case of an emergency she might just run away due to her special needs, and this makes me feel so much better knowing that first responders will know well before they arrive what they should expect." Those with autism,

Down syndrome, Alzheimer's, dementia, emotionally disturbed, hardness of hearing and or sight, deafness, blindness, immobility, and other necessities like severe allergies requiring an Epi-Pen may be included in the registry. Gaye made the note of the fact that 30 families have signed up as of now, and all those that have special needs family members would be greatly benefitted by doing so.

The city also discussed the current status of Air-Pac acquisition by the Fire Department. The Department, as previously reported, secured the purchase of new Air-Pacs (apparati used by firefighters to breathe in non-permissive environments) to avoid regulatory action by the Fire Marshal's office. However, the Fire Department has been requesting the city's aid for assistance in purchasing the pacs, as they run upwards of \$6,000 per unit and must be present on every truck. The Fire Department has a financing

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The Pink Library with damage outlined in red

Pink Library awarded grant funding for repairs

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia (PAWV) has announced the winners of 2022 Saving Historic Places Grants.

The Saving Historic Places grant program works to save certified historic buildings in rural communities from demolition by neglect, and provides funds for building emergencies, building stabilization, and pre-development. To qualify for this grant, buildings must either be individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places or listed as a contributing building in a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places. Funding is provided in part by a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant administered by the National Park Service.

PAWV received 32 applications requesting over \$2.8 million during the Saving Historic Places Grant application period of Dec. 8, 2021 to Mar. 18, 2022. Seven projects were selected totaling \$488,008.53 in grant awards. Most of these projects have already published requests for quotations from qualified contractors, which can be found at www.pawv.org/news

Locally, the Greenbrier Historical Society received \$34,425 in funding for emergency repairs to the roof drainage, masonry, and windows on the Pink Library, also known as the 1834 Supreme Court Library. The goal of the project is to fully restore the building into a heritage tourism attraction.

Monroe County students assist Wreaths Across America

On Dec. 17, James Monroe High School's Leadership Alliance students Caleb Broyles, Anna Frasher, Aleigha Hill, Luke Jackson, LeiAnn Richmond, Katherine Viars, and Gabby Walker plus seventh graders Alexis Broyles, Jessa Hill, and Marshal White assisted in the laying of wreaths on the graves of deceased veterans at the West Virginia National Cemetery in Taylor County. They joined



Monroe County students Alexis Broyles, Jessa Hill, Marshal White, Katherine Viars, LeiAnn Richmond, Aleigha Hill, Caleb Broyles, Gabby Walker, Luke Jackson, and Anna Frasher.

students from Grafton High School in support of the national Wreaths Across America (WAA) program.

According to the WAA website, "Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad." Monroe County students were proud to join in this effort and to have sponsored twenty of the dozens of wreaths they laid at the cemetery.

JMHS looks forward to making this an annual event to honor our veterans and their families during the holiday season in which many face an empty chair at the table. Community members can sponsor a wreath online at wreathscrossamerica.org.

The James Monroe Leadership Alliance is a student organization dedicated to developing the next generation of community leaders, and community service is one of its pillars. The WAA event was truly a day of service given



Decorated headstones at the West Virginia National Cemetery near Grafton.

the travel distance involved, and Monroe County should be proud of these young ambassadors. If your organization is interested in connecting with these students for further service opportunities please contact their advisor, Dr. Scott Womack, at swomack@k12.wv.us or via Facebook Messenger.

What works in the Valley



The Valley Works Resource Center Team. Valley Works accepts donations of all kinds, especially new toiletry items, feminine hygiene products, new socks, underwear and diapers of all sizes.

Greenbrier County's newest jobs readiness center is open in Rainelle! The Valley Works Resource Center helps with resume writing, obtaining IDs, connecting with employers, and interview coaching - along with work-ready clothing, shoes and safety equipment. Additionally,

the center is building a drop-in center to provide hot meals, shower facilities, a warming center and serve as a food pantry.

Valley Works Resource Center operates under a two-year ARC grant received by God's Way Home. Assistant Director Dara Vance states the cen-

ter's goals are to "reduce the barriers to employment while also reducing substance use." The center is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and by appointment on Thursdays and Saturdays.

For more information, text or call 682-418-7078.

Three injured in Alderson shooting

On Saturday, Dec. 17, at approximately 1:42 p.m., the Greenbrier County 911 Center received a call of a shooting having occurred at a residence located on State Route 63 near Alderson. Members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department, WV State Police, DNR Police, Alderson Police Department, Ronceverte Police Department, the Lewisburg Police Department, and Alderson EMS responded to the scene.

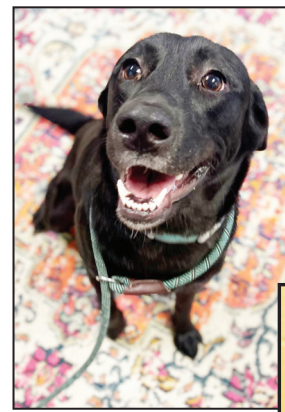
The initial investigation revealed that a physical altercation had occurred between three individuals which resulted in gunshots being fired. Two individuals, identified as Emilie Lucas, 31, of Alderson, and Johnny Lind, 34, of New York City, received non-life threatening gunshot injuries. Both individuals were receiving medical treatment at hospital facilities.

Eric Redden, 28, of Alderson, received a non-gunshot related injury.

The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department Crime Scene Team processed the residence and two involved motor vehicles for evidence and the investigation is continuing. No charges have been filed at the present time.

Corporal Alex Workman, of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department, is the lead investigator.

PICK OF THE LITTER



URSULA

Ursula is a three-year-old female Labrador retriever and weighs 53 pounds.



TIMOTHY

Timothy is a 10-year-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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Democratic Executive Committee

will meet Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Better Homes and Garden real estate office in Lewisburg. If you are interested in working to promote Democratic values in Greenbrier County or would just like to learn more, you are welcome to join us.

Minivan strikes WVDOH work truck in Greenbrier County work zone

A minivan crashed into a West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) work truck in a work zone on Interstate 64 near White Sulphur Springs on Wednesday, Dec. 14. No one was injured in the wreck.

"This just reinforces the need for all motorists to pay attention when they're driving, especially when they're going through work zones," said Jim Moore, P.E., WVDOH District 9 Engineer.

WVDOH work crews were removing road work signs from I-64 between mileposts 180 and 181 when a purple Kia minivan swerved around a truck, drove onto the shoulder where crews were working and slammed into the back of a WVDOH work truck and sign trailer. WVDOH workers scrambled up a shale embankment to escape the crash. They were shaken up but uninjured.

The WVDOT urges drivers to remain alert when traveling through work zones. Pay attention to signage and abide by posted speed limits. Above all, keep your head up and your cell phone down to avoid being another crash statistic.

Congressman Mooney files discharge petition to make Daylight Saving Time permanent

Congressman Alex X. Mooney has introduced a discharge petition to bring H.R. 69 - Sunshine Protection Act of 2021 to the House Floor for immediate consideration. The legislation would end the twice-a-year clock change that takes place every November and March.

Earlier this year, Senator Marco Rubio introduced legislation in the U.S. Senate to make Daylight Saving Time (DST) permanent across the country. This bill passed the Senate unanimously. Congressman Vern Buchanan, introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives that has been put on the backburner by House leadership.

"Today, I initiated a discharge petition to bring this bipartisan legislation up for immediate consideration. Changing our clocks twice a year is inconvenient and entirely unnecessary. It's time to end this antiquated practice," said Congressman Alex X. Mooney. "There are enormous health and economic benefits to making daylight saving time permanent. I urge my colleagues to sign this discharge petition and never reset your clocks again."

In the last five years, 19 states have enacted similar legislation. If passed by the House and signed into law by President Joe Biden, the Sunshine Protection Act would apply to those states that currently participate in DST, which most states observe for eight months out of the year. States and territories that currently remain on Standard Time year-round would continue to do so. Many studies have shown that making DST permanent could benefit the economy and the country. A one-pager of the bill is available here.

Penny Pitch

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In honor of the grandchildren of Nancy Richmond: Bradley, Grayson, Josh, Georgia and Aberham. In memory of Nancy Richmond, Simeon and Thelma Berkley and Hazel Walton, from Eddie & Heather Richmond - \$125

Mt. Vernon ME Church - \$300

In memory of Gwen Clingman and Michael Osborne from Luther & Alice Hollingsworth - \$50

Julian & Martha Meadows - \$500

In memory of Helen and Patty from Jim Nemitz and Nancy Bulla - \$200

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Remembering our parents with love - \$500

Steve Hunter Associates - \$250

In memory of our parents from Randy and Mary Humphreys - \$50

Richard and Ann McClung - \$200

Collection jar at West Point Baptist Church, Asbury - \$70

Edward Lemons in memory of Calvin and Delphia Lemons - \$100

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Bolling High School Alumni Association - \$165

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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.

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet in a working session Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street, West. On the agenda:

2. Comments from the Public
3. Review, consider, and discuss agritourism supplemental regulations
4. Review, consider, and discuss uses not permitted in the historic overlay
5. Review, consider and discuss the draft zoning map
6. Review, consider, and discuss the zoning map
7. Comments from the Commissioners
8. Comments from the Zoning Officer
9. Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Planning Commission will be Thursday, Feb. 2, with a working session at 5:30 p.m. and a regular meeting at 7 p.m.

Notice of Public Hearing

Lewisburg Planning Commission will meet Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. Also available via Teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. on Thursday. On the agenda:

- Approval of Working Session Minutes - Nov. 3, 2022
- Comments from the Public
- Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit, Monica Moore, 150 Scott Street - approval of 2 plus bedrooms for Air B and B.
- Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit, Shuck Memorial Church, 841 Washington Street - request to build stage for Outdoor Activities in an OR Zone.
- Comments from Planning Commission Members
- Comments from Planning and Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 2.

Alderson Water Lines

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construction of the water lines project, a formal document stating the terms of agreement between the Town of Alderson and The Army Corps of Engineers. This document will need the signature of the town's representative, Mayor Copenhaver, as well as Corps' district commander, and legal counsel for the town. The council approved signing onto the agreement, and it will now be sent to the Corps for their signature.

Lastly, the council approved an update to the Utilities Board presentation of policies and procedures for water systems. This was essentially a modernization of existing code in order to comply with regulations associated with the receipt of funds for both the town's water lines and water plant project. The presentation of policies was considered read upon introduction and passed, as council members had had ample time to review the document prior to meeting.

With that the Alderson Town Council adjourned. The Town Council meets every second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Alderson City Building. The public is encouraged to attend. Please call the city at 304-445-2916 ahead of time as the time and/or date of meeting are subject to change.

Commissioner McClung

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Blaine Phillips prevailed over DeEtta King-Hunter in the 2022 election bid for McClung's commission seat. Phillips will begin commissioner duties starting in January.

In other business:

The Commission moved to resolve litigation in Snyder, Stephen v. Greenbrier County. This suit was principally resolved "quite some time ago" according to the commission, but this agenda action was simply "fixing some grammatical errors." The motion passed and the suit is now considered resolved.

The commission also signed a grant agreement with Region 4 Planning and Development Council for the administration of American Rescue Plan Act funding to PSD #2 for the purpose of a water line extension project in the west end of the county. The commission then approved two requests for leave of absence from county duties for Mike Honaker and Vince Deeds. These requests are for the upcoming legislative session which runs from Jan. 9 to Mar. 10.

The council lastly moved to adjust the courthouse's schedule around the Christmas and New Year holidays. The courthouse will be closed on Dec. 23 and will be open fully on Dec. 30.

The Commission will meet again on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. in the County Commission chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.

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In Re: The Marriage of: JD Mahon and Gladys Mahon
In Re: The Marriage of: Chelsea Renee Carter and Nathan Carter
In Re: The Marriage of: Adam Keith Lane and Carol Ann Lane
In Re: The Marriage of: James Curtis Piercy and Melissa Pauline Piercy

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Myles Warren Ayers, Ronceverte, driving a vehicle while in an impaired state, less than .15, GP, fine \$100, jail 21 days, 12 months unsupervised probation
Eva Pauline Burress, Alderson, failure to appear, NCP, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation

Robert Edward McCurdy, Alderson, reckless driving, NCP, fine \$100, jail 5 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation

Levi Marcus Livesay, Alderson, driving too fast for roadway conditions, GP, fine \$50

Christopher H. Roberts, White Sulphur Springs, selling, furnishing alcohol to minors, NCP, fine \$25

Michael Lane Golden, Charmco, beer sales to under 21 alcohol, NCP, fine \$25

Brian Moorehead, Columbus, OH, speeding, GP, fine \$40

David S. Douthett, Chesapeake, VA, driving too fast for roadway conditions, GP, fine \$28

Ernie O'Dell, Jr., Rainelle, sales to under 21 alcohol, GP, fine \$25

William Hinkle, Lewisburg, 1) speeding, GP, fine \$34; 2) no insurance, Fine \$200

Jessica Lynn Marsh, Leslie, prohibitions - open dumps, GP, fine \$250

Joseph Jarrell, Mooresville, NC, expired registration, GP, fine \$25

Tabatha Faye Hatcher, Sandstone, selling alcohol to person under 21 years of age, NCP, fine \$30

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Nature's Way

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Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

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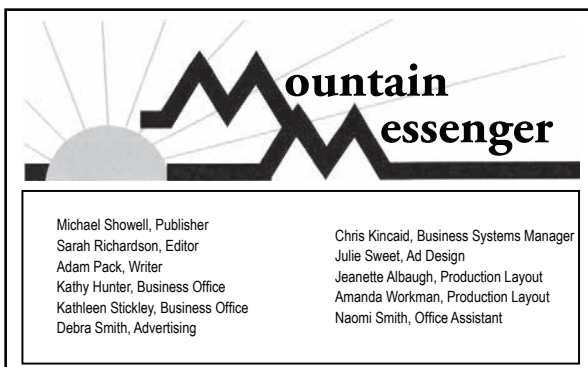
So I've been good, very good. Have you? When we are good, we expect a reward of some sort, right? That message comes from our childhood. My mom would promise me an ice cream if I had to go to a doctor's visit. Bribery works. Even now decades later, I instantly crave a sweet treat when I leave a physician's office. It makes me feel better!

Since I have been working all year round on my good deeds, I expect some returns. I have prepared my wish list for Santa. These items relate to my gardening hobby. All are healthy items, not sugar filled desserts! Though I'll be exchanging cookies this season, too! I will let you know what appears under my Christmas tree.

First on my wish list is a multi-tray microgreens sprouter. With outdoor gardening on hold until spring, I can still grow food of sorts. Sprouting seeds indoors to top off salads or sandwiches or add to muffins provides vitamins and minerals and lets me keep my green thumb busy! Not as tasty as cookies but good for you! I have been sprouting non-gmo alfalfa seeds in a glass jar with a cheesecloth makeshift cover on it; it works great but I want to branch out now to try new varieties of seeds like broccoli, radish, mung beans, lentils, so many choices and all have unique flavors.

Here's a recipe I love especially in the winter months. Soup is warming and easy to put together when you need a quick pick me up. Lentil soup is pretty common, but how about sprouting those lentils first then adding to a veggie stock, (your own or store bought) and spice it all up with a dash of curry powder, grated ginger, and minced garlic. Salt and pepper to taste. Easy to sprout, place 1/2 cup of lentils in 2 cups of warm water. Soak for at least six hours on the counter and they will double in size and sprout. Add a slice of sourdough bread on the side with some hummus and you are set for a hearty meal.

Next on my wish list is a pair of gardening gloves with touchscreen fingertips. Okay now before you think that I spend my day scrolling on my cell phone, let me explain. I often want to grab a quick photo of a weed for i.d. purposes or a bug perhaps for the same reason. Maybe I just want to show off my huge mystery pumpkin to my friends. My cell phone is often kept in my jacket pocket ready to use. BUT, if I have garden gloves on, I have to take them off to use the phone. More often than not, I set the gloves down and they quickly disappear within minutes. Did the dog grab them or did Bigfoot run by and take off with them? Nah, I just misplaced them like the car keys, the dog leash, or the favorite garden spade. If I had special gloves that are not only waterproof but also had those special little fingertips on the thumbs, index finger and middle finger, I could efficiently snap those garden photos and even text to my garden buddies. Wouldn't that just be so kewl? Stop laughing, I can hear you! If Santa doesn't bring



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them, I am going online to order them ASAP!

Last on my list, at least for today, is vented garden cloches. I have been using plastic water jugs with the bottom cut out. These work just fine except when the vegetable I am covering often grows way bigger than a water or milk plastic jug. The plastic cloches offered by the garden supply houses are vented on top to allow hot air to escape, come with rust-proof steel spikes to anchor them into the soil, and are a foot in height and width. That can easily pop over young eggplants, pepper, or tomato plants. Cloches have been used by gardeners for centuries in every country and were traditionally made of clear glass. I can't imagine trying to store 10 or more fragile, glass objects in my garden shed, so plastic works fine for me, thank you! Cloches keep out the bugs and create a warm microclimate inside.

What's on your garden wish list?

(Karen Cohen is an organic gardener, photojournalist, and avid explorer. Send your garden tips, comments and questions to natureswaykaren@gmail.com. Happy Gardening!)

WVSOM to offer free care to public through annual student clinic

The new year brings with it another opportunity for students at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) and members of Lewisburg and surrounding communities to be of service to one another. Through the Student Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) Clinic, free osteopathic evaluations and manipulative treatment will be provided to the public starting Jan. 11.

In addition to improving the health of area residents, the annual clinic serves as an educational experience for WVSOM's second-year medical students, who gain familiarity with providing osteopathic manipulative medicine to patients under physician supervision.

The 2023 clinic will take place on Wednesdays in two four-week sessions. The first session is scheduled for Jan. 11, Jan. 18, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1, while the second session will take place Feb. 15, Feb. 22, March 1 and March 8. For both sessions, appointments are available at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

This is the first year the clinic will be overseen by Pamela deWilde, D.O., an assistant professor in WVSOM's Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice. DeWilde said students are grateful for the chance to practice what they've learned.

"WVSOM is thrilled to again offer community members the opportunity to participate in the Student OMM Clinic," she said. "Students have worked hard during the past two years to hone their skills and train their hands. Year after year, the clinic helps the community and our students."

DeWilde explained that safety precautions taken during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic will remain in effect during the clinic.

"As in previous years, patients will be required to wear face masks during their appointments, and students will wear KN95 masks," she said.

In osteopathic manipulative medicine, hands-on techniques are used to evaluate health, alleviate pain and restore motion through stretching, placing pressure on or otherwise manipulating muscles and joints. Students at WVSOM learn osteopathic techniques in addition to a standard medical curriculum that allows graduates to pursue residencies in any medical specialty.

Sheri Visted, a past participant in the clinic, said she has benefited from being examined and treated by WVSOM students.

"My experience with the program has been very positive. I have seen improvement with my condition, and everyone I have come in contact with has been attentive and professional. I appreciate all the guidance I have received," she said.

The clinic is open only to those who do not have an open workers' compensation, disability or motor vehicle accident claim and are not involved in injury-related litigation. Participants are asked to wear nonrestrictive clothing during their appointments. Patients must have a referral from a primary care physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner prior to scheduling appointments. To register, call 304-647-6286.

Commentary

Statement from Greenbrier County Democratic Executive Committee

During World War II, West Virginians stepped up to help our country fight to protect the world from the evil wrought by the regime of Adolf Hitler. In Greenbrier County alone, 88 of our citizens died, helping rid the world of the man whose mission was to exterminate the Jewish people.

Fast forward eighty years, and the evil head of anti-Semitism is showing itself again, with the rise of the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups, who are sending anti-Semitic messages in communities around our country.

The continued assault on a group of people who lost six million of their own, solely for their religious views, has no place in our culture. We live in a country that celebrates both our diversity and what we have in common. We, as a nation, fought for our own freedom, and enshrined in our Constitution the freedom of religion.

As we approach the holidays and gather with our families, let's all remember the sacrifices and promises made to protect our freedoms as Americans.

Ronceverte City Council

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option through City National Bank for a loan at \$1,100 a month at 6.9 percent interest. The Department will receive their Air-Pacs, but will need assistance in paying the loan should it be secured. The city council voiced their heartfelt desire to help the department secure these funds and work can now begin between the city and the department to find funding sources for the equipment.

On water related business, Mayor Deena Pack informed the council and public that a letter had arrived at city hall dated Nov. 2 declaring that Ronceverte's Community Block Development grant (CDBG) would be receiving \$2,000,000 for Water System Phase #4. The project will replace portions of water distribution systems benefitting 950 existing customers. Mayor Pack said that this money and this project is "a big part of the 'menu' to upgrade our water system." Pipes in that system are both cast iron and concrete-asbestos, dating back to the early 20th century and the mid-70s, respectively. The pipes in question are largely south of the railroad tracks.

The city also updated their abandoned vehicle policy. As of now, the city does have an abandoned vehicle ordinance, but the actual removal of an abandoned vehicle requires police personnel and equipment. The motion before the council would allow city employees with city equipment to remove abandoned vehicles and house them on city property. City Administrator Pam Mentz said that this would "help police focus on crime and criminal activity and not bother them with just moving an abandoned vehicle." Abandoned vehicles would still be subjected to the same set of regulations as before, the process taking several months from an initial report to the actual removal of a vehicle. The city passed this measure.

The City next delegated American Rescue Plan Act funds for the paving of Lewisburg Avenue and further work to the Ronceverte Splash pad. The funds to be split between the projects totals \$60,873.00, with work to the Splash Pad encompassing electric wiring installation and the setting of rebar.

Finally, with heavy hearts, the Ronceverte City Council read a letter of resignation from Councilwoman Kathy King. King, who has moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to family, said in her letter: "Due to my relocation, I regretfully resign my position on the City Council of Ronceverte. I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Ronceverte and assisting in all the various projects and accomplishments we have completed over the past several years. I look forward to visiting and seeing what is currently in progress. Many good things are coming to the town and I wish the best for everyone, sincerely." It was with an equally heavy heart that the members of the council voted to approve her resignation, noting that she and her very incisive questions will be missed.

King's vacant seat must now be filled, and the city is accepting applications for the position until Dec. 29. Those submission letters can be mailed to P.O. Box 417 Ronceverte, WV 24970, or dropped at City Hall. For more information, call 304-647-5455.

The Ronceverte City Council will meet again on Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. in the new City Hall building. The public is encouraged to attend, and to call ahead at the phone number above to confirm time and date as they are subject to change.

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- 1) OPED pieces may contain constructive criticisms, thoughts, or observations, which we publish on an individually approved basis.
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- 3) All letters must be signed by the author and include the city in which they reside.

Please note all submissions are subject to individual editorial approval. Please do not mail or hand-deliver letters, email news@mountainmessenger.com

2023 Shanghai Parade Fact Sheet

1. PARADE ROUTE: Washington Street headed west from Lee Street to Church Street Judges' stand is on Washington Street at City Hall.
2. DATE AND TIME: Sunday January 1st at 2 PM
3. LINE-UP: On Lee Street between the United Methodist Church and WVSOM beginning at 1 PM. Note: Not behind the old Lewisburg Elementary School.
4. PARKING: No on street parking is allowed on the parade route the morning of January 1st. Residents of Lee Street from Washington Street to Greenbrier Road are also requested not to park on Lee Street the morning of January 1st.
5. CATEGORIES AND PRIZES:

TYPE	1st PRIZE	2nd PRIZE	3rd PRIZE
Animals other than equine (drawn, ridden, led)	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Antique Cars/Classic Vehicles	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Equestrian - equines drawn, ridden, or led	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Best Dressed Farm Equipment	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Float	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Music (singles or groups)	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Walker (1 or 2 in the entry)	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Walker (3 or more in the entry)	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
6. SPECIAL PRIZES: (All Entries are Eligible for Any of These)
 - A. Joe Ellis Memorial Tradition Award (for the entry which best depicts the history and traditions of the area) - \$100.00
 - B. Mary Satterfield Spirit of Shanghai Award - \$100.00
 - C. Chairman's Award - \$100.00
 - D. Jim Wills Memorial Award - \$100.00 (he loved this parade!)
7. WALKERS: Each entrant in a walker category receives \$2.00.
8. NOTE: ** All persons or groups must advise parade line-up officials of the category in which they are entering.
9. There is no pre-registration for the parade - be at line-up at 1 PM
10. Candy may be passed out by hand - please do not throw it!
11. No sirens please.
12. Prizes will be given out in front of City Hall immediately after the parade. If not picked up your prize will be available at City Hall only until January 31st.

OBITUARIES

Richard James Heikkinen August 21, 1948 - October 7, 2022



Lewisburg-Richard James Heikkinen, 74, died Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, at Greenbrier Hospital.

There will be no visitation as he was cremated and will be laid to rest Apr. 7, 2023, at 10 a.m. in Sanford VA Cemetery in Maine.

Richard James Heikkinen was born Aug. 21, 1948 at Lewiston, ME, to Walter and Pauline (Buck) Heikkinen.

The family lived at South Paris, ME. He went to Lincoln County School then on to Grammer School and graduated from Oxford Hills High School. During High School he worked at the Paris Hill golf course. After graduation he went to New Brunswick (Canada) Bible Institute. Before he could be drafted, he joined the Air Force from 1968 to 1972. He completed basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas and became an aircraft maintenance specialist. He went to Vietnam in 1969. He received an honorable discharge in February 1972.

He married Debra Burress on Mar. 5, 1972, in Red Cloud, NE. The couple made their home in Maine near his father and mother. Richard was working as a boiler man at a local Tannery in South Paris. Together they had three children, a son, Michael Heikkinen 1972, a daughter, Michelle Heikkinen 1973, and son, Matthew Heikkinen in 1976. They divorced in 1978.

Richard married a childhood friend, Sandra Colby on Jan. 5, 1979, in South Paris, ME. He worked as a class 3 non-nuclear boiler plant operator at LaValleys Lumber Co. and full time at Province Lake Country Club golf course. While living in West New Field, ME, he helped build Pastor Jack Daniels house. Together they had two sons, Peter Heikkinen 1979 and Samuel Heikkinen 1985. They later moved to Florida in 1996 and he worked on three different Golf Courses in Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach Florida. He was assistant golf course superintendent. He was educated in turf management and a certified chemical spray technician. After his wife's passing in 2012, he retired and went to help a friend build a house in West Virginia.

Richard loved to hunt and fish. He was also a great photographer and took many pictures of his kids, grandkids, and of nature.

He is survived by five children, Michael (Carrie) Heikkinen of Lawrence, NE, Michelle Heikkinen of Hastings, NE, Matthew (Denise) Heikkinen of Gibbon, NE, Peter (Crystal) Heikkinen of York, PA, and Samuel (Marissa Cox) Heikkinen of Augusta, ME; 12 grandchildren, Austin Heikkinen, Wyatt, Lane, Aleah, and Cooper Heikkinen, Kolby, Keaton and Kamryn Heikkinen, Elaina and Lydia Heikkinen, Isabella and Carter

Heikkinen; his mother, Pauline Heikkinen; his sisters, Jane Heikkinen and Melissa Blevins, and brother, Wayne Heikkinen; and a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

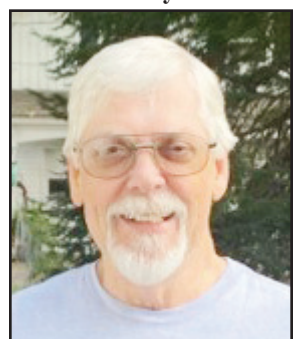
He was preceded in death by his father Walter Heikkinen, and his wife Sandra Heikkinen.

Memorials in lieu of flowers will be decided on at a later date. Please send to:

The Heikkinen Family
26 Moody Brook Rd
South Paris, ME
04281-6210

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

Donald Ray Moran



White Sulphur Springs -Donald Ray Moran, known by his family and friends as "Duck," passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022. At his side and holding his hands were Shannon, his loyal wife of 42 years, devoted daughter Meghan, and brother-in-law, Steve O'Neil, who provided constant and loving support for the family.

Duck was the son of Ruby Howard Moran and the late Jabie Moran of White Sulphur Springs.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Allen (Sharon).

Duck is survived by his brothers, James "Butch" Moran (companion Valerie Sabbag) of White Sulphur Springs, Joseph Moran (Karen) of Arnold, MD, and Martin (Moe) Moran (Becky) of Callaghan, VA; sister, Martha Denton (Steve) of Marietta, OH, brother-in-law, Steve O'Neil (Elizabeth) of White Sulphur Springs; and many nieces and nephews.

Duck retired from the Kroger Company after 35 years of service. While working there, he enjoyed interacting with customers and formed long-lasting and meaningful relationships with many co-workers.

Always remembered as a kind and generous man, Duck was dedicated to his family and was always willing to help those in need. His kindness extended to the animals he loved, especially the wild ducks, squirrels, birds, and deer which he fed daily. Love for family and caring for people and animals was his heart.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Greenbrier Humane Society in Lewisburg, WV, or the charity of your choice.

A Requiem Mass was held on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs. There was a reception following the service where the family met with friends.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is serving the family. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

Elizabeth Christine Lackey Smith



Alderson-Elizabeth Christine Lackey Smith, 92, went home to be with the Lord, with her children by her side on Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Fairlea, WV.

Born Apr. 1, 1930, in Marfrance, WV, she was the daughter of the late John and Cora Mae Ford Lackey.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Zephia A. Williams; six children; and 15 brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and attended Alderson Schools. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in White Sulphur Springs and attended the Henning Church of God on Vago Road, Frankford. Her passion was sewing and reading, only "clean" books and she loved to sing. Mrs. Smith never met a stranger and will always be remembered for how she loved the Lord and everyone she met.

Survivors include four daughters, Libby Fox of Hinton, Debbie McNelly and husband Roger, of North Dakota, Donna Simms and husband Rick of Alderson, and Patty Jones and husband Frank of Alderson; a special niece she considered a daughter, Carolyn Dean of Marlinton; 17 grandchildren; 71 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Lobban Funeral Home Chapel in Alderson where Pastor Robert Hefner and Frank Watkins officiated. Burial followed in the Clayton Baptist Cemetery, Clayton, WV.

Friends called on Tuesday at the funeral home before the service.

Serving as pallbearers were Tristen Hopkins, Dylan Hopkins, Adam Merritt, Gage Richmond, Kevin Richmond, and Joseph McNelly. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Jayden Dhamers, Chase Dhamers, Chevy Dhamers, and Jordan Smith.

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

Alton Edwin Massie



White Sulphur Springs -Alton Edwin Massie, 81, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, at the Peyton Hospice House.

Born May 16, 1941, in Ronceverte, he was the son of the late Layton Simpson Massie and Margaret Pearl Dilley Massie.

Alton was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, and

swimming. He always looked forward to deer hunting with his children and grandchildren every season. He also looked forward to ramp season. Alton had a strong love for animals, especially horses. He was always up for blazing a new horse trail. He also competed in barrel racing, pole bending and the trail class. While on a trail ride, he would often come across and pick up rattlesnakes, which he made hatsnakes and belts from. He learned the tanning trade from The Tannery in Durbin, WV. He was a skilled carpenter, painter and master electric and welder. He took passion in all that he did, including loving and cherishing his family. He always put God in the forefront of anything he would do. Alton never knew a stranger and always had a joke and story to go with every occasion. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, John Edward Massie; wife, Cathy Pusey Massie; and brothers, James (Wanda) Massie and Charles (Betty) Massie.

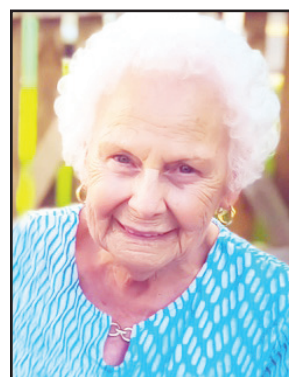
Survivors include his daughters, Ellie Massie (Moe Rapp) of Auto, Thelma Massie (Ray Feamster) of Frankford, and Lorraine Sharp (Larry) of Marlinton; stepdaughter, Tammy Evans (Michael) of Monroe County; his longtime companion, Vernie Alexander; his former spouse and mother of his children, Alice Coff of Frankford; brothers, Billie Massie (Shirley) of Lewisburg, and Ronnie Massie of Florida; grandchildren, Trevor Wilson and Savana Sharp; step-grandchildren, Hunter Feidner (Dan) of Lewisburg, Devon Cline (Ethan) of Lewisburg, and Logan Rapp of Auto; step-great-grandchildren, Bella and Atlas Feidner and Basil Cline.

A graveside service was on Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Beaver Brook Farm Cemetery, Williamsburg Road, Frankford where Pastor Robert Hefner, and Pastor Gene Sizemore officiated.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net.

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Nina Jean Brant



Nina Jean Brant, loving mother and sister, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, one day after turning 93.

Jean was born in Frankford and moved to Frederick, MD, after the death of her husband Marshall in 2012.

Jean is survived by her son, Robert Vincent (Laura) of Kearneysville, WV,

and daughters, Donna of Frederick, MD and Debra of Martinsburg, WV. She was grandmother of five grandchildren and great-grandmother of nine. She also leaves brother, Lackey (Phyllis) of Newport News, VA; sister, Carol Nipper of Salem, VA; and sister-in-law, Audra Tye of Lancaster, TX.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Alec Walter Viers and Marjorie (Persinger) Viers of Frankford; sisters, Virginia Fuller, Mary Ruth Dudley, and Ann Wykle; and brother, Paul Viers.

A private family funeral was held on Dec. 20 with burial in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

William Anthony Baxter, Jr.



Mr. William Anthony "Mo-Mo" Baxter, Jr., 75, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. at the Peyton Hospice House with family members by his side.

He was born May 6, 1947, in Caldwell, the son of the late William Anthony Baxter, Sr. and Blanche Louise Williamson Baxter.

William was educated in the Greenbrier County Public School system and graduated from Lewisburg High School in 1968. He later attended vocational technical school in Louisville, KY, after which he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1969 and after serving four years in United States Air Force, he returned home and sought gainful employment and was hired as an employee of the Hanover Shoe Factory in White Sulphur Springs for seven years.

William then became an employee of The Greenbrier Hotel and after 35 years of loyal service retired as a Lieutenant with Security in 2015.

William accepted Christ and united with Mount Tabor Baptist Church in Lewisburg. He later attended John Wesley United Methodist Church in Lewisburg and served on the Usher Board and the Pastor Parish Relations Committee. He was a 3rd Degree Master Mason at King Harem Lodge Number 7 Lewisburg and he was 33rd Degree Shriner in Beckley.

William had a Private Investigators License and was known as a jokester by those who knew and loved him. He was the head coach of his son's midget league football team. William was a quiet, humble and tender-hearted man, his family meant the world to him.

William is survived by his lovely wife of 53 years, Rose; son, William "Willie" of Lewisburg, WV; two brothers, Larry (Linda) Baxter and Richard Baxter of Lewisburg, WV; five sisters, Wanda (Don) Adams of White Sulphur Springs, WV, Freda (Donald) Triplett of Lewisburg, WV. Carol (Walter) Patterson of White Sulphur Springs, WV, Joyce McCormick and Deatria (Steve) Miller of Lewisburg, WV; one grandson, Marcus Breckenridge of Gap Mills, WV; nieces, nephews, cousins, special friends, Willie Boggs, Steve Williams and Harry Luther.

The family wishes to acknowledge the excellent medical care provided to William by the medical team at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center (CAMC), Greenbrier Health Care Center, the Home Based Primary Care Team with the Beckley VAMC, Home Care Plus, Peyton Hospice House and special thanks to his caregiver, Brenda McMillion.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Dec. 27, at the Lewisburg Baptist Church, 246 Grand Avenue, Lewisburg. Interment will follow in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens, Ronceverte.

Friends, while wearing masks and observing social distancing, may view and visit with the family one hour prior to the service.

Email condolences to ritchiejohnsonfuneralparlor@gmail.com

Arrangements entrusted to Ritchie & Johnson Funeral Parlor, Beckley.

Dr. Herbert Lee Pope, Sr.



Lewisburg-Dr. Herbert Lee Pope, Sr., 91, passed away Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

He was born in Memphis, TN, June 27, 1931, to Jessie B. Goswick and Paul Pope, Sr.

He was raised in Memphis and received most of his education there. Herbert graduated from Christian Brothers High School for Boys where he was an outstanding baseball player playing on four state championship teams. He was selected the best shortstop in Memphis his sophomore year.

Dr. Pope earned a B.S. degree with honors from Memphis State College (now the University of Memphis) with a combined major in chemistry and physics. He played varsity baseball two years at Memphis State.

Herbert graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in 1959 with an M.D. degree.

Following medical school, Dr. Pope did a

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Help Wanted:

Your Choice Home Care in Crawley (Greenbrier Co) is hiring a full time **Registered Nurse** to work with In Home Care Programs such as the Aged and Disabled Waiver Program, Personal Care Program and Veterans Services. These programs provide services to assist members with the ability to remain in their homes. Our agency provides caregivers to assist with member personal care and light housekeeping duties. The Waiver program also provides transportation assistance for grocery shopping, pharmacy and medical appointments. Your Choice is seeking a highly self-motivated Registered Nurse who would like to join our team. Requirements of the position include multi county travel to members' homes to conduct initial, 6 month and annual assessments with Case Managers, development and review of Personal Attendant Logs, assist with Training and other administrative duties required by the programs. Benefits include a flexible work environment, Monday-Friday 8-4 flexible schedule, Laptop provided, Paid time off, Holiday Pay, Travel Reimbursement and a Competitive Salary. For more information, please contact Lori Walker at 304-644-8303 or email a resume to lwalker@mtstatehomehealth.com.

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3. Tender; 4. Askew

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady, Dove bar soap comes in a cardboard box that is highly scented. Can this box be recycled with cardboard?

Like Scented Packaging Dear Likes Scented Packaging,

Yes, the scented box can be recycled with cardboard. Interestingly, Dove has committed to packaging their cosmetic soap bars in paper boxes that are free of plastic, according to Globalrecycle.net. They are also making progress on creating their bottles from 100% post-consumer recycled plastic. Eco-friendly soap packaging boxes are also now becoming available as is the practice of using less packaging. Thankfully, more manufacturers and businesses are working toward the development, and use, of zero-plastic materials.

Dear Recycle Lady,

A couple weeks ago you stated that aluminum pans can be used in the microwave. What about aluminum foil? Can it be used in a microwave?

Surprised Dear Surprised,

As with putting aluminum pans in the microwave, there are two schools of thought on putting aluminum foil in the microwave. Some say yes, there are ways to do use it safely and others say no, as there is a danger of sparks or fire. I put a sheet of aluminum foil on the glass turntable and there were no sparks. I also placed a piece of aluminum foil on top of a glass bowl and that was also ok. One word of caution. Be careful that the aluminum foil is on a glass or ceramic turntable and that the foil does not touch the sides of the microwave. Never put food wrapped in aluminum foil in the microwave as the food will not heat as it will be unable to absorb the microwaves and it may cause sparks. Small pieces of foil can be used as shields to prevent overcooking of food, such as wings or drumsticks on poultry. You may have seen some foil-wrapped packaged foods that is

safe to put in the microwave. Be sure to read the manufacturer's directions before you begin.

A microwave heats foods from the top, so it is recommended that only food that is less than two inches thick be heated in a microwave. This recommendation is like the recommendation that aluminum pans put in the microwave should be less than 1.5 to 2 inches high. Also, be sure you are watching when you first start the microwave. If you notice sparks quickly open the door. The argument against put aluminum foil in the microwave, according to upgradedhome.com, is that a thin piece of aluminum foil can get hot very quickly and even light on fire. The food itself also could ignite and burn. They caution that, if you must put aluminum foil in the microwave, watch it carefully so you can open the door immediately if you see sparks flying or smell burning.

Interesting Information: Scruff, the recycling border collie, has collected thousands of plastic bottles on his daily walks, and his community loves him for it! This clever 13-year-old is bringing attention to the problem of plastic pollution in a unique way. (fto.com)

Dear Readers,

The Greenbrier Recycling Center, Greenworks, and I send you best wishes and much joy for this holiday season. We greatly appreciate all your questions, comments and encouragement. Please keep them coming in 2023.

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.



A Look Back

By William "Skip" Deegans

Award-winning actor and former resident of Lewisburg and Gap Mills, Stuart Margolin, died in Staunton, Virginia on Dec. 12 after a long and gallant battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in Davenport, Iowa in 1940 and raised in Dallas. He experienced a troubled youth and ended up in juvenile court (Years later, his parole officer, Patricia Dunne, would become his wife). He moved in with his older brother and actor, Arnold Margolin, who lived in New York City where he returned to school. His brother encouraged Margolin to attend a summer acting camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. A connection he made there with one of the teachers led to a job as an actor at the Pasadena Playhouse in California and the beginning of his career.

Margolin is best known for his role as Angel in the long-running TV series, The Rockford Files. For that role he won two Emmy awards. He appeared in numerous other TV shows including M.A.S.H., The Mary Tyler Moore Show, Magnum P.I., and Hill Street Blues. As a director, his credits include Magnum P.I., Quantum Leap, Wonder Woman, Touched by an Angel, The Love Boat, and Northern Exposure. In 1987, he shared an Emmy with Ted Bessel for directing The Tracy Ullman Show. In 1997, he won for best director of a family film by the Director's Guild for his feature film Salt Water Moose.

His most recent projects include directing the films



Home and What The Night Can Do that was filmed in the Greenbrier Valley. Locally, Margolin appeared in three plays at the Greenbrier Valley Theatre. He and his brother, Arnold, starred in Laughter on the 23rd Floor in 2015. The next year he appeared with Gretchen Corbett, a co-star in The Rockford Files, in On Golden Pond. His final performance was in Ibsen's Enemy of the People in 2018.

Margolin learned to play golf as a boy in Dallas and was good enough to have been offered college scholarships. The proximity to The Greenbrier's golf courses played an important role in drawing him and his wife to Monroe and Greenbrier Counties. He moved to Staunton to be close to the University of Virginia Medical Center. In addition to his wife, Pat, Margolin is survived by three step-children.

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Sources: Greenbrier Quarterly, New York Times, Hollywood Reporter.

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

EMT-B class planned at New River Community and Technical College

New River Community and Technical College is offering an EMT-B class starting in January to help students pursue a career in the emergency medical services field.

Earning an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) certification allows someone to provide emergency responder care, including basic lifesaving care and first aid. EMT-B lab classes are scheduled from 5 to 10 p.m. in Ghent on Tuesdays, in Summersville on Fridays and in Lewisburg on Saturdays starting the week of Jan. 16, 2023.

New River CTC's EMT-B class is approved for tuition assistance funding through Workforce West Virgin-

ia's WIOA program and Workforce HEAPS.

Students interested in continuing their education after earning the EMT-B certification will be prepared to continue their education in New River CTC's Certificate of Applied Science in Paramedic and test for the National Registry Paramedic Certification by completing one additional semester at the college.

Advance registration is required for the course by Jan. 6, 2023. For more information

on workforce education offerings at New River CTC or to register, visit https://www.newriver.edu/workforce/ or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, gkincaid@newriver.edu).

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WVDEP/Environmental Enforcement, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304, (304) 926-0470 or by accessing WV Department of Environmental Protection's website at http://www.dep.wv.gov/pio/Pages/Settlements,Ordersouttopublicnotice.aspx

Movies at WSS Library

The White Sulphur Springs Public Library will be showing PG/ PG-13 rated movies starting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27, Wednesday, Dec. 28, and Thursday, Dec. 29.

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ACROSS

- 1 Serengeti trek
7 Freeway exit
14 Calm assurance
20 Neighbor of Saturn
21 Sun porches
22 Deli machine
23 Aficionado of air ducts?
25 Capital of Cuba
26 Jean jacket material
27 Email chuckle
28 Soccer player Hamm
30 Citrus peels in recipes
31 "House" actor
34 Aficionado of wild, irrational talk?
37 Contributor
38 — spell over
40 State of fury
41 Fly with no co-pilot
42 Thus
43 Hail — (yell "Taxi!")
45 Las Vegas-to-Denver dir.
47 Ending for Japan
49 Aficionado of bellies?
52 Aficionado of sweet fillings?

- 58 Pet-rescuing org.
59 Walked very stealthily
62 San — (California county or city)
63 CIA missions, e.g.
66 Give the boot
68 River of Paris
69 Louisianans of French descent
70 Café au — (light brown)
72 Aficionado of confidential matters?
75 Shapes of parentheses
76 Member of a ruling family
78 Sank, as a putt
79 Writer Wiesel
81 Once surname
82 Cuban-born writer Calvino
83 Downgraded
85 Ward with Emmys
87 Aficionado of wickedness?
89 Aficionado of apartment managers?

- 94 "Taking Woodstock" director Lee
95 NFL stats
98 Loch —
99 Jethro — (rock group)
100 Do pool laps
104 Sir, to Brits
106 All mixed up
108 High-quality black tea
109 Aficionado of Mauna Loa snacks?
112 Set free
115 Fetus holders
116 Be mistaken
117 "— culpa"
119 "Going Rogue" author Sarah
120 Sends in
122 Aficionado of customs officials?
127 Painting on plaster
128 Made even
129 Rocky's last name in "Rocky"
130 Electronic keyboards, for short
131 Escape artists, say
132 Like finger paintings

DOWN

- 1 Chevy Equinox, e.g.
2 "Rules — rules!"
3 Spanish dance in triple time
4 Lobbies
5 That which destroys
6 Long Island airport town
7 Opposite of west, in Germany
8 Chocolate kiss wrapper
9 Elevator stops
10 Went longer than expected
11 Dog noise
12 Florida's "Magic City"
13 Grilled Italian sandwiches
14 Silvery-gray
15 Town square
16 Energizes
17 Congress' Alexandria — Cortez
18 Cerebral
19 "Donnie —" (1997 Johnny Depp film)
24 Current unit
29 Assented
31 Laudatory poems

- 32 Funny Sahl
33 Wound cover
35 U-Haul rental
36 Tableland
39 Be up against
43 Confront
44 Rush after
46 Cut-rate, in brand names
48 "Easy A" star Stone
50 Likely
51 Model Bündchen
53 Actor Christopher
54 Mexican peninsula
55 Road reversal
56 Trespassing deterrent
57 Dancer Bob
60 Flying Pan
61 Spanish squiggles
63 Vintage tune
64 Premium channels
65 Mideastern peninsula
67 "Dancer —"
69 "Hear ye!" yellers
71 Like most NBA players
73 Boisterous
74 "That's somebody — problem"
77 Couch
80 Pixie

- 83 Pea or lentil
84 Sandy hill vessel
86 Tiny blood vessel
88 Actress Swenson
90 Ring out
91 Big pet food brand
92 Mucho
93 Painter Paul
96 Aykroyd of "Soul Man"
97 Up a tree
100 Blue toons of the 1980s
101 Aqueous
102 Deliverers of frozen blocks
103 The Red Foxes' college
105 Macho
107 TV sleuth Remington
108 "The Taking of — 123" (2009 thriller)
110 Last- — effort
111 Brand of cellulose fiber
113 NYSE debut
114 Fish piercers
118 Big PC brand
121 "Rescue us!"
123 "Law & Order: —"
124 NFL stats
125 Neither hide — hair
126 Week division

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers in various 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.

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- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Church Bulletin

Christmas Eve, Day Catholic Mass schedule announced for Greenbrier area churches

The Christmas Eve and day Mass schedule for the Catholic churches of the Greenbrier Valley have been announced by the Greenbrier Valley Council of the Knights of Columbus including the traditional Midnight Mass which begins at 12:01 a.m. Christmas Day at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on US 60 West, across from The Greenbrier Hotel Clinic, in White Sulphur Springs.

Earlier on Christmas Eve, there will be a Christmas Mass at St. Charles Borromeo with music provided by the church choir at 5 p.m.

At 7 p.m., Christmas Mass will be celebrated at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church at the intersection of WV 63 West and Walnut Street in Ronceverte with

music provided by the "Hymns and Hers," the well known choir of St. Catherine of Siena.

On Christmas Day, in addition to Midnight Mass, Masses will be celebrated at 9 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo; at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena; and 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rainelle

In Pocahontas County, Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at St. Mark, the Evangelist, Catholic Church in Bartow at 5 p.m. and at 9 p.m. at St. Bernard's Catholic Church on top of Snowshoe Mountain.

On Christmas Day, Christmas Mass will be celebrated at St. John Neuman Catholic Church at the intersection of WV 39 and Court St. in Marlinton at 10 a.m.

The public is invited to join the Catholics of the Greenbrier Valley in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ on his birthday observance - celebration day.

Burdette.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Norma Jean Pope, and by his children, Dr. Herbert L. Pope, Jr. and wife, Lisa, Donna Louise Pope Kennedy Quaidy and husband, Greg, and Raymond Paul Pope and wife, Marla. He is also survived by his stepson, James "Bo" Burdette, and grandchildren, Matthew Lyle Kennedy, Nicholas Mullin Pope, and Hannah Leeanne Pope.

As per his wishes, a memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced.

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

Susan Grant Collins Harbin



Susan Grant Collins Harbin passed on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022.

She was born in Rainelle on Feb. 17, 1941, and was the daughter of the late George Grant Collins and Susie Vail Collins.

Susan attended Rainelle Elementary and High School and graduated from Milford High School in Connecticut. She continued her education, graduating from West Virginia Institute of Technology and West Virginia University. Susan loved music and was an accomplished pianist.

Susan taught music in Greenbrier County schools as well as in Goose Creek, SC; Newnan, GA; and at Hainerberg Elementary on the Wiesbaden Military Base in Wiesbaden, Germany. She also sang in the Atlanta Choral Society.

Susan was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Advent Lutheran Church in LaGrange, GA, which she enjoyed attending as long as her health permitted. She was married to the late Joseph Frith Harbin, an Air Force veteran.

She is survived by her brother, George E.P. (Tink) Collins, III of Greeneville, TN; cousins, Daniel Moger, Jr. and Marilyn Moger May of Milford, CT; Deborah Weissman of Jaffery, NH; Carolyn Minnette of Saline, MI; Nancy Scott of Columbus, IN; Cristina Kerekes of Pittsford, NY; Carlos Suarez of Virginia Beach, VA; Mary Lou Speas Ward of Pullman, WA; James Speas of Dublin, OH; and Teresa Vail Cassady of Rockfield, KY; several nieces and nephews; and the children of her late husband.

Burial will be in Fort Mitchell National Cemetery, Fort Mitchell, AL.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory should be made to the Advent Lutheran Church, 1416 Vernon Road, LaGrange, GA 30240.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff of LaGrange Health and Re-

habilitation in LaGrange, GA, Wellstar West Georgia Hospice, Gentiva Hospice, and church members for their care and support.

Striffler Hamby Mortuary of LaGrange handled arrangements.

Judith Kay Ballengee

Morgantown-Judith Kay Ballengee, 81, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, in Morgantown.

Judy was born Apr. 6, 1941, in Ronceverte, the daughter of the late Lawrence E. and Frances Littlepage Ballengee.

While growing up in Ronceverte she attended Ronceverte Baptist Church. After graduating Ronceverte High School, she graduated from WVU with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism. Her career landed her in Washington, DC, working with the Appalachian Regional Commission; then as Vice President of Industrial Relations with the Learning Channel; and then finally back to Morgantown retiring as a writer for the Dominion Post.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her brother, Randy Ballengee and nephew, Chris Ballengee.

Surviving are her sister, Rose Ann Ballengee of Columbus, OH; sister-in-law, Susie Ballengee of Wilmington, NC; and nephew, Joe (Richelle) Ballengee of Bethlehem, PA.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Riverview Cemetery in Ronceverte where Pastor Scott Kapple officiated.

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

Dorothy Ann Lockridge



White Sulphur Springs -Dorothy Ann Lockridge, 95, passed away on Monday, Dec. 19, 2022, at Greenbrier Health Care Center in Lewisburg.

She was born Jan. 14, 1927, in White Sulphur Springs, and the daughter of the late George W. and Hattie Corron Bowyer.

Dorothy retired from the housekeeping department of The Greenbrier Hotel.

She is survived by sons, Roy Ryan (Peggy), Chris Lockridge and Larry Harless (Kathy); daughters, Susan Snodgrass (David), Frieda Dillon (Dexter) and Jean Lietz; grandchildren, David Ryan, Kimberly Ruby and numerous other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Per Dorothy's wishes, she will be cremated and no services are planned.

The family would like to thank Greenbrier Health Care for their love, support and care of Dorothy while she was a resident.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is serving the family. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

MRV Rotary Club raises funds for local programs



Rotary Club fundraising dinner at the Marvel Center in Rupert

Last month the Meadow River Valley Rotary Club held a fundraising dinner at the Meadow River Valley Early Childhood Learning (Marvel) Center cafeteria. Hors d'oeuvres and dinner were prepared by the Greenbrier West Culinary Arts Program, with Fruits of Labor providing an additional dessert.

The dinner raised \$2,448.15 from ticket sales and program ads. The club donated \$678.50

to the Marvel Center to support its early childhood development work and \$723.50 to the Greenbrier West Culinary Program, which prepares local high school students for a career in the culinary industry.

The remaining \$1,051.65 will be used by the Rotary Club to help fund a Vocational Education Scholarship at New River Community and Technical College. This scholarship will go

to a student residing in the Meadow River Valley who has demonstrated a commitment to completing their training for certification or licensure in a vocational field. The student must be in the second year of a 2-year program or the second semester of a one-year program. The scholarship can be used at any New River Community and Technical College campus or training center. More information to come.

Emma B. Alderson Scholarships awarded



Alderson's Women's Club President Betty Thomas (left), Trinity Martin, Kailee Short, and Kayla Terry

The Alderson Women's Club met on Tuesday, Dec. 6, for their monthly meeting. A covered dish dinner was enjoyed by members and their guests.

A presentation of the annual Emma B. Alderson Scholarship Awards was given to three very deserving students. Each of the ladies selected are current students of Greenbrier East High School and previous students of Alderson Elementary School. Congratulations to Trinity Martin of Alderson, Kailee Short of Asbury, and Kayla Terry of Ft. Springs.

Yum, Yum Christmas Fun! at CEOS meeting

Yuletide memories and good food was shared by members of the Williamsburg CEOS Club at the Dutch Haus in Lewisburg for their December Club meeting.

Those attending were Loretta Shirley, Blanche Knicely, Shela McComsey, Laura Rose, LauraAnn Tiller, Burl and Patty Post, and Laura and Jerry Sevy.

Although Virginia Hanna was unable to attend this gathering the club did recognize her for her 75th year of membership and service in the Williamsburg CEOS Club. Weather permitting, the club will meet on Jan. 9. Happy New Year!



Williamsburg CEOS at Dutch Haus: Seated: Laura Rose (left), Blanche Knicely, and Loretta Shirley; standing: LauraAnn Tiller (left), Burl Post, Cassandra Perkins, Shela McComsey, and Patty Post.

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Dr. Herbert Lee Pope, Sr. continued

medical internship under the auspices of the United States Navy in New York City. Next came two years in charge of the dispensary at Atlantic Fleet & Supreme Allied Command Headquarters in Norfolk, VA. He then returned to New York to complete a radiology residency. The next four years Herbert served as radiologist at the Naval Hospital, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC, during the peak Vietnam war years. He resigned in 1969 with the rank of Commander (Medical Corps), United States Navy.

Returning to civilian life, Dr. Pope was radiologist for the next 28 years at The Greenbrier Clinic in The Greenbrier Hotel Resort in White Sulphur Springs. He was certified by the American Board of Radiology, and was a member of a number of medical organizations including the Greenbrier County and WV state medical societies, the AMA, the Radiological Society of North America, the American Roentgen Ray Society and the Society of Breast Imaging. He retired from The Greenbrier Clinic in 1997.

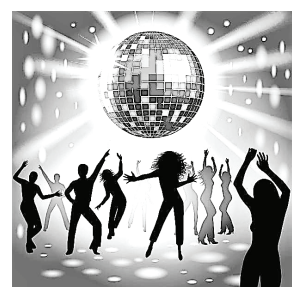
He married Norma Jean Glazzard Burdette of White Sulphur Springs. Retirement years for Norma Jean and Herbert were spent traveling and managing their rental properties. Their favorite vacation venue was the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where for many years they hosted family and friends. In 2011, at the age of 80, Dr. Pope obtained a WV real estate license and was associated with Coldwell Banker, Stuart & Watts Real Estate. He loved photography - especially candid shots - and had many thousands of his pictures stored on his laptop computer. Still in excellent health at 82, following appropriate training, Herbert became certified in hypnotherapy, specializing in weight management, and joined his wife in her hypnotherapy practice.

Herbert was conservative in both thought and deed, and considered himself spiritual rather than religious. Both he and Norma were life members of the Association for Research and Enlightenment at the Edgar Cayce Center in Virginia Beach, VA. Norma and Herbert were a perfect match remaining close and best friends throughout their marriage.

Herbert was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Paul Pope, Jr.; and a stepson, Travis Ray

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Disco '23 at the Lewis Theatre



The dance floor is open! Dance the night away at the Lewis Theatre with disco music from the 70's. On Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m., Trillium Performing Arts will be hosting a pre-New Year's dance party for the whole family. Come in your bell bottoms, mini skirt, leisuresuit, or any party clothes you like for a great time! (Please do not wear high heels on the stage floor.)

Music will be provided by DJ Caleb Zopp. The playlist will include classic and new disco tracks.

Cover charge is \$10 for adults, \$5 for student, and children aged 6 and under are free. Cash wine and beer bar, plus sodas and water, is also available. Proceeds go to support Trillium Performing Arts programs including free school shows and dance school scholarships.

Christmas at the Fair postponed due to weather

Due to expected dangerous weather conditions and temperatures, the State Fair of West Virginia has postponed the final two days of Christmas at the Fair to Dec. 30 and 31.

"As disappointed as we are, we felt it was too dangerous to have folks travelling to Christmas at the Fair and to have our staff outside in these conditions," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "Safety will always come first, but we hope that by extending this event to next weekend, more people have an opportunity to visit."

Several events, including carriage rides through downtown Lewisburg, have also been rescheduled for Dec.

30-31. Please continue to monitor the State Fair of West Virginia's Facebook page for the most up to date announcements.

Christmas at the Fair is available to the public for donations only and begins at the livestock gate on 219 North just past the horse barns. Patrons are asked to follow traffic patterns and turn off headlights when driving through the show. Mobile donations are accepted via Paypal at <https://bit.ly/3oj0sMi>.

Major sponsors for this event include Lost World Caverns, United Sound and Equipment, Leslie Equipment, Safe and Sound Security Systems, Greenbrier Physicians, Martin and Jones, Red Oaks Shopping Cen-

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For more information and a full calendar of events, please visit www.statefairfww.com/christmas-at-the-fair. Follow the State Fair of West Virginia on Facebook @statefairfww, Instagram @statefairfwwestvirginia, TikTok @statefairfww, and Twitter @SFVW. #ChristmasAtTheFair #SFVW



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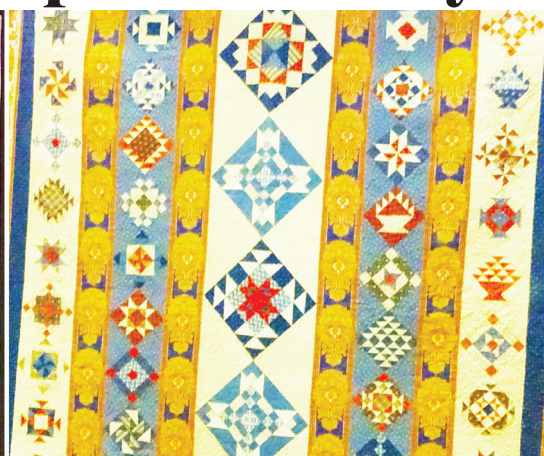
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Art by Kathy Talley (left), Trish Tuckwiller, and the Alderson Quilt Guild

Carnegie Hall's Winter Exhibits open Friday, Jan. 6, 2023. Carnegie Hall features three rotating galleries, which display the works of regional artists. The upcoming exhibits feature works by artists Trish Tuckwiller (Old Stone Room), Kathy Talley (Lobby Gallery), and the Alderson Quilt Guild (Museum Gallery). There will be opening receptions on Friday, Jan. 6, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Old Stone Room, located on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall, will feature works by Trish Tuckwiller. Tuckwiller is a mixed media acrylic artist that is truly inspired by nature and her surroundings. She has over

40 years' experience with textiles/mixed media and continues to improve her skills through self-study of various techniques and classes.

Lewisburg artist Kathy Talley will exhibit her works in the Auditorium Lobby Gallery. Talley is a basket weaver and former home economics instructor for public schools. When not teaching a basket class at Carnegie Hall she visits classrooms in Greenbrier County to teach students about making baskets from scratch by starting with a whole tree.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the Alderson Quilt Guild will be featured in the Museum Gallery (adja-

cent to the Hamilton Auditorium). The group currently has 32 members representing Greenbrier, Monroe, and Summers Counties, who work on numerous projects throughout the year.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Lobby and Museum Galleries will run through March 31. The Old Stone Room Gallery will run through February to make room for the annual Creative Youth Exhibit in March. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Alderson Decorating Contest winners



Alderson Artisan's Gallery - Small business winner

One of the best and worst jobs of the Christmas season is to be a judge of the Home and Business Decorating Contest sponsored by Alderson Main Street. The judges (who prefer to remain anonymous) say that it is such a pleasure to drive around and view the wonderful creative decorating and such a hard job to decide on the winners. Alderson Main Street thanks everyone who participated.

This year, the judges would also like to recognize two areas for special commendation. On the Monroe side, the sec-

tion of Railroad Avenue with the old bank and the Wigglesworth Building - Main Street Apartments, Alderson Medical Center, Christ Our Saviour of the Valley Lutheran Church, and Fritz's Pharmacy are particularly festive when viewed as a whole. On the Greenbrier side, three adjacent residences on Riverview Avenue between Washington Street and Virginia Street stand out with their wonderful decorations.

The winners in each category are as follows:

Best Nativity: James and Anita Falls - 1st place,

Theresa and Gordon Massie - Honorable Mention

Old Fashioned Christmas: LisaMarie Cropper - 1st place, Amy and Brandon Catron - Honorable Mention, Jennifer and Jeremy Dorsey - Honorable Mention

Children's Fantasy: Rebecca and Robert Hambrick - 1st place, Hollie Howard - Honorable Mention, Stephanie Morgan and Jeremy Rickard - Honorable Mention

Spirit of Christmas: Joyce Mott and Phil Mershon - 1st place, Amanda and Billy Thomas - Hon-

orable Mention, Julie and Anthony Hedrick - Honorable Mention

Gem of the Hills: Jeri and David Martin - 1st place, Donna and Rick Sims - Honorable Mention, Karen Lobban - Honorable Mention

Festival of Lights: Samantha and Chase Reed - 1st place, Holly and Chuckie Gore - Honorable Mention, Eddie Bowyer - Honorable Mention

Large Business: Riverview Motel & Café - 1st place

Small Business: Alderson Artisan Gallery - 1st place, Alderson's Store - Honorable Mention, S & M Auto Repair - Honorable Mention

Also this year, citizens, businesses, and groups were invited to decorate lamp posts with snowmen in the spirit of the season. AMS member Fawn Valentine said, "Individually handmade decorations catch people's attention and interest so much more than ones they may have seen elsewhere. The fact

that people took time to make something for public display reflects very well on Alderson and fosters a sense of community." Don Sutherland, AMS Secretary, coordinated this effort and participants were Theresa and Beth Massie; Jeri Martin (two posts); Greenbrier Valley Special Olympics; Alderson Artisans Gallery; VFW Tri-county Memorial Post 6723; Riverview Motel and Café; and Stephanie Mullins.



Spirit of Christmas award - Joyce Mott and Phil Mershon



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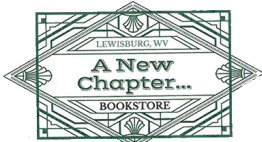
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