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Penny Pitch reaches goal

"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." - Vince Lombardi

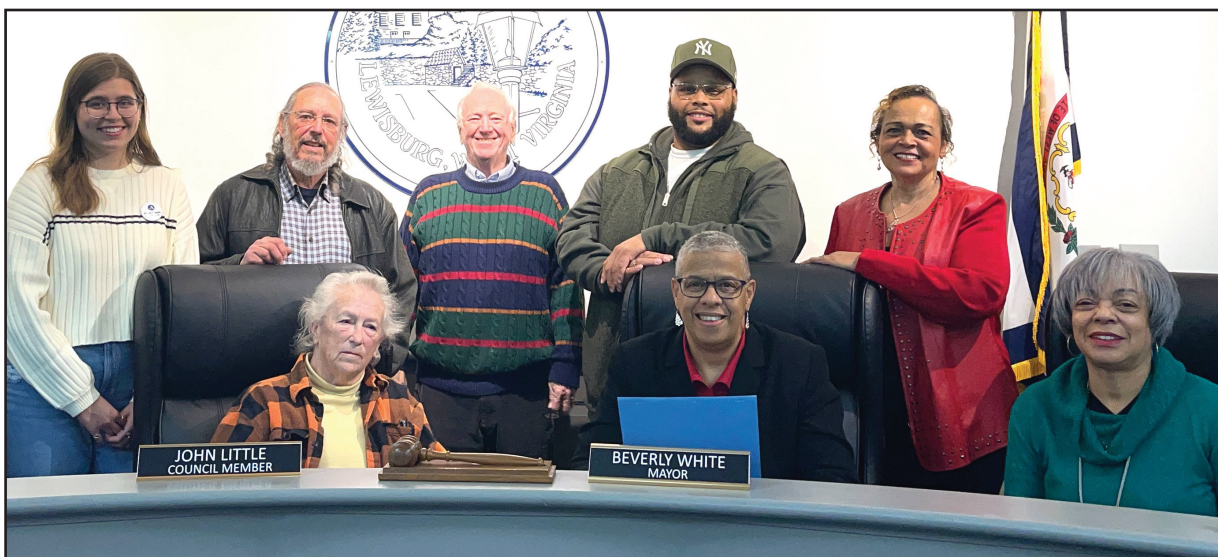
If you've been watching the Mountain Messenger every week, then you know how many wonderful, loving individuals have committed to this group effort. Together we have made life a little better for many of our neighbors and brought some much-needed joy to many children.

We have edged above our goal - all of us together. Each donation, no matter the size, has made a difference. Thank you!

We will continue to help the community in emergency situations throughout the year. You can still donate to the future of Penny Pitch by sending your gift to P.O. Box 494, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or you can drop it at the Mountain Messenger office, 122 N. Court Street, Lewisburg.

- Donations:
- Progressive CEOS - \$160
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 - Melvin & Wanda Tharp - \$200
 - Greenbrier Technical Services - \$500
 - Remembering our parents with love - \$500
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 - In memory of Jeanne & Lawson Hamilton and Helen & George Aide - \$3,000
 - The Peapickers - \$50
 - Andrew Chapel United Methodist Women (Williamsburg) - \$50
 - Janet & Charles Shelton - \$50
 - A.D. & L.T. Smith - \$100
 - TOTAL \$62,785.00**

Mayor White designates January 16-22 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Week



The proclamation signing was witnessed by some members of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration Committee: Front Row: Ellen Broudy (left), Mayor Beverly White, and Wanda Johnson; Back Row: Kaylan Downin (left), Joe Chasnoff, Larry Davis, Chris Winston, and Twana Jackson.

On Dec. 14, Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White signed a proclamation designating Jan. 16-22, 2023, to be Martin Luther King, Jr. Week. This recognition of Dr. King's legacy by the citizens of the town and others in this part of West Virginia has been a tradition for many years.

She will read that same proclamation on Jan. 16 to the participants in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration in front of the Greenbrier County Courthouse at 11 a.m. before the beginning of the march up Washington Street to the Lewisburg United Methodist Church where there will be a community lunch followed by a 12:30 p.m. program in the sanctuary. The keynote speaker during that program in the afternoon will be Crystal Good, a well-known poet and advocate for African Americans in Appalachia.

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Shanghai Parade set for this Sunday

The Lewisburg Shanghai Parade will be held on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023. Lineup begins at 1 p.m. on Lee Street and the parade begins at 2 p.m. No pre-registration is required.

Lewisburg Council hears from Suddenlink/Optimum

By Sarah Richardson

A representative from Altice was in attendance at last week's Lewisburg City Council meeting to answer questions from the public about service provided by Suddenlink, now known as Optimum, in the region. Representative Tom O'Neil provided a brief overview of a recent lawsuit in which Suddenlink was ordered to open a West Virginia-based call center and was penalized \$2.2 million for failure to provide "safe, adequate, and reliable service," according to the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Area resident William "Skip" Deegans detailed a long history of issues with cable service through Suddenlink, sentiments which have been echoed by a number of community members over the years at other public hearings. O'Neil reports lower rates of repeat service calls in recent months, and stated that the "nodes" which serve the Lewisburg area "have been averaging at 100 percent over the last six months."

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Cpl. R.L. Crone of the Lewisburg Police Department was promoted to Lieutenant at this month's meeting.

Greenbrier County looks ahead to 2023

By Matt Young

The end of a year brings with it, as it always does, the profound reminder that better days are yet to come. And for residents of the Greenbrier Valley there is much to look forward to in 2023.

This week, The Mountain Messenger spoke with several prominent Greenbrier Valleyites to ask what they hope to see within the community during the year ahead.

"I have a feeling this upcoming year is going to be one

to remember for all West Virginians, especially those living in the Greenbrier Valley," Gov. Jim Justice said. "Our roads are getting fixed and innovative businesses are coming in from all over the world. Finally, people are recognizing we're the diamond in the rough they missed time and time again. I'm confident this trend will continue in the new year, and I'm thankful for all of you. I want to wish everyone great happiness and health

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Ronceverte's Holiday Open House showed off what makes the City great

Businesses and citizens turned out to make the Ronceverte Holiday Open House a success

Edgar Avenue was alive as citizens from around Greenbrier County walked the street celebrating the start of the holiday season. Businesses opened their doors and helped to make the holiday season shine in The River City. The Ronceverte Development Corporation worked with the City of Ronceverte to coordinate the sponsors, participating businesses, and vendors to make the open house an exciting and memorable experience.

"It was so magical to see Ronceverte buzzing with people from all over the county enjoying the best that Ronceverte has to offer," says Ronceverte Mayor Deena Pack. "This year's Ronceverte Holiday Open House was one of the most successful we have ever had and I am so excited to see people filling the streets of Ronceverte."

Both the Ronceverte Development Corporation and the City of Ronceverte would like to take a moment to thank all of the businesses that participated in various ways to make this event special. A special

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2022 News in Review

January

Lewisburg's Shanghai Parade is cancelled due to the pandemic; Jan. 3 and 7 bring the first snow of the season; first responders of Greenbrier County hold a "Fill the Boot" Drive at select locations throughout the area. All proceeds to benefit first responders and their families from Kentucky that suffered during the late 2021 tornados; Lewisburg City Council unanimously approves the resolution to use funds for the repair of sidewalk on South Lafayette Street; Mayor Beverly White nominates the COVID-19 Task Force to be named as Volunteer of the Year for 2021. The group also received the Volunteer of the Year title in 2020; new precinct maps are approved by the County Commission; Ryan King is appointed Experience Coordinator for Ascend Lewisburg; Lewisburg City Council proclaims MLK Jr. Day for the week beginning Jan. 17; MLK Jr. Day celebration is held as a virtual event; Greenbrier County Commission elects Lowell Rose to preside as President; Senator Stephen Baldwin nominates Greenbrier County Sheriff Bruce Sloan to the new West Virginia First Responders Honor Board this fall; Emalee Wickline, founder and head baker of Em's Cake Corner in operation since November of 2019 announces plans to open a brick-and-mortar location in WSS in the spring; Senator Stephen Baldwin presents a check for nearly \$73,924 to Matt Ford in support of the Meadow River Trail;

February

Stardust Cafe changes hands - new owners are Dan Perry and his wife Savannah Webb; Edward Alexander Smith-Allen is sentenced in Greenbrier County Circuit Court for the June 2019 shooting of Alaisia M. Smith in Dorie Miller Park in Lewisburg; Almost Heaven Saunas moves into a massive new facility in the former ABB building; Gov. Jim Justice joins local and state education leaders, along with several other officials, for an event announcing Greenbrier East High School and Greenbrier West High School as the latest additions to the new, student-powered WV GameChanger Opioid and Substance Misuse Prevention Program; According to a Final Order issued by the West Virginia Public Service Commission Suddenlink Communications is fined \$2.2M and ordered to open a WV call center; the Alderson Town Clock is installed after impressive fundraising and organizing efforts

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spearheaded by Stacy Eskins, a Main Street Alderson volunteer, Town Recorder and Alderson resident; former Lewisburg resident Eileen Kramer, 107, Australian dancer, choreographer, artist and writer, makes international headlines with her dance entry, “Eileen,” for the 50th edition of the Dance on Camera Festival; Greenbrier County Commissioner Mike McClung must complete one year of probation, as well as training established by the West Virginia Ethics Commission for charges brought after an incident which occurred at Greenbrier Valley Airport on Aug. 23, 2019; City Council approves final plat for the new Starbucks location at Walmart;

March

Carnegie Hall Guild announces a new bench on the Ivy Terrace has been dedicated to Janie Kirk, founder of Carnegie Hall Guild; a semitruck driving through downtown Lewisburg struck and knocked over a traffic light pole and streetlight at the main intersection causing the necessity of a 4-way stop until the light can be replaced; U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, visits White Sulphur Springs to tour the newly-constructed “Schoolhouse Hotel”; the Greenbrier County Committee on Aging announces that the senior centers in Rupert and Fairlea have reopened; Ronceverte City Hall moves to the building next door to The Sportsman Bar building after standing water and black mold were found at City Hall; WVSOM receives a grant that allows them to provide non-emergency medical transportation for county residents, operate a mobile testing unit and digitize health department patient records continuing through Apr. 15, 2023; the Shortest St. Patrick’s Day Parade on the east coast is back after a hiatus last year, and it’s shorter than ever; SkyWest Airlines Inc. informs Greenbrier County and the Greenbrier County Airport Authority that it intended to cease all Essential Air Services (EAS) at The Greenbrier Valley Airport due to pilot staffing challenges across the airline industry; new Public Works Building planned in Caldwell; Alderson Town Council appoints a new police chief, Todd Williams, Sr.;

April

GVAC opens Apr. 1; Chocolate Festival and Chocolate Chase return; Barnwood Builders debut a new season on the Magnolia Network; Alderson Mayor Travis Copenhaver is indicted on multiple charges by a Greenbrier County Grand Jury on charges stemming from an incident that occurred at an Alderson home in June 2021; Lewisburg Home and Garden Tour is back this year with plans to feature 12 stops across Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs; schedule for primary election debate forums released; Alderson Mayor Travis Copenhaver pled to five charges, which included two felonies and three misdemeanors, filed against him by the latest convening of the Greenbrier County Grand Jury. Copenhaver was charged with felony burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary; and misdemeanors including removal, injury to, or destruction of property; harassment; and unlawful restraint; the School Board Meet the Candidates event scheduled for Apr. 13 is canceled and not rescheduled at this time; the Department of Transportation at work outside of Lewisburg Elementary School as Rt. 60 upgrades are underway in an effort to improve access to the school; Lewisburg City Council meets to discuss repaving and widening North Court Street, supporting Project Graduation, ongoing issues with dog waste and vandalism at Lewisburg’s public parks; the Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce hosts a Meet the Candidates event at Greenbrier Valley Theatre for area candidates running for House of Delegates and State Senate positions; the Alderson Town Council discusses a necessary water rate increase for municipal water customers, expanding the town’s police department, and flood abatement; Airport Authority hears updates on taxi lighting, new sign; WVSOM places ONEbox units - user-guiding boxes containing the overdose-reversing medication naloxone - at seven locations on and near its Lewisburg campus; White Sulphur Springs Mayor Bruce Bowling joined Robert Bonnie, USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation in announcing that potential plans are underway to bring a new dam and lake to the White Sulphur area, located behind the city’s current water intake system and encompassing a 100-acre area;

May

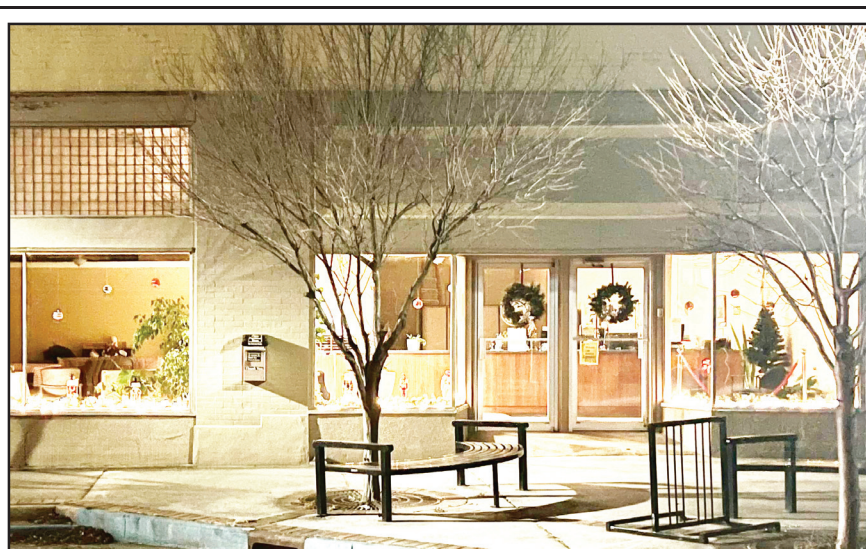
Annual Spring Giant Flea Market and Antique Sale returns to the State Fairgrounds on May 20 and 21; State Fair announces its First Annual State Fair Art Contest; Gov. Justice announces that West Virginia’s General Revenue collections for April 2022 came in at \$253 million over estimate, the all-time state record surplus for any single month in West Virginia history; Ronceverte announces opening of Dog Park in July; Matthew Robinson of WGMS and Braxton Beasley, Clayton Frame, and Gregory Guet of EGMS earn the title of Knights of the Golden Horseshoe; Alderson Mayor Travis Copenhaver announces the proclamation of two citizens of Alderson as “devout Aldersonians” - Stacy Eskins and posthumously, Christine Atwell; Gov. Justice announces that a scenic loop of US Route 219 and WV Route 92 - newly named the Seneca Skyway - has been officially designated as the first route of the West Virginia Mountain Rides program; LZ Rainelle announces Run For The Wall will arrive in Rainelle Thursday, May 26, at noon, on their way to Washington, DC; WRON AM 1400, Greenbrier County’s first on the air radio station, celebrates its 75th anniversary; American Legion Post 100 in Union hosts a Memorial Day commemoration at the Monroe County Courthouse at on Monday, May 30;

June

Brad Paisley is the keynote speaker at the second annual GameChanger Golf Classic Dinner June 1; Home & Garden Tour held for first time in two years; Renaissance Festival returns for its fourth year; a contract dispute at Collins Aerospace in Union continues, with the demonstrating employees alleging they have been “locked out” as the two parties are yet to negotiate a deal; June 17-18, the community celebrates the rebirth of White Sulphur Springs with a music and arts festival on Main Street; the Community Pool at Elk Lodge 1758 is in a state of severe disrepair for yet unknown reasons; the Ronceverte River Festival returns; the Greenbrier County Commission discusses initial steps of a remodel

Open House

thank you to all of our sponsors this year: Cornerstone IGA, Architectural Wood, Wallace & Wallace Funeral Chapels and Crematory, NAPA Auto Parts, Ronceverte Public Library, Masters Auto Sales, Ronceverte Skate Shop, Gateway Industries Inc., Just Kidding, Two Men & A Mutt, the RNCVRT, The Potting Shed, Tri County Produce, Martin & Jones, RIPCO, The Sportsman Tavern, This Is Us Salon, Wild Child Hodgepodgery, River City Signs & Tees, Factory Tire. Greenbrier Technical Services, Weikle’s Auto, D & J Bump Shop, and Blessed Farms.



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Greenbrier Community Care Corps receives additional funding

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine’s (WVSOM) Center for Rural and Community Health (CRCH) was awarded \$100,000 to continue the Greenbrier Community Care Corps program. The program will continue to serve Greenbrier County residents and will expand into Monroe County.

The program was one of 23 nationwide selected as a local innovative model that assists older adults, adults with disabilities and their caregivers with nonmedical tasks to help them live more independently. The national Community Care Corps program has awarded a total of \$2.85 million to organizations to support local innovative models.

“We are pleased to be awarded this grant funding for a second year,” said Misty Boggs, a WVSOM CRCH employee who coordinates the program. “This past year we were able to provide more than 2,000 service hours to Greenbrier County residents, and we are excited to begin offering the service in Monroe County.”

Volunteers must be 18 years or older, undergo a background check and fingerprint screening, attend orientation and, if driving, have a valid driver’s license and automobile insurance.

To receive services, participants must reside in West

WVSOM to offer free care to public through annual 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.”

Virginia’s Greenbrier or Monroe counties, be at least 60 years old, an adult with a disability or a caregiver for an older adult or one with a disability.

Funding is provided by the Oasis Institute (www.oasisnet.org) under the national Community Care Corps program (www.communitycarecorps.org).

Greenbrier Community Care Corps celebrated the completion of its first year by honoring volunteers with an appreciation dinner. Its 75 volunteers have served more than 200 Greenbrier County residents with tasks such as advocacy, lawn care, respite care, home maintenance and technology assistance.

For more information, call 304-520-5945 or email gccc@osteo.wvsom.edu

PICK OF THE LITTER



SHAGGY
Shaggy is a one-year-old male Australian shepherd mix and weighs 62 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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Briefly

County offices closed for New Year

The Greenbrier County Courthouse and all county offices will close at noon Friday, Dec. 31 and be closed Monday, Jan. 2 in observance of New Year's Eve and will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 8 a.m.

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. **New Year's Eve Dance on Dec. 31 will feature Ivan & The Outlaws 8 to 12 Midnight.** The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

Williamsburg Shooting Matches continue in 2023

With the New Year comes the Williamsburg Shooting Matches of 2023, beginning on Jan. 7, 2023, at the Williamsburg Community Building. Matches start at 7 p.m., but food concessions open at 6 p.m. Match will be eight rounds, 12-gauge guns only. Full choke, .660 inch minimum. Screw in chokes must be from a recognized supplier (patented) and extend no more than 3 inches beyond original barrel. Barrel length 34" maximum. First seven rounds are \$2 per shot, eighth round 50/50 at \$6 per shot. Shooters must compete in the first seven rounds in order to compete in the eighth round. 50/50 splatter match is \$1 per chance between rounds. Cash prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be a shooter to win! Come early and come hungry! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 6 p.m. Families are welcomed, you don't have to shoot to come get a meal! The match will be held at the Community Building 6571 Shoestring, Trail, Williamsburg. We hope to see you all there. Proceeds will benefit Williamsburg Community service projects. These events are sponsored by a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action and the Williamsburg Ruritans. For more information and directions visit our website at www.williamsburgwv.com, or contact Bill Jarvis at 304-645-3690.

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.

Look Ahead

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as we head into what should be an exciting year in our amazing state."

Greenbrier County Commissioner Tammy Tincher echoed the governor's sentiment, while adding some specific milestones she hopes will be reached.

"I hope to see construction begin on our broadband project throughout the county," Tincher told The Mountain Messenger. "I'm also hopeful that opioid-settlement funds will be received and can begin being utilized to make a positive difference in the Greenbrier Valley."

Tincher also noted her excitement at the continuation of the waterline project which is expected to provide clean and reliable drinking water for thousands of residents.

Greenbrier County Schools Superintendent Jeff Bryant hopes that the fog of the pandemic will finally be lifted, saying, "I would like to see - and I pray for - an end to the firm grip that COVID and other viruses have had on our students and faculty. These illnesses have impeded their ability to attend school regularly, and that impacts the learning and teaching experience for all involved."

Bryant went on to express his excitement for what he believes will be, "great accomplishments that will take place in 2023," adding, "Our students, families and educators are all so thankful for this amazing community we call home."

"The Greenbrier Valley loves our children, and values the importance of an excellent education," Bryant concluded.

One of Bryant's former students, Academy of Country Music's 2021 nominee for Bass Player of the Year Steve Mackey, hopes that, "the Greenbrier Valley continues to be a place where neighbors will help when there is need, and where people feel connected to the community. I hope young people who call it their home will be welcomed into local business, and raise happy and healthy families."

"And I hope somebody calls me for a gig there so I can come home and hug everybody's neck," Mackey added with a laugh.

Local entrepreneur and philanthropist Clay Elkins hopes to see the Greenbrier Valley continue to focus on developing outdoor recreation in 2023.

"It increases the quality of life for residents, and it will drive tourism," Elkins said, "for the Greenbrier Valley, and for West Virginia as a whole."

And lastly, Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White has a very modest wish for 2023...

"What I'd like to see, not just here but everywhere, is more kindness, more respect, more hope, and more love."

The Mountain Messenger would like to wish everyone a safe, happy, healthy, and prosperous new year!

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For the Record

Deeds

Darlene M. Moore to Jessica Tuckwiller and Steven Bennett, 3.0 Acres, Fort Spring District
Mark S. Gesner to Dawn Roberts, 2.65 Acres, Lewisburg Corporate District
William Henry Loudermilk to Ashley Loudermilk Marchant and Erica Loudermilk Soltys, 1.00 Acre, Irish Corner District
Ivan Cosimi and Laura Cosimi to Jack Volger and Sharon Nicely, Lot No. 6, Mountaintop Meadows Sub-division, Frankford District
Terry L. Sampson and Robin L. Perrine to Stanislav V. Tenkovskiy, 1.5 Acres, Fort Spring District
John Bransford to Land Flipper Enterprises, LLC., 2.00 Acres, Lewisburg District
Jeffrey David Forren to Sharon L. Moody, 1.00 Acre, Fort Spring District
Phyliss J. Murphy to Michael Lake Murphy III, 0.93 Acre, White Sulphur District
Jeffrey Wayne Morris and Mary Lee Morris to Holly Noelle Morris, Lots No. 122, 123, and 124, White Sulphur Corporate District
Ahern Family, LLC. to Richard Cavallaro and Nancy Cavallaro, Lot No. 320, Creekside Neighborhood of Greenbrier Village, White Sulphur District
The Summit, LLC. to David M. Ziegler and Elizabeth A. Ziegler, Lot No. 40, Greenbrier Summit Village Phase One Neighborhood, Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District

Marriages

Jeffrey Claude Baker, Chesterfield, VA to Susan Marie Dowling, Bluffton, SC

Alderson Fireworks rescheduled

Because of the rain in the forecast for New Year's Eve, the fireworks display planned for Alderson has been rescheduled to Saturday, Jan. 7, at 9 p.m. Presented by the Alderson Volunteer Fire Department with the support of the Town of Alderson, Alderson Main Street, and the James F. B. Peyton Foundation this fireworks display is best viewed from the Alderson Memorial Bridge.

We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy this beautiful, family friendly, tribute to the holiday season - even a week late!

Christmas at the Fair continues

After being forced to postpone due to weather, Christmas at the Fair, the State Fair of West Virginia's Drive-Thru light show is set to continue Dec. 30 and 31, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

"Despite having to close last weekend, we are excited to give the community one-last chance to enjoy Christmas at the Fair," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "The City of Lewisburg has extended several of its holiday events to this weekend as well, so we hope folks will come out and enjoy all that is offered!"

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 Center, Gayle Mason CPA, Meadows & Wilson Family Dentistry, David M. Moore Real Estate Law, City National Bank, Barbara Hamilton Ford, Greenbrier Valley Airport, Magic Computer, Knight Henderson - The Henderson Group Representing American National Insurance, SkyCamWV, and several individual donors.

For more information and a full calendar of events, please visit www.statefairwv.com/christmas-at-the-fair.

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Patients will not be required to wear masks.

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

The 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.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Michael Thomas Ambrose, White Sulphur Springs, sell/furnish alcohol to a minor, GP, fine \$30
Loretta Lynn Foster, Hinton, 1) reckless driving, NCP, fine \$100; 2) improper use of evidences of registration, fine \$25

Joshua D. Summers, Alderson, speeding, GP, fine \$30

Crystal Lea Vaughan, Frankford, prohibitions - open dumps, NCP, fine \$100

Jedediah Seth Turner, White Sulphur Springs, 1) petit larceny, NCP, jail 3 months - credit for time served; 2) petit larceny, jail 120 days - credit for 20 days - remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Daniel William Lemine, Lewisburg, sell/furnish alcohol to minor, GP, fine \$25

Alice Faye Bocook, Selma, VA, sell/furnish alcohol to minor, fine \$25

Cora Alice Mariani, White Sulphur Springs, sell/furnish alcohol to minor, fine \$25

Barbara I. Carraso, Lewisburg, reckless driving, fine \$50

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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

This article was originally published in the Mountain Messenger on March 8, 1996 and was Karen Cohen's first article for this region.

My husband Tim and I moved here almost a year ago in 1996. April Fool's Day to be exact! We moved from the Garden State of New Jersey. Our whole clan still resides there, so I won't knock it. I will say there isn't too much state left to garden in! Pretty soon, they'll have to change the state's motto to the Automobile State! That's why we pulled up our stakes and moved onto greener pastures, but not to raise cattle or to graze sheep. We came here to do what we do best - grow food!


Back in New Jersey we ran a successful organic produce stand at a local Farmer's Market. We developed a dedicated following of concerned folks who enjoyed eating fresh, unsprayed vegetables. Our yoga teacher had a huge yard which encompassed two open acres. It was a beautiful field and she offered it to use. We named it Fawn Meadow because deer frequented it daily. It came free of charge as do all gifts from heaven and we did our best to restore the fertility to the exhausted soil. We knew it had been farmed long ago because of all the old farming implements we found strewn about the place. The field had been cleared of rocks and boulders that were neatly stacked to form a stone wall running around the property lines. There in the field, the sun shone all day long and everything grew in abundance.

When we went to sell our produce at the Farmers Market the first few weeks of the opening season, we had just one table set up with the lettuces, kales, mustard greens, and some herbs that we grew. Since it was early May, most of the major crops were not yet planted. We were embarrassed by how little we offered but were happy to sell out each week and to be the first to head home with cash in hand. It wasn't much but enough to call a profit.


We introduced folks to old time varieties of vegetables known as heirlooms. Produce too delicate to ship and sit on supermarket displays, we were able to grow and sell to interested clients. There were times when we were able to raise crops that no one else could. Radishes and lettuces that hated hot temperatures were grown all summer long with a little help. We used shade cloths made from old bed sheets and torn window screens to protect the greens from the blazing sun.

My husband tried explaining this method of planting to a farmer friend whose stand was next to ours at the market. He was a nice guy about 25 years old and just getting interested in helping out on his dad's farm. They owned 500 acres and this young fellow got to ride an air-conditioned tractor with his stereo headphones blasting as he drove. He never planted a seed in his life and gave us a blank look as we outlined our simple procedures. Even with his knowledge of farming, he knew no one who planted seeds by hand anymore. He remarked that we were "real" farmers and we took that as a profound compliment!

With a handful of saved seeds and worn hoes tucked



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under our arms, we headed here to West Virginia in search of fertile soil, just as the settlers had done over 100 years ago. Although land here is abundant, it is often rocky, eroded by cattle or too hilly to grow on. Prices are affordable compared to the North but still not "dirt cheap". So we continued our search and found a spot.

We have spent all of 1996 nurturing a small garden plot, 75 x 75 feet. Our landlord warned us that nothing would grow but we managed to reap a bountiful harvest after preliminary preparations. We grew over 75 tomato plants and 60 pepper plants, all from seed, canning most of it. That was a new experience for us.

We are not sure if we'll ever be able to grow food for a living. We do know that the joy of growing our food is something we would never trade for a million bucks. This time of the year, the catalogs arrive, we select our seeds, and start early crops indoors. I will continue to share our "growing" joys and experiences with you good people who, like me, enjoy dropping seeds into the soil as one of the divine pastimes of a wonderful life. Nothing beats nature's way.

(Karen Cohen is an organic gardener, photojournalist, and avid explorer. Email your tips, comments, and questions to natureswaykaren@gmail.com, and Happy New Year 2023!)

Day is designated Aug. 26, the day which would be her 104th birthday; Mountain Messenger Head Editor Sarah Richardson is awarded first place in the West Virginia Press Association's Best Legal Affairs Reporting category for "Disbarred Attorney Convicted of Negligent Homicide," published Mar. 10, 2021, and Reporter Lyra Bordelon wins first place in the Best In-Depth or Investigative Reporting category for "Rudy's renovation on hold due to concerns over neighboring building," which was published in February of last year; the Greenbrier County Board of Education enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with local law enforcement; 97th State Fair of West Virginia opens Aug. 11 and runs through Aug. 20; ongoing restoration work to the Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion continues this month with a dramatic roof removal; West Virginia Junior College and Greenbrier Valley Medical Center holds a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their new innovative collaboration targeted at solving the rural healthcare crisis, the Hybrid Online Nursing Program; Lewisburg is awarded an All Star Community Award in the Enrichment category for the extensive upgrades completed at Hollowell Park using CARES Act reimbursement funds; the County Commission discusses the signing of a resolution voicing the commission's opposition to the Property Tax Modernization Amendment on the November ballot; the State Fair of West Virginia announces over 170,000 people attended this year; the Lewisburg Fire Department/Ropes and Technical Rescue Team rescues five dogs that had fallen 75 feet down a hole into a cavern;

September
 Greenbrier County Commission announces a grant application for a grants to update Greenbrier County voting machines in 2024; U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack joins Sen. Joe Manchin, Gov. Jim Justice, and Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White to announce a \$75 million investment by USDA in critical infrastructure improvements that will ensure thousands of rural people in Greenbrier County have clean drinking water and sanitary wastewater systems for years to come; the Freshwater Folk Festival of White Sulphur Springs returns to the fish hatchery this year; the City of Lewisburg hosts an official opening of the new pickleball courts at Hollowell Park; annual Parade of Lights returns to Greenbrier County; Bike Skills Park is planned for White Sulphur Springs; Gov. Jim Justice presents the Monroe County Commission with a check for \$5 million to be used to renovate their courthouse; area resident Irene Snyder celebrates her 105th birthday

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While Councilmember John Little expressed continued exasperation with the service, he noted, "I'm glad to see that there are some local technicians, I'm glad to see that there is a customer service center on the way, certainly it feels like our citizens deserve that. I don't think we have any option, as this is the only service provider that we have at this time, unfortunately. I wish we had more competition." He closed in saying, "As long as you fulfill the obligations you're telling us, it seems like everybody here will be in a better spot."

"I do want to note that the main meat and potatoes of this ordinance is to allow Altice to repair any of their assets that are on the right-of-way in Lewisburg," explained Councilmember Arron Seams. The ordinance is a non-exclusive agreement, meaning that other providers are able to enter the region and provide service if they so choose.

...
 A resolution to approve over \$1.3 million for work on the water system improvement project was approved unanimously by council. Construction has continued through the cold weather to relocate the water intake pipe and update the water plant facilities.

...
 The second reading of Ordinance 314, Historic Landmark Commission guideline updates, was approved after a second reading and public hearing. City Manger Misty Hill noted that the guidelines were approved by State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). More information on these guidelines can be obtained at City Hall at 304-645-2080.

...
 Council unanimously decided to apply for a \$10,500 State Historic Preservation grant for the Greenbrier Historical Society. The city will operate as a "pass-through grant recipient," meaning the Society will "do all of the work, they just needed a fiscal sponsor," according to Councilmember Seams. Councilmember Sarah Elkins noted that this setup has been done previously and is not uncommon.

...
 Due to not qualifying for an Arts and Humanities grant, \$1,537 was approved from the Community Development fund for the Shanghai Parade. "We met for a very lengthy conversation with this at finance, and there were a lot of requests, but the council and the city really feel strongly that Shanghai is very important to everyone, all of our citizens," said Hill.

...
 Mayor Beverly White detailed a letter the city received from the West Virginia Economic Development Authority which stated, "As part of our regularly scheduled, on-site inspections required by the National Park Service (NPS) on Land and Water Conservation Fund-assisted (LWCF) projects, the city's LWCF-assisted facilities at its Hollowell, Dorie Miller, and Washington Street parks were recently inspected. These facilities were in excellent condition by NPS standards and continue to reflect the city's maintenance efforts to provide worthwhile public outdoor recreational choices."

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sional. 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.

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of the West Virginia Building on the State Fairgrounds; the Ronceverte City Council discusses developments on the Ronceverte greenspace and splashpad projects; Ascend West Virginia announces second group of recruits; Ronceverte Dog Park begins construction; Lewisburg City Council updates the city's banner policy by doing away with banners - the city will continue to fly American and West Virginia state flags; the Airport Authority unanimously decides to select Contour Airlines for the provision of Essential Air Service. Contour will begin to take flights to and from Lewisburg on Jan. 1, 2023; last Medal of Honor recipient of WWII, Hershel "Woody" Williams, passes away June 29 at the age of 98; funding secured for municipal water plant upgrades;

July

Ashley Wheeler from Shady Springs is the winner of the First Annual State Fair of West Virginia Official Art Contest with her artwork titled "Lucky Duck" which will be featured as the official print of the 2022 State Fair; Healing Appalachia returns to fairgrounds; Senator Stephen Baldwin convenes first meeting of the Greenbrier School Safety Task Force; Ronceverte City Council votes to condemn The Old Rexall Building; walking path between Chestnut Street and Montwell Commons is completed; Ronceverte Dog Park opens; Greenbrier Co. Board of Education swears in three members; Sen. Stephen Baldwin gathers with the McClintic family to dedicate a Williamsburg bridge to their family members for generations of military and public service; White Sulphur Mayor Bruce Bowling shares update at the regular meeting of the White Sulphur Springs City Council announces the long-awaited pedestrian bridge is closer to reality - it will be seven feet wide and ADA accessible and construction should be underway in September;

August

New River Community and Technical College celebrates the class of 2022 practical nursing graduates; Lewisburg's Literary Festival and Library Book Sale return Aug. 5 and 6; local practitioners Hanno Kirk, PhD, LICSW, and Jo Weisbrod, MA, LPC, announce their retirement after providing the Greenbrier Valley with counseling, psychotherapy and neurofeedback services for the last 32 years; 204 WVSOM students, nine faculty members and two graduate teaching assistants volunteer at 17 sites throughout Greenbrier County their a Day of Service; the 1834 Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia Law Library and Study building is rededicated as a public museum under the auspices of the Greenbrier Historical Society; Governor announces Aug. 5-8 as state's back-to-school Sales Tax Holiday; Katherine Johnson

OBITUARIES

Anna Myrtle Nester



White Sulphur Springs

-Anna Myrtle Nester, a native of White Sulphur Springs was born Jan. 28, 1924. She died peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 at the Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea, with her family by her side. She now rests comfortably in heaven in the arms of God.

(She was a daughter of the late David Edward and Sarah Alexander, also of White Sulphur Springs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Brown Nester; her brothers, Lee, Rand, James, Forest, Robert, and Joseph Alexander; sisters, Elsie Feury, Letty Lee and Wanda Smith; and great-grandchild, Christopher Mazey.

Left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Norma Gail (Glenn) Camp; sister, Alma (Manuel) Fernandez; grandchildren, Lisa Mazey-Sampson and Michele (Todd) Arbuckle; great-grandchildren, Eric Mazey, Alex and Adam Sampson; and great-great-grandchildren, Cire, Cash-ton, and Jenavieve Mazey.

She lived by herself for the past several years and loved flowers. She had several flower beds in her yard and was very active walking around her yard with a long cane using it for support and to "mess" in her flower beds until a couple weeks prior to her death.

She was employed by the Greenbrier County Board of Education in food service where she retired.

In her free time she loved planting flowers, raising gardens as well as canning vegetables. She was a wonderful cook. Unless she had at least three meats plus many vegetables on the table she was not happy. It was great to eat her meals. She lived alone with her cat and remained active up until the last couple of weeks of her life.

There was a celebration of her life at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home chapel in White Sulphur Springs on Thursday evening, Dec. 29.

There will be a reception on Friday, Dec. 30, at the First Baptist Church in Fairlea. The food provided reception will be from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. The funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastors Rev. Lloyd Camp and Rev. John King officiating. Burial will follow in the Nester Cemetery in Glace, WV.

The family would like to thank Dr. Robert "Bob" Shirey for his years of service. We want to also thank the nurses at Peyton Hospice House for their professional and kind care given to Anna during the last few days of her life. The care was exceptional and we are so grateful to them for that.

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

Eleanor Elizabeth Hartsook

Williamsburg-Eleanor Elizabeth Hartsook, 88, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022 at Teays Valley.

She was born Oct. 17, 1934, in Virginia, the daughter of the late Robert and Ollie Coffey Bowling.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harlan "Hob" Hartsook.

Surviving are her children, Mike (Theresa) Hall of Scott Depot, WV, Teresa (Wayne) Poling of Mt. Vernon, OH, Jimmy (Denise) Hall of Charleston, WV, Tonja (John) Bossie of Teays Valley; stepchildren, Shirleen (John) Bishop of North Myrtle Beach, SC, Carol Jaeger of Union Grove, WI, James (Susan) Moten of Rosburg, WA, Joyce (Jesse) Martin of Clintonville, Fran (Joe) Leshner of Elkview, Shirlene (Wayne) Andrews of Clintonville, and Sandy Carroll of Rupert; stepsons-in-law, Jim Hicks of Lewisburg, and Donald "DD" Suttle of Williamsburg; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and many friends to cherish her memory.

Services for Mrs. Hartsook will be on Friday, Dec. 30, at 1 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Pastor Mike Teubert officiating. Interment will follow in Andrew Chapel Cemetery, Williamsburg, WV.

The family will receive family and friends from 12 noon until time of services at the funeral home.

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

Helen Virginia Trainer



White Sulphur Springs

-Helen Virginia Trainer, 98, gained her angel wings on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022, at the White Sulphur Springs Family Care Center.

She was the last surviving child of the union of Harvey G. and Mabel S. Waid McComb, born July 15, 1924 in Alvon, WV.

Helen was of the Methodist Faith; after retiring as ribbon inspector of Burlington Industries she was owner of Meadow Creek Lodge at Sherwood Lake.

Preceding her in death other than her parents were her husband, Russell G. Trainer; son, Lewis D. "Sonny" Allen, Jr.; and siblings, Gladys, Gail, Juanita and Harlow.

Surviving are her daughter, Helen Coher-nour; grandchildren, Bradford (Tara) Allen, Mark Allen and Ivy Coher-nour (Alan Sizemore); great-grandchildren, Tristan, Ava and Ari Allen; other great-grandchild, Tobias Sizemore; special nephew, Harvey McCollam; along with several other nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life for Helen Trainer will be on

Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 1 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs with Priest Betsy Walker officiating.

The family will receive their friends from 12 noon until time of services at the funeral home.

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

Dr. Nathaniel Noble Harris II



Lewisburg-Dr. Nathaniel "Nat" Noble Harris II passed away peacefully on Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, with his daughter Kate Harris and devoted partner of 15 years, Charlotte Baldwin, by his side.

Nat was born in Ronceverte on Dec. 14, 1948, to the late Carolyn Moore Harris and the late Robert Miller Harris. He was the youngest of five siblings, including Robert "Bob" Harris, Shirley Wester, William "Bill" Harris, and Margaret McClain, all of whom preceded him in death.

Nat's formative years were spent by the Greenbrier River at Camp Shaw-Mi-Del-Eca where he refined his basketball skills and learned to fish and trap wild game including skunk, raccoon, and fox. To the delight of his mother, many of these became pets. The last several years of his time spent at camp were as a camp counselor. He most enjoyed being a canoeing and swimming instructor as well as a wildlife mentor.

Nat attended Greenbrier Military School in Lewisburg from 1962-1966, where he played varsity basketball and averaged double figures and led the team in assists. After graduation, he attended Centre College in Danville, KY, where he earned bachelor's degrees in Biology and Chemistry in 1970. Nat enrolled in the National Guard shortly after his college graduation and completed his basic training in Fort Still, OK, where he trained in artillery. He was a platoon leader and earned an expert distinction in riflery with an M16 at 300 yards.

He then attended West Virginia University for his master's degree in Freshwater Ecology. He used his degree to work for the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources where he supervised strip mine re-vegetation research and oversaw the state's Wild Rivers Program.

In 1974 he enrolled at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He returned to Lewisburg after completion of his residency in 1981 and served as an Emergency Physician for four years. He was also the medical director of EMT services for Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs during that time. He joined his uncle Dr. Houston Moore and formed Lewisburg Family Practice Center in 1983 where he proudly served the local commu-

nity as a Family Physician for nearly 20 years. He took great pride in his profession and was endlessly dedicated to the well-being of his patients.

Nat was an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing for smallmouth bass and red eye, as well as hunting grouse, turkey, and deer. He was also an avid sportsman who never missed a Moun-taineer game and enjoyed golf, having been an active member of the Elks Club for 42 years. Nat was loved by his friends, and he loved them back. He was a wonderful father and grandfather and loved his family wholeheartedly.

A celebration of life in Nat's honor will be held on Saturday, July 1, 2023, at the Lewisburg Elks Country Club from 4-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to: The Moore Family Community Fund, P.O. Box 1682, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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

Margaret Ruth Fogus Critzer



Lewisburg-Margaret Ruth Fogus Critzer, 93, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born Dec. 29, 1928, in Lewisburg, she was the daughter of the late John Edgar and Byrda Frances Ridgeway Fogus.

Margaret was a member of the Edgewood Presbyterian Church. She had retired from ABB. Margaret loved children and was at her happiest when they were around.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Luther Critzer, Sr.; sons, Charles "Chick" Critzer and Michael Lee Critzer; siblings, Marylee Grimmett, Brownie Shaffer, Helen Napier, Phyllis Wilson, Jean Sofil, Harry and Clarence "Buck" Fogus.

Survivors include her children, Cecil Critzer, Jr. (Cathy) of Blacksburg, VA, John Critzer (Donna) of Alderson, Lynda Landon of Georgia, and Carolyn Gilbert (Les Kesterson) of Franklin, WV; 12 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Thursday, Dec. 29, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Rosewood Cemetery. Visitation was prior to the service, Thursday, at the funeral home.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Bobby Gene Myers



Frankford-Bobby Gene Myers, 82, passed away Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Ronceverte.

He was born Feb. 10, 1940, in Ronceverte, the son of the late Robert "Tuck" and Mary Hunter Myers.

Bobby was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Lewisburg. He was a member of Lewisburg Elks Lodge, the Elks National Foundation, Past Exalted Ruler of the Lewisburg Elks Lodge, past Deputy District Grand Exalted Ruler for Southern WV, an active volunteer for the handicap children at the Elks Summer Camp in Bluefield and a former member of the Ronceverte Fire Department.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his son, Tony Myers.

Surviving are his wife, Sally Tincer Myers; daughter Michelle Vance (Jeff) of White Sulphur Springs; stepdaughters; Patricia Ballengee and Laura Ballengee of Hampton, VA; stepsons, Richard Ballengee (Stephanie) of Virginia Beach and Kevin Ballengee of Hampton, VA; grandchildren, Leah Vance-Berg (Levi) Ashley Sanders (Kris) and Andrew Vance; great-grandchildren, Allie Sanders, Kolby Sanders and Henry Berg; step-grandchildren, Justin, Eryn, Ryan, Nicole and Lee Ballengee; and several step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Myers were held Thursday, Dec. 29, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg where Fr. Joseph Lutz officiated with interment to follow at Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg. The family received family and friends prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations of sympathy be made to St. James Episcopal Church, 468 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Michael Lee Carter



Fort Spring-Michael Lee Carter, 72, passed peacefully at home after an extended illness on Friday, Dec. 23, 2022. He was surrounded by his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandbaby and other loved ones.

Born on Aug. 8, 1950,

he was the son of the late William Harvey and Mary Arretta Highlander Carter of Fort Spring. He was the youngest of 14 children.

He was preceded in death by his beloved dog, Sadie; great-grandchild, Kimber Lynn LaRue of Fort Spring; six brothers, James W., Harold B., C. Cletus, V. Roy, Lloyd A., and Floyd A.; and three sisters, Anna M. Bishop, Marjorie L. Fulcher, and Phyllis J. Carter.

He is survived by his devoted, loving wife of 50 years, Rachel Elmore Carter; three loving children, April Dawn Carter (Bradley), Aaron Michael Carter (Becky), and Amber Michelle Stock (Karl); three grandchildren, T.J. Larue (Kelsey) of Fort Spring, Austin G. Workman (Anna) and Kelsie G. Workman (Seth "Sam"), both of Lewisburg; and great-grandbaby, Clara Dawn LaRue, of Fort Spring; and numerous other children who thought of him as pawpaw; brother, Richard D., of Ronceverte; three sisters, D. Joy, of Lewisburg, Joan C. Massie, of Ronceverte, and Patricia S. Rothe of Lewisburg; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was retired from the WV Department of Highways where he worked as a Mechanic for many years and then as a Shop Foreman. He was an Army veteran.

Funeral services by Wallace & Wallace were held on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at Rhema Christian Center in Ronceverte, where Reverend Stewart Farley officiated with additional words from Joey Elmore. Visitation was at Rhema Christian Center prior to the service.

Pallbearers included David Lee, Zach Lee, Lawrence Taylor, Scotty Taylor, John Lephew, and Bradley Sears.

Interment will be held in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Fort Spring, WV.

Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte is serving the family. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Addie McCoy Childs



Country Meadows of Frederick, MD-Addie McCoy Childs, 86, passed away on Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, at Frederick Health Hospital.

Addie, daughter of Goldie (Jackson) and John Omer McCoy, was born on Nov. 14, 1936, in Williamsburg, WV.

She married John Hurst Childs on June 13, 1959. They were married 44 years until John passed away in December 2003.

Addie graduated from Concord College with degrees in home economics and physical education.

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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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Today's Word

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Super Crossword

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Dear Recycle Lady,
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Hesitant Recycler

Dear Hesitant Recycler,

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Dear Recycle Lady,

I love to bake during the holidays; thus, I have many empty sugar and flour bags. Can these bags be recycled?

Holiday Baker

Dear Holiday Baker,
Flour and sugar bags may or may not be recyclable, depending on their inner linings. The lining in flour bags must protect the flour from weevils, moisture, and air. This protection is provided by a pouch made of several layers of paper. The inner layer of the pouch may be brown or white paper, or it may be plastic. The flour bags with the inner layer of paper can be recycled. However, the bags with the inner layer of plastic cannot be recycled. The same is true of sugar bags, although the reason for the layers of protection is somewhat different. The inner layer of sugar bags must be airtight, as well as impenetrable to prevent attracting ants. As with flour bags, when the inner layer is paper, the sugar bag is recyclable. When the inner layer is plastic, the bag is not recyclable. Recyclable flour bags and sugar bags are both recycled with cardboard.

Reminder of pickup days for recycling within the Lewisburg city limits: The first week of 2023 curbside pickup is Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, and every two weeks thereafter. For questions concerning pickup, call Greenworks Recycling at 304-661-7793.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

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

In 1947, Greenbrier Valley residents enjoyed a special holiday treat when Erskine Hawkins, his orchestra, and vocalist Jimmy Mitchell played for a midnight dance on December 28 at the Ronceverte Armory. During the 1940s and 1950s, the Erskine Hawkins Orchestra reigned supreme as one of the best dance bands in the country. Undoubtedly, there was some swinging in the Armory that night.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1914, Hawkins began playing drums at a young age, moved to the trombone and then settled on the trumpet. He attended Alabama State Teachers College, a historic black college. He rose to become leader of the Bama State Collegians, one of the college's three bands that toured around the country during the depression to raise revenue to keep the college afloat.

The Bama State Collegians landed in New York City where the band evolved into the Erskine Hawkins Orchestra that performed at the Apollo Theater, Ubangi Club, and the Harlem Opera House. In the late 1930s, the orchestra played for nearly a decade in the famed Savoy Ballroom. For RCA Victor's Bluebird label, Hawkins recorded Tuxedo Junction that rose to number 7 in 1940 on the billboard charts. Glenn Miller later recorded the same piece that reached No. 1, and his recording continues to be identified as one of the most popular numbers of the World War II years. Other Hawkins hits include After Hours and Tippin In.

Hawkins' orchestra included top-notch jazz musicians like Avery Parrish, Haywood Henry, Sammy Lowe and the Bascomb brothers. Vocalists included Ida James, Delores Brown, and Della Reese.

In a time of racial segregation, what made Ronceverte a venue for Hawkins? It may have been because Ronce-



verte had an African-American-owned hotel where the musicians could stay, and it was on the main line of the C&O Railroad. With several passenger trains daily, the band could have played during the night and caught an early morning train to its next booking.

Photo from the New York Public Library.

Sources: West Virginia News, New York Times, Alabama Hall of Fame.

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Democratic Women salute Louvonne Arbuckle



Kerri Arbuckle (left), Louvonne Arbuckle, and Kathy Martin

The Greenbrier County Democratic Women presented a gift basket to Louvonne Arbuckle as a token of thanks for her 18 years of service as

Greenbrier County Circuit Clerk. Louvonne served 15 years as deputy clerk to Ron Miller before being elected to her position.

Jeanette Chambers, club president stated, “Her experience and integrity served the community well and we wish her the best.”

News in Review

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on Sept. 9, 2022; the Gold Star Mothers of Rainelle begin laying the foundations for honoring the memory of West Virginians who gave their lives during the Global War on Terror for many generations to come by planting an apple orchard with 55 apple trees, each tree representing one service member from each county in West Virginia who has passed away in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan - this orchard is a “Living Memorial”; the Greenbrier County Board of Education meets to recognize the nursing staff at New River Community and Technical College; Ronceverte City Council meets to secure of a much enlarged grant award for the completion of sidewalks in the city and installation of cameras at Island Park; citizens of WSS discuss location of proposed footbridge; pipe relocation temporarily closes part of GRT; Vandalia Health System, the parent company for Charleston Area Medical Center, signs a definitive agreement to acquire Greenbrier Valley Medical Center and its related businesses, including physician clinic operations and outpatient services; Tammy Jordan, president of Fruits of Labor receives the Best Epicurean Partner award at Southeast Tourism Society’s Shining Example Awards;

October

A section of the Greenbrier River Trail is closed to allow for the relocation of the intake pipe for the municipal water plant; West Virginia Living magazine begins their “Best of West Virginia” competition; Gov. Justice and Mayor White participate in groundbreaking ceremony at new municipal water plant; Gov. speaks against Amendment Two on ballot; TOOT and the Edgewood Arts & Crafts Show both return after a two-year pause; contract is awarded for replacement of an iconic bridge in White Sulphur Springs; Women’s Club hosts a Meet the Candidates event at the Ronceverte Fire Hall; Alumnus of the Greenbrier College for Women dedicated a memorial grove on the campus of what is now the New River Community and Technical College; groundbreaking ceremony is held at the new splash pad location near the entrance of Island Park in Ronceverte; Penny Pitch partners with the *Mountain Messenger*; early voting begins for the Nov. 8 General Election; City of Lewisburg receives a rating of 5 Blooms and a special mention for Lewisburg Foundation during the 2022 National/International Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in Victoria, British Columbia; Renick VFW members are joined by representatives of the Alderson Quilt Guild for Quilts of Valor (QOV) presentations to eight veterans during a special dinner Oct. 23;

November

Penny Pitch partners with *Mountain Messenger*; Greenbrier Valley Airport officially welcomes Contour Airlines to Lewisburg and the Greenbrier Valley; Lewisburg is featured one of the “25 Best Christmas Towns in the USA” by Travel and Leisure magazine, placing 7th out of 25 Christmas towns across the United States; Captain James Edward “Eddie” Midkiff, of Rainelle, is honored for 50-years of service to the State of West Virginia as a volunteer firefighter; Greenbrier County Board of Education recognizes Courtney Hudnall, physical education teacher at Ronceverte Elementary School as Teacher of the Year and Greenbrier East’s Matt Sauvage, Head Volleyball Coach, who won the 2021-22 National Federation of Coaches’ Associations State Coach of the Year in Volleyball, as Coach of the Year; in the Nov. 8 General Election District 10 flips from Stephen Baldwin (D) to Vincent Deeds (R), and incumbent Louvonne Legg Arbuckle (D) to challenger Jamie L. Baker (R), the Board of Education Levy passes with 6,157 in favor and 4,867 against, and Blaine Phillips (R) posts strong numbers to defeat DeEtta King Hunter (D) for County Commissioner, for House of Delegates Representatives, both republican candidates, Todd Longanacre and Mike Honaker, led against their democratic opponents by a sound margin; the Greenbrier East Spartans win the West Virginia Division AAA Men’s Soccer Championship; Penny Pitch announces their goal for this year is \$69K; following their AAA West Virginia State Championship win earlier this month, Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White reads a proclamation at the November City Council meeting declaring Nov. 10, 2022 as The Greenbrier East High School 2022 Men’s Soccer Team AAA West Virginia State Champion Day; Alderson Town Council updates traffic map, makes school zones safer; after 19 years of dedication and service, Fred and Scarlett Kellerman, co-founders of Wellspring of Greenbrier, Inc., announce their retirement; White Sulphur City Council votes to raise water rates; the WVDOH announces plans to correct technical problems with traffic signals causing traffic to back up on US 219 between downtown Lewisburg and the Interstate 64 interchange;

December

Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation board member Matt Ford receives the POWER of Performance award; Friends of the Blue announce that the Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion is nearing the completion of its extensive restoration; the Greenbrier County Angel Tree, now in its 12th year, is up once again at Greenbrier Valley Airport; Marissa Mann-Bennett is murdered in Alderson; husband, Zachary Hess Dawson, is arrested; the WV Department of Homeland Security and other law enforcement agencies receives multiple hoax threats about school shootings or other violence on campuses across the state on Dec. 7. All calls are deemed not credible; WVSOM Alumni Association adds two graduates of the school to its list of Distinguished Alumni - both of whom are also current WVSOM faculty members - Mark Waddell, D.O. and Deborah Schmidt, D.O.; Greenbrier County Schools (GCS) hosts a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of the construction, renovation, and restoration of Alderson Elementary School; WVSOM commemorates 50th anniversary with “Founder’s Day” celebration; the Greenbrier County Board of Education honored the 2022 Greenbrier County Service Personnel of the Year, Jerry Baker and Tracy Walkup, custodians at Smoot and Rainelle Elementary; The Greenbrier County Commission bids farewell to Commissioner Mike McClung and presents a painting of a harness race at the state fairground horse racing track as a parting gift; Jamie Baker is sworn in as the newest Greenbrier County Circuit Clerk; Blaine Phillips is sworn in as the newest County Commissioner and will join Commissioners Tammy Shifflett-Tincher and Lowell Rose starting next month; Greenbrier County Clerk Robin Loudermilk prepares to serve another term; Ronceverte City Council accepts resignation from Councilwoman Kathy King who has moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to family; unusually cold temperatures with wind and snow visit the area over Christmas weekend.

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Obituaries

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Addie McCoy Childs continued

She taught for many years in the Baltimore County school system. Later, when the family moved to Bethlehem, PA, she taught culinary arts classes and was very involved in the local community. Addie was known for her quick wit and engaging personality, and most especially for her generous hospitality. She thrived on entertaining and creating gourmet meals and original dishes. She was famous for her bread making abilities and for sharing her skills and knowledge with others.

The family is immeasurably grateful for the many years of kind, loving care and deep friendships Addie enjoyed at Country Meadows of Frederick.

Addie is survived by her two sons, John Matthew Childs and wife Liudmila, and Daniel McCoy Childs and wife Selina; grandchildren, Lillian Childs, Nathan Childs, and Andrei “AJ” Childs; two sisters, Barbara Shannon and Linda Germeroth, and brother, Robert McCoy; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by a sister, Wanda Perry; and brothers, James McCoy, Warren McCoy, and Wayne McCoy.

A memorial service and gathering was held at Stauffer Funeral Home at 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Please honor Addie by considering a donation to the Country Meadows Co-Worker Foundation, which helps Country Meadows co-workers who have experienced unplanned emergencies and need outside support: <https://www.countrymeadows.com/about-us/co-worker-foundation>

Dennis Russell Quillen December 27, 1940 to December 20, 2022

Dennis Russell Quillen (Denny) was born in Greenbrier County, WV, to George Russell (Russ) Quillen and Olga Glee Haynes Quillen on Dec. 27, 1940.

Denny was a graduate of Alderson High School, class of 1958. He attended Auto Body Trade School in Nashville, TN, following graduation. He married and lived in the Washington, DC, area before settling back in Alderson where he and his first wife had three children and he operated Valley Body Shop. He moved his family to Winter Park, Florida in 1979 and established Denny’s Auto Body in 1985. He and Shelva Sampson married in August 1988.

Denny had a long successful career as an auto body repairman by profession, but also as a homestead farmer raising chickens, goats, and turkeys, and working a large garden. He retired in 2008 and moved to Beverly Hills, FL, in 2017 where he continued to do backyard gardening as a hobby. He was a member of First Christian Church of Inverness and was an active 32nd degree Masonic Mason of the Orlando Chapter. He will be remembered for his outgoing personality and always going out of his way to help his family, friends, and neighbors.

Denny was preceded in death by his parents, Russ and Glee.

He is survived by his

wife of 34 years, Shelva Quillen; by his children, Connie Baxter (Russ), Reka Schaub (Ray), Janene Kirkland (Jerry), Julie Monnin (Jarrod), Michael Quillen (Lisa); by his grandchildren, Mark Schaub, Carolanne Bowley (Kyle), Steven Schaub (Lorna), Shannon Schaub, Emily Baxter, Sarah Pierce (Matt), Madison Kirkland, Rachel Kirkland; by his great-grandchildren, Holden Bowley, Cameron Bowley; and by his brothers, Darrell Quillen (Sue), Ronald “Buck” Quillen (Linda).

A memorial service will be held at First Christian Church Inverness on Jan. 5, at 2 p.m., located at 2018 Colonnade Street, Inverness, FL 34453. The service will be shown live on Facebook, from the First Christian Church Inverness page.

In lieu of flowers donations to First Christian Church can be made in his memory, link for donations or church address can be found at www.fc-cinv.com

Tyler Lane Nichols



Lewisburg-Tyler Lane Nichols, 29, formerly of Flat Mountain, Alderson, went home to be with the Lord, with the love of his life and family by his side on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, VA, following a sudden, unexpected illness.

Born on June 20, 1993, in Greenville, NC, he was the son of Thomas Lane and Regina Gail Holliday Nichols of Flat Mountain, Alderson.

He was preceded in death to his Heavenly home by his maternal grandfather, David Eugene Holliday and sister, Lindsey Elizabeth Nichols.

Tyler grew up with the ambition of being a Lineman just like his Dad. After graduating from Greenbrier East High School in 2012, he began his journey to achieve his lifelong goal of becoming a Journeyman Lineman with the ALBAT Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program. During this time, he worked his way up the ranks in the apprenticeship until finally “topping out” and earning the title of Journeyman Lineman on Oct. 28, 2016. He was a proud member of The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 369. He was extremely proud to have earned that title and to be following in his Dad’s footsteps. As a Journeyman Lineman, Tyler was most proud that he was Live Line Barehand Class Certified and worked on a job where he was transported to the tower suspended below a helicopter. Tyler continued to work as a Journeyman Lineman all over the country until his car accident in March 2022. No longer working on the lines, he continued to have the work ethic and stubbornness of a Lineman to overcome the many challenges and obstacles that were a result of his car accident. He was persistent

and refused to give up, showing that strength until the Lord called him home.

Tyler was a Christian and attended Grace Bible Church in Asbury where he was very loved. His passions included being a Journeyman Lineman, making sure his truck(s)/car was spotless and waxed, playing video games, and being home spending time with Kate and his dogs, Bandit, Butch, and Diesel. Tyler never met a stranger and could have a full conversation with anyone that he might happen to meet. He enjoyed living life to the fullest and spending time with his family, whom he loved very much. He will be forever remembered for his pretty boy smile and southern charm.

Left to cherish his memory, along with his parents, are his loving fiancé, Kaitlyn Danielle Shaver of Lewisburg, formerly of Flat Mountain, Alderson; brother, Joshua Thomas and wife Shania Nichols of Flat Mountain, Alderson; sister, Makayla Dean and husband Richard Logan Mann of Flat Mountain, Alderson; paternal grandparents, James Larry and Shirley Ann Nichols of Flat Mountain, Alderson; maternal grandmother, Sharon Marie McCallister of Alderson; maternal step-grandmother, Brenda Reed Holliday of Woodbridge, VA; nephew, Waylon Thomas Nichols of Flat Mountain, Alderson; niece, Charlee Lynn Young of Shelburne, VT; future father- and mother-in-law, Karl “Chuck” Cleveland and Leisha Ann Browning Shaver of Flat Mountain, Alderson; future sisters-in-law, Stephanie Ann Shaver of Shelburne, VT and Karlei Mae Shaver of Flat Mountain, Alderson; along with several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Gathering of friends and family for a Celebration of Life was held Thursday, Dec. 29, at Grace Bible Church, Asbury, followed by funeral services Thursday at the church where Pastor Mike Teubert officiated. Burial followed in the Nichols Family Cemetery, Flat Mountain, Alderson, WV.

Serving as pallbearers were Joshua Nichols, Logan Mann, Cody Shaffer, Danny McKinney, Paul Wilson, and Scott Reigel.

Tyler will be greatly missed as he left an unforgettable impression on the lives of all he encountered.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Nichols Family at www.lobbanfh.com

Arrangements by Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson, WV.

Leta Marie Judy Chester, VA-Leta Marie Judy, 82, formerly of Ronceverte, passed away Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022, at Tylers Retreat, Chester, VA.

Born Jan. 7, 1940, in Ronceverte, she was the daughter of the late William Jennings Morgan and Viola Long Morgan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by son, Charles Michael Judy; and siblings, Bucilla Belle Hodges (E.B.), Zack Morgan (Linda), and Nancy Morgan.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Edward Judy; daughters, Tammy Jinks and Lori Judy; son, Jack Judy all of North Chesterfield, VA; grand

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LEGAL

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 14th day of August, 2020, signed by Christopher Brian Showalter, unmarried man, to Jeffrey Pritt, Trustee, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 829, at page 199, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on the 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2023

at the front doors of the Courthouse in Greenbrier County in Lewisburg, West Virginia the following described real estate:

All of the following described real estate, together with the buildings and improvements located thereon, and the rights of way, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in Irish Corner District, County of Greenbrier, State of West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a 3/4" iron pipe set in the northwestern line of a 40 foot right of way for access road, a corner to Gregory A. Weikle; thence leaving Weikle and with the said right of way S 61-49-08 W 172.80 feet; thence continuing with the right of way S 32-06-14 W 29.73 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar found, a corner to James O. Lafon; thence leaving 40 foot right of way and with said Lafon N 57-53-46 W 329.56 feet to a fence post found; a corner to Robert M. Howard; thence leaving Lafon and with said Howard N 9-43-41 E 443.90 feet to a 3/4" iron pipe set; thence leaving Howard and through the property of Sarah Masters Honaker S 70-15-52 E 626.50 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe set, a corner to Gregory A. Weikle; thence with said Weikle S 56-37-43 W 150.40 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe set; thence continuing with Weikle S 23-27-42 W 230.66 feet to the place of beginning and containing 5.258 acres, more or less, according to a survey made by N. Eugene Kelley on October 4, 1996 and shown on plat entitled "Plat Showing the Property of Patrick and Jessica Reynolds which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 461, at page 458.

This conveyance is subject to that certain Road Maintenance Agreement which is recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 502 at page 278.

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of: 187 Charles Masters Rd, Ronceverte, WV 24970

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third party purchaser at sale will be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees.

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Should any party have any inquires, objections to the sale or protests regarding the sale, or requests regarding the sale, please notify the trustee below by one of the means of communications set forth below.

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Obituaries

Leta Marie Judy Continued

children, Alexander Dale Jinks and Rachael Judy; brothers, Steve Morgan (Linda) of Warner Robins, GA and Issac Lowell (Toby) Morgan of Lewisburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 12 noon, Monday, Jan. 2, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, Monday, at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service in the Morgan Cemetery, Ronceverte.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Charles Denver Holley White Sulphur Springs

-Charles Denver Holley, 95, passed away at his residence Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022.

Born Sept. 29, 1927, at Beach Fork, TN, he is a son of the late Ross P. and Rose Lee Kennedy Hol-

ley.

Charles was a member of Greenbrier Valley Baptist Church in White Sulphur Springs; was retired from The Greenbrier Resort after 46 years of service, and was a U.S. Army Veteran.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Mary Louise Shafer Holley in 2006; two sisters, Betty Anderson and Dorothy Vaughn; and a brother, Lawrence Junior Holley.

Those left to cherish his memory are three daughters, Judy Ward (Milan) of Marshall, MO, Diane Nester (Steve) of White Sulphur Springs and Lisa Armentrout (Cleveland) of Covington, VA; son, Doug Holley (Leah) of Chesterfield, VA; four grandchildren, Jill Leitch of Salem, VA, Justin Nester (Elie) of Martinsburg, WV, Lindsay Taylor of Chesterfield, VA, and Katie Holley of Nashville, TN;

five great-grandchildren, Nick Ferrell of Daleville, VA, Emma, Noah and Ava Nester, all of Martinsburg, WV and Jackson Taylor of Chesterfield, VA; sister, Mary Bittinger of White Sulphur Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

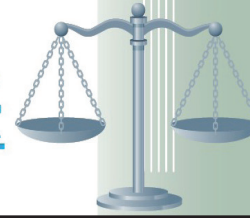
Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at Zion's Light Baptist Church, Ronceverte, with Pastor Mark Shafer and Pastor Gary Baker officiating. Burial will follow in the McLean Cemetery Ronceverte.

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

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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

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ACROSS

- 1 Many musical mélanges
8 Modular homes
15 Two-time Washington senator
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22 Relaxes
23 Wife of Henry VIII who was always mimicking people?
25 One of five womb-mates
26 Cookout pest
27 Photo — (PR events)
28 Ripen
30 Suffix with govern
33 Computer game family
35 Guy who directs films in a very mechanical manner?
38 Bashful
39 Intensely cold
40 "Falstaff" and "Fidelio"
42 Madrid cheer
43 King Arthur's chauffeur?
46 Pro song selectors

- 47 Giant bird of lore
50 Rock concert gear
51 Dog command
52 Python's kin
53 Je ne sais —
54 War general
57 Apportion something erroneously?
62 Glam rocker
63 XI less IV
65 Actress
66 Young girl
67 What Archie bunker said when a discriminatory comment got him in trouble?
73 Up until now
75 Stood up
76 Auditing gp.
77 Year, in Rio de Janeiro
80 Walk around with a voting slip?
85 Einstein's language
87 War deity
88 Reel go-with
89 Singer
91 Omar of "Juice"

- 92 Mao — -tung
93 Coll. dorm monitors
94 High rubber footwear item worn while catching crustaceans?
99 Jan. preceder
100 Food scarcity
101 High no. for a valedictorian
102 Suffix with pay
103 Wine with a childproof lock on its bottle?
107 Get really wet
108 Knight's title
109 Primitive calculators
110 Valuable strike
112 Parlay, say
114 One staring
115 Actress
116 Brigitte
117 who lives in Stratford?
123 Didn't dine out
124 Subscription extension
125 High-fat fruit
126 Hatchlings' hangouts
127 In the optimal case
128 Made a duplicate of, in a way

DOWN

- 1 Buddy
2 Gardner or DuVernay of the screen
3 Dog command
4 "Funny!"
5 Ladle, for one
6 Colonnaded entrance
7 — Lanka
8 Get set, for short
9 Splits
10 Actress
11 Pine relative
12 — Lingus
13 Stomach settlers
14 Occupied, as a booth
15 Films with a "II" appended
16 "House" actor
17 Chinese, e.g.
18 AI — (pasta order)
19 Aromatic compound
24 Rejections
29 "Iliad" figure
30 Bust out of
31 Tribal healer
32 Enjoying the benefits of an effective medication
34 Folklore tale

- 35 Give gas to
36 Valuable strike
37 Gin mill
40 Hershiser of the diamond
41 Tylenol unit
44 Part of i.e.
45 Drug bust gp.
46 Scale starter
47 Liquid carpet cleaners
48 — and aahs
49 Dot on a map
52 Nut go-with
53 Conk out
55 Female organ
56 Diarist Anaïs
58 Balcony window
59 Dress smartly, with "out"
60 "Alice" spinoff
61 Tickle
64 Popular potatoes
68 Acoustic pair
69 TV horse of the '60s
70 Age-revealing stat
71 Troop gp.
72 Pt. of NOW
73 Sing jazzily
74 Boat movers
78 Port of Italia
79 GM assistance system
81 Actor Morgan and singer Chapman

- 82 Been abed
83 "It's either you —"
84 Bit of advice
86 Yank's foe
90 Name in frozen waffles
93 See 119-Down
94 — Remo
95 Med. plan
96 Household dye brand
97 In heaven, say
98 Go toward
99 Subterfuge
100 Did some angling
103 "Cosmos" author Carl
104 Drop off
105 Unsettles
106 — dish
107 — -pitch
110 Using speech
111 In a lazy way
113 Tortilla snack
116 Ethyl ending
117 TV's Arthur
118 Piercing tool
119 With
93-Down, many mid-April mailings
120 Preventive shot, for short
121 Lofty verse
122 Drop off

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

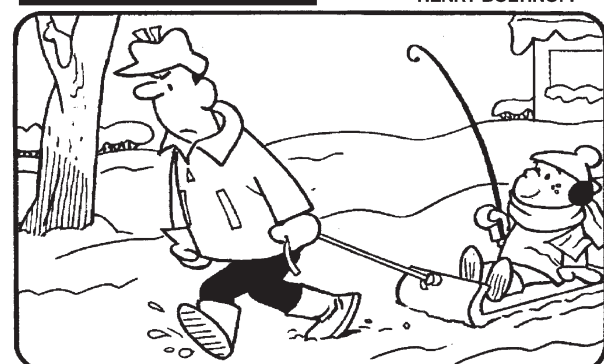
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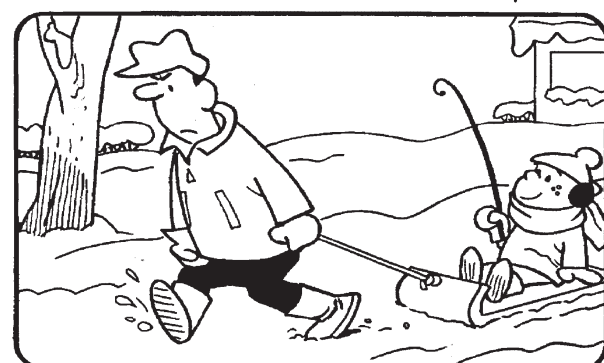
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Collar is different. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Rope end is missing. 5. Whip is shorter. 6. Scarf end is missing.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-128.

GVT announces lineup for Season 56

It seems like 2022 has flown by in a flash as Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) ends their season. However, they have wonderful news to share about the lineup for 2023. Season 56 is an incredible offering of shows that take us from the 19th century to the present, with several stops along the way.

The opening production of their Mainstage season will be Alabama Story by Kenneth Johns. In 1958 author Garth Williams released "The Rabbits Wedding," a children's book about a white rabbit who marries a black rabbit. After its release the Civil Rights Movement clashed with the Jim Crow South, pitting a librarian against a State Senator. While these two face off in a battle of wills, the real-life struggle against segregation plays out between a white woman and a black man. The dark reality of segregation and hate collides with the hope and courage of a bet-

ter tomorrow. Based on true events this new play is about intent, race, censorship, and the American Character.

The second show in the season is Forever Plaid by Stuart Ross and features recognizable classic songs. A blast from the past, this musical will keep you laughing and singing all night. Four young men on the road to fame are killed unexpectedly in a car crash, but they're not going to rest in peace just yet. They take the stage for one last show that's guaranteed to be an undeniable crowd favorite!

Our season follows with the 2010 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning smash hit, Next to Normal with music by Tom Kitt and book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey. Set in the ideal world of the American suburb, this rock musical is an undaunting look at the challenges of living with a mental disorder.

Diana's private battle with depression, and the impact it has on her family, is at odds with the "normal" face she puts on for the neighbors. As she and her family attempt to cope, they face the difficult choices that must be made in order to survive.

The fourth show will be the poignant yet funny, Steel Magnolias by Robert Harling. The inner strength and compassion of women is brought to life in this moving story of friendship. Set in Chinquapin, LA, six devoted friends laugh, cry and survive everything life throws at them with wit, style and good old-fashioned southern charm. When tragedy strikes, the strong bond these women share holds them together, proving they truly are made of steel.

Our next offering will be a new adaptation by Catherine Bush of Frankenstein. In search of a cure for death, Victor

Frankenstein plays God but isn't prepared for the consequences of his dangerous experiments. Misunderstood and ostracized by everyone he meets, Frankenstein's monster takes out his grief on the loved ones in Victor's life, forcing him to face his creation. This adaptation of Mary Shelley's classic will make you wonder if Victor made a monster, or if he made a man the world turned into a monster.

The last show of the Mainstage season will be a new production of the beloved A Christmas Carol. In Charles Dickens' timeless masterpiece, Ebenezer Scrooge must face the ghosts of his past, the reality of his present and the grim future that awaits him. With the help of three holiday Ghosts, Scrooge goes on a journey of self-discovery that teaches him the value of generosity, kindness and brotherhood. This innovative new ad-

aptation guarantees to satisfy the young and young at heart during the holiday season.

GVT looks forward to you joining them for Season 56, and their many wonderful offers that come along with their mainstage works. The Al Jeter Music Series, The

MET Live in HD Series, special events, and the always popular Education Program are a huge part of the work GVT brings to our community.

Mainstage season tickets (early-bird) go on sale Jan. 19, 2023. So, mark your calendars!

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WVDEP accepting applications for environmental teacher of the year awards

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is accepting applications for the 2023 Make It Shine Environmental Teacher of the Year awards. The deadline to apply is Feb. 14, 2023.

Winners will be chosen on the elementary, middle and high school levels, with each winner receiving a \$500 personal award, plus a \$1,000 award to be used in promoting STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) programs at their school.

Educators eligible for nomination must teach ei-

ther full-time or part-time, or volunteer in a classroom setting in a West Virginia public, private or charter school and have had their program established for at least one year. Teachers can be nominated by themselves, colleagues, principals, students, or anyone familiar with their environmental program.

Awards will be presented to educators who have demonstrated exemplary environmental leadership through the creation of lesson plans, implementation of school programs, or participation in activities that promote environmental stewardship.

The 2022 Environmental Teachers of the Year were: Sarah Wamsley, Midland Elementary, Randolph County; Erin Stewart, New River Gorge Learning Co-Op, Fayette County; and Kiersten Potter, St. Albans High School, Kanawha County.

To nominate yourself or a fellow educator for the 2023 awards, applications are available at: <https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/wvmis/Pages/default.aspx>.

For more information, contact Annette Hoskins at: Annette.L.Hoskins@wv.gov or call 304-926-0499 ext. 49759.



A History of The Bell Tavern

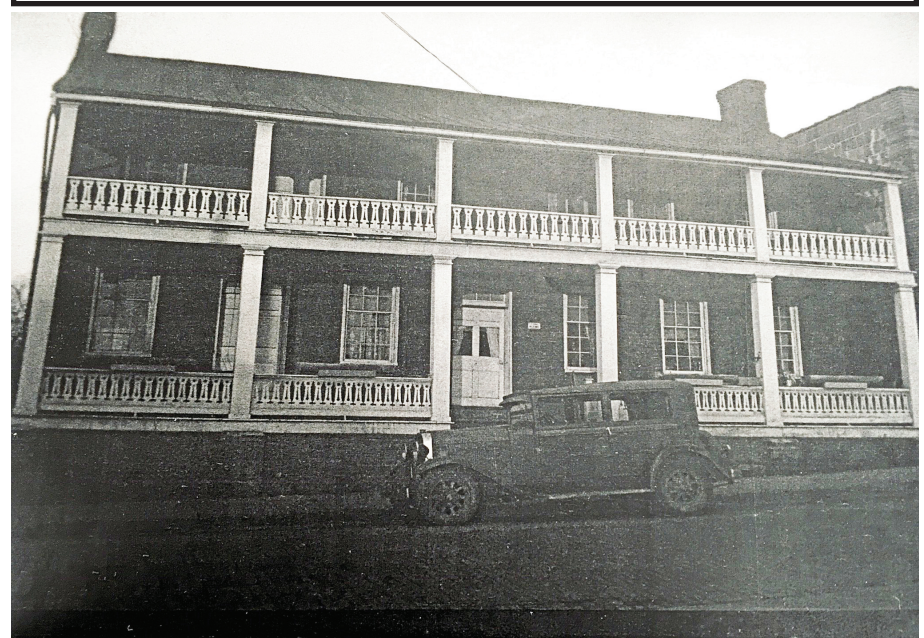


Photo courtesy of The Greenbrier Historical Society

By Michelle Myers

If you're walking east on Washington Street in Lewisburg, take a good look at the building located between Jefferson and Lafayette that is currently occupied by the Greenbrier Real Estate Service. This white painted, black shuttered structure is all that remains of the famous Bell Tavern, also known at various times as the Frazier Tavern, the Old Bell Stand and the Bivens Boarding House.

The site of the Bell Tavern first appears in town records in 1784 when Joseph McClung purchased the lot for six pounds. More than two decades later Benjamin Carmin had purchased and then sold the property to Hugh and James McLaughlin for 750 pounds. By 1823, James Frazier had purchased "a certain house and lot that Hugh and James McLaughlin now occupy as a tavern" for the princely sum of \$5,000.

It was here in 1826 that the famous public dinner for Whig party leader and US Secretary of State Henry Clay took place to much fanfare, Clay was staying at the Old White when he received the invitation and seems to have been a bit lukewarm about the prospect for he wrote to a colleague that "they have invited me to a public dinner at Lewisburg, and not being able to assign any sufficient reason for declining it, I have accepted it." In spite of his apparent reluctance, Clay girded his loins, made the journey from White Sulphur Springs to Lewisburg, and more than

200 guests enjoyed both a rousing speech that lasted almost an hour as well as a good dinner.

What did the Bell Tavern look like? It was a brick two story structure with wide porches that ran the length of the first and second floors of the building. Six square wooden columns supported the porches which boasted white painted wooden railings. The first floor boasted two doors and five windows; the upper had just one door and five front windows.

Just west of the structure was the two story brick house which was a part of the Bell Tavern lot. This building originally had what has been described as a delicate wrought iron railing that enclosed a second floor balcony and is the part that escaped demolition to still stand today.

In an 1859 issue of the Greenbrier Independent newspaper, the Bell Tavern was remembered by an unnamed writer as a big house back in 1826 in which, besides Henry Clay, other luminaries such as Virginia Senator William C. Rives were entertained to dinner and where President Andrew Jackson had breakfast on his way to Washington. The writer went on to reminisce that "here generally the village politicians congregated to discuss the affairs of the nation. The newly adjoining two-story brick cabins with an archway going upstairs were set apart for the accommodation of judges and lawyers attending court."

And it was indeed a large enterprise. The capacity of the Bell Tavern to accommodate substantial numbers of guests in the early part of the 19th century was reflected in an 1834 deed which also conveyed the property's furniture - thirty three beds, eight dining tables and twelve small tables and one side board, one safe and seven dozen chairs.

Even though it was still described as the Bell Tavern in an 1878 sale, the tavern business did not last much longer. When it ceased operations as a tavern, the building became the Bivens Boarding House. Before its eventual demise, it had apparently most recently been operated as a rooming house by a Mrs. L.R. Wallace.

The once handsome structure met its end after it fell into serious disrepair. In 1959 it was sold to James Messer who had it demolished to make way for a new Western Auto Store. A contemporary photograph just prior to its demolition shows a dilapidated and forlorn looking building fenced off from the street and now missing its pillars and porches.


Postscript. No doubt hailed by many at the time as forward thinking modernity in the "out with the old, in with the new" 1950s, the destruction of such a significant part of Lewisburg history may seem shocking to us now. In the end though, the Lewisburg Western Auto Associate Store had a much shorter lifetime than the storied Bell Tavern. So sometimes goes progress.

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WV Inspirations on display at Old Stone Room Gallery

Trish Tuckwiller, textile/mixed media artist, is scheduled to exhibit a solo art show in the Old Stone Room Gallery at Carnegie Hall. The show, entitled "West Virginia Inspirations," is compiled of current work including several never-before seen pieces that will make their debut at the show's opening on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023 at a reception that will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Old Stone Room Gallery.

Tuckwiller is a contemporary textile/mixed media and acrylic artist that is primarily self-taught with skill influences from West Virginia artist John Telisko, Oklahoma artist Rose Dobbins, and Virginia quilter Jinny Beyer. Tuckwiller confidently works in abstract, semi-abstract and realism, relishing the challenge to master all three with a uniquely creative perspective. She is inspired by the beauty of the West Virginia landscape and the many creatures that inhabit it.

Tuckwiller has created since she was a small child, learning basic textile skills from her mother and other skilled sewists. She has over 40 years of experience with textiles and is a well known local/regional quilter with private commissions.

In 2016, she successfully transitioned from quilter to textile/mixed media artist; in 2017 she co-owned WV Fine Artisans, an art gallery in Lewisburg until the gallery closed when the pandemic struck in 2020.

Tuckwiller currently shows her artwork through private shows at The Greenbrier Resort and sells her art via her website - www.trishtuckwillerart.com. Her art can also be seen on Facebook.com/Trish Tuckwiller Art and on Instagram @Trish Tuckwiller Art. She is a member of Greenbrier Artist Guild and her work was featured in the Greenbrier Valley Quarterly in 2022.

Tuckwiller has been commissioned by private individuals and her work can be found private collections across the United States.

For more information about the show, contact Carnegie Hall at info@carnegiehallWV.org or trish@trishtuckwillerart.com



Trish Tuckwiller with her extensive stock of fabric. She is inspired by the beauty of the West Virginia landscape and the many creatures that inhabit it.

It's time to welcome a brand-new year, and we hope it's filled with countless good times and a wealth of good fortune!

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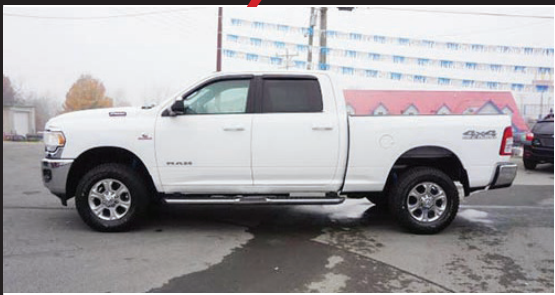
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