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## Public Notice: Traffic update for downtown Lewisburg

No left or right turns for trucks over 50 feet long will be permitted from Washington Street (Route 60) onto Jefferson Street (Route 219) at the intersection of Route 60 and Route 219. All such trucks are now routed to Route 60.



## Lewisburg City Council approves Arts and Humanities funding requests

By Sarah Richardson

The Lewisburg City Council met on Tuesday, Aug. 15, to discuss and approve several resolutions and Arts and Humanities funding requests. Resolution 528, a water system improvement project pay request in the total amount of \$1,561,498.64 was passed, along with Resolution 529, Public Works building pay request 6, in the amount of \$231,621.75.

Sally Bray and Cathy Rennard with Carnegie Hall approached the Council with an Arts and Humanities funding request in the amount of \$2,725 to be used for TOOT artist fees. The finance committee approved the request, as did council. “This year is going to be a challenging year,” Bray reported. She said that they are encountering some resistance from vendors, and that Carnegie is trying to increase the overall number of vendors this year to help with lines and wait times. “We are really enhancing the artist aspect of it, because that really is the most important thing to us. But we do believe that this is a city-wide benefit, and with your financial support it makes it a lot easier,” said Bray.

“We think that diversification is a key factor right now, and this does enable us to do that,” Rennard said. “It will be a well-rounded festival on Oct. 14.”

A second Arts and Humanities funding request, this one for the West Virginia Jazz Orchestra for their Labor Day concert, was considered and approved by council. This \$700 will be used to help finance the public concert on Sunday, Sept. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Green Space. Dr. Bonny Copenhaver, President of the New River Community and Technical College, will be the guest speaker this year. The public is invited to bring a chair to the Green Space to enjoy this free event.

In other news: City Manager Misty Hill discussed an invoice from Thrasher Engineering for \$8,925 for the design, construction administration, and geotechnical services for the new fire station project. They will now start designing the foundation for the new station, which will be located off of Grand Avenue near the movie theater. The invoice was approved as presented.

Hill also announced that the City had a Class III water operation resign, and Council approved the hiring of Aaron Brown as a new Class III water plant employee.

## County Commission swears in new director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management



**Donald Havens takes the oath of office of Director of the Greenbrier County Homeland Security & Emergency Management & 911 Center surrounded by officers of the Lewisburg Municipal Police Department, including Chief Teubert, State Senator Vince Deeds, and Prosecuting Attorney Patrick Via.**

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 22 and was pleased to announce the hiring of a new Director for the Greenbrier County Homeland Security/Emergency Management/911 Center. Donald Havens, after what every member of the Commission described as a highly positive and exciting interview process, succeeded through the process to be appointed to the director’s position. Numerous members of the Lewisburg Municipal Police Department, including Chief Teubert, as well as State Senator Vince Deeds and County Prosecutor Patrick Via, were all on hand to confirm Havens appointment.

In other news, the county opened two bids for mowing and trimming on the Phase I section of the Meadow River Rail Trail, which encompasses an eight-mile piece of the trail. The two bids opened were from Willis’ Weed Wackers and Ike’s Blades of Glory and amounted to \$7,000 and \$24,500. The bids now go to Project Director Matt Ford for approval.

The county also approved an agreement with Clayton Enterprises for provisional monthly financial services. Provisional financial services include monthly analysis of finances every month in preparation for the county’s yearly audit.

The city also extended the current facility lease for the Greenbrier Family Court as well rented additional space for temporary relocation of the county Probation Office. The new property to be rented will be 767 Jefferson Street South. The Commission was quick to point out that after the courthouse construction process is completed, the county Probation, Sheriff’s, Family court, and Magistrate court offices will be in the old courthouse building, which the commission looks forward to as it will put “all of the county’s various offices under one roof and not all over town. And will prevent us from paying rent all over town, as well.”

The Greenbrier County Commission will meet again on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. in the New Courthouse Annex.

## ‘For the Love of Golf’ opens in White Sulphur Springs

By Stephen Baldwin, RealWV

Before Brandon Watkins received his Professional Golf Management Degree and taught the game in places like Myrtle Beach and Knoxville, he was a student at Greenbrier East High School who played on the golf team.

“I started giving lessons when I was probably about 15,” he says. “I just love the game and love the golf swing. It’s like a puzzle you have to piece together.”

Now, Brandon is opening his own golf shop in downtown White Sulphur Springs. Located on Main Street beside Beards & Bangs, it will provide instruction, club fitting, and retail items.

“This is my childhood dream,” he shares. “I’ve thought about opening my own shop at home for years. Once I got around to the realization it was possible, it all came together.”

Brandon played college golf for Concord and Bluefield State before going on to a successful amateur career and becoming a certified golf instructor.

“White Sulphur is growing, and golf is growing,” he adds. “We have a golf history here - Sam Snead, Bill Campbell, the Ryder Cup, the Solheim Cup. People need a place they can get personalized expertise.”

Brandon says locals shouldn’t have to drive an hour to buy a golf glove or drive two hours for a club fitting. So he plans to step in and fill the void.

His shop will sell gloves, balls, hats, and See “Love of Golf”\_ Page 2



**Brandon Watkins has opened For the Love of Golf on Main Street in White Sulphur Springs.**



**For the Love of Golf sells most retail golf items and has a Trackman 4 simulator.**

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# Gov. Justice announces 21 art grants at Greenbrier Valley Theatre in Lewisburg



Gov. Jim Justice joined West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History (WVDACH) Curator Randall Reid-Smith in presenting 21 grants to arts organizations from the surrounding area at the Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) in Lewisburg last week.

The awarded grants include:

- Arts Partners - The Arts Partners grant program provides operating support for staffing and programming to stable, long-standing arts organizations with full-time staff and operating budgets of at least \$100,000. This funding allows them to further their missions and provide high-quality arts programming to their communities.
- Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg will receive \$60,567 for general operating support.
- Greenbrier Repertory Theatre Company in Lewisburg will receive \$36,653 for general operating support.
- Arts in Education - Arts Exposure - The Arts in Education - Arts Exposure Projects grant program provides support for schools and nonprofit organizations, as well as individual artists and artist collectives, to present professional performing, literary, and visual artists

to students in grades K-12.

- Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton will receive \$5,850 for support for touring theatrical productions for local students.
- WV Professional Dance Company in Beckley will receive \$15,000 for support for performances and workshops in 12 West Virginia schools.
- Arts in Education - School-Based and Out-of-School Based Projects - The Arts in Education - School-Based and Out-of-School-Based Projects grant provides support for schools and nonprofit organizations for curriculum-based, hands-on projects that involve K12 students and teachers.
- Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton will receive \$2,846 for support for technical theater workshops for middle and high school students.
- Greenbrier County Board of Education in Lewisburg will receive \$15,521 for support for teaching artists in 150 K-12 classrooms.
- High Rocks Educational Corporation in Hillsboro will receive \$12,880 for support for arts education activities at two summer camps for students.
- Creative Aging for Lifelong Learning - The Creative Aging grant program provides support for

individual artists, schools, local governments, and 501(c)(3) organizations to carry out projects that teach a new skill in the arts to a group of adults.

- Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton will receive \$5,000 for support for an intergenerational choir project.
- Cultural Facilities - The Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources grant program provides funding for building and renovation projects at arts facilities and history museums. West Virginia is one of only 11 states to have a brick-and-mortar grant program. Every dollar awarded is matched with local dollars and employs local people in the design, building, and construction trades.
- Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton will receive \$35,6045 for sound and lighting upgrades.
- RiffRaff Arts Collective in Princeton will receive \$58,900 for Phase II of the Lonnie Gunter Jr. Center for Culture.
- Cultural Facilities Fast Track - The Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources Fast Track grant program provides up to \$10,000 in emergency support to schools, local governments, and 501(c)3 organizations for the renovation of arts venues and

history museums, accessibility improvements, and capital purchases

- Theatre West Virginia in Beaver will receive \$10,000 for stage upgrades at Grandview.
- Community Arts Project Support - The Community Arts Project Support grant program provides funding for nonprofit organizations and local governments to provide arts programming in all disciplines to the public. Categories include presenting artists, performing artists, visual arts, media arts, and folk and traditional arts.
- Appalachian South Folklife Center in Pipestem will receive \$11,400 for support for performances at Culturefest World Music & Arts Festival.
- Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton will receive \$20,000 for support for the Wild & Wonderful and Almost Heaven performance series.

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## Love of Golf

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more retail golf items. And yes, they do have women’s and left-handed golf gloves! “Additional retail items will be filling in over the next few months,” Watkins adds.

The meat and potatoes of Brandon’s shop is the Trackman 4 simulator, which includes putting. “It’s top of the line,” he says proudly. “Dual radar, so it monitors the golf ball and the clubhead. For an instructor like me, that’s Christmas. It gives me all the info I need to help people improve.”

Customers can book golf lessons on the simulator. They can also receive club fittings for brand new TaylorMade & Mizuno irons. Last but not least, they can rent the simulator to play on one of 180 courses loaded onto it. “You can play Pebble Beach or Saint Andrews!” Brandon shares.

When I ask Brandon why he decided to call his shop ‘For the Love of Golf,’ his demeanor changed. He thanked me for asking that question, paused to consider his words, and said softly, “I wouldn’t be standing here if it wasn’t for the game of golf. It’s done everything for me. My education, my career, my travels are all possible because of the game of golf.”

Brandon loves the game. As a child, he would record swings on video and replay them over and over, learning the parts of the swing.

“My focus is to help people play better golf,” he says. “The best way to grow the game is to help people play better. That’s what I love!”

While this may be Brandon’s dream, he’s quick to point out all the help he’s received from family, friends, and WV Hive. “They’ve all been instrumental in making this happen.”

‘For the Love of Golf’ opened on Aug. 22. Call or email Brandon to arrange a lesson or time with the simulator. The shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 12 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Rate information will be available soon. The shop is located between Ace Hardware and Tootsie’s Place, in the hallway on Main Street beside Beard & Bangs. You can reach them at 304-536-0008 or watkinsgolf@outlook.com.

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**SAPPHIRE**  
Sapphire is a four-year-old female domestic short hair.

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.

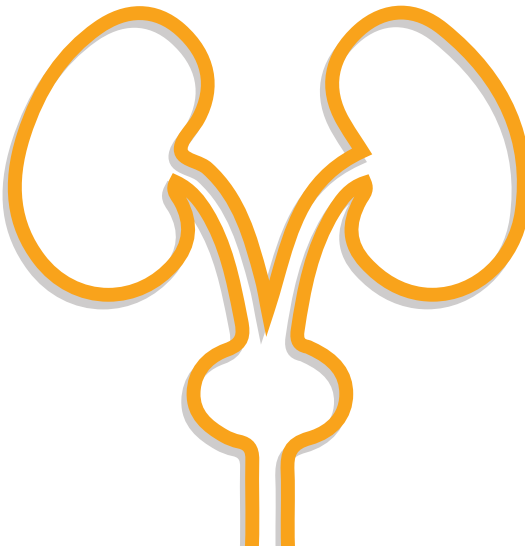
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# NATURE'S WAY

## Biophilia

By Karen Cohen



**A reminder that we are earth dwellers with many other lifeforms.**

I learned a new word and I am a tad embarrassed that I didn't know this sooner than now. Biophilia. Let's break it down: a human tendency to interact or be closely associated with other forms of life in nature- a desire or tendency to commune with nature.

Well ok, then, I will assume the noun to describe myself. I love nature and commune with it on a daily basis. Living in the woods keeps my feet on the ground, literally, and my senses filled with smells, sights, sounds of, you guessed it, nature. Do you take long walks along the river trail? Do you plant a garden of flowers or veggies? How about feeding birds or butterflies? Are your mushroom logs ready to sprout? Even mowing your lawn is a way to connect with nature! You are a biophilic! Welcome to the club.

Biophilia happens inside your home, too. Large windows provide lots of light but also lend a mucho grande view of your lush yard or backyard garden. Indoor plants bring living beings close to you especially in the dreary winter months. They offer a type of companionship, something to care for, dote on, etc., without demanding much in return 'cept for a glass of water every few weeks!

Dig this: plants that are red, purple, pink, green, and white are purported to lower blood pressure and boost your mood. Amazing! Go get a peace lily, snake plant, or aloe plant. They require almost nothing and will absorb carbon dioxide while releasing oxygen. And they just look good in a sunny corner of your house or porch.

We can strive to become a biophilic and yes, it is contagious. Somehow this topic is not taught in school but gets handed down from parents and grandparents. Kids love treehouses- build one for them. A tree swing can provide time for a child to indulge their imagination rather than idle hours looking at a screen of sorts. Start a family project of identifying trees by collecting their leaves. Keep a diary of the various birds you hear and see flitting outside your home. Go for daily walks: after dinner time is great for exercise and observing the world

### Commentary

## WV Nursery and Landscape Association registers 'strong disapproval' of WVU's proposed cutbacks to Landscape Architecture Program

The West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association (WVNLA) registered its "strong disapproval" to leaders at West Virginia University (WVU) for its proposed elimination of bachelor's and master's degree programs in Landscape Architecture and the reduction of staff in Soil and Plant Sciences from 21 to 10 people.

Julie Robinson, executive director of WVNLA, wrote a letter to Peter Butler, director of WVU's School of Community Development and Design, and Elizabeth (Lisa) Orr, Landscape Architecture Program Coordinator asking them to convey the association members' request for reconsideration to decision makers at WVU. "WVNLA has provided significant support and financial assistance through the years, largely because we seek to promote green industry careers and professionalism throughout the state," said Robinson. The association is also circulating a petition seeking support for continuation of the Landscape Architecture and Plant and Soil Science education and outreach programs.

The WVNLA letter cited strong industry and home state support for the WVU academic programs. "As the state's flagship, land-grant university, WVU should be supporting the enrollment of in-state students, not driving them away."

The loss of West Virginia's only accredited Landscape Architecture program will inevitably lead to West Virginia students leaving the state to study landscape architecture. These students are not likely to return to West Virginia, to the detriment of in-state engineering, architecture and landscape companies who would employ them."

The letter continued:

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around you. Find one new thing in nature every day and discuss it. Learning is ongoing no matter how old you get.

Another way to connect with nature and all things natural is to consider what actions you take when you do interact with nature. Do you strive to help or harm nature? Research tells us that almost half of the land surface of earth has been touched by human hands in some way. Humans tend to believe that we "own" the earth and so we fight to "tame" it and control it when, in fact, we are part of the whole ecosystem. If the human race goes extinct, the earth will live on without us.

Biodiversity is disappearing. 93% of agricultural seeds are extinct. Some seeds are patented and can no longer be traded in private hands. Land mass across the globe have been continually deforested and stripped of natural indigenous plant life and hence, animals disappear too, without food sources. It takes 120 years for a forest's diversity and its soil to fully recover after clear cutting.

Monoculture has reigned supreme. Maize (corn) is USA's most grown and consumed crop with 1.4 billion tons produced worldwide. It dominates our landscapes. With high yields, corn is easy to grow. About 40% of the amount grown goes to hogs, chickens, and cattle. Roughly one acre of a standing corn will provide 100 cows with food for ONE DAY.

Again we ask ourselves, what can we do to help and what are we doing to harm nature? Nature is what gives us everything we need to live: clean air, clean water, clean food, and sunlight. Let's not leave out BEAUTY! It's all here for us to use wisely, share indiscriminately, and protect for future generations of all life forms, humans included!

*(Karen Cohen writes her gardening journals called Nature's Way. An organic gardener, forest bather, and avid nature explorer, please send your comments and tips to natureswaykaren@gmail.com. And Happy Growing!)*

"In the last ten years, WVNLA has contributed in excess of \$60,000 to the Landscape Architecture and Horticulture programs for student travel for national competitions and horticultural tours throughout Europe; the development of a master landscape plan for the Evansdale campus as designed by Landscape Architecture students; and a book scholarship, among other projects.

WVNLA's board members voted to fund these projects because they believe these programs provide vital experiences and education for students in the Landscape Architecture and Horticulture programs. These graduates go on to create designs which landscape and engineering companies use to create effective, safe and attractive spaces throughout West Virginia and beyond. These projects also provide employment opportunities.

In the last ten years, WVNLA has also provided 16 scholarships for Landscape Architecture and Horticulture at WVU. The total of these scholarships was \$65,000.

Robinson said state and federal economic statistics show the nursery and landscape industry in the state and related employment has grown and will continue to expand through 2026. "That is why WVNLA has been building more academic and workforce development initiatives to support jobs and local economies," she said.

Robinson said WVNLA's workforce development and scholarship support in all parts of the Mountain State are boosting the green economy and enhancing the pipeline of talented skilled workers and entrepreneurs in nursery and landscaping. "The green economy and our youth deserve better," said Robinson.




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3. Modest; 4. Lurch

### Today's Word

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### Super Crossword

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## Hammond named 2024 Lawyer of the Year for banking and finance law

Goodwin Hammond PLLC, attorneys at law, is pleased to announce that David G. Hammond has been named the 2024 Lawyer of the Year for banking and finance law in the Charleston, West Virginia metro area by Best Lawyers in America and has also been recognized for work in the areas of corporate law, commercial, finance, commercial transactions, and Uniform Commercial Code law. Goodwin Hammond brings more than 35 years of experience representing individuals and businesses in complex real estate, financing, corporate law, and estate planning matters.

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# OBITUARIES

## J. Fred Hensley



J. Fred Hensley, 86, was called Home in the early morning of Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023.

He was born to Reverend Clyde Hensley and Ruth Smith Hensley in Kenova, WV, October of 1936.

Fred attended Lewisburg High School, West Virginia University and Oklahoma State University where he obtained his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.

Having earned the Order of the Arrow rank in the Boy Scouts, Fred was an avid and accomplished outdoorsman. His many hobbies included fishing, boating, and hunting. He completed his Master Gardener program and neighbors always appreciated gifts from his gardens and fruit trees, gardening tips or an extra set of hands to work their land. Having earned his pilot license, he was also able appreciate the outdoors from above.

His Boy Scout experience undoubtedly lent itself to one of Fred’s most charming characteristics. He was celebrated for his ability to make, form or repair anything with whatever materials he had on hand. His creativity in doing so was seldom cited for its aesthetics but always got the job done. As a result, his name became a verb. One might “Hensley” something to fix it up the way they needed.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margie Tarkington Hensley, and their children Dwayne, Pat, Amy and Christina.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jeremy in 1990 and his beloved dogs, Jack, Roxie, Scooter and Princess.

Fred passed peacefully at home in the loving company of his family in Punta Gorda, FL.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at <https://baldwincremation.com/obituaries/j-hensley/>

## Mason Gary Blake



**Atco, NJ**-Mason Gary Blake, 88, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023 at his home.

Mason was born on May 28, 1935 in Renick’s Valley, West Virginia. He was the eldest son of Mason Taylor and Georgia May Wolverton Blake.

Mr. Blake grew up on a farm in Renick’s Valley, along with his six sisters and two brothers, and graduated from Renick High School with the class of 1953. After graduation, Mason enlisted in the USMC. He was a Mustang Officer and rose through the enlisted ranks to retire as a Captain, with 20 years of service to his country. Mr. Blake was

also a proud Veteran of Vietnam. In 1955, Mason married his wife, Gloria Mae Stowe at the MCRD on Paris Island in the Post Chapel. After retiring from the Marine Corp, Mason and Gloria settled in Atco, NJ, where Mason worked for many years in HVAC, electrical and plumbing maintenance. After retiring, Mason became a member of the Delmar, NJ and Atco, NJ Senior Citizens Clubs where he enjoyed learning many new line dances. Gloria preceded Mason in death on Aug. 7, 2006.

Other than his parents and his wife, Mason was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Deidre Denise; five sisters, Euva May Allen, Frances Lee Allen, Nora Blanche Wickline, Bessie Susan Copenhaver and Helen Ruth Lewis.

Those left behind to treasure his memory are his daughter, Robyn; his granddaughter, Brittany, grandson, Shane, great-grandson, Tristan and great-granddaughter, Amelia, all of New Jersey. Mr. Blake is also survived by one sister, Mary Evangeline Wheeler, of Kentucky; his two brothers, Donald Vinton Blake, Sr. of Renick, and Lonnie Dair Blake, of Harrison, Delaware; 23 nieces and nephews and a multitude of grand-nieces and nephews.

A military graveside service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m. at Morningside Cemetery in Renick with nephew, Don Blake, Jr. officiating.

A Remembrance of Life service will be held at a later date in Atco, NJ.

Constantino Funeral Services in Berlin, NJ and Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, WV, are in charge of arrangements.

## Thomas Hutchins Hall, Jr.



**Frankford**-Thomas “Tom” Hutchins Hall, Jr., 67, departed this earth on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023 at the Seneca Trail Healthcare in Fairlea, WV.

He was formerly from Prince Frederick, MD and Glen Burnie, MD. He was born May 15 in Prince Frederick, MD, to the late Thomas Hutchins Hall, Sr. and Mary Catherine Vandervort Hall.

Tom had four siblings, Vicki Whitt of Lewisburg, Jerry Hoover (wife Paula) of Frankford, Mary Catherine Bloom of Severn, MD, and Cynthia Marlene Shields (husband Hal) of Frankford. Tom had nine nieces and nephews, Pamela Ooten, Annie Hoover DeMoss, Tammy Whitt Barnett, Heather Whitt, Jason Alan Booker, Joseph Thomas Bloom, Marvin Edward Bloom, Cath-

erine V. Prola, and Sarah Marie Bloom.

Tom graduated from Andover High School in 1975, he worked at Friendship Airport. Then in 1976, Tom got married, bought a house, and worked in the tire business. Three months after marriage he became very ill after a camping trip where he was bitten by a mosquito and was infected with Herpes Encephalitis, leaving him unable to care for himself. He moved back home to his parents.

Tom’s favorite things in life were his ‘69 Road Runner, his Harley Davidson, and his interest in Civil War History. He loved playing checkers and classic country music. His favorites were Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash.

Tom loved his family dearly, especially his mom. He loved the holidays and celebrating with his family. Tom always had a smile on his face was happy and always had a story to tell to anyone who would listen.

There will be a celebration of life service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the residence, 189 Buchanan Street, Frankford, WV 24938.

## Nancy Lynn Church



**Ronceverte**-Nancy Lynn Church, 92, peacefully passed Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023 at Peyton Hospice House.

Nancy was born May 15, 1931 in Covington, VA, the daughter of the late Charles and Blanche (Patty) Jordan Snead.

Nancy had worked at Shenandoah Manor in Ronceverte and with the Bendix Corporation.

Other than her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by her husband Willard Church and 6 siblings.

Survivors include daughters, Loretta Sue Couch and husband Lou from Fairmont and Alice Diane Hobson of Bedford, VA; sons, Steven Lee Church and wife Kathy of Bear Creek, NC, Rodger Elliott Church of Union, David Willard Church of Alexandria, VA, and Ralph Allen Church of Ronceverte; grandchildren, Stephanie, Jeremy, Stacey, Kristina, Scott and Allison; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mickie Rhodenizer and husband Bo of Roanoke, VA, and Betty Fitzgerald of Covington, VA; brother, Ralph Snead and wife Patsy of Covington, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

Nancy’s wishes were to be cremated.

A memorial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you send donations to Peyton Hospice House; 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com)

# West Virginia Hive, WVU TechLaunch Lab to host 2023 Pitch Southern WV Business Idea Competition Oct. 12

The West Virginia Hive, in partnership with the West Virginia University Institute of Technology (WVU Tech) Launch Lab, will host their next Pitch Southern West Virginia Business Idea Competition on Oct. 12, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the WVU Tech campus in Beckley.

Diana Woods, director of the WVU Tech Launch Lab who is serving as coordinator of the event, said a panel of judges will select the winners and award nearly \$5,000 in prizes. The funding for the awards is from private contributors. Woods said the upcoming pitch competition is open to residents and businesses located in Raleigh, Fayette, Nicholas, Summers, Webster, Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe, Mercer, Wyoming, McDowell, Logan, and Mingo Counties and WVU Tech students, faculty and staff. Entries to the business idea competition are limited to entrepreneurs of new start-ups and businesses in operation for less than three years. Applications will be divided into community (non-student) and student divisions.

Woods said the deadline to submit an application is 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14. Applications can be downloaded at [wvhive.com](http://wvhive.com) and should be emailed to Woods at: [tech-launchlab@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:tech-launchlab@mail.wvu.edu)

Judy Moore, executive director of the WV Hive and deputy director of the



New River Gorge Regional Development Authority, said a panel of judges will evaluate the entries to the Pitch Southern West Virginia Business Idea Competition and select finalists to present in-person on Oct. 12. She said all finalists will be provided additional details and afforded opportunities for coaching on how to create a winning pitch presentation.

During the in-person competition, each entrepreneur will have five minutes to present their business idea to a panel of judges and explain why it is innovative and how it will make a difference to residents of southern West Virginia. Each presentation will be followed by a brief question and answer period with the judges.

In addition to the \$2,000 grand prize, smaller prize awards will be given to second and third place winners in the community division. Prize money for the community division must be used to further develop the business idea. Top prize for the student division is \$1,000, which can be used to further develop the business idea or

go toward the student’s education at WVU Tech.

Woods said a new element with this installment is the “audience favorite” award. Everyone in attendance will have opportunity to vote and the entrepreneur who receives the most votes will win \$250. This years’ Gold sponsors of the event are United Bank and the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Those interested in sponsoring should contact Beth Epperson at [bepperson@nrgda.org](mailto:bepperson@nrgda.org) or 304-460-4483. All sponsorship funds are provided to the contestants as winnings.

“The Hive and Launch Lab encourage all eligible entrepreneurs and business ideators to apply,” said Moore. “Over the years, winners in this pitch competition have gone on to do remarkable things and the winnings helped them tremendously in creating or growing their small businesses. We are proud to provide these opportunities for entrepreneurial growth throughout southern West Virginia.”

# Pocahontas County receives Build WV Designation

*Application submitted by CVB and GVEDC is approved for WV’s 8th designation location*

Incentives created to encourage development of housing are now available in Pocahontas County after this week’s designation as a certified BUILD WV district by the West Virginia Departments of Commerce, Tourism, and Economic Development. The application for designation was submitted jointly by the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation (GVEDC) and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau (PCCVB), in conjunction with efforts of the Pocahontas County Housing Task Force, formed in March of 2022.

Qualifying projects within the district are eligible to receive a sales and use tax exemption for building materials as well as a 10-year property value adjustment refundable tax credit to offset building costs. BUILD WV Act was passed by Legislature in 2022 and expanded in 2023.

“This designation is a key tool to incentivize investment into housing solutions for our county’s current employers and residents and will support all efforts to grow the economy and replenish our population,” says Cara Rose former PCCVB director who worked on this application just before retiring.

The district was established with Clover Lick as the center point and includes areas within a 20-mile radius. This point was chosen to encompass as much of Pocahontas County as possible, particularly to include areas where there is developer interest. Letters of support for the project were provided by both the CVB and the EDC as well as the Pocahontas County Commission, Inter-State Hardwoods, Snowshoe Mountain Resort, Greenbank Observatory, Safe Homes, Fort Warwick, Homeownership Center, and First Tracts Realty.

Ruthana Beezley, executive director of the GVEDC, added “We understand that housing is an issue in the region - for residents who want to move here and for employers who want to recruit employees. We are continuing to work on solutions, but feel this designation is an important piece of the puzzle.”

According to the Build WV Code (WV §5B-2L-16), projects eligible for the BUILD WV Act will be located in a certified district: include at least six residential units or houses OR generate approved costs in excess of \$3,000,000: create a significant and positive economic impact on the state; improve opportunities for commercial businesses and provide additional employment opportunities.

Interested housing developers are encouraged to contact Ruthana Beezley at [rbeezley@gvedc.com](mailto:rbeezley@gvedc.com) for additional information on applying. There is an application fee of \$5,000, and the State and GVEDC are working to make sure applications are viable before submitting. The Greenbrier Valley EDC is also working with interested parties in Greenbrier and Monroe County to submit further district designations.

The Greenbrier Valley EDC is the local economic development authority for Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Monroe Counties whose mission is to strategically facilitate economic growth and higher wages through collaborative partnerships, while preserving the natural beauty and quality of life in the Greenbrier Valley region.

The Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau [PCCVB] is an independent, nonprofit corporation dedicated to marketing and promoting Pocahontas County as a destination. Their mission is to promote tourism which strengthens our community through job creation and education, while protecting the environment, sharing our culture and preserving our history.

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# Dear Recycle Lady

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

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*Newspaper Carrier*

**Dear Newspaper Carrier,**

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**Hello Recycle Lady,**

Did you know there is a mail-in recycling program for old nylon stockings? Recycled Crafts accepts nylon tights and pantyhose in any condition. For more information, contact them at recycledcrafts@live.com.

*Hosiery Recycler*

**Dear Hosiery Recycler,**

Thanks for the information about recycling old nylon stockings and pantyhose. Since the link you provided is an email address, I found another website on the subject, swedishstockings.com/pages/recycling-club that recycles pantyhose and stockings. They grind up old nylons and pantyhose into a filler material for industrial fiberglass tanks. The

commercial industry uses these tanks to separate grease from water when cleaning up places like gas stations or restaurants. According to brightlifedirect.com, nylon was first produced in the 1920s by DuPont and nylon is the primary fiber in most hosiery products. DuPont combined extracts from coal and petroleum chemicals to make nylon, which is non-biodegradable, and takes 30 or 40 years to decompose. The website lists twenty-some great ideas for reusing pantyhose.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

White Sulphur Springs is a railway station for Amtrak passenger trains. I know they have made several changes in the cars that make up the train. What happens to old train cars once they are taken out of service?

*Train Trips are Fun*

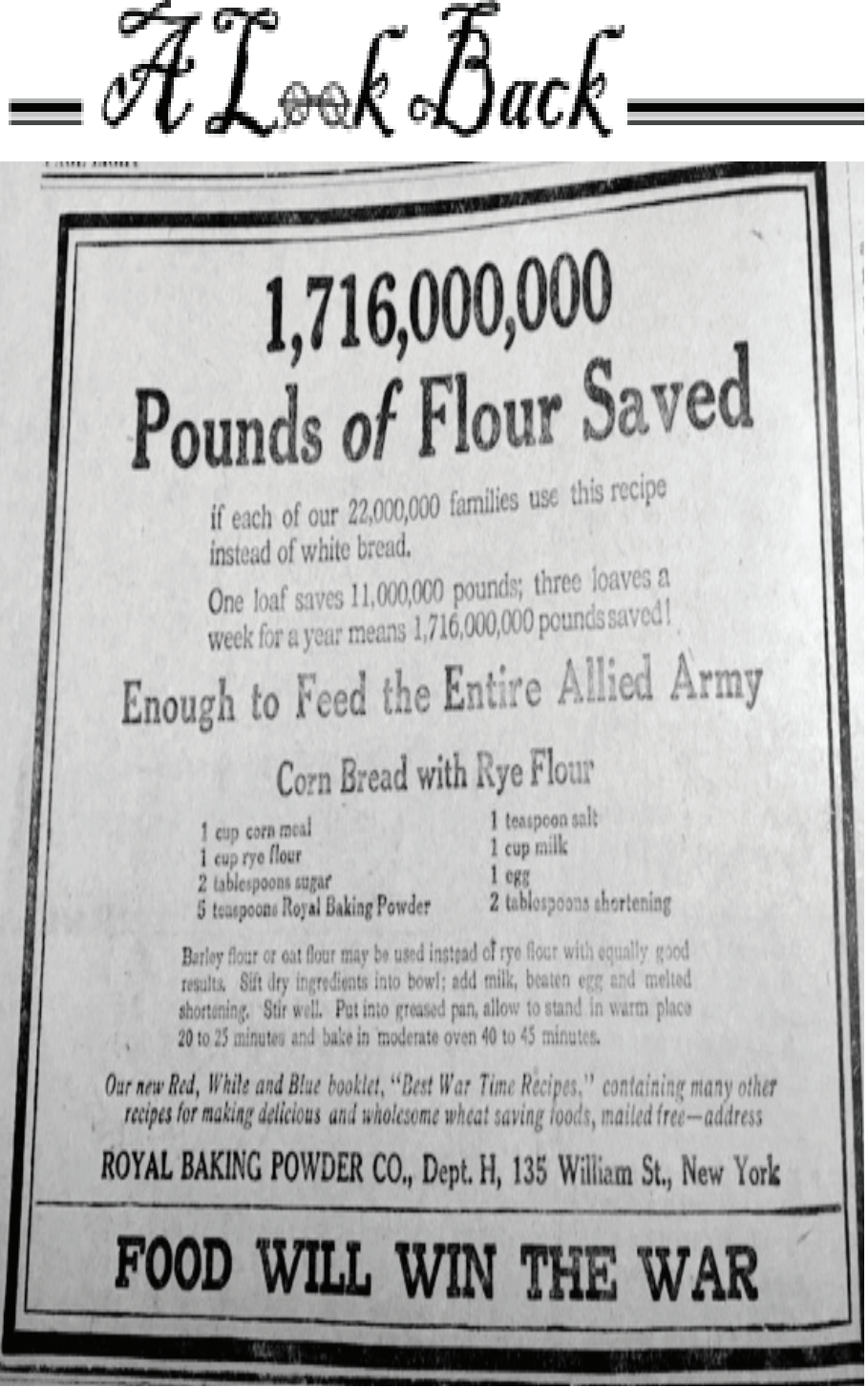
**Dear Train Trips are Fun,**

According to Chicago Transit Authority, most old train cars are sold for scrap metal after they have been used for 25 years or so. Some cars go to museums, movie sets, or the military for training purposes. However, the public transit agency in Atlanta, Georgia, has another idea. The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) plans to drop old subway cars into the Atlantic Ocean to create new artificial reef habi-

tats for fish and other marine life. Crabs, shrimp, worms, and plants are all attracted to the sunken cars. Before dropping the cars into the ocean, they are cleaned of oil, grease, and any other chemicals. All excess parts are removed. New York has also dropped subway cars into the ocean off the coasts of Delaware and New Jersey to create habitats for underwater marine life. According to curbed.com, approximately 2,500 subway cars had been dropped into the ocean by 2010. The “Redbird Reef” off the coast of South Carolina is a thriving underwater ecosystem with fish, coral, and other sea creatures that is comprised of 200 subway cars. Using old subway cars to create new habitats for marine life is a great example of adaptive reuse by showing how old, broken-up items can have a new life in an entirely new form.

**Good News:** More than 100 countries now have a full or partial ban on single-use plastic bags! (fto.com)

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.



**By William “Skip” Deegans**

Russia’s bombing of Ukrainian wheat fields and grain storage facilities and resulting world shortage of wheat is somewhat reminiscent of another time in recent history. At the outset of World War I, Americans and the British had developed a penchant for white bread. The war led to a shortage of wheat in Europe, and the United States had over four million servicemen and women to feed. To free up flour to ship to Europe and our military forces, the United States government began a campaign to encourage home bakers to substitute alternatives like corn meal, rye, barley, rice, potato or buckwheat flour for white flour. The recipe shown above was printed in the 1918 Greenbrier Independent. Bread that was baked with other flour was called Victory Bread or War Bread.

It was noted in the same edition of the Greenbrier Independent that Ronceverte’s Limestone Milling Company had delivered, in a sixty-day period, 1,050 barrels of flour - enough to feed 400,000 soldiers in France for one day. The paper went on to write, “Just think of it - Greenbrier boys eating, in France, the wheat they helped raise before war was declared against the Hun.”

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Resale	\$ 100.00	1.70%

  
By Order issued March 31, 2023, the Commission suspended proposed increased rates and charges until Monday, January 1, 2024.  
The Commission will conduct a public comment hearing and an evidentiary hearing in this matter. The public comment hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.  
The evidentiary hearing in this matter will commence immediately after the public comment hearing, also in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room. Interested persons should be able to view the public comment hearing and evidentiary hearing via an internet livestream.  
The Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, contains links to “Case Information,” “Submit a Comment,” and “Commission Webcast.” Written comments may be filed online through the Commission website using the “Submit a Comment” link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand-delivered to the Public Service Commission.  

Mountaineer Gas Company

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Division of Highways  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until October 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):  

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
012 2023130027	S313-219-23.80 00	NHPP-0219(406)D	ASPHALT PAVING FRANKFORD - RENICK ROAD Begin: 1.05 mile South of CR 219/3 End: 0.21 mile North of CR 7 COUNTY: GREENBRIER

  
**DBE GOAL:** 4% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.  
  
**REMARKS:**  
Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors’ licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier’s Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.  
The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.  
The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

Wood joins Greenbrier Real Estate Service

Franklin Wood joins Greenbrier Real Estate Service in Lewisburg. Franklin is a lifelong resident of the Greenbrier Valley and currently resides in Roncerverte with his four children. Franklin served four years in the United States Marine Corp and subsequently returned with his now late wife to raise a family in the Greenbrier Valley.  
Franklin brings more than 15 years of experience in the utility industry, which has given him a thorough knowledge of the Greater Greenbrier Valley and beyond. He appreciates the beauty and adventure found here and wants to share that appreciation with you. Whether you are buying or selling his goal is to use his knowledge of the people and places that he calls home, work for you.  
Franklin is a REALTOR in the Greenbrier Valley Board of REALTORS and a member of the National REALTORS Association. Greg Allman, Broker at Greenbrier Real Estate Service, welcomes Franklin and feels his years of Military experience and working in all the surrounding counties in the utility industry will be valuable in assisting Buyers and Sellers in the area. Allman added, “Franklin will be a great addition to our existing professional team, and he is excited to begin his Real Estate career in this area.”

Franklin Wood

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(2021-S-00000006 - Greenbrier County - ETHEL MARVINE ONEY)  
To: PATRICIA MURPHY, EDNA MILLER, TERRY LOWE, ROBIN BAILEY, MELISSA LOWE, DREMA OSBORNE, VELMA LOWE, VELMA LOWE, JERRY LOWE, JERRY LOWE, SHERIFF OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.  
**DISTRICT MEADOW BLUFF MAP 48E PARCEL 0043 0000**  
You will take notice that ETHEL MARVINE ONEY, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000006, LOT 23, BLK 8 (ROACH), located in MEADOW BLUFF, which was returned delinquent in the name of LOWE VELMA & JERRY, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after October 18, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, October 17, 2023, will be as follows:  

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest,	\$ 104.81
Amount of subsequent years’ taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to October 17, 2023.	\$ 11.31
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff’s sale to October 17, 2023.	\$ 1,238.38
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff’s sale to October 17, 2023.	\$ 734.27
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the <b>The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.</b>	\$ 2,088.77
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

  
**You may redeem at any time before October 17, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**  
**Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor’s Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2**

SCRAMBLERS

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

Land  
MERIDA

Moun  
MANTLE

Quiet  
TODEMS

Father  
CUHRL

"Honey, I found out what keeps my budget from working. Your \_\_\_\_\_"

TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

missing. 5. Number is different. 6. Pitching slab is missing.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword “YOU’RE A BEAST!”

ACROSS

1 Quick heartbeat sound

8 Jordanian’s language

14 Do over again

20 Exercise caution

21 Baseballer Minnie

22 Come about over time

23 Oscar-nominated actress for “Georgia”

25 The X’s of XOXO

26 Even, in golf

27 Was in a pew

28 “Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous” host

30 “Morning Has Broken” singer

36 Eggy holiday drink

37 Building floor

38 Noted Dodge City sheriff

46 Watch via Hulu, e.g.

49 “A Christmas Carol” miser

50 Too trusting

51 “Got ya!”

52 Jestng sort

55 Opening in a schedule

56 Cove, e.g.

57 2013-14 co-host of “The View”

61 Foldable beds

62 100-eyed mythical giant

63 Boat’s load

64 NFL Hall of Famer Carter

66 Well-honed

67 “The Situation Room” host

70 Middle East’s — Strip

74 Diving venue

75 Made a typo, e.g.

76 Got along

77 “GLOW” star

81 Longtime panelist on “To Tell the Truth”

84 Funny stuff

85 Hooplas

87 “Hey, I was thinking ...”

88 Crude liquid

89 Partner of alas

90 Nine-sided figure

93 Sharp pang

95 Defensive tackle whose #86 was retired by the Chiefs

97 Best athletes

99 Gray color

100 1958-82 Crimson Tide football coach

104 Champion of 15 golf majors

111 Corp. kahuna

112 Parseghian of Notre Dame

114 Like a day in June, in a Lowell poem

115 People ... or an alternate title for this puzzle

121 Flavorings for absinthes

122 Tell, as a tale

123 Outstanding

124 Liquefy anew

125 Old truisms

126 No-goodnik

DOWN

1 Tire-filling tool

2 “I, Robot” writer Asimov

3 Cotta or firma preceder

4 Virtuoso

5 Fido’s foot

6 Newsman Melber

7 More jittery

8 Very slightly

9 — Tin Tin

10 “Lust, Caution” director Lee

11 Atom modeler Niels

12 Golfer Aoki

13 Barber’s tool

14 Tie again, as a necktie

15 Supersmart supervillain

16 Emulate a supermodel

17 Snow queen in “Frozen”

18 With, to Fifi

19 “Concetta” pianist John

24 SEAL’s group

29 Map of Hawaii, often

31 Lao- —

32 Actor Keach and singer Lattisaw

33 Greeting on a May greeting card

34 “Chicago Med” airer

35 Fraternal patriotic org.

39 Reggae singer Peter

40 “Holy —!”

41 In the past

42 Throw a fit

43 Fodder tower

44 Cooking appliance

45 Clears, as profit

46 Pat of “Wheel of Fortune”

47 At that place

48 Cooking appliance

49 Neck warmer

53 Singer Marilyn

54 Bluff-busting poker words

58 Priorest, e.g.

59 Abbr. for three primary colors

60 Words on a flat rental sign

61 Yule tree

64 Prague native

65 — a beet

67 Prevalled

68 NYC subway inits.

69 Test in a fitting room

70 Moo goo — pan

71 Fire felony

72 1983 Woody Allen movie

73 “Hello” singer

74 Political patronage, informally

76 Migrating birds’ regular route

77 “Moby-Dick” helmsman

78 Real doozie

79 Apple option since 1998

80 Ankle coverer

81 Coffee from Hawaii

82 “This — emergency!”

83 Star-giving critic, e.g.

85 — chili (pepper type)

86 Cry of Homer Simpson

91 Chin-wag

92 Nearly zero

94 “— Little Teapot”

96 A “Baby Bell” phone co.

97 Environs

98 Chivoice loin steaks

101 Tiptops

102 Dubbed

103 The “T” of LGBT, in brief

104 Old overlord

105 “XOXO” actress Skye

106 Ghastly

107 Loosen up

108 Other, in Oaxaca

109 Batted without playing the field, for short

110 “CSI: NY” actress Ward

113 Choral voice

116 Ugly witch

117 Pickup’s kin

118 “I love,” to Luisa

119 “I Hate Valentine’s Day” actress Vardalos

120 Quaint hotel



# CLUB & CHURCH



Lewisburg Rotary Club helped meet some of Children's Home Society of West Virginia's needs by delivering dozens of pairs of children's socks and underwear and a variety of toiletries to the nonprofit organization.

## Lewisburg Rotary Club donates to Children's Home Society

Members of the Lewisburg Rotary Club provided dozens of pairs of children's socks, boy's and girl's underwear, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and other items totaling more than \$250 to the Children's Home Society of West Virginia as part of its August service project. Rotarians gathered the items for delivery to CHS after the club's meeting on Aug. 14. CHS's Jennifer Lilly, permanency supervisory, met with the club in July to update club members on the organization's operations and outline some of the most urgent needs, which Rotarians worked to fill with their donations.

Brittany Masters, executive director of Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC), was the guest speaker at the meeting. CISGC is a local affiliate of the nation's

leading drop-out prevention program, Communities in Schools. CISGC, which was established in January 2003, serves students in all 13 schools in Greenbrier County and participates in six after-school programs. During the 2022-23 school year, 100 percent of students participating in CISGC graduated on time, improved their attendance record, and improved their social/emotional skills, Masters said. And 88% improved their behavior and academics. CISGC is actively recruiting caring adults to mentor and tutor students for the 2023-24 school year. The organization may be contacted at [info@cisgc.org](mailto:info@cisgc.org).

For information about joining, message the Lewisburg Rotary Club on Facebook or email [lewisburgwvrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:lewisburgwvrotaryclub@gmail.com).

## Ladies of Henning Church of God hold August meeting

The Ladies of the Henning Church of God held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Aug. 8, in the church fellowship hall. Carole Spencer presided and Marty Burns blessed our refreshments. Cindy Fleshman later led in prayer.

Joan Vance brought us our devotion. "Using our gifts to serve God and Others," by Patsy Shank with scripture reference I Peter 4: 10-11 and I Timothy 4:14. We all need to examine our soul to determine our gifts. The author received 23 light gray crocheted squares and wondered what she could do with them. She crocheted around them in different colors and hooked them together to make a blanket. The blanket will be donated to someone in need. This is an example of something small and mundane becoming larger. Gifts come from the heart and soul to bless others. We may never see the results of gifts. What gift do you have that you can use? Some examples include calling someone, baking something, and inviting someone to dinner. Kindness really matters.

Barbara Seldomridge brought us the missionary education report. Mark and Kathy Fulton are missionaries to Haiti. They work in conjunction with the hospital by directing, accounting, and overseeing running it in Haiti. They both attended colleges in Indiana. Mark majored in biology and dental surgery. He also worked as an emergency room medical tech. Kathy majored in business analysis and speech therapy. The hospital opened in Haiti in 2005. It is a Church of God hospital. It provides good paying jobs for the Haitian people. The chaplain leads patients in devotion every morning. This hospital provides affordable health care with Christ as the focus. In 2018, the first baby was born there. The hospital and staff did not know if they were ready. Since 2018 over one thousand babies have been born up to 2020. The country needs peace, that the unit of money will be stabilized, and they will continue to have 24 hour healthcare.

Jamie Harvey gave the treasurer's report and Pauline Perkins read the minutes from June.

Carole Spencer thanked everyone who helped with the hot dog sale at the auction at Velma Brackenrichs. The mile of pennies has been completed from 2014 to 2023. All the money was donated. Members will be serving the Maxwellton Ruritans on Aug. 24. The group will be having a yard sale Saturday, Sept. 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be serving hot dogs with all the fixings and homemade baked goods. The prayer retreat will be held at Cedar Lakes on Sept. 29-30. A one-day event will be held at the Church of God in Nitro on Oct. 21. It is called "Beauty for Ashes."

The next meeting will be held Sept. 12. Carole Spencer dismissed in prayer.

Attending were: Alice Coff, Barb Seldomridge, Carole Spencer, Cindy Fleshman, Carol Spencer, Donna Scott, Jamie Harvey, Joan Vance, Kim Brookman, Marty Burns, Pauline Perkins, Patty Owens, and Peggy Seldomridge.

### Church Bulletin

#### Community Block Party at FBC Fairlea

There will be a Community Block Party at First Baptist Church in Fairlea on Sunday, Aug. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be lots of free food, inflatables, a dunk tank, games, and more. All ages welcome.

### Reunions

#### GEHS Class of 1973 Reunion

The Greenbrier East High School Class of 1973 will celebrate its 50-year class reunion the weekend of Oct. 6 and 7. Wonderful News! We have had so many generous donations from fellow classmates that the mixer on Friday night at the Brier Patch at Quality Inn, and Saturday's catered dinner and dance at the WVSOM Alumni Center are now FREE. The registration deadline is Aug. 15. Contact Donna McDaniel Bahorich at (832) 303-9091, or [donna.gehs1973@gmail.com](mailto:donna.gehs1973@gmail.com) Online registration: [www.eventcreate.com/e/gehs1973reunion](http://www.eventcreate.com/e/gehs1973reunion)

## Community Block Party

Location at FBC Fairlea

Sunday Aug. 27th,  
5-7pm. Lots of free  
food, inflatables, dunk  
tank, games, and more!  
**ALL Ages** are welcome!

#CHECKOUT THIS MONTH'S ...  
**HASHTAG**  
WEST VIRGINIA

5th Annual Williamsburg  
**Back Home Festival**  
Located at 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg, WV 24991  
**September 2 • 1 PM to 10:30 PM**

**LIVE MUSIC WITH 4 LOCAL BANDS featuring**  
*Ben Hersman and Sons of the Mountain, Alleghany Countdown, Thomas Taylor Band, Greener Pastures*

**Best Grilled Chicken in WV by Steve Harrison, homemade potato salad, hot dogs, nachos and more.**  
*Food provided by the WVFD*

**GUN RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN DAY OF EVENT**  
*Gun Raffle Drawing To Benefit Williamsburg VFD*  
Ice baths offered • Ahlee Dee, Fire Dancer

**Live Local Food Auction – Some Of The Best Cooks Around**  
*Assortment of items*  
**Variety of vendors – past vendors and lots of new ones!**

Camp Sites Available - \$20.00  
Outdoor event – bring own lawn chair popups allowed  
Some outdoor canopies will be on site for shade, ect.

All proceeds go to the Williamsburg Vol. Fire Dept.  
Contact Shirley Winfrey at 304-667-8041. Email [williamsburgvfd@hotmail.com](mailto:williamsburgvfd@hotmail.com).  
**NO ADMISSION CHARGE.**

**Cruise-In**  
*with Dare of Lewisburg and Jahoe Groups*

**2023 Droop Mountain Studio Tour**  
Celebrating local artisans and crafters of the  
Droop Mountain community  
**Saturday & Sunday  
September 9 & 10  
10 am - 5 pm**

Visit multiple art studios in the beautiful Droop Mountain region of Pocahontas County, WV, all located off Route 219. Watch demonstrations, and enjoy make-and-take activities for all ages. Refreshments available.

**Detailed information at [www.facebook.com/droopartisans](http://www.facebook.com/droopartisans)**



# STEPPIN’ OUT

## Kick off Labor Day Weekend with First Friday After 5



On Sept. 1, explore downtown Lewisburg with arts, music, shopping specials, and more after 5 p.m.

Enjoy free music in the **Greenspace** by the very talented Jim Snyder from 5 to 8 p.m.! (In case of inclement weather the free performance will be at The Asylum.)

The **Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center** invites you to stop by for an evening of art and music! Karen Cohen presents **PHANTASM**, which is defined as a figment of the imagination; an illusion or apparition. Her images, which she calls photoart, offer a visual journey that twists and bends reality. Karen is a professional photographer who works with digital photography and freelanced as a rock and roll photojournalist during the 80’s. Her work was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame’s library archives in 2012. She has exhibited her work in art venues throughout the United States. Vicky Neal opened Vicky’s Vintage after retiring from teaching visual arts for 24 years. She uses vintage furniture to create re-imagined functional art pieces for your home. Some were created by combining several pieces of furniture into a statement piece that focuses on

both functionality and artistic expression. She will display these one-of-a-kind designs in the Visitors Center, some that were saved from destruction and are now beautiful pieces of art. Music throughout the evening will be provided by G.R.O.U.P. (Greenbrier River Optimistic Ukulele Players) and members of the Alderson Quilt Guild will be on hand with their annual raffle quilt. Stop by to meet the featured artists and learn about their unique talents! (905 Washington Street W, 304-645 1000. @GbrValleyWV)

Join **Greenbrier Valley Theatre** for the beautiful classic, *Steel Magnolias*, featuring all the southern charm, laughs, and hairspray you can handle! Truvy, Shelby, Ouiser, and the other Magnolias prove that the bond between friends can truly be as strong as steel. Join us for the First Friday performance and get BOGO on wine. Visit

gvtheatre.org or call (304) 645- 3838 to get your tickets today! (1038 E Washington St.)

**Little Black Box** offers free bra fittings and a free gift when you spend \$150 or more. (818 Jefferson St S, 304-645-664. @littleblackbox)

**Aggie’s** will have a drawing to give away their bestselling sunflower flag set, a retail value of \$56. (979 Washington St W, 304-645-4063 @aggieslewisburg)

**Sweet Cedar** will be unveiling their new Fall line with lots of new scents and some exciting new products! We are @sweetcedarandco on instagram. (975 Washington St, 347-450-7837)

A **New Chapter** hosts artist and book-seller Tiarra Silvis! She will be selling original prints and willing to discuss commissioned work. We will also be offering free tarot readings. (922 Washington St West 681-318-3501 @newchapterbookswv)

The **Shoe Box** will have new summer markdowns and new fall arrivals! (847 N Court Street (681) 318-3377, @theshoeboxwv)

**Patina** will offer traditional Celtic Music by Patrick O’Flaherty and complementary Girl Scout Cookies and drinks. (1046 Washington St, 304-520-4962 @patina.lewisburgwv)

**Stardust Café** is always excited for Prime Rib night personally prepared by Chef Dan Perry, every First Friday. (1023 Washington St E, 304 647 3663. @stardustcafewv)

Come for the food and drink, stay for the

nightlife at **The Asylum** (339 E Randolph. 681-318- 3515. @asylum.lewisburg)

Join nightlife fun at the **Washington Street Pub** and play your favorite music on the jukebox. (1030 E Washington St. ,304-645-7386 @washing-tonstpub)

First Fridays is sponsored by City National Bank and the Shops & Restaurants of Downtown Lewisburg. For more information check us out online: facebook.com/firstfridaysafter5, instagram.com/firstfridaysafter5, and visitlewisburgwv.com.

# DINING

& entertainment guide

## Dutch Haus Restaurant

Lewisburg Elks Country Club at 368 Brush Rd., Lewisburg

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### WEEKEND SPECIAL

Slow Roasted

## Pork Loin

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Open For Breakfast Saturday & Sunday 8:30-11:00

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## WVJO to perform at the Green Space

The West Virginia Jazz Orchestra will be performing a Labor Day Observance Concert on Sunday, Sept. 3, at 5 p.m. in the Green Space in downtown Lewisburg. Bring a lawn chair and a beverage and enjoy this free event. Dr. Bonny Copenhaver, president of New River Community and Technical College will be the guest speaker this year during the orchestra’s intermission.

# Watoga Art in the Park

## MUSIC + ART + FOOD

SEPTEMBER 2ND & 3RD  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**SATURDAY**

JIM SNYDER 11-1 SHAWN OWEN 1-3  
MATT MULLINS & THE BRINGDOWNS 3-6

**SUNDAY**

MUD HOLE CONTROL 11-1 SELDOM FREE 1-3  
BLACK MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS 3-6

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# Freshwater Folk Festival

Saturday, Sept 9, 2023 10 AM - 5 PM

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MacArthur Inn Gang    Young Artist Showcase

## Exhibits & Vendors

## Fun for the Whole Family!

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White Sulphur Springs WV

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Freshwater Folk Festival on Facebook  
freshwater.folk.festival on Instagram

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