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**GEHS Agriculture Education Instructor Emily Dunkle (right) was honored at this week's Board of Education meeting after she received the National Association for Agriculture Educators Teachers Turn the Key Award.**

## Dunkle receives NAAE Teachers Turn the Key Award

During Time Out for Applause at this week's Greenbrier County Board of Education meeting, BOE members congratulated GEHS Agriculture Education Instructor Emily Dunkle, recipient of the National Association for Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Teachers Turn the Key Award. Recognized for her exemplary performance and dedication to Agriculture Education, Ms. Dunkle received a full scholarship to the National Conference in Phoenix, AZ, in November, where she will be honored.

Only the top young Agriculture educators in each state are selected for this prestigious award. The NAAE program encourages young teachers to remain in the profession and supports and recognizes participation in professional development. Since its inception, the program has impacted over 600 teachers across the United States. Participants are challenged to improve their teaching and classroom management, develop time management skills, and immerse themselves in professional development activities supporting their professional goals.

## Seneca Trail US Route 219 voted Best Drive for Fall Foliage in 2023

Survey of 3,000 reveals America's top 140 drives for fall foliage this year; Midland Trail (US Route 60) voted 2nd, and Coal Heritage Trail (WV Route 52) 3rd in the state.

Every fall, the United States undergoes a vibrant transformation. From the dense forests of New England to the vast expanses of the Rockies, trees shift from their summer greens to a rich display of oranges, yellows, and reds. This change in foliage is one of the country's most anticipated natural events, drawing both locals and tourists alike. For those looking to experience this spectacle firsthand, a road trip is often the best way to do it. Across America, there are numerous routes designed to showcase the beauty of the autumn leaves, passing through charming towns and along peaceful lakes.

Gunther VW Coconut Creek ran a survey of 3,000 respondents, asking them to rate their favorite routes to witness fall foliage, to help fellow travelers discover these picturesque routes. Perhaps unsurprisingly, drives near towns in Northeastern states dominated the top 10, with Seneca Trail US Route 219 in West Virginia voted as the nation's favorite. The results were as follows:

### #1 Seneca Trail US Route 219, West Virginia.

This historic pathway, once tread by Native American tribes, now serves as a scenic route that showcases the unparalleled beauty of the Appalachian Highlands. During the fall, the trail becomes a tapestry of color as

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## Greenbrier County Commission approves on-call and shift differential pay for 911 Center employees

By Matthew Young, RealWV

The Greenbrier County Commission, on Tuesday, heard a proposal from Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Don Havens regarding the implementation of shift-differential pay for 911 Center employees who work between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

"[An increase of] fifty-cents would be on an evening (shift), from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m.," Havens explained. "And then a sixty-cent increase in pay would be for the weekends. So anytime you work between 7 a.m. Friday morning and 7 a.m. Monday morning, it would be an increase of sixty-cents to the base wage of a 911 Center employee."

With the unanimous approval of the commission, the new shift differential pay structure will take effect at the beginning of the next pay period. The differential increase will be across the board, regardless of any 911 Center employee's current pay rate.

Havens next proposed establishing an on-call pay structure for 911 Center employees, explaining that on-call pay would place "less burden on our folks when they're off on their free time."

"Secondly, (on-call pay) would encourage people to sign up and have our schedule covered," Havens added.

The proposal would see the on-call period change from 12 to 24 hours, and pay each employee a rate of \$2 per hour for every hour spent on-call. Should the employee be called into service, their hourly rate would revert to their standard rate of pay. The commission once again unanimously approved the proposal.

Moving on to other items pertaining to the county's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), discussion of a "Motorola system upgrade" was tabled until a future meeting. Commissioners next approved the lease renewals of HSEM office space located on Industrial Park Drive at the Greenbrier Valley Airport, as well as the 911 tower site

on Muddy Creek Mountain. Both approvals are pending resolution of property concerns. Lastly, commissioners unanimously approved the hiring of a new 911 dispatcher for the 911 Center.

At the conclusion of Havens' presentation, commissioners praised his work thus far, with Commissioner Blaine Phillips noting, "You've done a great job since you've been on this. You've tackled a lot of things, and I think the morale is really picking up."

In other business, the commission approved the 2022/2023 Greenbrier County Financial Statement, and signed a resolution approving the authorization of funding for the White Sulphur Springs Route 60 East sewer project.

As explained by Commission President Tammy Tinchler, "This is a resolution to approve a grant to the City of White Sulphur Springs in the amount of \$2,393,000 to pay the cost of design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of the Route 60 project."

"This is going to be out of bond sales for the renewed TIF project that was renewed last year," Tinchler added. "We do want to note that this project has already been approved last year. [...] This is not a new project, this is something that's been intended for funding all throughout. [...] This is simply to meet the procedural requirements of the Public Service Commission."

As the day's final agenda item - consideration of the "Operation and Maintenance Agreement between the Greenbrier County Commission and Citynet pertaining to the Greenbrier County GigReady Broadband project" - had been approved during a previous special meeting of the County Commission, no further action was required.

The next regular meeting of the Greenbrier County Commission is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24.

## Greenbrier County Grand Jury returns indictments

The Greenbrier County Grand Jury met last week and released the following indictments:

Hunter Harrah, Glen Morgan, WV, DOB 7/20/1998, wanton endangerment (x6)

Alexander Sizemore, Ronceverte, DOB 2/15/1979, strangulation, domestic battery, violation of a DVP

Tony Johnson, Jay, ME, DOB 7/25/1987, grand larceny

Jody Saultes, Carthage, ME, DOB 11/1/2003, grand larceny

Gilbert Roto, Ronceverte, DOB 9/26/1986, breaking and entering, grand larceny

Thomas Grinstaff, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 11/6/1985, burglary, domestic battery, destruction of property

William Moore, Alderson, DOB 4/27/1995, strangulation, domestic battery

Todd Brown, Lewisburg, DOB 4/9/1969, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Anthony Mann, Ronceverte, DOB 6/10/1992, strangulation, domestic battery

Tomy Clere, Rupert, DOB 10/3/1977, breaking and entering

Lewis Redden, Rupert, DOB 3/26/1970, breaking and entering

Michael Hall, Ronceverte, DOB 5/27/1977, breaking and entering, petit larceny

Wesley Taylor, Richwood, DOB 7/13/1992, accessory after the fact to breaking and entering

Gerald Hammons, Ronceverte, DOB 10/3/1970, sexual assault in second degree

Grover Jordan, Charmco, DOB 3/27/1967, prohibited person in possession of a firearm, possession of an explosive device, driving revoked for driving under the influence, third or subsequent offense

Alicia Hoke, Marlinton, DOB 5/31/1983, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - cocaine

Thomas Grinstaff, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 11/6/1985, burglary, domestic battery

Elizabeth Justice, Lewisburg, DOB 6/12/1971, escape

Hailliee Burdette, Buckeye, DOB 2/19/1999, escape

Autumn McNeely, Greenville, DOB 10/19/1992, murder

Chelsea Woods, Union, DOB 11/22/1992, receiving stolen property

Connie Daniel, Lewisburg, DOB 1/15/1981, shoplifting, third or subsequent offense

Harold Garretson, Marlinton, DOB 1/25/1968, prohibited person in possession of a firearm, prohibited person in possession of a concealed firearm

Thomas Redden, Charmco, DOB 10/3/1983, shoplifting, third or subsequent offense

Adam Smith, Lewisburg, DOB 3/28/1988, forgery, uttering

Adam Smith, Lewisburg, DOB 3/28/1988, grand larceny, breaking and entering into an automobile

John Brown, Renick, DOB 4/15/1983, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes

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## Artisans Gallery in Alderson officially open

With a reception on Friday evening, Oct. 7, and a Grand Opening on Saturday, Oct. 8, during the Second Annual Fall Festival on the Bridge, the Alderson Artisan's Gallery is now officially open. Located in the old National Bank building at 100 Railroad Avenue, on the Monroe County side of Alderson, this larger new space will allow for more arts and crafts to be displayed as well as room for classes and demonstrations.

Artists, local fans, and supporters got an early peek at the lovely arrangement of art and craft works in the Galley on Friday night. On Saturday, the Gallery hosted hundreds of visitors during the Grand Opening.

The Alderson Artisan's Gallery is a branch of the non-profit Alderson Main Street. Artists banded together to form this cooperative group and support the group through their labor and a percent of the profits from their work. Artists are juried in to the group and guest artists are invited from time to time. The shopper can expect high quality art and craft work at reasonable prices.

They are open from Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are likely to have extended hours during the upcoming holiday season. You can also order online by visiting [www.aldersongallery.com](http://www.aldersongallery.com).



Micky Hickman (left) and Jo Perez (right) are waiting to serve you behind the counter at the new location of the Artisan's Gallery in Alderson.

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# WVDOH awards contract for permanent repair of Hinton sinkhole

A project completing permanent repairs to a sinkhole along WV 20 in Hinton is among 26 construction projects awarded by the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) on Thursday, Sept. 28.

Orders Construction Company Inc. was awarded a contract for \$4,249,398 to install a new, permanent drainage system under WV 20 in Hinton to carry Brier Branch under the road. The project will be funded by bonds sold through

Gov. Jim Justice's \$2.8 billion Roads to Prosperity program.

"This will be a permanent rerouting of the stream and a closure of the old drainage structure," said Joe Pack, P.E., WVDOH Chief Engineer of Operations. "It's a permanent fix."

In June 2022, a large sinkhole opened along WV 20 near the Hinton Police Department after an old underground drainage structure collapsed. WVDOH work crews put in a temporary drainage structure and filled



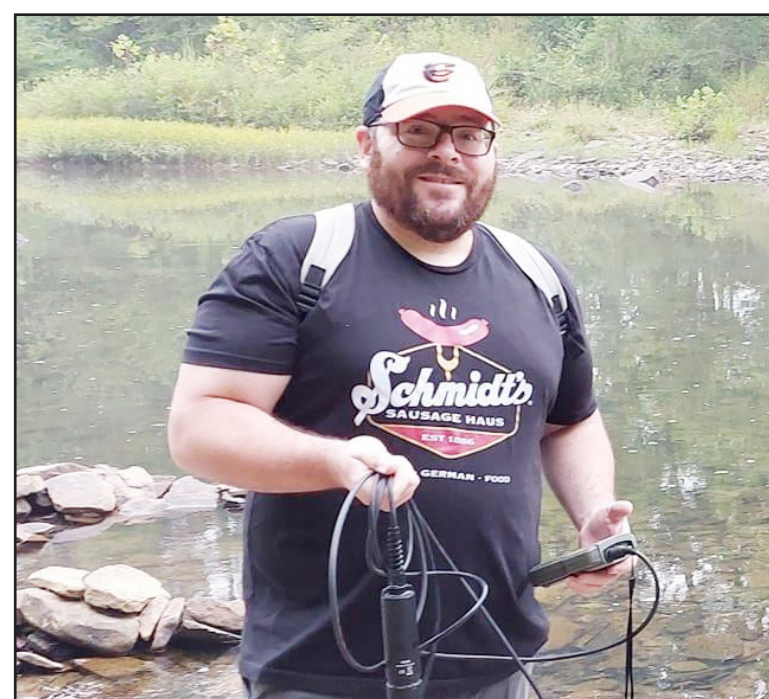
Temporary repair to large sinkhole that appeared in Hinton June 2022

the hole, but heavy rains washed out the temporary repair in November 2022.

WVDOH crews then put in a temporary bridge to span the hole until more repairs could be made. In January 2023, crews filled the hole with enough rock and dirt to fill an Olympic size swimming pool until permanent repairs can be made.

Once the permanent repair is complete, the temporary bridge will be removed.

## RWA invites public to meeting October 18



Board member, Roger Vannoy is part of the water quality team for section 2 (Southern Pocahontas County).

The Greenbrier River Watershed Association (GRWA) is extending an open invitation to our annual membership and election of officers meeting. Please join us on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 6 p.m. at the Clingman Center in Lewisburg. Come meet us - enjoy some food and beverages and find out more about our many projects. Board members will be available to answer your questions about our ongoing and future endeavors to keep our watershed clean and healthy. Dr. Matthew Williams (WV-SOM) will speak about the first three months of our water quality project and the importance of monitoring our watershed. Volunteers will also be recognized for their valuable contributions. We look forward to meeting new people interested in our watershed and increasing our membership.

## Fall Foliage

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the dense forests of oak, maple, and hickory transform into a kaleidoscope of reds, oranges, and yellows. The undulating hills and valleys amplify the beauty, with each turn revealing panoramic vistas of the flaming autumn foliage. Adding to the allure of the drive, the Seneca Trail is dotted with quaint towns and landmarks, each echoing tales of the region's rich history and cultural heritage.

West Virginia had two other scenic drives voted among the country's best for witnessing fall foliage this year.

The second most popular in the state, and 33rd overall, was the Midland Trail (US Route 60). Spanning the breadth of the state, this scenic byway captures the essence of the Appalachian Highlands, especially in the fall when the landscape undergoes a stunning metamorphosis. As travelers embark on this journey, they're treated to a panorama of ridges and valleys bathed in a medley of russet reds, burnt oranges, and golden yellows.

And third place in the state went to the Coal Heritage Trail (WV Route 52). It was voted in 91st position nationally. This scenic byway delves deep into the heart of coal country, passing through historic mining towns, abandoned coal camps, and remnants of an era that shaped the cultural and economic fabric of the region. As autumn arrives, the already scenic route takes on an even more enchanting quality. The dense Appalachian forests, consisting of oaks, maples, and hickories, undergo a vibrant transformation, with foliage bursting into brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold.

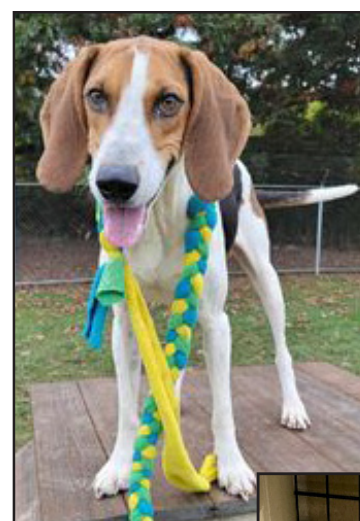
"With such diverse and stunning drives across the country, there's truly something for everyone. We hope that our findings inspire people to hit the road and immerse themselves in the unparalleled beauty of the American autumn landscape" says Joseph Gunther IV of Gunther VW Coconut Creek.

## Indictments

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Lora Cohernour, Renick, DOB 11/24/1976, grand larceny  
 Connie Daniell, Lewisburg, DOB 1/15/1981, shoplifting, third or subsequent offense  
 James Ellison, Rainelle, DOB 12/30/1982, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes  
 James Justice, Lewisburg, DOB 6/19/1965, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes  
 Justin Lephew, Second Creek, DOB 4/5/1994, domestic battery, third or subsequent offense  
 Adam Smith, Lewisburg, DOB 3/28/1988, forgery, uttering, breaking and entering into an automobile  
 Nicholas Plumb, Oak Hill, DOB 2/5/2000, reckless fleeing from an officer, driving revoked for driving under the influence, third or subsequent offense  
 Rex Persinger, Lewisburg, DOB 2/4/1985, grand larceny  
 Omar Gonzalez, Haynesville, VA, DOB 6/9/1991, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third or subsequent offense  
 Tony Angle, Charmco, DOB 6/28/1989, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes  
 Jared Biggs, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 10/4/1991, prohibited person in possession of a firearm  
 Kenneth Eltzroth, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 1/18/1988, grand larceny  
 Patrick Hall, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 7/21/1998, grand larceny  
 David Lanham, Quinwood, DOB 6/23/1962, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes  
 Lajuana Lopez, Quinwood, DOB 8/25/1976, murder  
 Gilbert Roto, Ronceverte, DOB 9/26/1986, grand larceny  
 Gilbert Roto, Ronceverte, DOB 9/26/1986, breaking and entering, petit larceny  
 Jeremy Toney, Rainelle, DOB 7/6/1974, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes  
 Jalen Walker, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 8/30/1992, reckless fleeing from an officer  
 Kacey Withrow, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 3/8/1989, fraudulent use of an access device (x11), forgery of a credit card (x6)

## PICK OF THE LITTER



HANK

Hank is a one-year-old male treeing walker hound and weighs 54 pounds



KATRINA

Katrina is an eight-month-old female 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

## Used book sale at

### Summers County Public Library

The Friends of the Summers County Public Library's annual used book sale will be held Oct. 12 through Oct. 15 at the Masonic Building at 318 Temple Street in Hinton. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 15.

## Williamsburg

### Community Potluck Dinner

The community of Williamsburg is invited to a potluck dinner on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Building. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship of your neighbors. This dinner is to honor Shelby Cremeans who loved her community. Call 304-645-3690 with any questions.

### Williamsburg Shooting Match

will be held Oct. 21, beginning at 7 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 at \$2.50 per shot, eighth round 50/50 at \$7.50 per shot. Shooters must compete in the first 7 rounds in order to compete in the 8th 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! Come Hungry! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 6 p.m. Families 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. Sponsored by a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action. For more information and directions visit our website: www.williamsburgwv.com or Bill Jarvis, 304-645-3690.

### 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. **Dance Saturday, Oct. 28 will feature Midland Trail Band 7 to 10:30 p.m. and Best Costume!** 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.

### Fall Festival set for November 5

ClearView Fellowship will host their annual Fall Festival on Nov. 5 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the West Virginia Building at the State Fairgrounds. We are excited to bring this free event to our community. Our goal is to provide a fun day for our children and families. We will offer free haircuts to children through high school, free toboggans, gloves and socks for children, free shoes for children through high school, free food, blow-up games, crafts, face painting - fun for everyone! There will also be various community groups with information on services available. Doors open at 3 p.m.

## NOAH Car Show and fundraiser October 14

The NOAH Foundation is thrilled to announce the NOAH Car Show and Fundraiser in memory of Justice Allen Woods. Set to happen on Oct. 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Lowe's in Lewisburg, the event aims to underline the importance of Child and Infant Loss Awareness.

We are proud to partner with Backroads of Appalachia, a nonprofit dedicated to motorsports, economic development, addiction recovery, and tourism. The upcoming show is another testament to NOAH's unrelenting efforts over a decade to bring communities together for worthy causes. Equally, it contributes to the continuous growth story of NOAH Car Shows that many have come to know and love.

Lewisburg, proudly named the coolest small town in 2011, and home to the scenic routes of the Greenbrier Valley, makes an immaculate backdrop for motorsports enthusiasts. Prepare to immerse yourselves in a motorsports paradise coupled with a robust selection of food and local vendors on site.

Mark the date and let's honor memories and create new ones on this special day. You don't want to miss this!

## Greenbrier County

### Magistrate Court Convictions

Derek T. Roop, Crawley, 1) no vehicle insurance, GP, fine \$200; 2) driving while license suspended or revoked, fine \$100

Lukasz Aleksander Jerzak, Williamsburg, WV, speeding, NCP, fine \$5

Steven C. Gottshall, Caldwell, reckless driving, GP, fine \$100, jail 20 days - suspended and place on 10 months unsupervised probation

Jessica Lynn Marsh, Leslie, 1) petit larceny, GP, fine \$50; 2) Mandatory Trash Disposal, fine \$100

Stephen Allen Hefner, Marlinton, shoplifting, GP, jail 6 months, credit for 7 days served - jail suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation. Must complete assessment with Day Report

Benjamin S. Tatner, Lewisburg, driving impaired, NCP, fine \$100

## Marriages

Kayla Dawn Kyle and Dustin Chandler Campbell

Tremania L. Richmond and Jeffrey Scott Feamster

Jessie Lynn Rose and Benjamin Dale Hersman

Jessica Dawn O'Dell and Christopher Thomas Durham

Serena Lynn O'Dell and Evan Michael Robinson

Melissa Ashley Hall and Paul Allen Jackson

## For the Record

### Deeds

Antoinette T. McMillan to Thomas G. McMillan Jr.: 50.30 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 27 Parcel 0005. Filed Oct. 2, 2023.

Samuel A. Banton Jr. to Jeffrey A. Banton, Jennifer A. Knisely, and Jeri A. Via: 0.39 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 8H Parcel 0021. Filed Oct. 2, 2023.

Velma Sites Brackenrich estate (by executor Joe H. Hendricks Sr.) to Joe H. Hendricks Sr. and Catherine J. Hendricks: 43.832 acres more or less, Frankford District, Map 19 Parcel 96. Filed Oct. 2, 2023.

John Van Etten Hardy Jr. to the John Van Etter Hardy Jr. living trust dated 1/29/2023 (by co-trustees John Van Etter Hardy Jr. and Elizabeth P. Hardy): lot 35 Creekside, White Sulphur District, Map 22J Parcel 0011. Filed Oct. 3, 2023.

Myrna Hudnall (FKA Myrna Hill) to Corner Cottage LLC: 0.378 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 19 Parcel 28. Filed Oct. 3, 2023.

AAaron M. Hill and Megan W. Hill to William R. Gumm and Kay H. Gumm: 15 acres more or less, Blue Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 32. Filed Oct. 3, 2023.

William E. Adler to Janet A. Michael: 0.611 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 23G Parcel 7. Filed Oct. 3, 2023.

Mark McCormick to James McCormick: lot 100 feet more or less, Rainelle District, Map 7 Parcel 4, 0166. Filed Oct. 3, 2023.

Frederick R. Thien to Frederick R. Thien and Christine E. Favata: 3 parcels with excepted and reserved, Anthony Creek District, Map 29 Parcel 7. Filed Oct. 3, 2023.

John Preston to Roger Pence: 11.42 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 6 Parcel 26.2. Filed Oct. 3, 2023.

Dara R. Vance to Johnbolt Properties LLC: lots 13, 21, and part of 24, Rainelle District, Map 5 Parcel 598. Filed Oct. 3, 2023.

Linda L. Waybright to Jennifer Withrow: 39 acres, Frankford District, Map 13 Parcel 24.2. Filed Oct. 3, 2023.

Margaret M. Turner and Tina Turner to Heritage Mountain Farm LLC: 2.59 acres more or less, Frankford District, Map 14 Parcel 135. Filed Oct. 3, 2023.

Samuel R. Tuckwiller and Raymond W. Tuckwiller to Brian E. Volland: 115.52 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 11 Parcel 27. Filed Oct. 3, 2023.

Gregory E. Waugh to Nicholas Waugh: lot 40, White Sulphur District, Map 12 Parcel 214. Filed Oct. 3, 2023.

Jeffrey D. Osborne and Carolyn A. Osborne to Jeffrey D. Osborne and Carolyn A. Osborne: 29.04 acres, 8.58 acres, 12.04 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 68/69 Parcel 33/88. Filed Oct. 4, 2023.

Stephen Wade to Christopher S. Wade: 48.34 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 40 Parcel 0007. Filed Oct. 4, 2023.

Stephen T. Wade and Brenda G. Wade to Christopher S. Wade: 6.5 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 6 Parcel 0082. Filed Oct. 4, 2023.

Kenneth E. Vance and Sharon O. Vance to Kenneth E. Vance and Sharon O. Vance: revocation of transfer of death deed, 27.67 acres, Frankford District, Map 19 Parcel 23. Filed Oct. 4, 2023.

Kenneth E. Vance and Sharon O. Vance to Sharileeda C. Vance: 27.67 acres, Frankford District, Map 19 Parcel 23. Filed Oct. 4, 2023.

Kenneth E. Vance and Sharon O. Vance to Michael A. O'Dell and Shannon D. O'Dell: 6.088 acres, Frankford District, Map 19 Parcel 23. Filed Oct. 4, 2023.

Russell G. Rollyson Jr. (deputy commissioner) to WVTI LLC: lot 68, Rainelle District, Map 5 Parcel 24. Filed Oct. 5, 2023.

Douglas J. Lincer and Marchelle A. Lincer to Lincer Living Trust: lot 80, White Sulphur District, Map 0030 Parcel 0075. Filed Oct. 5, 2023.

Jeffrey D. Sheets and Sheena J. Sheets to Elizabeth N. Burns: 0.991 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 67 Parcel 0052 0005. Filed Oct. 5, 2023.

Lowell C. Rose and Diane P. Rose to Joseph W. Morgan and Amy D. Morgan: 5,200 square feet, more or less, Falling Spring District, Map 19 Parcel 87. Filed Oct. 5, 2023.

Sheila G. Withrow to Chentell Withrow and Robert Wilson: 2.9 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 40 Parcel 11. Filed Oct. 5, 2023.

Glen Diehl and Twyla Diehl to John E. Mullins and Caren M. Mullins: lots 10-13, 0.689 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 7 Parcel 9. Filed Oct. 6, 2023.

Michael Stelzig and Darla Stelzig to Roy Stelzig and Justine Stelzig: 71/100 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 71E Parcel 3. Filed Oct. 6, 2023.

Rebecca D. Wilson to Holly Marie Tomson Presley: 0.44 acres, Alderson District, Map 084 Parcel 0052. Filed Oct. 6, 2023.

Virginia A. Lemon estate (by Special Commissioner Justin D. Hanna) to Maria McCoy-Hanna: 4 parcels, Falling Spring District, Map 39, 21 Parcel 11.1, 10 1.2.1.1. Filed Oct 6, 2023.

Helen A. Cohemour to Ivy E. Cohemour: revocable transfer on death deed, 18 block 4, White Sulphur District, Map 8 Parcel 0231. Filed Oct. 6, 2023.

Ashby Shaver and Peggy S. Shaver to Kamn W. Lacroix and Brandon P. Shaver: 7.90 acres more or less, Lewisburg District, Map 19 Parcel 0078. Filed Oct. 6, 2023.

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## Public Meetings

### Rainelle Town Council

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

### Greenbrier 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.

### Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Oct. 16, at 5 p.m. in regular session in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Sept. 11, 2023, meeting
- Edith McKinley, 320 Lee Street - replace windows on the second floor
- Mike Tremann, 1621 Washington Street East - install standing scam awning over basement walkout
- Keith Bromke, 134 Lee Street North - demo 16 x 7 garage and replace it with a 16 x 10 shed
- Tina Morris, 197 Maple Street - repair patio roof with a support column, replace the roof with Atlas Pinnacle Pristine Black Shadow in color, replace gutters and downspouts (white) install cap over chimney (black)
- Wootons Davis, Hessel & Johnson, Jefferson Street - building expansion with colors
- Libby Tomar 1505 Washington Street East - replace porch posts with wood posts painted white and replace the old handrail 34" in height
- Ben Long, 491 Church Street - add a wall to previously approved driveway
- Adam Long, Court Street - replace roof, replace cedar shingles with synthetic shingles
- Jessica Chestnut-Hall, 1599 Washington Street East - detached garage structure, changed siding and roofing to a metal roof, wood trim and hardy plank siding
- Discuss wayfinding master plan
- Comments from the public
- Comments from the Planning Commissioner

*Deadline for the next Historic Landmarks Commission is Tuesday, Oct. 31 at noon.*

### Greenbrier PSD #1

will meet Friday, October 20, at 8 a.m. at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Sept. 22, 2023
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Phase B extension project:
  - A.Payment Resolutions
  - B.Other Phase B project related business brought before the Board
- Phase C extension project:
  - A.Payment Resolutions
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- Other business brought before the Board

### Lewisburg Planning Commission

#### Working Session

will meet Thursday, Nov. 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. On the agenda:

- Comments from the public
- Discussion: final review of zoning updates
- Comments from the Commissioners
- Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer

*The next scheduled working session of the Lewisburg Planning Commission will be held Thursday, Dec. 7, with a deadline of Nov. 14.*

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Commentary

# West Virginia is winning



Mitch Carmichael

By Mitch Carmichael, Cabinet Secretary, WV Department of Economic Development

I am writing to share the good news that West Virginia is winning!

Our state is scoring incredible economic development victories that in previous years would have been unimaginable. West Virginia has successfully awakened America to the value, benefits, and many advantages of establishing and growing businesses in our state. The result is that many great jobs, amazing opportunities, and new industries are finding a welcoming home in West Virginia.

New factories are rising and quickly growing across the West Virginia landscape. Thousands of advanced manufacturing, skilled materials handling, scientific research, and other fantastic jobs will be available to our citizens. These new factories will provide direct and indirect benefits to our communities. For instance, the factories will utilize power from our West Virginia utilities, thus benefiting the entire supply chain for electric power generation and many other related services.

West Virginia is experiencing a once-in-a-generation economic renaissance that should be celebrated and shared. The rebirth of the West Virginia economy is exciting and full of potential for continuing expansion. The Governor has assembled an Economic Development team that is skilled in the

proper manner of conveying the many advantages our wonderful state offers to businesses throughout the world. Our success is undisputed and unparalleled in the recent history of West Virginia.

The victories we are winning for our citizens have been years in the making and serve to validate the numerous legislative and executive policy initiatives which have transformed West Virginia into a nimble, vibrant state capable of competing and winning on an international basis. The beauty of our state's economic resurgence, which serves as a testament to its enduring legacy, is the many hands and various entities that have contributed and continue to play a vital role in this success. Across political parties and throughout all branches of Government; Republicans, Democrats, Business, Labor, Federal, State, and Local leaders have worked diligently to ensure our state is well-positioned for success. Most importantly, the citizens of West Virginia have driven this amazing climb and are embracing the positive momentum generated in our state. The people of our state deserve all the credit for creating and embracing a better and more prosperous future for this and coming generations of West Virginians.

Key elements to all successful ventures is widespread adoption of the chosen course, an embrace of triumphs, and sharing of the success. It is important to underscore the many victories that are being notched for the citizens of West Virginia. Our mindset is that of expectation for victory and economic prosperity. West Virginia can compete and win on a worldwide stage. No project is too big for us. For example, in the year 2022, West Virginia secured over \$6.1 billion in private capital investment generated from over 29 new and expanding companies. By comparison, this figure is more than the combined total from the previous four years!

Occasionally, we might encounter a special interest group or pessimistic person viewing our glass as half empty. May we take a moment to remind these few people that West Virginia is moving forward. West Virginia has left behind the attitude of scarcity in which the benefit to one must come at a cost to another. Life is not a zero-sum game filled with envy and anger. Rather, we are embracing an attitude of abundance which makes us excited, motivated, and ready for action. The economic pie in West Virginia is expanding. Often, the thought sweeps over me that this is the most thrilling hour for economic development in the 160+ year history of West Virginia. Growth and opportunities exist in all sectors of our economy. The future for West Virginia workers, families, and our economic prosperity is bright and full of sunshine.

Let's share the good news!

## Final Open Mic Night in Alderson



Jim Morgan (Photo Don Sutherland)

The final Open Mic at the Depot for the 2023 season was held Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Historic 1896 C&O Train Depot in Alderson. Fifteen musicians gathered for a very cool (both temperature and vibe) evening following the very successful second Annual Alderson Fall Festival on the Bridge.

Floyd Gillespie performed for the first time because last month's article asked if anyone knew a train song. Floyd knows train songs and more. Lots of regulars showed up, enjoying hot cider and pastries, as well as each other's company. Eddie



Marcia Sutherland, Open Mic Night at the Depot organizer (Photo Don Sutherland)

Johns was the guest emcee again and has been a very faithful supporter of the event.

Event coordinator Marcia Sutherland said, "We are so blessed to have this many musicians in the area. Thank you for your faithful attendance, and we're looking forward to new music from everyone next May." For more information on Open Mic at the Depot, look at Alderson Main Street's Facebook page or contact Don Sutherland at donsutherland2003@yahoo.com.

## Natural gas heating prices to fall this winter

Most West Virginians who heat their homes with natural gas will see lower gas bills this winter. The Public Service Commission has issued its rulings on how much the various natural gas utilities may charge to purchase gas for this heating season.

Each year, natural gas utilities must file purchased gas adjustment cases (PGA) with the Commission, indicating how much they anticipate they will pay for gas in the coming year. The price utilities pay their suppliers is not regulated by the Commission nor the federal government. Rather, it is determined by the market. The Commission reviews the amounts requested and often adjusts the amount it will permit the companies to charge their customers.

The purchased gas component typically makes up less than half of the total amount of a residential gas bill. Last year, however, the market was particularly volatile, which resulted in a significant increase in the purchased gas component of residential bills.

This year, the market has begun to settle, and the prices requested have decreased. The amount approved for Mountaineer Gas is down by almost 20 percent, and Hope Gas saw a decrease of nearly 40 percent for their respective PGAs. Those two companies serve almost 89 percent of gas customers in the state. Of the 12 gas utilities in the state, only Peoples Gas and Standard Gas requested increases in their PGAs. Across the board, the average amount requested decreased by 11.30 percent, while the average amount granted decreased by 19.29 percent.

"It is gratifying to see the wholesale prices coming down this year," said PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane. "I know this will make a big difference to West Virginia families this winter, and that means a lot."

More information on this case can be found on the PSC website: [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us). Click on "Case Information" and access Case No. 23-0650-G-30C (Mountaineer Gas) or 23-0658-G-30C (Hope Gas).

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# Lewisburg Rotary Club supports Communities in Schools



Lewisburg Rotary Club officers deliver a check for \$2,000 from Lewisburg Rotary Club and Rotary District 7545 to Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC). Front Row: Sara Crickenberger, Lewisburg Rotary Club President (left); Barbara Phillips, Lewisburg Rotary Club Treasurer; Brittany Masters, CISGC Executive Director; and Sofia Crowell, Lewisburg Rotary Club Service Committee Chair. Back Row: David Hammond, Lewisburg Rotary Foundation Chair (left); Janelle Vanfosson, CISGC Program Manager; and Jessie Surgeon, CISGC Sustainability Coordinator.

The Lewisburg Rotary Club, with financial support from a Rotary District 7545 grant, is partnering with Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) during the 2023-24 school year to provide financial support for needed materials and supplies and to provide human resources for mentoring and tutoring for students and facilitating training and resources for staff members.

The Lewisburg Rotary Club was awarded a \$1,000 grant by Rotary District 7545, which the club matched with another \$1,000 of its own funds to support CISGC. The funds will be used to purchase material and supplies for all 13 schools supported by CISGC in Greenbrier County and for discretion-

ary funding for the family emergency and basic needs fund. The materials and supplies funds will be used to purchase items to make CISGC's assigned space at each school more comfortable for mentors and students and may include items that mentors would use with students, such as learning games and activities to work on social/emotional regulation skills. The family emergency and basic needs funds may be used to support students whose families suffer an emergency, who need assistance with basic needs such as food or clothing, or who have an educational or enrichment opportunity but need some financial assistance to take advantage of the opportunity.

Rotary members also

will volunteer as mentors in the CISGC school programs and as tutors in the after-school programs during the 2023-24 school year. They also have volunteered to assist with fundraising efforts and will support other efforts.

CISGC is a local West Virginia affiliate of the nation's leading drop-out prevention program, Communities in Schools. According to CISGC's website, CISGC's mission is "to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life." CISGC links educators with the community to bring local talents and resources into the schools and create a network of support that keeps kids in school and engaged in learning. As a result,

teachers are free to teach and students have the opportunity and skills to focus on learning. In recent years, the education field has come to recognize the role of schools as not only an academic institution, but also important in supporting student health, safety, and well-being by developing integrated student support initiatives. Initiative like CISGC "help schools connect struggling children with secure housing, medical care, food assistance, tutoring, and other critical supports."

CISGC was established in January 2003. CISGC "is a holistic, multidisciplinary approach to help-

ing at-risk and economically disadvantaged youth succeed in school and in life" according to the organization. CISGC currently serves 573 at-risk students in 13 schools in Greenbrier County and has seven full-time and three part-time staff members, according to Executive Director Britany Masters. It has staff in each school in Greenbrier County and participates in six after-school programs.

With this project, the Lewisburg Rotary Club's goals are to engage Rotarians in service with CISGC and to use the District 7545 grant and club funds to provide much-needed resources for CISGC programs.

## Church Bulletin

### Free Community Kids' Movie Night October 20 at GV Nazarene

A free community kids' movie night, featuring the classic film *Homeward Bound*, will take place Friday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Greenbrier Valley Church of the Nazarene in Fairlea. All children in the area and family members are invited to the event, which will include free pizza, popcorn, brownies, and other snacks. Family members are invited as well. The fellowship hall is accessed via the church's east parking lot. Greenbrier Valley Church of the Nazarene is located at 167 Dawkins Drive, just off Davis Stuart Road approximately one-half mile south of Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Fairlea.

### Singers invited to join Community Christmas Cantata

Once again, the First Baptist Church of Fairlea welcomes the public to celebrate Christmas in song! The cantata "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" brings a contemporary worship experience of modernized traditional carols, worship ballads, and gospel-style originals, conveying the joy, wonder, and inspiration of Christ's humble and wondrous birth. The cantata, under the direction of Jeff Bryant, will be presented Dec. 16 at 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel of The Greenbrier and Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist of Fairlea. A live orchestra will accompany the choir, featuring both local and regional musicians. The choir will practice every Sunday until the cantata is presented. Questions may be directed to FBC's church office at fbsharp@gmail.com or 304-645-3533.

## OBITUARIES

### Donald Lee Boone, Sr.



Ronceverte-Donald Lee Boone, Sr., 91, passed away Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, at the Beckley VA Medical Center.

Born June 26, 1932, in Ronceverte, he was the son of the late Alta Austin and Annie Mary Mann Boone.

Donald was a US Army veteran and was a former member of the Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Faith Elnora Morgan Boone; brothers, Palmy, Lagene, Edwin, Woody and Billy Boone; and sister, Louise Turner.

Survivors include his sons, Donnie Boone (Ann), Mike Boone (Cathy), and Steve Boone (Debbie); grandchildren, Jimmy Boone (Kara), Chris Boone (Misty), Jason Boone (Sharon), Joey Boone (Kelly), Rebecca Lane (Corey), Morgan White (Sam), and Aaron Boone (Kaitlynn); great-grandchildren, Jamie Boone (Abby), Austin Boone (Tori), Kaitlyn Boone (James), Bailey

McCoy (Kyle), Mackenzie Frese (Ethan), Jensen Brown, Riley and Juddson Boone, Linsy Boone, Cameran Boone (Lainee), Madison Staley (David), Porter Lane, Tucker and Jake Cutlip, Ethan, Emery and Emilia Boone; great-great-grandchildren, Trey Boone, Emerson Gravley, Asher McCoy, Baby Girl Frese and Oakley Staley; sister-in-law, Charlotte Morgan; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was on Thursday evening, Oct. 12, at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 13, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, with Pastor Gary Baker officiating. Burial will follow the service in the Morgan Cemetery, Ronceverte, WV.

Online guestbook may be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net). Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

### Glenn Richard Crookshanks



Lewisburg-Glenn Richard Crookshanks, 75, passed away Monday,

Oct. 9, 2023, at the Peyton Hospice House, Lewisburg, WV.

Born Jan. 7, 1948, in Cleveland, OH, he was the son of the late William Tip and Mary Jane McCreight Crookshanks.

Glenn was a US Army and US Navy Veteran.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, George McCreight and sister, Mary Jane Murphy.

Survivors include his companion of 32 years, Peggy Minear; sons, Dean Crookshanks (Ann), Billy Crookshanks (Rona), Adam Crookshanks and Christopher Minear; daughters, Felicya Martinez (Leroy) and Melissa Crookshanks; brother, Steve Smith (Debbie); sister, Linda Carver; grandchildren, Amanda, Codi, Logan, Colton, Rylan, Camren, Haylie, Vanessa, and Valerie; three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

It was Glenn's wish to be cremated. The family will hold a memorial service later.

Online guestbook can be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net). Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

### Frances M. Fraley

White Sulphur Springs-Frances M. Fraley, 95, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023 at Peyton Hospice House with her family by her side.

She was born Nov. 2, 1927 in Mill Point, WV, the daughter of the late William J. and Elsie Mae Sikes Huffman.

Frances was a homemaker and a member of Eakle Chapel United Methodist Church in White Sulphur Springs.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Jefferson "Jeff" Davis Fraley; sons, Harold Fraley, Carl Fraley and J. D. Fraley; son-in-law, Clarence Dean; two grandchildren; sister, Georgia Burdette and her brother, Bill "Buzz" Huffman.

Surviving are her daughters, Edna Dean of Callahan, FL, Rachel Fraley of White Sulphur Springs, Naomi "Katie" Weiner and husband Steve of Conway, SC, Anna Osborne of Lewisburg and Rebecca Jane Austin of Pompano Beach, FL; sons, Robert Lynn Fraley and wife Maxine of Lake Milton, OH, Eddie Fraley of White Sulphur Springs and Jimmy Fraley and wife Sadie Lillian of White Sulphur Springs; 17 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren; special brother and sister-in-law Tom and Ruth Fraley of Philo, OH; and her special companion "Tia."

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 9, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs where Rev. Steve Grimes officiated. Interment followed in the Hillcrest Cemetery in White Sulphur Springs.

The family received family and friends before the service at the funeral home.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of Peyton Hospice House for

their care of Mrs. Fraley and her family. So, the family would like, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com).

### Nelva Hager Stone



Lewisburg-Nelva Hager Stone, 99, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023.

Born May 4, 1924 at Jumping Branch, she was a daughter of the late Ezra C. and Minnie T. Mann Lilly.

Nelva was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Fairlea, where she also sang in the choir. She held membership there since moving to Lewisburg 56 years ago. She was a 1941 graduate of Hinton High School and attended Concord College after graduation. She also loved gardening and enjoyed observing nature around her home.

She retired as a teller from Ronceverte National Bank after many years of service and during WWII she worked at the US Naval Ordnance and Armor

Plant in South Charleston, which produced rockets, torpedo flasks and more than 130,000, 5 inch gun barrels for the large guns on battleships.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three husbands, Thomas J. Lilly, Harry L. Hager and Samuel M. Stone; and four siblings, Nora Lilly, Cline Lilly, Pauline Upton and Emmette Lilly.

She leaves to mourn four children, Stephen Thomas Lilly and wife Cheryl Larch Lilly of New Port News, VA, Charlotte Robertson of Athens, OH, Stephen Hager of San Antonio, TX, and Michael Hager and wife Jeanne; 8 grandchildren, D.K. (Meredithe) Robertson, Matthew Robertson, Aaron Hager (Tiffany), Jonathan Hager (Katherine), Natalie Moreno (Jose') and Ilana Dougherty (John), Lydia Gwaltney (Jared), and Kenneth Hager (Elizabeth); 18 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at the First Baptist Church of Fairlea, with Rev. Ben Moses officiating. Burial will follow in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg.

A visitation will be held Friday evening, Oct. 13, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

The family suggests donations of sympathy be made to Samaritan's Purse International Relief Fund by visiting their website online.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com).

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# Dear Recycle Lady,

# A Look Back



#1 plastic bottle (left), #2 no color plastic jugs (center), #3 colored plastic jugs (right)

## Dear Recycle Lady,

What is the difference between water bottles, cloudy water jugs, and white milk jugs? Why are they recycled differently?

### Is it Clear or White

#### Dear Is it Clear or White,

There are two kinds of plastic bottles and jugs: #1 plastics (PET) and #2 plastics (HDPE). Water and soda bottles (bottles that are very clear) are the most common #1 plastics. They all recycle in the #1 plastics bin. Products made from recycled #1 plastics include more water and soda bottles, sweaters, carpets, soaps, shoes, and medical supplies. There are two kinds of #2 plastics: #2 no color (slightly cloudy) plastics and #2 colored plastics. The two kinds of milk jugs (cloudy and white) must be recycled in the two different bins: #2 no color plastics for the cloudy ones and #2 colored plastics for the white ones. Because of chemicals in the #2 HDPE plastics, white milk jugs can't be used again for food-grade items, but they can be used to make products such as shampoo bottles, hard hats, ropes, kids' toys, and outdoor furniture. See photos for examples of #1 and #2 plastics. Of course, there are many other colors of bottles and jugs that go in the #2 colored plastics bin, but that is another column.

## Dear Recycle Lady,

I heard that plastic film without a recycle symbol on it should be thrown out. What about dry-cleaning bags and newspaper sleeves? They don't have a recycle symbol on them, yet both Kroger's and Walmart's recycle bins take these bags for recycling.

### Puzzled

#### Dear Puzzled,

Good catch. Dry-cleaning bags and newspaper sleeves are both recyclable. They are made of a thin, clear plastic known as plastic film or low-density polyethylene

(LDPE); a petroleum-based product that is not bio-degradable and never decomposes. Newspaper sleeves, trash bags, poly mailers, zip-top bags, and grocery bags are all made of the same LDPE plastic and are also recyclable at Kroger, Walmart, and Lowes. Additional LDPE products include plastic wraps around products such as paper plates, napkins, bathroom tissue, diapers and more. Products made from these recyclable plastic films include juice boxes, plastic baggies, and wire insulation. According to recylenation, Green Garmento now makes reusable bags for dry cleaners to share with their customers. Let's hope cleaners begin using these new bags as more than 300 million pounds of dry-cleaning bags are sent to U.S. landfills every year.

**Good News:** Deforestation in Brazil's Amazon fell 66.11% in August. The lowest level for the month since 2018! This is a big success for its environmental policy, as destruction often spikes that time of year. Let's hope this continues! (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.



## WVSOM VP named one of 50 'West Virginia Wonder Women'

A vice president at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) has been recognized for her work throughout the state.

Leslie Bicksler, MSW, WVSOM's vice president of human resources, was named in this year's "West Virginia Wonder Women" by WV Living magazine. She is one of 50 women featured in the publication's fall 2023 issue, having been identified by the magazine as "raising the bar in their communities, serving as beacons of light in their industries and forcing change for the greater

good."

"I've known previous wonder women, and I really look up to them. When you become part of a class of people you respect and admire, it makes you feel fortunate to be in that group with them," she said of her recognition.

One of the publication's previous winners, Bernie Deem, a human resources expert in the Charleston, WV area, has been a mentor to Bicksler throughout her career.

Bicksler is a Lewisburg native and has a master's degree in social work, which proved to be the

impetus for her transition from her position of executive director of the United Way of the Greenbrier Valley to work in human resources. She began a career in human resources at First National Bank in Ronceverte, WV, before joining WVSOM in 2005. She currently serves as the school's vice president of human resources as well as its equal opportunity and ADA coordinator.

Bicksler said overseeing the personnel at the state's largest medical school and one of Greenbrier County's largest employers is gratifying because it allows her to help connect individuals to their ideal job.

"I like getting to know people. I like getting the right people in the right jobs. Interviewing, hiring and onboarding is my favorite part of working in human resources," she said.

Bicksler prefers to work at mission-driven organizations, and she said WVSOM clearly incorporates its mission into its day-to-day operations.

"WVSOM is a place where I can get my arms around the mission. Even though I don't work directly with students, I feel responsible for helping to make this a great place to work and making sure I can help employees as much as I can."

As part of her role, Bicksler strives to ensure that the school has the faculty and staff to educate West Virginia's future physi-



## By William "Skip" Deegans

This undated photo beside the Hinton railroad passenger depot was probably taken in 1918. In the forefront are nurses and volunteers who may have been at the depot to serve food and assist the passing World War I troops who can be seen behind and beside the nurses.

The role of nurses during World War I is, perhaps, under appreciated. The American Red Cross recruited 22,000 professionally-trained nurses to serve in the U. S. Army between 1917 and 1919. Over 10,000 of these women served near the Western Front. Other American civilian nurses volunteered to serve with the American Ambulance Service and with

the French army. Remarkably, none of the U. S. Army nurses were killed by the enemy. In late 1918, nurses, here and abroad, were stretched to their limit when an influenza epidemic hit, and some 500,000 lives were lost in the United States.

This weekend Hinton celebrates its 150th anniversary and Railroad Days. The passenger depot that was rebuilt following a devastating fire in 1913 still stands and continues to serve as a station for Amtrak.

*Photo: Courtesy of the West Virginia Regional History Center.*

*Sources: Hinton Daily News, Clio, PBS, NIH, Army Nurse Corps Assn.*



Students exceeding standards on the WVGSA State Tests were recently honored at a ceremony.

## Students honored for test scores

Recently, students who took the WVGSA State Tests and exceeded standards were honored in a ceremony attended by guests, families, and members of the Board of Education. It is always a great accomplishment to exceed standards in academic testing, and it is even more special when that achievement is recognized and celebrated. Exceeding the standards means they have demonstrated a higher level of

mastery on a subject matter than is expected for their grade level.

The recognition not only acknowledged the students for their hard work and dedication, but it also highlighted the importance of setting high standards and striving to exceed them. The students' success is a testament to their commitment to their education, as well as the support and encouragement they received from their families and school.



Leslie Bicksler

cians. She has helped provide the personnel that has made the institution a leader in rural health care throughout West Virginia, as evidenced by the 64 percent of physicians who practice in rural areas of West Virginia who are WVSOM graduates.

Through Bicksler's leadership, WVSOM's Office of Human Resources also provides student-led trainings through the LEAD program, which helps medical students enhance their leadership skills by allowing them to conduct discussions on topics such as unconscious bias, decision-making, workplace motivation and emotional intelligence.

In addition to her professional responsibilities, Bicksler has been involved in many community organizations. She was a board president at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg and the

Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce; a member of the board of directors for the Robert C. Byrd Clinic, the Centre College Alumni Association and United Way of the Greenbrier Valley; a chairperson for The Greenbrier Classic Concert Series; a volunteer in her local 4-H club; and a member of Leadership West Virginia's Class of 2020-21. Bicksler and her family reside as the seventh generation on their family's farm in the Greenbrier Valley.

"I grew up in this community and was taught that if you're going to be part of something, then you need to be involved and active in it. If you have skills to contribute, then you should contribute them," she said. "At different times in my life I have focused my energy on different things. Recently, I was a co-chair

for the State Fair of West Virginia's Big Wheel Bash, a benefit for their endowment, and we raised more than \$80,000 for scholarships and agricultural enrichment programs."

Bicksler finds joy in cultivating people, organizations and communities to their full potential. Having successful local organizations, including nonprofits, is also important in recruiting applicants to WVSOM, Bicksler said.

"There are certain resources you hope to have in a community to draw people in, and I feel a certain level of responsibility in fostering those resources when I can," she said. "It's a huge draw for applicants and their family members to see that a community has the resources they need to be successful."

She finds that Lewisburg is an interesting small, ru-

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**Public Notice**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Greenbrier County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will meet and conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commission Courtroom in the new annex of the Greenbrier County Courthouse.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The BZA will hear and consider the application of Joshua Bennett/SR&S Beverage Co., LLC dba Greenbrier Valley Brewing Co. for a **Special Exception** to the Greenbrier County Zoning Ordinance to allow the applicant to serve alcoholic beverages not produced on site which requires a special exception by the BZA to allow such a commercial use in the Industrial District.

The appellant currently holds a license from the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage and Control Administration (ABCA) to operate a brew pub, serving beverages that are produced on site at the at the Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, located at 1862 Industrial Park Road, Suite A, Maxwelton. The applicant desires to obtain a private manufacturers license from the ABCA to allow the applicant to serve additional alcoholic beverages including guest beers, distilled spirits, wine and cider.

**The application is available for public review in the County Commission Office in the Courthouse. Anyone wishing to comment on this appeal is urged to attend the meeting or send written comments to the Board of Zoning Appeals, 912 Court Street N, Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901.**

The subject property is located in a zone allowing Industrial uses enumerated in the Greenbrier County Zoning Ordinance, which is available on the County Website at www.greenbriercounty.net. The subject property is owned by the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation and is further described in Deed Book 609 on Page 528 and is shown on Tax Map 9 of the Lewisburg District as Parcel 4.

This legal advertisement has been compiled from information submitted by the applicant. Accuracy of submitted the responsibility of the applicant. The BZA is not responsible for errors and omissions in this legal erroneous or inaccurate information submitted by the applicant.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 23-0654-G-390P  
MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY  
Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program  
Filing for 2024

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

On July 31, 2023, Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer) filed its annual Application for approval of an Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program for 2024 (2024 IREP) with revised IREP rates for 2024, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-1k, which authorizes the Public Service Commission of West Virginia to approve cost recovery of projects to replace, upgrade and expand natural gas utility infrastructure that are deemed to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

In its Application, Mountaineer forecasts capital investment for calendar year 2024 of \$67 million as part of its multi-year plan. The 2024 IREP covers several categories of plant asset replacements and improvements, including mains, service lines, measurement and regulator stations, and house regulators. These plant investments are proposed to be made in Mountaineer service territories throughout the State. These investments are identified in the Application, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia and which may be viewed on the Commission's website, www.psc.state.wv.us.

Mountaineer proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through an additional increment within the fixed or volumetric base rate component of its rates, depending on the applicable rate schedule under which service is rendered, to be effective on January 1, 2024. As a part of Mountaineer's pending general base rate proceeding, Case No. 23-0280-G-42T, IREP investment made prior to January 1, 2023, will be moved into new base rates to take effect on January 1, 2024. Mountaineer projects that if the program and increased rates are approved as requested, the average monthly bill for its various classes of customers will be changed on January 1, 2024 as shown below:

Mountaineer Gas Proposed		
Type of Customer	\$ Increase	% Increase
Residential	\$ 1.93	1.96%
Commercial	\$ 5.26	1.33%
Large Commercial (*)	\$ 272.07	0.45%
Industrial (*)	\$ 363.56	0.47%
Resale	\$ 31.49	0.29%

\*) Increases for Large Commercial and Industrial customers assume transport customers purchase their natural gas at the same price as the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment rate.

The increases shown above are compared to the rates currently in place and are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing date on the Application, if necessary, that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 27, 2023, continuing on November 28, 2023, if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. If no opposition to the Application is received by the Commission within one week of the hearing date, the hearing may be waived and the Commission may issue a final order within 150 days of the Application filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within 20 days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

**MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY**

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(2022-C-000475 - Greenbrier County - BOULDER BLUFF & GREENBRIER)

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**DISTRICT KYLE MAP 40 PARCEL LEWISBURG 20K 0005 0000 0000**

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 14248.	\$	259.26
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 14467.	\$	357.91
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	672.84
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	<b>1,501.06</b>

**You may redeem at any time before February 24, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

Given under my hand September 26, 2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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(2022-C-000313 - Greenbrier County - BOULDER BLUFF & GREENBRIER)

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**DISTRICT KYLE MAP 40 PARCEL FORT SPRINGS 9P 0025 0000 0000**

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 8247.	\$	3,176.51
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 8286.	\$	2,770.91
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	697.25
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	<b>6,855.72</b>

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(2022-C-000374 - Greenbrier County - WVTA LLC)

To: PATRICIA MCKEACHIE, JASON MICHAEL TUCKER, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, JASON MICHAEL TUCKER, JASON MICHAEL TUCKER, HEALTH SERVICE OF THE VA, JASON TUCKER, JASON TUCKER, JASON TUCKER, JASON MICHAEL TUCKER, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, 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 KYLE MAP 40 PARCEL FRANKFORD 20A 0012 0000 0000**

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 11009.	\$	342.14
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 11062.	\$	260.11
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,171.48
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	#	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	<b>1,984.78</b>

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(2022-C-000408 - Greenbrier County - WVTA LLC)

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**DISTRICT KYLE MAP 40 PARCEL IRISH CORNER 10 0041 0000 0000**

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000408**, located in IRISH CORNER District, 1.741 AC (CONS 2 TRACTS) S RONCEVERTE W.S. SLS 64, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MORGAN STEVEN, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of GREENBRIER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 10, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after February 24, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 23, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 13293.	\$	417.37
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 13459.	\$	332.77
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,142.08
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	#	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	<b>2,103.27</b>

**You may redeem at any time before February 23, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

Given under my hand September 26, 2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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**Wonder Woman**

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ral town with unique cosmopolitan influences.

"Whether it's Carnegie Hall, the Greenbrier Valley Theatre, shopping or restaurants - I don't think people expect this jewel of an area," Bicksler said.

One thing she wants to continue to improve is bringing more education and interaction among community members and WVSOM's diverse student population to offer more cultural understanding.

WVSOM President James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., said there are many "wonder women" like Bicksler quietly putting in the work to make the state a better place.

"Leslie is one example of how involved WVSOM employees are," he said. "She not only is successful as a leader at WVSOM but has been an active member of the Lewisburg community outside of her career for many years. I'm happy that WV Living has recognized a WVSOM employee for her achievements along with other exceptional women in our wild, wonderful state of West Virginia."

Bicksler is one of three women selected who are affiliated with WVSOM. Hilary Miller, D.O., MPH, a 2002 WVSOM graduate and physician at her practice, Little Kanawha Family Medicine in Glenville, WV, and Sherri Young, D.O., MBA, FAAFP, a 2003 WVSOM graduate and cabinet secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health, were also recognized.

WV Living will honor the recipients at a West Virginia Wonder Women event on Nov. 1 in Charleston, WV.



Property Lines are Approximate

FULL TERMS AVAILABLE ONLINE. 10% buyer's premium will be added to the final high bid to determine contract price. A sale day deposit of \$15,000 per tract in certified funds with the balance due at closing in 30 days. The property is sold in "AS-IS" condition.

# STEPPIN' OUT

## Grammy Award-winning Dom Flemons to perform at Pocahontas County Opera House



Dom Flemons

Dom Flemons, a celebrated preservationist, storyteller, and instrumentalist, will grace the stage at the Pocahontas County Opera House on Friday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Known for his remarkable ability to breathe life into forgotten folk songs, Flemons has garnered critical acclaim, including a Grammy Award, Two-Time EMMY Nomination, and the esteemed title of 2020 US Artists Fellow.

Originally hailing from Phoenix, Arizona, Dom Flemons currently resides in the Chicago area with his family. He has aptly earned the title of "The American Songster" due to his extensive repertoire that spans over a century of early American popular

music. Flemons wears many creative hats as a songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer, actor, slam poet, music scholar, historian, and record collector. He exhibits virtuosity on instruments such as the banjo, guitar, harmonica, jug, percussion, quills, fife, and rhythm bones. Notably, he was honored with the 2020 United States Artists Fellowship Award for the Traditional Arts category, a recognition generously supported by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Mar. 24, 2023, marks the release of his latest album, *Traveling Wildfire*, following his acclaimed 2018 release, *Black Cowboys*. With this album, Flemons turns his attention to an of-

ten overlooked voice - his own. When asked about his aspirations for the album, Flemons expresses, "I hope people will be able to hear the different phases of my life through the lyrics and feel the energy that fuels my creativity within the songs. The past few years for me have been a time of deep reflection and meditation. I hope that the album will light a fire of inspiration inside everyone who experiences it."

In addition to his musical endeavors, Flemons is actively involved in various artistic organizations. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Steve Martin Banjo Prize, Music Maker Relief Foundation, and holds a Governor posi-

tion on the Board of Directors for the Washington, D.C Chapter of the Recording Academy.

Tickets for this captivating performance at the Opera House are priced at \$10 for adults and free for individuals age 17 and below. Tickets can be secured through pocahontasoperahouse.org, the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, and at the door on the evening of the performance.

The Opera House Performance Series receives vital support from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History, with the approval of the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. Additional backing comes from Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, as well as the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Opera House warmly welcomes audiences of all kinds to its informal, family-friendly performances. The venue is fully accessible to individuals with disabilities, and special accommodations can be arranged upon request. Admission is available both at the door and in advance via the website, with seating offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

## DINING & entertainment guide

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## Carnegie Hall presents Haunted Illusions October 21



Haunted Illusions

Carnegie Hall's Mainstage Performance Series continues with *Haunted Illusions*, an incredible magic show to get you ready for Halloween on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. Guests are invited to come early for the free Mainstage Lounge from 6 to 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room located adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium. A cash bar and snacks are available.

*Haunted Illusions* is a perfect show for the entire family and anyone over five years old. It's an evening of mind-blowing magic and comedy that gets the whole audience into the act. Master illusionist David Caserta stuns and amazes audiences as he has people

levitating, disappearing, and reappearing right before their eyes with never-before-seen illusions created just for this show.

Families will thrill, laugh, and possibly vanish from sight at a magic spectacular like no other. What better way to celebrate Halloween than with an incredible night of magic - at the Halloween spectacular *Haunted Illusions*! There will be tons of tricks and more than a few treats. You and your entire family will be captivated with dazzling spells, uproarious comedy and audience participation that gets all the ghosts, ghouls, and goblins into the act!

David Caserta is one of the top touring illusionists

in the country. As seen on NBC's "America's Got Talent," CW's "Penn and Teller Fool Us," and International Television, David invents and performs many original illusions that you will not see anywhere else. Incredible state of the art lighting featuring moving lights, themed music soundtrack, pyro smoke effects, and only the best and latest in illusion technology. This is a magic spectacular like nothing else on tour today!

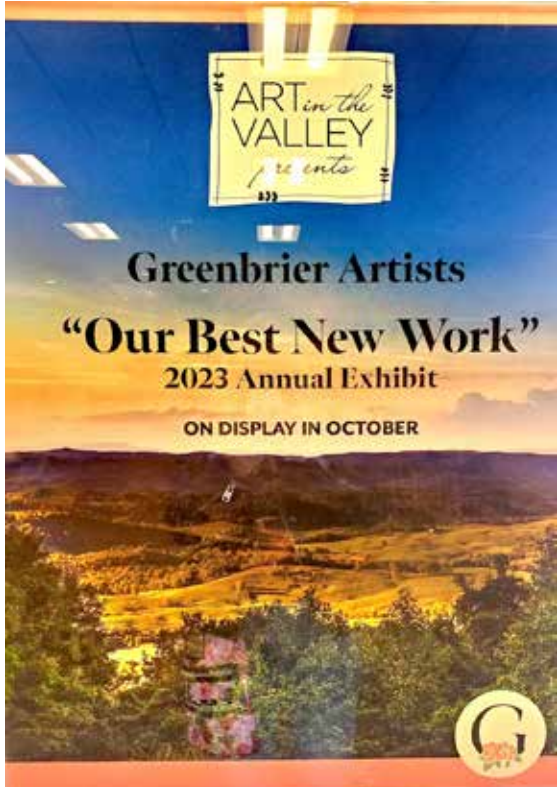
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Tickets to the performance start at \$30/adult and \$10/child, and discounts are available for Carnegie Hall members, students, senior citizens, and military.

Carnegie Hall also offers new Family Pricing. Bring the entire family and save. Pricing starts with one discounted adult ticket (\$30) and one free child ticket. Each additional adult is only \$15, and each additional child is only \$5. Must call the box office to take advantage.

To purchase tickets, call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org), or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

## Greenbrier Artists showcase work at Visitor's Center, TOOT



The Greenbrier Artists are currently presenting an art show entitled *Art in the Valley* at the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitors' Bureau, 905 Washington Street West, in Lewisburg. This display will run through the month of October.

The Greenbrier Artists have over 90 local members/artists of all mediums and art forms. Members will also be presenting their artwork at TOOT on Oct. 14 at the Art Alley tents located near Carnegie Hall on Church Street.

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