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2023 Penny Pitch drive begins

By Cathey Sawyer

Penny Pitch is gearing up to be of service to the community again this year. Most children are getting excited for the surprises Christmas may bring. Unfortunately, many children do not know if they will have those surprises. Also, the cooler weather and the dropping leaves remind that winter is approaching and many of our friends and neighbors will not have heat or warm clothes to see them through the season.

For many years, this wonderful community has come together to donate and to support Penny Pitch as we try to help as many families as possible. Service clubs and volunteers interview families to determine needs; donations come from generous individuals throughout the community and beyond; and together, we make Christmas warm and pleasant for children and families throughout the county.

If you or someone you know needs help from Penny Pitch this year, you can find an application in today's Mountain Messenger, at any City National Bank location, through the United Way, and at many local social service agencies. You can also contact Penny Pitch on Facebook at Penny Pitch - Greenbrier County, WV or by email: pennypitch-wv@gmail.com.

Turning swords into plowshares

By Stephen Baldwin,
 RealWV

Gordon Campbell is the President of the Greenbrier Republican Club. Sarah Umburger is the Treasurer of the Greenbrier Democratic Women. They don't agree on many political issues, but they do agree that no one in their community should be going to bed hungry.

"I said we are going to do a food drive," Umburger recalls. "Why don't y'all join us? And they said sure."

"We want to come together," affirms Campbell. "This is one thing we do agree on, and we're excited to be part of it."

So local Democrats and Republicans are hosting a joint food drive this November. Members of the community are asked to bring requested items or cash donations to one of two dropoff sites between Nov. 1 -16.



Sarah Umburger (left), treasurer of the Greenbrier Democratic Women, and Gordon Campbell, president of the Greenbrier Republican Club

In Lewisburg, donations are accepted at Old Stone Presbyterian Church (Foster Street entrance) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Lewisburg City Council recognizes young farmer, hires new police officer

By Sarah Richardson

Lewisburg City Council met this week to issue a National Farmer's Market Week proclamation, sign off on several resolutions, and approve the hiring of a new police officer. Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White signed and read the Farmers Market Week proclamation, which designated Aug. 6 through 12, 2023 as National Farmers Market Week in the City. The reading of the proclamation has been postponed for three months due to scheduling conflicts, but a special member of the community was in the audience to be recognized by Mayor White.

10-year-old Greenbrier County resident Avery McGuffin was in attendance with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Aaron McGuffin of Lewisburg, and her sponsor, Mary Surbaugh, manager of the Courthouse Farmers Market.

Avery was named an Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture for a Day after winning an essay contest hosted by the WV Department of Agriculture over the summer. The essay topic was, "What will agriculture look like in 50 years?" Avery volunteers at the Farmers Market and participates in their special events, and after winning the

contest got to spend a day at the West Virginia State Fair with the WV Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

"This is my third attempt to recognize Avery for her accomplishment of being named Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture," said Mayor White. "I felt that it was important to recognize the impact the Farmers Market has on our economy, and the need for fresh fruit and vegetables as another option to help have a healthy lifestyle. And for a young lady to recognize the importance just shows that our children pay attention to what is going on around them."

The proclamation read in part:

"Farmers markets serve as significant educational sites and as bridges between urban and rural communities, contributing to a better public understanding of farming and ranching, and the adoption of more sustainable farming practices is closely associated with farmer-to-consumer interactions facilitated by farmers markets. [...] National Farmers Market Week is a time to recognize the unique and indispensable role farmers

markets play in supporting food access, bolstering local economies, promoting healthy communities, and fostering sustainable farming, and \$300,000 is generated locally at the Courthouse Farmers Market with 90% of the income staying in Greenbrier County."

In other news, Resolution 532, invoices relation to the water system improvement project in the total amount of over \$1.5 million, was approved. Roughly \$1.4 million of this total will come from USDA monies, and the remainder from Water Development Authority Economic Enhancement Grant program funds. Also approved was Resolution 533, pay request #8 for the new public works building construction in the amount of \$306,000.

Council also unanimously approved the hiring of a new police officer to the city's force to replace DARE officer Justin Deeds. Deeds is moving to a position within the DNR, with Chief Teubert saying, "We do hate to see him go." The new hire, McKenna Blankenship, currently works at Southern Regional Jail and is finishing a criminal justice degree.

Nature's Way
 By Karen Cohen
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West Virginia continues to experience best fall foliage of the decade

Jaw-dropping colors spread across the Mountain State

Autumn color is widespread across the whole Mountain State as the West Virginia Department of Tourism releases the third fall foliage update of the season. Here's where to find fall color now. The southern part of the state is currently experiencing brilliant autumn color that will extend into the weekend and through next week. Additional areas, such as the Eastern Panhandle, are starting to see gorgeous changes to their landscapes and will have ideal leaf peeping conditions over the next week or two.

"One of the best parts of West Virginia's fall foliage is that it lasts for so long. Other states only see color for a brief period but West Virginia's fall color lasts for nearly two months due to the elevation vari-

ances," said West Virginia Department of Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. "Those stunning hues are just starting to pop in the lower elevations. There's still plenty of time to plan your leaf peeping adventures. It's turning out to be one of the most colorful seasons in recent years, so you don't want to miss it."

Fall Foliage Update:

"The southern portion of the state should be reaching its peak by the end of the week," said Division of Forestry Director Jeremy Jones. "A drive on Route 3 throughout Raleigh County should provide nice views. We are also expecting some pops of color for Bridge Day this weekend and encourage folks to get out and enjoy the next few weeks of peak color in the state before it's too late."

Southern West Virginia is now seeing exceptional yellow Walnuts, Hickories, Sycamore, Birch and Maple. Oaks, Maples and Dogwoods have turned astonishing shades of ruby red while Sumacs and Sassafras are glowing with breathtaking tones of ginger.

Featured Destinations & Activities:

Take the West Virginia Turnpike from the capital city of Charleston to the southern region of the state for a delightful drive alongside mountains coated in marvelous autumn hues. Make a pit stop in Raleigh County to traverse through the Piney Creek Preserve and check out the newest gems part of the West Virginia Waterfall Trail.

Stroll the charming streets of Lewisburg,

voted one of America's coolest small towns, for a plethora of unique shops, dining options and an endless line of splendid trees. Surround yourself with jaw-dropping fall foliage on two wheels when biking the Greenbrier River Trail, a path that spans 78 miles and takes bikers through multiple state forests. Cozy up amongst your family and friends as you gallop throughout The Greenbrier's 11,000-acre property with a scenic carriage ride in White Sulphur Springs.

When visiting the Eastern Panhandle of the state, exploring Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is a must. Reconnect with autumn when taking a leisurely stroll along the C&O Canal in Shepherdstown, then enjoy the natural healing waters of

Berkeley Springs.

Get Outside:

The Department of Tourism has once again partnered with AllTrails, the most trusted and used outdoor platform in the world, to give away free six month memberships to AllTrails+ for dedicated fans of Almost Heaven. Experience some of the best leaf peeping opportunities when hiking throughout Almost Heaven, the third-most forested state in the entire country. Sign up today at wvtourism.com/alltrails-2023.

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Monroe County Historical Society restores log structures

By Toni Ogden

The Monroe County Historical Society expects to complete restoration work on two of its historic structures before Christmas. These buildings located in Union are in themselves important artifacts in the society's collection. Additionally, they hold MCHS's significant collection of local items. Unfortunately, as happens with many old log houses, interior damage from moisture and insects can go unnoticed until there is a crisis requiring major funds to remedy.

The Clark-Wiseman house which faces Main Street had been built to conform to Union's first zoning ordinances established in the year 1799. It was slated for demolition but offered to MCHS; volunteers moved it a short distance from its original location. The Owen Neel house, circa 1790, connected to the town house by a short hyphen, is an important example of a settler's home. It was donated to the historical society and moved from Gap Mills to Union.

The Wiseman/Neel houses do not qualify for state or federal preservation grants because they were moved from their original sites - a good thing as otherwise they would have been lost to the county's history. Fortunately, financial help has come from the Seneca Trail Charitable Foundation. The late Chuck Lewis, as president of the organization and a local historian in his own right, was instrumental in directing funding to assist area non-profit historical societies in their mission to preserve their local history. A few years ago, when a new roof was needed for the Clark Wiseman house, STCF came to the rescue. And now, their generosity is making possible the major restoration of both log structures.

Tanner Farnack, who has a deep appreciation for log buildings, was delighted to be given the opportunity to save these two. The fact that the Wiseman/Neel houses are not listed on the National Register of Historic Places means that Tanner is free to make modifications to stabilize them for years to come. A rotten sill under the Clark Wiseman house and a few other logs are being replaced. The round Neel cabin logs, typical of earli-



Benson Highlander showing the buildings.



Tanner Farnack gives two thumbs up.

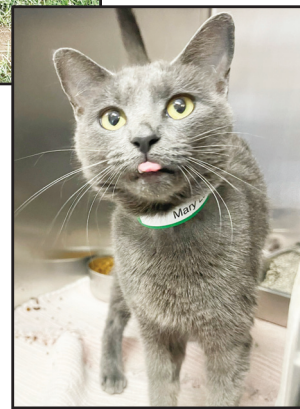
est homes, have been shaved flat to eliminate the spaces where water and insects have long collected. The buildings were treated for insects and Tanner will apply materials to strengthen and protect the wood for the future. And finally fresh chinking will keep out the birds, bugs and elements.

It's been sad to have to turn away visitors who want to look through the houses. They are true jewels of the museum complex and full of local artifacts with stories to tell. We look forward to celebrating and sharing these precious community resources once again when the museums reopen on Farmers Day in 2024.

PICK OF THE LITTER



KERMIT
Kermit is an eight-year-old coonhound mix and weighs 60 pounds.



MARY LOU
Mary Lou is a two-year-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.

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Monongahela National Forest plans fall prescribed burns

Monongahela National Forest staff plan to conduct prescribed burns and pile burns in Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Grant, and Pendleton counties this fall and winter, weather permitting. These treatments will help re-establish fire's natural role in the forest ecosystem, improve forest health and wildlife habitat, and reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires.

Prescribed burns and pile burns planned for the north zone of the national forest include:

- Guinn Ridge Prescribed Burn, 1,462 acres, Pocahontas County
- Ramshorn Ridge Prescribed Burn, 1,005 acres, Pocahontas County
- Nursery Bottom Prescribed Burn, 54 acres, Tucker County
- Mower-Glover Range Allotment Pile Burn, Pendleton County
- Smokehole-Champ Range Allotment Pile Burn, Grant County

Prescribed burns and pile burns planned for the south zone of the national forest include:

- Rucker Gap Prescribed Burn, 384 acres, Greenbrier County
- Meadow Creek Unit 1 Prescribed Burn, 139 acres, Greenbrier County
- Meadow Creek Unit 2 Prescribed Burn, 109 acres, Greenbrier County
- Lake Sherwood Dam Prescribed Burn, 4 acres, Greenbrier County

- Marlinton Pile Burn, Pocahontas County
- Gay Sharp Range Allotment Pile Burn, Pocahontas County
- Beale-Hacking Range Allotment Pile burn, Pocahontas County

Each burn area will be closed to the public on the day of the burn and may be closed for several days after to ensure public safety. Signs will be posted on roads near all prescribed burn areas before and during burning. Residents and visitors may see and smell smoke for several days. If you encounter smoke on the highway, slow down, turn on your vehicle's lights and drive appropriately for the conditions.

Prescribed burns are conducted under specific weather conditions and are designed to accomplish pre-determined forest management goals. Monongahela National Forest follows strict guidelines for conducting prescribed burns, and takes into consideration environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, smoke dispersion and wind. If any environmental conditions are not within limits, the burn will be postponed.

County emergency operations centers and local radio stations will be notified when burning begins. Information will also be posted at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/> and <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>.

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the Greenbrier Republican Club. "It's going to be a great thing."

"Making sure no one is hungry isn't political," adds Umberger. "We might do it again in the spring too."

"I hope we can do it several times per year," Campbell agrees.

"This is important to everybody, and anyone can do it," says Umberger.

Campbell believes it will make an impact locally and beyond, saying, "We hope it inspires others."

For further details on the food drive, follow the Greenbrier Democratic Women and Greenbrier Republican Club on social media.

Bipartisan Food Drive

In Rupert, donations are accepted at the Marvel Center cafeteria (411 Cranberry Avenue) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

"We've got ten food pantries across the country," says Campbell, "and we will support them all with donations divided equally."

"While all types of non-perishable food are welcome," Umberger notes, "the greatest needs are toilet paper, cleaning supplies, hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine products), canned fruit, condiments, healthy snacks, jelly and jam, and canned meats."

If community members prefer to make a monetary donation, they may do so

at the dropoff locations and the funds will be used to purchase needed items.

Gloria Martin leads the Lewisburg Food Pantry at Old Stone. "I am glad we are working on a non-partisan way to combat an important issue in our community," she says. "I think it shows that on issues that affect our fellow citizens we can put aside our politics and work together toward solutions."

Democrats and Republicans are known for being at odds more often than working together. But both Campbell and Umberger say enthusiasm is high locally for this joint project.

"We have 100% support," says Campbell of

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So Long but Not Goodbye!

By Karen Cohen



Starting new coleus plants in water (Photo by Karen Cohen)

Frost is coming, but that's nothing new here in West Virginia this time of year. But before it happens, we still have some garden chores. We took in the last of the cukes off the vines today and were surprised to find six medium size ones hiding under the sweet potato leaves! All the green toms hanging on limp vines were harvested too. I place them in brown paper bags in a dark place to ripen up. Note to self: Don't forget about these because rotting tomatoes smell worse than a lot of things I can't mention. Strawberries can be divided now before the ground hardens. Cut the runner vines and move the "babies" into a new spot if you desire more strawberries. Last spring, we saw lots of flowers and strawberries but some little critter, mouse or chipmunk, came in and took bites out of all the strawberries. Next year we will drape them with netting but even that can't guarantee whole, intact berries. Maybe barbed wire? Ouch!

The gladiolas in my yard will not survive low winter temperatures. This was the first time EVER that I planted gladiolas. I adored the tall shoots of spiky leaves which blossomed into cascades of oranges, pinks and reds. Deer did begin to help themselves to the tender blooms, so I made sure to snip the stalks just as they showed any color at all on the tips. In vases inside, they bloomed and lasted a long time. Now with winter around the corner, the bulbs which I planted in pots will have to be lifted out and stored in cardboard boxes in a root cellar or garage till next year. An alternative idea is to bring the whole pot with bulbs and dirt into a safe, semi-warm spot to dry out over the winter and not freeze completely. Next spring, they all go back out into the outside world to bloom again.

Storing plants and bulbs over the winter months is not my favorite garden chore and I hesitate to purchase any plant that will not come back on its own outside in our gardening

zone. But this year, I broke down for certain flowers that I have never grown and longed for. Cannas are a tropical plant which sprouts from perennial rhizomes. In many areas of the world, they spread and grow like crazy. They are hardy in zones 8-10. In our WV zones, 6-5, the bulbs will freeze if left in the ground over the coming cold months and eventually die.

Cut back the foliage first and then grab a sharp shovel and dig out the bulbs. I don't wash off the soil. Set them in a protected space, like a garage, to help the skin toughen up before storage. Mold is the enemy. A paper bag with a bit of peat moss or vermiculite in it will absorb any moisture during the cold months. Keep them where the temps do not drop below 40 degrees and take a look at them every week or so to be sure rot has not set in. Throw any rotted bulbs out. When spring comes calling and the ground thaws out, replant your canna bulbs for fresh flowers.

We grow Meyer lemon and kaffir lime dwarf trees in large clay pots outside in the warm months. Today, we carried them into the shed for temporary protection against dropping temps. Both of these will love coming inside a warm house near a sunny window as soon as we make room. Every year they get bigger and bigger! After about three years since we bought them, fruit has still not appeared. They require at least six hours of direct sunlight per day. Only one of each is needed because both are self-fertile, that means they don't need pollen from another partner tree to produce fruit. Hopefully in another year or two, we will have some delicious citrus fruit on our little trees.

The leaves on the kaffir lime tree are edible. They can be crushed and thinly chopped to add sparingly to dishes. This adds a tart flavor and citrus fragrance. These are an essential ingredient in Thai cooking for soups, curries, salads and more and are good for you.

I broke off plenty of coleus shoots from my outside plants and put these into glasses of water set on south facing windowsills. The bright and happy colors add cheer inside when the dreary winter months take their toll. They root quickly in water. When the roots are long and tangled, place them in small pots of soil with a bit of compost as fertilizer and keep watering when they get slightly dry. This will keep them growing tall till next year. When the temps rise above 55 degrees outside, I can place all back into the ground. There are over 300 different coleus species and are considered an annual here. My favorites: Dragon heart with green edges and pink centers. French Quarter has bright magenta centers and lime green leaves. Growing from seed is another option and very easy to do. Coleus plants will get bushy when you pinch back the top vertical growth. This allows the side shoots to grow quickly and the whole plant fills out.

With my garden put to "bed" now, we can take a long winter break. I will be back next spring to resume and share my garden journals with you. Right now, a cup of tea is waiting by a stack of garden catalogs.

(Karen Cohen is an organic grower and avid explorer of nature's wonders. Email your tips, comments, ideas to naturewaykaren@gmail.com)

BUSINESS

Ronceverte to be represented at Accelerate WV Group Session

The West Virginia Community Development Hub (The Hub) is thrilled to announce the second Accelerate WV Group Session happening on Oct. 23 and 24. Accelerate WV is part of the Community and Business Resilience Initiative (CBRI) a program being run by The Hub as part of the Appalachia Climate Technology Now (ACT Now) Coalition.

The two-day event will bring together representatives from our six Accelerate WV communities which include Wayne, Webster County, the Fairfield neighborhood of Huntington, the West Side of Charleston, Princeton, and Ronceverte. Community teams will spend the two days learning from partners and The Hub about technical assistance opportunities, funding opportunities, and participate in team-building exercises.

"Accelerate WV is helping communities create plans geared toward economic resilience, sustainable green pre-development to revitalize local economies, and connecting communities with private and federal funding opportunities," says Brianna Hickman, The Hub's CBRI Project Director. "We love to see the communities engage

in these group sessions in ways that push their planning for community development forward in substantial and exciting ways."

Huntington Mayor Stephen T. Williams will be in attendance to welcome the Accelerate WV community teams to the city on Day 1 and will be introduced to the communities by City Councilmember-At-Large DuRon Jackson. Brandon Dennison, the Vice President of Economic and Workforce Development at Marshall University will then introduce a panel discussion.

The panel, which will be discussing the exciting innovation happening in Huntington, will include Marshall University President Brad Smith, Huntington Municipal Development Authority Executive Director Cathy Burns, and Delegate Sean Hornbuckle.

"We are so excited to see the Accelerate WV program create the foundation for transformational change in our communities," says Hickman. "The Accelerate WV community teams are ready to work together in ways that will make their communities better and the work they are planning during this program is starting that work."

Greenbrier County Native returns as Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley's new Executive Director



Sarah Moloney (right), the new Executive Director of the Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley, and Sarah Polk (left), the interim Executive Director.

On Oct. 1, Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley welcomed new Executive Director Sarah Moloney. Raised in Frankford, Sarah returns to the area after 25 years in the Midwest. A graduate of Greenbrier East High School, Sarah studied at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where she earned a bachelor's degree in communications. Following college, Sarah

settled in Chicago, Illinois and spent 16 years working for nonprofits and local government in a variety of capacities including women's health care, case management and social work, and the City of Chicago's Department of Environment. During that time, she earned her master's degree in Geography and Environmental Studies from Northeastern Illinois University. Sarah worked for 10 years as a real estate consultant in Illinois and Wisconsin assisting nonprofits from conception, to planning, through construction of physical space that allowed them to fulfill their missions. Most recently, Sarah was dedicated to her leadership role at a fair housing nonprofit in western Cook County, Illinois. After two and a half decades, Sarah's motivation for returning to Lewisburg is two-fold: living close to her parents and giving back to the community that raised her.

"For 25 years Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley has been a vital resource for aging adults in Greenbrier County and I look forward to continuing that legacy as the agency moves into the next 25 years."

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The Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley would also like to thank Sarah Polk for stepping into the role of Interim Executive Director for three months during the search. Sarah has been a dedicated employee for almost 5 years, wearing all the hats- making sure everything runs smoothly in the office and that there were no lapses in programming. She is loved and appreciated by the board of trustees and participants alike.

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OBITUARIES

Troy Henderson Brooks



White Sulphur Springs-Troy Henderson Brooks, 53, passed away Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023.

Born Mar. 5, 1970 at Covington, VA, he was the last surviving child of the late Robert Eugene Brooks, Sr. and Opal Marie Smith Brooks.

Troy worked in excavating and construction.

In addition to his parents, Troy is preceded in death by two sisters, Teresa Bostic and Bernadine Huffman and two brothers, Robert Brooks, Jr. and Ernie Brooks.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Jones Brooks; four children, Hannah Brooks, Angelina Brooks, Nicholas Brooks (Alexis Walkup) and Jacob Troy Brooks; and two grandchildren, Elizabeth Renee Brooks and Avett Walker.

A visitation was held Thursday evening, Oct. 19, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Chapel in White Sulphur Springs, where Pastor Bobby McClintic officiated.

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

Betty R. Cook



Frankford-Betty R. Cook, 95, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023 after a short illness.

Born May 11, 1928 at Maxwelton, she was the daughter of the late Charles Warrick Hefner and Mary Elizabeth Boone Hefner.

For many years she worked as a bookkeeper in Huntington and Barboursville, before retiring back to Greenbrier County.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Rhel D. Cook; her brothers, Robert E. Hefner and Charles R. Hefner; step-grandson, Eddie McLeod; brothers-in-law, Dean Cockerham and Carlton Cockerham.

She is survived by sons, Charles S. Lister (Terri), of Plain City, OH, Stephen R. Lister (Rebecca) of Milton, WV, and James M. Lister (Amy) of Scottdale, OH; stepchildren,

Carol McLeod (Thomas) of Colorado Springs, CO, Rhelda Hanson (Richard) of Inwood, WV, and James Cook of Huntington. She is survived by 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren as well as sisters, Hilda Cockerham of Renick, Dessie Cockerham of Covington, VA; and sisters-in-law, Mary Hefner of Laura, OH and Lucille Hefner of Huntington, WV.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the nurses and staff at the Seneca Trail Healthcare Center where mom resided for the last year of her life. They made her life so much easier and more enjoyable. Mention also must go to neighbor Justin Dixon, his wife Crystal, and son Trevor, who have been indispensable in helping with her care these last few years when her family was unable to be with her. Another mention must go to family friend George Boone who did his best to keep everyone's spirits up during this trying time.

Funeral services for Mrs. Cook were held on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Emmanuel Open Bible Church, Vago, WV, where Rev. Gary Devart and Rev. Debbie Devart officiated. Interment followed in Lewis Chapel Cemetery.

The family received family and friends at the Church before the service on Tuesday.

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

Anna Lee Corron



White Sulphur Springs-Anna Lee Corron, 90, passed away Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023 at CAMC Memorial Division in Charleston.

She was born Aug. 3, 1933 at Glace, a daughter of the late Wallace McDowell, Sr. and Ethel Webb McDowell.

She was retired from Bell Atlantic Telephone Company and was a 1950 graduate of White Sulphur Springs High School.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Corron.

Survivors include a brother, Estel McDowell, Jr. (Anita) of White Sulphur Springs and sister, Carolyn Schneider of Clementon, NJ; several nieces and nephews including a special nephew, Jimmy Dice of Dayton, OH; and special friends, Jeanne (Henry) Jackson and their son, Robbie, all of Covington, VA.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct.

20, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Chapel in White Sulphur Springs. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery, White Sulphur Springs.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Friday.

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

Kenneth Ward Hayes, Jr.



Ronceverte-Kenneth Ward Hayes, Jr., 70, went to be with beloved family and friends in Heaven on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023. He fought a long battle with MDS and Kidney Disease.

Kenneth was born on June 6, 1953 in White Sulphur Springs to the late Kenneth Ward Hayes, Sr. and Vera Hayes Legg of Asbury.

He graduated from Greenbrier East High School in 1971. He was the first man to attend Greenbrier Women's College in 1972. Kenneth married his High School Sweetheart Nancy on Nov. 3, 1973 and this November would have been their 50th Wedding Anniversary. He ran heavy equipment for 26 years, having worked for Lynch Construction Company for several of those years and considered the Lynch Family to be part of his family. He worked for Arch Mineral Strip Mine Company for 9 years. For the past 20 years Kenneth drove Custom Hauling, from cattle, horses, hay, helicopters to trophy Whitetail Deer for Red Oak Whitetail Farm for the late Dr. Brumfield. In those 20 years he has logged one million miles. Kenneth loved hunting and fishing. He loved tractor pulling and going to parades with his and Colton's Antique John Deere tractor. He lived for his grandchildren and family. Kenneth loved and worked hard and loved helping people.

Preceding him in death were his father, Kenneth Ward Hayes, Sr. in 1965; and grandchildren, Remington Chase Hayes in 1995 and McKenna Paige in 2004.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Nancy Marie Hayes; daughter, Stephanie Hayes Mullens (Jimmy); son, Shawn Nicholas Hayes (Tina); daughter, Stacy Elizabeth Hayes (Stacy Johnson); grandchildren, Colton Montana Wykle and Caytron Paige Wykle; special friend and second Dad, Carl Wade; his mother, Vera Lee Hayes Legg; and his sister, Lea Yvonne

Palmer (Pete).

Special thanks to caregivers at Seneca Health Care Center, Crystal Delozier - aide, Shannon Dunbar - aide, Maggie Bostic - nurse, Katie Hughes - nurse, Carrie Bowman - nurse, Carrie Ralston - nurse, Amy Jackson - aide and Stacey O'Dell - nurse; and many others too numerous to mention.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, Oct. 22, at 4 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte with Pastor Bobby McClintic officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2 until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, we are asking for donations for expenses! If you wish to send something and help out, Nancy Hayes has an account in her name at: The Bank of Monroe, Fairlea Office, 9679 Seneca Trail S., Fairlea, WV 24901.

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

Roger Dale Bengé



Caldwell-Roger Dale Bengé passed away on Monday, Oct. 16, 2023.

He was born in Winston Salem, NC, to his parents, Raymond Boyd Bengé and Faye Irene Bengé (Phillips).

Roger was happily married to Barbara Joan Bengé (Fury) for over 35 years. Roger worked at The Greenbrier Hotel for over 40 years. Roger enjoyed fishing and traveling with his wife and sons, working on cars and watching football.

Roger leaves behind his children, Jonathan (Catherine) Bengé, Daniel (Kristen) Bengé, Marty (Tonya) Fury; as well as his grandchildren, Andrew Bengé, Gage Bengé, Cody Fury, Jesse Fury, and Casey Fury.

A graveside memorial will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 12 noon at Mapledale Cemetery in White Sulphur Springs.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com.

Vinnie Mae Childers

White Sulphur Springs-Vinnie Mae Childers, 75, passed away Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023 at her home of an unexpected illness.

Born Mar. 26, 1948 at Hollywood, WV, in Monroe County, she was a daughter of the late Cassius and Barbara Lee Bostic Hoke.

Vinnie was retired from The Greenbrier Hotel with over 26 years of service.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Blake Childers; three sons, John Reed, Jr. of Madison, WV, Ricky Reed of Ronceverte, and Chad Reed of Georgia; several

grandchildren and great-grandchildren including a special grandson, Jonathan Reed; five sisters, including her twin sister, Zernie Ramsey (Steve) of Caldwell, Tina Weikle (Ralph) of Union, Alma Hoke (Lynden) of Creamery, Edna Johnson (Roger) of Union, Lena Walton of West Virginia and Wanda Hoke of New Hampshire. She is also survived by two brothers, Alvin Hoke of Second Creek, Lawrence Hoke (Joyce) of Union; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service was held on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Little Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, White Sulphur Springs, where Pastor Bobby McClintic officiated. There was no public visitation.

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

Joyce B. Montgomery

Mount Juliet, TN-Joyce B. Montgomery of Mount Juliet, TN, formerly of Ronceverte, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, following a short illness.

Joyce led a full life. She was skilled in cards and other games, competing with friends and family up until her final days. She loved spending time with friends and family and maintained friendships near and far for her entire life. She travelled extensively, experiencing much of the United States and many other countries including Italy, Australia, China, Mexico, Ireland and Austria. When college basketball season began, she followed avidly. UVA games always commanded her attention, although she also cheered on Vir-

ginia Tech football and basketball to keep peace in the family.

She was an active member of the PEO sorority during her time living in West Virginia and in Tennessee. She was a deacon in Ronceverte Presbyterian Church and continued to virtually attend the church after moving to Tennessee in 2011.

Joyce was born on Sept. 10, 1938, and was a retired teacher from Greenbrier County, and from Richmond, VA, where she taught for over 30 years. She graduated from Cornwall High School in Cornwall, PA; Marion College in Marion, VA, and West Hampton College (now University of Richmond) in Richmond, VA.

She is survived by her sons, Steve (Anne) Montgomery, Brad (Tabby) Montgomery, and Doug (Lara) Montgomery; her four grandchildren, Sean, Cassandra, Erin, and Lane; sister, Susan Rhoad, and brother, Thomas Gilie. Joyce was loved by an extended family of nieces, nephews, in-laws and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John R. Montgomery, her brother, Andrew Boyle, and her parents, Louise and Nathan Brown.

Funeral services will be held at Ronceverte Presbyterian Church Saturday, Nov. 4. Visitation will begin at the Church at 1 p.m., followed by a service at 2 p.m. Following the service, the family welcomes all guests to a reception at the General Lewis Inn in Lewisburg, WV.

In lieu of flowers, it is kindly asked that donations be made to the Ronceverte Presbyterian Church, 261 Locust Street, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

Arrangements by Smith Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Murfreesboro, TN.

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 fbcssharp@gmail.com or 304-645-3533.

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Dear Recycle Lady,

A Look Back

Dear Recycle Lady,
What is upcycling? Is it the same as recycling?

Something New

Dear Something New,

Upcycling is a special kind of recycling. When an item is upcycled, it is recycled, or reused, into a product that has a higher value than the value of the original item or it is used to create something entirely new. Most recycling is downcycling or making a lower-grade version of the same product. An example of upcycling is making new shoes from plastic bottles, while an example of downcycling is making lower-quality plastic bottles from those same bottles. Upcycling supports a circular economy in which goods are used and reused many times instead of getting thrown out after one use. A circular economy is more sustainable as it uses what we have instead of creating new products out of new materials. It also reduces landfill waste and minimizes carbon emissions.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I went to the Recycling Center last week to deposit my recyclables and, much to my surprise, the bin for aluminum foil and pans was covered over with cardboard. I thought aluminum foil was one of the recyclables that could be recycled over and over again without losing quality. Why isn't the Recycling Center accepting foil and pans anymore?

Distressed Recycler

Dear Distressed Recycler,

The main reason the Recycling Center is not accepting aluminum foil and pans is that we don't have a buyer. In order to have available enough foil and pans for a buy-

er to consider purchasing them, the Recycling Center must collect an extremely large amount of clean, dry aluminum foil and pans. Over time, donated foil and pans would need to be kept in storage until that amount was collected and unfortunately, that amount of storage space is not available. A secondary problem is that all foil and pans placed in the bin are not clean and dry. Foil with only a few bits of food or grease contaminates clean foil and pans and makes them unusable. Have you considered reusing your foil? Just wash it in hot soapy water, rinse, dry and smooth it out. Your piece of foil will be almost as good as new. Foil is also a good scissor sharpener. Fold up a piece of aluminum foil four or five times, depending on the strength of the foil, then cut through the folds several times. Your dull scissors will be as sharp as you want them to be. Another use of foil is to hang a few strips of aluminum foil in the branches of your fruit trees to help keep birds away from the fruit on the trees. Plus, balled-up aluminum foil is a good way to remove the gunk left after grilling those delicious steaks!

Dear Recycle Lady,

What are fair trade products?

Fair is Good

Dear Fair is Good,

Fair Trade products are products that are sustainably and ethically produced by workers who are paid a fair wage. According to fairtradeamerica.org, the Fair Trade Seal is the most recognized and trusted ethical label in the world. Fair Trade coffee is one of the most recognized prod-

ucts and is available locally. Other Fair Trade products include tea, sugar, clothing, chocolate, wine, decorations and beauty products. Readers, if you know where any of these items can be purchased locally, please let me know.

Good News: African white rhinos are on the rebound. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the white rhino population has rebounded for the first time in a decade, a significant milestone in the ongoing battle to protect these majestic creatures. Thanks to intensified protection and management, there is newfound hope for their survival.

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

Mason Patrick may have been the first Greenbrier Countian to be featured on the cover of Time Magazine (July 9, 1923). Born in Lewisburg in 1863, he was the son of Dr. Alfred Spicer Patrick and Virginia Mathews Patrick. His father had been a surgeon in the 22nd Infantry of the Confederate States Army and afterwards served in the West Virginia House of Delegates and Senate. Patrick's uncle was Henry Mason Mathews, the fifth Governor of West Virginia.

Patrick was educated at Lewisburg Academy and Lewisburg public schools. In 1886, he graduated second in his class at the U. S. Military Academy. Following graduation, he served in the U. S. Army as an engineer on several rivers in the eastern United States and returned to West Point to teach engineering. In 1917, he sailed to Europe to command the 1st Regiment of Engineers in World War I and was in charge of numerous engineering operations in France.

The Army's Air Service was in disarray, and in

1918 General Pershing, a classmate of Patrick at West Point, named him chief of the Air Service of the American Expeditionary Force with the rank of major general. According to the Department of Defense, "Patrick knew nothing about aviation, but had tremendous organizational skills, extensive experience with large organizations and a commanding presence."

Under Patrick's leadership, the Air Service set numerous speed, distance and altitude records. The Air Service evolved into the Air Corps and then the Air Force. Patrick retired from the Air Corps in 1927, and in 1929 he was appointed head of the Public Utilities Commission for the District of Columbia. Major General Patrick died in 1942 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. In 1950, Florida's Patrick Air Force Base was named in his honor.

Photo from the United States Air Force.

Sources: United States Air Force, United States Department of Defense, Greenbrier Independent, The Old Lewisburg Academy Pupil Lists by Morgan Donnelly Bunn.

Carnegie Hall's Spotlight on Schools serves over 1,000 Greenbrier County students



Artrageous Spotlight on Schools performance

Greenbrier County Elementary School Students attended performances by Artrageous at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg as part of their partnership program, Spotlight on Schools. On Sept. 27 and 28, Carnegie Hall presented three performances to nine elementary schools.

Artrageous is known for its blend of multiple art forms into a single, interactive live concert experience for all ages. They are based out of their community studio center and production offices located between Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"Artrageous is really all about the arts. We try to throw as many different arts as possible on one stage. So, if you come to an Artrageous show, you're going to see live painting, music, singing, dancing, comedy and audience interaction, and the artists are always collaborating with the musicians, to try to complete their portraits in the amount of time it takes to do the songs. It's always just like a rush to the finish - every note is being taken up with creating a masterpiece." - Artrageous performer Lauri Francis

Artrageous performances are high-energy and crafted to feature immersive theater encouraging audience participation and typically highlighting several genres of music, dance, puppetry, storytelling, and speed-painted visual art. Artrageous performances feature 10-12 multi-talented performers in a 90-minute, high-energy, participatory concert and fine art event.

Artrageous paintings, created live-in-concert, are often auctioned for charity and are on display throughout the United States and internationally in public and private galleries and collections. Each Artrageous show typically concludes with an impromptu on-stage gallery event, where audience members are invited to view the

art created during the show as well as meet and interact with the performers.

Students from Alderson, Crichton, Frankford, Lewisburg, Rainelle, Ronceverte, Rupert, Smoot, and White Sulphur Springs elementary schools attended this year's performances.

Harmony Flora, Carnegie Hall's Education Director, stated that "this year's Spotlight on Schools program was one of the best school-shows ever! The students were so excited to be invited to participate, and the Hall was rocking with children singing, clapping, and dancing in their seats. It was so fun!"

Spotlight on Schools features a different performance medium each year, giving the students in Greenbrier County unique opportunities to realize the power of live performance. By bringing inspiring performers, artists, and musicians to the area, Carnegie Hall strives to present experiences that broaden our students' understanding of the world outside southeastern West Virginia. Money from the Greenbrier County School levy helps fund programs like Spotlight on Schools.

For more information on this program, contact Harmony Flora, Education Director, at 304-645-7917.

Greenbrier East High School's Golfer of the Week



Name: John Bicksler

Grade: Junior

G.P.A.: 4.0

Parents: Doug and Leslie Bicksler

Hometown: Lewisburg

Favorite Golfer: Jordan Spieth

Favorite Quote: "Just tap it in!"

Began Golfing: In the 8th grade.

Why he plays Golf: "Because it is fun!"

Coach's Comments: "John is a three-year letterman for the golf team. And it's only his fourth year ever golfing. His improvement has been tremendous. If he continues with this progress, he will be throwing some low numbers up his senior year. People go there whole career without a hole in one. John did that last year at The Elk's Club! John has the knowledge and patience to work with our younger golfers, and he does it with a smile. His personality makes him a pleasure to have on the team. Expect great things for John Bicksler!"

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A total of 42 men and women competed in the tournament. The Mountaineer Horseshoe League from Ronceverte sent a total of 9 pitchers to the tournament.

In the men's Class A Bracket: Jerry Davis-Champion; Fred Doss-2nd; Johnny Mitchell-3rd; Allen Withrow-4th and Gene Goins-6th.

In the men's Class B Bracket: Charles Brown-4th; Solomon Simmons-6th.

In the men's Class C Bracket: Randy Doss, Jr.-Champion; Jimmy Nutter-2nd.

In the Men's Elder C Class: Randy Doss, Sr.-2nd place.

The 86th West Virginia State Horseshoe Tournament will be held at The Mountaineer Horseshoe League courts located on Island Park in Ronceverte, WV, on Aug. 24 and 25, 2024.

CLUB & CHURCH

Henning Church of God Ladies meet in October

The Ladies of the Henning Church of God held their October meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 3, in the church fellowship hall. Carole Spencer presided and Dyan Hefner led in prayer.

Dyan Hefner brought us our devotion, "Strength and Safety," with scripture reference *Proverbs 18:10*. The author lived on top of King Mountain. There was a beautiful view, strong winds, rain and snow, however, the author felt secure. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower." Who he is and how we understand Him. He is a strong tower and we can trust in His name. He is our refuge where no one can harm or hurt us along as we are righteous. A tower is tall, strong, can have many windows, hide things because of size, beautiful views, place to have leisure activities, and can be used for telecommunication purposes. The biblical term for a tower is protection and provision that God gives us. God is our tower. He protects us and can hide us. He protects and cares for us at times on a daily basis and we never know. God is our rock, fortress, sets us free, has authority and great power and is worthy of praise. (*Psalm 18:1-3*) God is our shelter and a strong tower from our enemy. (*Psalm 61:3*) God is our tower and He is our protector.

Barb Seldomridge gave the missionary education report. First, she reported that the missionaries that we learned about last month responded to our card with thanks and asked us for our prayers. The missionaries that we are learning about this month is Brian and Melissa Richey. They are missionaries to Costa Rica. Their focus

is on ground oversight and leadership for mission teams who visit churches. They also focus on supporting children and youth in local churches. Brian grew up in Washington state and his family was involved in the Cornwell church there. Brian was in the trucking industry. Melissa is from Texas and Hispanic. She and her father moved to Washington state and met Brian's family. They witnessed to them and she was saved. She also had a rare blood disorder that faded slowly after many prayers. They went on a mission trip in 2022 and decided after that to become full-time missionaries. They want to serve the Lord and educate people.

Jamie Harvey gave the treasurer's report and Pauline Perkins read last month's minutes.

The group has not decided to make applesauce cakes as yet. The group will be serving the Maxwelton Rurians on Oct. 26. The church will host Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31. The Christmas Dinner will be Dec. 5. The group decided to do the reverse advent calendar again and collect non-perishable food items for Renick and Williamsburg food pantries and donate the items before Christmas. The group voted to give a donation to missionaries Tim and Jenn Adams.

The next meeting will be on Nov. 14 and Donna Scott dismissed in prayer.

Attending were Alice Coff, Barb Seldomridge, Carole Spencer, Cindy Fleshman, Donna Scott, Dyan Hefner, Jamie Harve, Kim Brookman, Marty Burns, Patty Owens, Pauline Perkins, Peggy Seldomridge, and Sue Hunt.

Progressive CEOs meet in Fairlea

Progressive CEOs (Continuing Educational Outreach Service) held their October meeting at the WVU extension office in Fairlea. Extension Agent Andi Hoover was the author of the educational program "Clutter Clean Up." Decluttering your home can be an overwhelming task. Many things have a sentimental attachment and are hard to get rid of. The recommendation is to set reasonable goals and work on one area at a time. Set a deadline for completing the task and stick to it. As you work through a drawer, closet, or room put things in boxes or trash bags labeled trash, recycle, donate, and keep. Ask yourself how many of these do I need, does the clothing still fit, do I

love it, have I used it in the last year, is it worth the space it is taking? The result will be a safer, clutter-free home. Your children will thank you.

Members were reminded of the 2024 planning meeting on Oct. 16 at the WVU extension office at 10 a.m. The next countywide meeting will be Nov. 16 at the Rupert Community Building. The program on floral arranging will be followed by a covered dish luncheon. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Wellspring Food Pantry. The drawing for the quilt will be made at this meeting. To enter the drawing, contact any CEOs member or the WVU extension office at 304-647-7408.

Carol Evans named Greenbrier County 2023 Democrat of the Year



Carol Evans

Carol Evans has been named the Greenbrier County Democrat of the year by the Greenbrier County Democratic Executive Committee. Evans, a Lewisburg resident, has been an integral part of Democratic Party for years, assuming lead-

ership roles in both the 2020 and 2022 elections as a Get Out the Vote Coordinator. She was key in the organization of the Regional Roundtable, a group of Democrats from seven counties in southern West Virginia, who meet quarterly to address common issues in our communities.

When the Greenbrier County Democratic Women's Club decided to undertake a Listening Project to identify the views of our citizens, Carol stepped up to coordinate and implement it. She also manages the many pieces involved in

setting up and maintaining the booth at the West Virginia State Fair.

There is very little happening with the Greenbrier County Democrats that she isn't immersed in. Evans currently serves as the Vice-President of the Greenbrier County Democrat Executive Committee and Secretary of the Greenbrier County Democratic Women's Club.

She will be honored for her work at the West Virginia Democratic Party Annual Roosevelt-Kennedy Unity Dinner at the end of October.

Super Crossword

SIX BELOW

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Airplane walkway | 1 Part of UAE |
| 6 Gentle pat | 2 "Othello" foe |
| 9 River delta deposit | 3 Makes one's views known |
| 13 Pixie or elf | 4 Jar cover |
| 19 Unhesitating and fast | 52 Title detective of 1970s TV |
| 21 Low-quality | 55 Give the boot |
| 22 Binds with string | 56 Prepared to do some grilling |
| 23 Grew older with contentment and dignity | 58 Tier |
| 25 Very ardent | 59 "I'm not that impressed" |
| 26 Fluffy scarf | 60 Egg-shaped |
| 27 Wiggly fishes | 61 Musical ornaments |
| 28 Perennially popular hymn | 64 Place to play pool or table tennis |
| 30 Makes a leg warmer, e.g. | 66 Do the task flawlessly |
| 32 Plow beasts | 69 Alternative to a 401(k) |
| 33 "-Pan" (James Clavell novel) | 71 Hogs' home |
| 34 Shouts of discovery | 72 Eye-irritating cleanser |
| 35 Is wearing | 74 1963 Johnny Cash smash |
| 37 Kept posted | 76 Gush forth |
| 39 Hair salon job | 77 Be in arrears |
| 41 Growth theory subj. | 79 U.S. med. research agcy. |
| 42 Accumulate | 80 Final toast of a meal |
| 44 Hdqrs. where officers work | 84 In the style of |
| 46 Red-carpet-walking type | 85 Law-of-motion subject |
| 50 Liquid filling la mer | 87 Glistened |
| 51 Fend off | 88 Historic span |
| | 89 Slowly, to a maestro |
| | 91 Island setting |
| | 92 "I love you," in Spanish |
| | 93 Course of action |
| | 94 Hip about |
| | 96 Enter quickly |
| | 99 Film spools |
| | 100 Pupil's place |
| | 103 Very big bird |
| | 105 Domino spots |
| | 106 Unsullied |
| | 108 Complete disaster, in slang |
| | 111 Spinner in a compass |
| | 112 Spinner in a kid's room |
| | 115 Surround with a nimbus |
| | 116 1990s sitcom ... and what literally appears six times in this puzzle |
| | 119 Add to the mix, maybe |
| | 120 British noble |
| | 121 Prayed before partaking |
| | 122 Pole carvings |
| | 123 Eye irritation |
| | 124 Ovine female |
| | 125 Sun-related |
| | 5 Enter by sidling |
| | 6 Watch faces |
| | 7 Missile paths |
| | 8 97-Down insect |
| | 9 Foamed up |
| | 10 Honolulu palace name |
| | 11 Amusement, to texters |
| | 12 "Give this a whirl" |
| | 13 Low-end cigar |
| | 14 Radar sound |
| | 15 Put a new border around |
| | 16 Basketball great — Thomas |
| | 17 Mozart's "Rondo Alla —" |
| | 18 Fencing blades |
| | 20 Get in a stew |
| | 24 Sends via phone line |
| | 29 Streaming music service |
| | 31 Prefix with disclosure |
| | 32 Give the boot |
| | 35 Boot part |
| | 36 Brazilian palm berry |
| | 37 Line of work |
| | 38 "Morning Edition" airt |
| | 40 HDTV maker |
| | 42 Pilot's skill |
| | 43 Old Cougar carmaker, in brief |
| | 45 FDR and HST's party |
| | 47 Volcanic outflows |
| | 48 Praise heavily |
| | 49 Stomach |
| | 51 Decongestant |
| | 52 Gulf of — (arm of the Baltic) |
| | 53 Just free of the bottom, as an anchor |
| | 54 Film for which Holly Hunter won an Oscar |
| | 57 Luminous |
| | 58 Spiral-shaped pasta |
| | 60 "Well, golly!" |
| | 62 Hide-hair link |
| | 63 "No seats left" abbr. |
| | 65 "Odyssey" temptress |
| | 66 Like twangy voices |
| | 67 Adequate |
| | 68 "That is ..." |
| | 70 Warm blanket |
| | 73 Jaw-dropping |
| | 75 As of |
| | 78 Prior to, in verse |
| | 81 Heavenly |
| | 82 River of Russia |
| | 83 Cooking vessels |
| | 85 Tiny particle |
| | 86 Road gunk |
| | 87 Six, in Seville |
| | 90 As surplus |
| | 92 Plains tent |
| | 93 Hogs' home |
| | 95 Wyoming mountains |
| | 97 Collection of hives |
| | 98 Round shape |
| | 99 Corp. shuffles |
| | 100 "That is ..." to Caesar |
| | 101 Head for hurriedly |
| | 102 Cry to a battlefield medic |
| | 104 Impulses |
| | 106 Grammy winner |
| | 107 Scott in an 1857 court case |
| | 109 Slender |
| | 110 Brothers' group, in brief |
| | 111 Chew like a beaver |
| | 113 Kind of whale |
| | 114 British noble |
| | 117 Operate |
| | 118 Bushy hairdo, for short |

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 gap.

Story **BAFLE** _____

Blame **CYDER** _____

Cell **IWENT** _____

Bloss **NATION** _____

TODAY'S WORD _____

"I wouldn't _____ her even if we did find him."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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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STEPPIN' OUT

New York Times best-selling author Sharon McCrumb scheduled for Carnegie Hall-O-Ween

As part of the second Annual Hall-O-Ween festivities, Carnegie Hall partners with the Greenbrier Historical Society to present New York Times best-selling author Sharyn McCrumb on Friday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m., in the Old Stone Room, as she shares her historical insights and investigative techniques that lie behind the writing of *The Unquiet Grave*. Tickets are \$20.

McCrumb's book *The Unquiet Grave* is the true story of the Greenbrier Ghost, the only case in America in which the testimony of a ghost convicted the killer. The 1897 trial which took place at the Greenbrier County Court House in Lewisburg, WV is remembered years later by the African American lawyer who second chaired the defense.

McCrumb is an award-winning Southern writer, best known for her Appalachian "Ballad" novels, set in the North Carolina/Tennessee mountains, including the New York Times Best Sellers: *The Ballad of Tom Dooley*, *She Walks These Hills* and *The Rosewood Casket*.

St. Dale, *The Canterbury Tales* in a NASCAR setting, in which ordinary people on a pilgrimage in honor of racing legend Dale Earnhardt find a miracle, won a 2006 Library of Virginia Award as well as the AWA Book of the Year Award.

Sharyn McCrumb's other best-selling novels include *The Ballad of Frankie Silver*, the story of the first woman hanged for murder in the state of

North Carolina (new edition, St. Martin's Press, 2013,) which was produced as a play in 2016 by the Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville NC. *Ghost Riders*, an account of the Civil War in the mountains of western North Carolina, won the Wilma Dykeman Award for Literature from the East Tennessee Historical Society and the Audie Award for Best Recorded Book. It was published in a new edition in March 2012 by J.F. Blair Press of Winston-Salem, NC. A theatrical version of *Ghost Riders* was staged in June 2014 at the Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville, NC.

McCrumb's other honors include AWA Outstanding Contribution to Appalachian Literature Award; the Chaffin Award for Southern Literature; the Plattner Award for Short Story; and AWA's Best Appalachian Novel. She was recently named "Best Mountain Writer 2013" by *Blue Ridge Country Magazine*. McCrumb was the first writer-in-residence at King College in Tennessee. In 2005 she was honored as the Writer of the Year at Emory & Henry College.

She is the subject of the book *From A Race of Storytellers: The Ballad Novels of Sharyn McCrumb*. Ed: Kimberley M. Holloway. Atlanta: Mercer University Press, 2005. A graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, with an M.A. from Virginia Tech, she lives and writes in the Virginia Blue Ridge.

Frank and Spencer Arwood, McCrumb's great-grandfathers were circuit

preachers in North Carolina's Smoky Mountains a hundred years ago, riding horseback over the ridges to preach in a different community each week. It is from them, she says, that she gets her regard for books, her gift of storytelling and public speaking, and her love of the Appalachian Mountains.

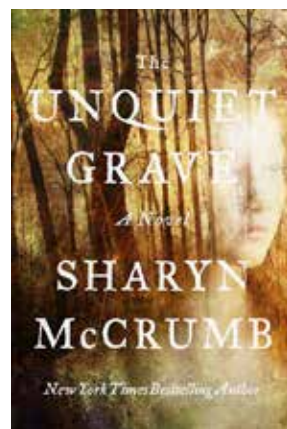
"My books are like Appalachian quilts," says McCrumb. "I take brightly colored scraps of legends, ballads, fragments of rural life, and local tragedy, and I piece them together into a complex whole that tells not only a story, but also a deeper truth about the culture of the mountain South."

McCrumb provides her own point of view about living in and between these cultures in the following excerpt from an interview with Rebecca Laine: "I always was interested in the songs and the legends. Those from my father's side of the family always seemed to have so much substance. Mother was from the flatlands of North Carolina around New Bern; that was, I suppose, the Plantation South. Her stories didn't resonate with me. I guess I wasn't meant to be a Southern writer in the Pat Conroy sense of the word."

There will be a book-signing at 8 p.m. immediately following the lecture. A selection of works by the author will be available for purchase at the event, provided by A New Chapter Bookstore. Visit A New Chapter at 922 Washington Street East in downtown Lewisburg dur-



Sharyn McCrumb



An Unquiet Grave

ing the month of October to browse other titles by the author.

Following the lecture and book-signing at 8:30 p.m., a special candlelit Greenbrier Ghost tour led by Kasadi Shock of the North House Museum will visit Old Stone Church Cemetery and the Greenbrier County Courthouse. Tickets for the tour are \$13. Limited space is available.

To purchase tickets for the lecture or other Hall-O-Ween events, call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.



Graveyard Book Diorama

Learn to make 3D cemetery dioramas during Carnegie Hall-O-Ween week

Carnegie Hall-O-Ween celebrates Halloween with a week's worth of special family fun events and classes. Running from Oct. 23 through Oct. 28, Carnegie Hall-O-Ween offers exciting and informative opportunities to get you ready for Halloween and Trick or Treat.

On Monday, Oct. 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., learn to construct a spooky hidden Halloween themed scene in the Altered Art: Graveyard Book Dioramas workshop led by Carnegie Hall Teaching Artist Teri Hartford. For students 13 years of age or older.

This fun class will teach participants how to create custom dioramas using a hollowed book and a spooky collection of die cuts, mini lights, and specialty papers. Haunted houses, bats, ravens, ghosts, witches, and tombstones abound in this creepy and creative seasonal workshop. Registration is \$18 and all materials are provided.

For more information on Carnegie Hall-O-Ween or for a complete list of classes and workshops and to enroll visit carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Communities In Schools to host Holiday Kick Off

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing integrated student supports within the Greenbrier County public school system for nearly 20 years, is hosting its 5th Annual Holiday Kick Off to fund free services for local students. Founded on the premise that children are unable to learn and thrive if they do not first feel safe and loved, CISGC ensures every child's basic needs are met. With tailored support plans based on each child's distinctive needs, CISGC works one-on-one with case-managed students-providing tutoring, mentoring, as well as other supports to promote their overall well-being. Last school year, more than 570 students received individualized support and case-management; and since CISGC provides school-wide programs, more than 4,600 students in Greenbrier County benefit annually.

CISGC's Holiday Kick Off will be hosted at The Schoolhouse Hotel in White Sulphur Springs on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The event will consist of live auctions, silent auctions, and prizes for Best Dressed in Holiday Spirit. The cost to attend is \$50 per person and includes a delicious spread crafted by The Schoolhouse Hotel and soft drinks. RSVP by submitting payment online at www.cisgc.org or by mailing payment to CISGC- P.O. Box 1188 Lewisburg, WV 24901 (include "tickets" in memo).

Proceeds from the Holiday Kick Off assist CISGC with the continuation of support services in ALL 13 public schools in Greenbrier County. For more information, visit CISGC on Facebook, call 304-661-1018, or email info@cisgc.org. This event is made possible by Dinsmore Law; Gayle E. Mason; City National Bank; Kilcollin Dental; Peoples Bank; Bank of Monroe; pending sponsors; and local contributing businesses.

Mail completed form to Penny Pitch, 383 Alderson St., Lewisburg WV 24901 by **November 17, 2023**



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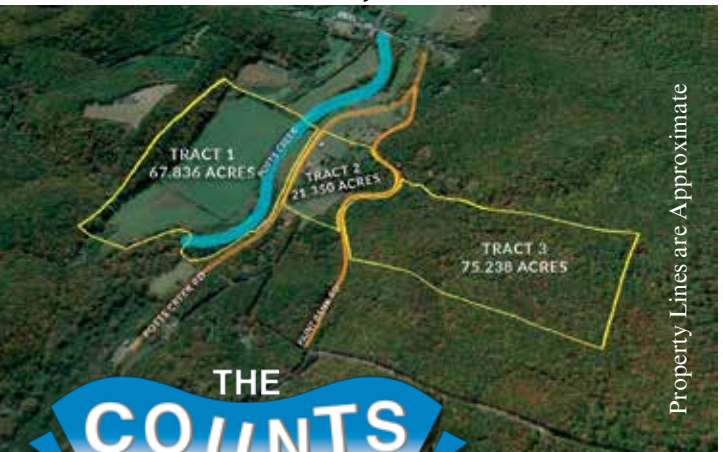
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