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## Penny Pitch applications available now

By Cathey Sawyer

“The purpose of human life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others.”

—Albert Schweitzer

Applications are out for families to pick up and return if they need help this Christmas season. Service clubs are preparing to help us by interviewing applicants and determining their specific needs. Awards will be made at the end of November. If you know of a family in need, there is an application in this Mountain Messenger or you can contact us at pennypitchwv@gmail.com.

We try to help the children of these families have something for Christmas and warm clothes to wear. If we raise enough money, we are able to help with utilities and firewood as well. Every family that is approved for help receives a food box.

We hope you will consider helping us this year. We are so grateful to this giving community. If you would like to donate, please send your donation to: Penny Pitch, 383 Alderson Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or you can drop your donation off at the Mountain Messenger office at 860 Court Street.

## Halloween fun planned in the Greenbrier Valley

By Sarah Richardson

It’s finally the week of Halloween, and after much fall fanfare and beautiful foliage in the Greenbrier Valley, a wide slate of spooky activities for the whole family are planned around the county. Trick-or-Treat times have been announced, with all celebrating on Halloween, Oct. 31: Lewisburg - 6 to 8 p.m.; White Sulphur Springs - 6 to 8 p.m.; Rainelle- 5 to 7 p.m.; Rupert- 6 to 8 p.m.; Quinwood - 6 to 8 p.m.; Clintonville - 6 to 8 p.m.; Alderson - 6 to 8 p.m.; Crawley - 6 to 8 p.m.; Frankford - 6 to 8 p.m.; Ronceverte - 6 to 8 p.m.; and Williamsburg - 6 to 8 p.m. Participating homes are leave their porch lights on.

Other events include Truck-or-Treats at the following locations:

- Modlin Field next to Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, Saturday, Oct. 28, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Dick Gunnoe Memorial Park in White Sulphur Springs, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Jim’s Drive In, Lewisburg, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Crichton Elementary School, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 5 to 7 p.m.

The Greenbrier Humane Society is holding a Howl-O-Ween event on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Society, 151 Holliday Lane in Lewisburg. There will be live music throughout the day, and a pet parade at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to bring their own pets, and prizes will be given to participants. All dogs who are up to date on their vaccinations are welcome to participate, and canine attendees must remain leashed at all times. There will also be food options with a bake sale and a chili cook-off. The cook-off will have celebrity judges and prizes for People’s Choice, along with first, second, and third place. Pet portraits will be offered for free for adoptions this day, and the public is welcome to get their pictures taken with a minimum \$10 donation.



All proceeds donated during this event will help continue to support the Humane Society.

This weekend will also be the last weekend to visit two spooky spots in the county: Miller’s Nightmare Haunted Farm in Maxwelton and the Hollow Hills Farm Haunted Hayride in Alta! Miller’s is open Friday, Oct. 27, and Saturday, Oct. 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each night (with all patrons on site by 10 p.m. being allowed admittance.) The final weekend for the Haunted Hayride will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 27, 28, and 29 at the Hollow Hills Farm, the site of the WV Renaissance Festival. Hayrides run from 5 to 8 p.m., and tickets are available for purchase at the farm. Along with the hayride, there is a maze, food trucks, and games!

The General Lewis Inn in Lewisburg is also hosting their 10th annual Pumpkin Carving Contest on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. This event is free and the pumpkins are provided.

## Ronceverte residents participate in ‘Talk, Plan, Do’



Citizens gather in Ronceverte for the first community “Talk, Plan, Do” meeting.

By Stephen Baldwin, RealWV

Around 40 local residents attended a community meeting in Ronceverte earlier this week. Hosted by Ronceverte Presbyterian Church and moderated by Dara Vance (Behavioral Health Navigator at Robert C. Byrd Clinic), the meeting gave residents the opportunity to “Talk, Plan, Do.”

Vance explained, “We all want to do something about the issues facing our community, but we don’t always know what to do.” She previously worked in Rainelle and hosted several similar meetings, finding them to be a productive way to move difficult conversations forward.

“Let’s do more than post on Facebook,” she told attendees. “Let’s talk, plan, and do something about it.”

### Top Three Problems

Folks in attendance were asked to begin the meeting by writing down what they see as the top three problems facing Ronceverte.

Responses included: substance use, lack of housing, transportation, hunger, not knowing about available resources, quality employment, and homelessness.

“We’re going to lose a generation of kids,” Carl Bostic said.

Most everyone in attendance mentioned substance use and housing, in one form or another, as major issues. However, local resident Sid Hedrick stood to address the group saying, “I’ve never seen anyone sleeping under a bridge in Ronceverte.”

Local law enforcement in attendance at the meeting replied, “We see it everyday.”

Melissa Thornton explained to the group that housing needs vary greatly, so she prefers to use the term “unhoused” to cover the variety of people situations find themselves in.

“Somebody who is living in a garage or on See “Talk, Plan, Do”

## Greenbrier County Commission signs resolution supporting ‘Operation Green Light,’ approves continuation of Sam Black waterline extension



Greenbrier County Commission is pictured here with representatives of the Lewisburg and Ronceverte posts of the American Legion after adopting a resolution supporting Operation Green Light.

By Matthew Young, RealWV

The Greenbrier County Commission, during their regular meeting Tuesday, adopted a resolution in support of “Operation Green Light,” a program designed to honor military veterans.

As explained by Commission President Tammy Tincher, “We have, over the last couple of years, begun participating in Operation Green Light, which is a recognition for our veterans where county offices across the country light up their buildings green in honor of Veterans Week (Oct. 24 through Nov. 11).”

The resolution reads in part: “Whereas, the residents of Greenbrier County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women that have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces, and whereas the contributions and sacrifices of those who’ve served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens, Greenbrier County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm’s way for the good of all.”

“Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious

groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability, and compensation benefits each year,” the resolution continues. “Whereas approximately 200,000 service members transition into civilian communities annually, and an estimated 20% increase will transition to civilian life in the near future.”

The resolution further states that as many as 72% of service members “experience high levels of stress” during this transitional period, and former service members experience a high rate of suicide during their first year of civilian life. The National Association of Counties (NACo) encourages all counties nationwide to adopt similar resolutions in support of Operation Green Light, and Greenbrier County encourages all of its residents to honor veterans by displaying green lights as well.

The resolution was unanimously approved by the Commission. On-hand for its signing were representatives of both the Lewisburg and Ronceverte posts of the American Legion.

Next before the commission was the authorization of \$184,600 for the continuation of the Sam Black water extension project. The invoice includes payments of See “County Commission”

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# Mountaineer Horseshoe League completes successful season

The Mountaineer Horseshoe League located in Ronceverte, which has been in existence for 51 years completed a successful 2023 season with 18 league members.

The league welcomed six new members and also welcomed back one member who hadn't pitched for a few years.

The league pitched two rounds of 16 games per each pitcher for a total of 32 games per pitcher. We had one pitcher who didn't pitch this year due to surgery.

The top three pitchers were: 1st Johnny Mitchell; 2nd Josh Morgan; 3rd Randy Doss, Jr.

Carl Bostic was selected as the Sportsman of the league for 2023.



**Group members: Johnny Mitchell, Josh Morgan, Randy Doss, Jr., Charlie Brown, Bernie Holiday, Fred Doss, Mark Morgan, Randy Doss, Sr., Jerry Davis, Gene Goins, Jimmy Nutter, Solomon Simmons, Freddie Hodges, David Slaven, Carl Bostic (Not pictured: Frank Highlander and Mike Moore)**



**Top three pitchers: 1st Johnny Mitchell (left), 2nd Josh Morgan, and 3rd Randy Doss, Jr.**

## 2023 Mountaineer Horseshoe League Final Standings and Stats

Name	Wins	Losses	Point Avg.	Ringer Avg. %
1) Johnny Mitchell	22	10	70.8	30.8
2) Josh Morgan	20	12	56.1	23.4
3) Randy Doss, Jr.	19	14	35.8	10.2
4) Charlie Brown	18	15	57.8	20.7
5) Bernie Holiday	18	14	40.9	13.8
6) Fred Doss	17	15	73.1	30.9
7) Mark Morgan	17	15	60.9	24.3
8) Randy Doss, Sr.	17	15	50.9	18.3
9) Frank Highlander	17	15	43.9	13.3
10) Mike Moore	16	16	36.8	9.3
11) Jerry Davis	15	17	71.3	29.9
12) Gene Goins	15	17	59.4	29.6
13) Jimmy Nutter	15	17	40.0	11.6
14) Solomon Simmons	12	19	54.2	19.4
15) Freddie Hodges	12	20	33.9	6.0
16) David Slaven	11	20	33.2	8.7
17) Carl Bostic	10	22	21.9	3.4

## Talk, Plan, Do

a couch is 'unhoused,'" she said. "If you don't have a place of your own, you're unhoused. Many do work but they don't make enough to live on."

Hedrick responded, "I can't believe there's not a place people can rent when they're working."

Several folks shared their stories of being unable to find affordable housing in the last year, including Vance. They said folks must get second or third jobs or share housing with others in order to find a decent place to stay that's not in a drug hot spot.

"It is a law enforcement problem," said Hedrick.

The group pushed back, arguing that it was a larger community problem. Law

enforcement officials in attendance asked Hedrick, "What do you want done? We arrest them, we take them to the magistrate. They don't go to jail. The county commission can't afford to keep people in jail unless you commit a serious felony."

**Potential solutions?** After a break, Vance reassembled the group to talk about potential solutions.

Conversation quickly centered around Clement Johnson, a man in attendance who is in recovery and was previously homeless.

"I'm 143 days sober," he told the group. "I've got 25 people into recovery. It's going to take some-

body from these streets (in Ronceverte) to go out there and get people in recovery. I can find out things you can't find out since I came from the streets."

Vance asked him how someone was able to get through to him when he was using drugs?

"Y'all loved me," he said to Vance and others in the room who worked with Johnson. He now has a job and spends his life trying to get others "to a better quality of life."

Attendees agreed with that approach, focusing on individual outreach to folks in the community who need love and support.

"There's a connection between using and be-

ing unhoused and hopelessness," added Vance. "Thank you from the bottom of my heart for coming tonight and looking for solutions. That gives us hope."

The group plans to meet again on Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at 261 Locust Street, Ronceverte Presbyterian Church. The community is invited to attend.

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## Rural regions bear brunt of nation's nurse workforce crisis

**By Nadia Ramlagan** In rural communities, severe staffing shortages have increased hospital wait times and worsened quality of care.

According to the latest report by the West Virginia Hospital Association, nursing had the highest over-

all rates of vacancies and turnovers, at more than 19% and 26% respectively.

Rebecca Love, a nurse and chief clinical officer at IntelyCare, a nurse staffing company, said in rural regions, hospitals often become the stopgap solution for both residents'

health and communities' economic well-being.

"All of the community relies on that health care system to not only deliver primary care and preventive care, but also acute-level cares when there are those situations such as See "Nurse Crisis" Page 3

## County Commission

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\$9,600 to the Western Greenbrier Business Development Corporation, and \$175,000 to the Thrasher Group. Thrasher's Ryan Boustany was on-hand to explain the project.

"We have been working with the region, and Greenbrier Public Service District (PSD) number 2 on a waterline extension from Sam Black Church, through Clintonville, all the way to Asbury, and then a second part from the Charmco-area to make an interconnection with the Town of Rainelle," Boustany said. "The project is about 80% complete with the design. We're looking to submit for final funding here early in the spring."

Boustany noted that several public meetings have been held to "get the word out" regarding the project, adding that, "The sign-ups have been fairly slow at first, but hopefully they'll pick up a little bit more."

At the conclusion of Boustany's remarks, Commissioner Lowell Rose said, "Everybody knows the cost of materials has skyrocketed over the last few years, especially PVC pipe which is 99% of the project."

"If you live on one of these side roads out through that area, you need to come to (the next public meeting) if you're interested in water," Rose added. "We will try to get out those side roads as far as we can, and as many as we can. We need the

sign-ups because that makes the world of difference in our funding, and whether we go out those side roads in this phase or another phase."

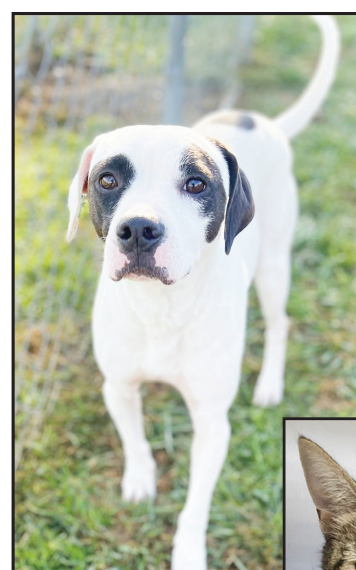
The next public meeting is scheduled for Nov. 13 at 6 p.m., at the James Chapel United Methodist Church on Shoestring Trail.

In other business, commissioners authorized the submission of an invoice to the West Virginia Office of Emergency Services for the award of the "Salary Enhancement and Crisis Response" grant funding allocated by the State Legislature. Greenbrier County is scheduled to receive \$143,763.21 – \$125,581.40 of which will be used for the salary enhancements.

For the final two pieces of new business before the commission, Dr. Harry N. Boone, Jr. was approved to replace the departing John Walkup as a member of the Greenbrier County Farmland Protection Board, and the county's Sheriff's Department and Prosecutor's Office were each assigned 2024 VOCA (Victims Of Crimes Act) grant contracts for the purposes of funding their Victim Advocate positions. The Sheriff's Department will receive \$47,037, while the Prosecutor's Office will receive \$43,172.

The Greenbrier County Commission's next regular meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

## PICK OF THE LITTER



**REMI**  
Remi is a four-year-old male terrier mix and weighs 37 pounds



**LORI**  
Lori 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.

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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# BUSINESS

## Appalachian Power files to update environmental compliance surcharge rates

Appalachian Power, along with Wheeling Power, has filed a request with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (PSC) to update current rates for the Environmental Compliance Surcharge (ECS). The PSC initially approved the ECS in August 2021 for recovery of costs associated with meeting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules on Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) and Effluent Limitation Guidelines (ELG).

“This investment in environmental equipment will keep our Amos, Mountaineer and Mitchell plants in compliance with current EPA regulations through 2040,” said Aaron Walker, Appalachian Power president and COO. “We are on track to meet project cost estimates, as well as the EPA timeline requirements for placing the equipment in operation.”

The proposed \$37.2 million ECS rate amount reflects historic and expected future costs for installing the

equipment upgrades. If approved, it would add \$2.84 to the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours, a 1.68 percent increase.

Appalachian Power has 1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power, which is focused on powering a cleaner, brighter energy future for its customers and communities. AEP’s approximately 17,000 employees operate and maintain the nation’s largest electricity transmission system and more than 225,000 miles of distribution lines to safely deliver reliable and affordable power to nearly 5.6 million regulated customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation’s largest electricity producers with nearly 29,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including approximately 5,800 megawatts of renewable energy.

## WVJO donates to Lewisburg project



Gary Williams (left), representing the West Virginia Jazz Orchestra, presents to TAG Galyean (right), the director of the Lewisburg Foundation, a check for \$510 in support of the city’s Green Space Project. This project aims to create a beautiful and functional performance area in the heart of downtown Lewisburg where artists and musicians can showcase their talents. If you want to join this noble cause and help, make Lewisburg a more vibrant and lively place, you can donate to the project through the WVJO’s secure portal at <https://tinyurl.com/WVJO-WV>. Every contribution counts and is greatly appreciated.

## Gov. Justice announces fall trout stockings and return of Monster Trout Contest

The WVDNR stocked 35,000 pounds of trophy-size trout and 6,500 pounds of monster trout earlier this month.

Gov. Jim Justice announced that the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources performed fall trout stockings during the weeks of Oct. 16 and Oct. 23. The state’s second annual Monster Trout Contest will also return during the same time.

During these two weeks, the WVDNR stocked more than 40,000 pounds of trophy-size and monster trout at 43 lakes and streams around the state. Of that total, 35,000 pounds of trout weighing 1-2 pounds and 6,500 pounds of monster trout weighing 3-6 pounds were stocked. Out of the monster trout, five fish will have a tag that can be redeemed for a grand prize.

“This is one of the best announcements of the year as we stock our lakes and streams, and we have created an exciting element by adding the Monster Trout Contest,” Gov. Justice said. “This also provides an excellent opportunity for all of our anglers to catch fish and potentially win some great, great prizes. So, gear up and get out there during this amazing time of year.”

Anglers who catch one of the five tagged fish and submit a photo with the tag number will be eligible to win a week-



Trout was stocked in a variety of locations earlier this month.

end cabin stay at a West Virginia State Park or a Cabela’s prize package. Entries must be submitted by Friday, Nov. 17.

“We’re excited to bring back our Monster Trout Contest for a second year and continue to provide anglers and their families some of the best fishing experiences in the country,” Brett McMillion, director of the WVDNR, said. “These stockings will go by quickly, but anglers should expect ideal trout fishing conditions to continue for several weeks, especially in larger streams and lakes where trout have more room to disperse.”

Fall Trout Stocking Waters

Lakes and streams scheduled to receive a fall trout stocking during the weeks of Oct. 16 and Oct. 23 are listed below. Each water was stocked once each week for a total of two stockings.

- Anthony Creek
- Big Clear Creek
- Blackwater River

- Brandywine Lake
- Buckhannon River
- Buffalo Fork Lake
- Cacapon State Park Lakes
- Coopers Rock Lake
- Cranberry River
- Elk River
- Evitts Run
- Glade Creek of Man
- Glade Creek of New
- Jennings Randolph Tailwaters
- Knapps Creek
- Lost River
- New Creek Dam No. 14
- North Fork South Branch
- Opequon Creek
- Pendleton Lake
- Pinnacle Creek
- Pipestem
- Pond Fork
- R.D. Bailey Tailwaters
- Rock Cliff Lake
- Seneca Lake
- Shavers Fork (Bemis)
- Shavers Fork (Lower)
- Shavers Fork (Upper)
- South Branch (Franklin)
- South Branch (Smoke Hole)
- Spruce Knob Lake

- Summersville Tailwaters
- Summit Lake
- Sutton Tailwaters
- Teter Creek Lake
- Tygart River Headwaters
- Tygart Tailwaters
- Upper Guyandotte River
- Watoga Lake
- West Fork Greenbrier
- Wheeling Creek
- Williams River
- Wheeling Creek in Marshall and Ohio County and Glade Creek of Mann (Babcock State Park) has been added to the fall stocking list. Upper Shavers Fork will not be stocked on FS Service Road 209 due to road construction by the U.S. Forest Service. The remainder of the Upper Shavers Fork stocking locations will receive fish.
- For a complete list of waters receiving a fall trout stocking, anglers should check pages 14-15 in the 2023 Fishing Regulations Summary. The WVDNR also posts trout stocking updates online.



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### Super Crossword

Answers

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# Communities In Schools receives Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) tax credits

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) was awarded NIP tax vouchers for distribution to businesses and individuals contributing a minimum of \$500 to the organization. NIP vouchers are administered by the State of West Virginia. Those who make eligible contributions to CISGC through the Neighborhood Investment Program, receive up to 50% in tax credit, therefore reducing their West Virginia tax liability.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization serving at-risk students for two decades, CISGC relies on local community members and business partnerships for the continuation of integrated student supports in each public school in Greenbrier County. Such partnerships benefitted more than 4,600 students county-wide last school year in which more than 570 of those received support and case management to address their distinctive needs.

NIP Tax Credits are a mutually beneficial way to contribute toward the provision of basic needs items, tutoring, mentoring, support for social/emotional

development, career/college prep, school-wide programming, substance use prevention programs, and more through CISGC. Those interested in purchasing NIP Tax Credits can do so by emailing [director@cisgc.org](mailto:director@cisgc.org) or calling 304-661-1018. For more information about CISGC and its programs, visit [www.cisgc.org](http://www.cisgc.org) or follow CISGC on Facebook. CISGC could not carry out its mission "to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life" without community partners.

## Posey Perry Emergency Food Fund to address food insecurity in West Virginia

Gov. Jim Justice has announced the launch of the Posey Perry Emergency Food Fund, a \$10 million reserve account dedicated to combating food insecurity in West Virginia.

The emergency fund supports the state's largest food banks, Mountaineer Food Bank and Facing Hunger Foodbank. Together, these organizations provide meals to food pantries across all 55 counties in West Virginia.

"We won't allow West Virginians to go hungry during the holiday season when food insecurity is a big concern," Gov. Justice said. "The Posey Perry Emergency Food Fund gives our food banks a little extra help to make sure everyone has food on their table. When we pull the rope together, we can make amazing things happen, and this is an example. I'm thankful for the great work our food banks do, and I know this is going to really make a difference for West Virginia families."

Pantries associated with the Mountaineer Food Bank and Facing Hunger Foodbank network are strongly encouraged to seek funding by contacting these organizations directly.

The Posey Perry Emergency Food Fund serves as a tribute to the late Posey Perry, a dedicated coal miner who volunteered tirelessly at food banks for numerous years.

After announcing the reserve account at his last State of the State, Gov. Justice requested the first round of funding in this year's budget, which he signed earlier this year.

"The commitment to fighting hunger in West Virginia exhibited by the Governor's office is truly commendable, and we eagerly anticipate the positive impact the Posey Perry Emergency Food Fund will have on those struggling with hunger

in our state," Chad Morrison, CEO of Mountaineer Food Bank, said. "This grant will provide essential resources for food pantries and feeding programs, helping us work towards a West Virginia where no one goes to bed hungry."

"Facing Hunger Food Bank remains committed to our partnership with Governor Justice in the effort to remove hunger as a challenge for our brothers and sisters in West Virginia," Cyndi Kirkhart, executive director of Facing Hunger Foodbank, said. "We are grateful for the Governor's ongoing commitment to end hunger and this dedication of funds to allow our community partners to have resources to purchase food during a critical time of the year. We understand that the work will continue and that we will always support the Governor's wishes for us to 'teach people how to fish' and move toward living outside of poverty and diminished resources by pursuing food access infrastructure resources for ourselves, our community partners and our neighbors who live across our service areas, but remain at the center of our work."

## CLUB & CHURCH

### Republican Club to hold meeting

The Greenbrier County Republican Club monthly meeting for November will be at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church on Thursday, Nov. 2.

Guest speaker will be Senator Ryan Weld, who is a candidate for The Republican nominee for WV Attorney General. Ryan will present his plans for the office of Attorney General and will answer questions.

Dues for 2024 and reservations for the Friday, Dec. 8, Club Christmas Dinner with WVGOP Chairwoman Elgine McArdle as keynote speaker can be paid at the meeting. Dues are \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. The dinner is \$50 per person with a 10 percent discount for Club members.

The public is invited to hear Senator Weld in the series of appearances by statewide candidates.

## Girl Scouts earn top awards

Several Girl Scouts have received the highest honors that they can achieve at their grade level.

The following local Cadettes earned the Silver Award:

- Jessalyn Desmond - White Sulphur Springs, WV
- Micah Lane - Lewisburg, WV

Before earning the awards, the Girl Scouts were responsible for learning information regarding issues they are passionate about. They then implemented plans of action to make a difference in their communities.

"Earning the Girl Scout Silver or Bronze Award is a wonderful accomplishment. These Girl Scouts are recipients of this award because of their dedication to and passion for making the world a better place," said Beth Casey, Chief Executive Officer for the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council.

For more information about the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond, visit <http://www.bgsc.org>.

## Church Bulletin

### 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](mailto:fbsharp@gmail.com) or 304-645-3533.

## OBITUARY



ents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Willis; and sisters, Louise Sarver, Jean Shelton, Helen Batty, Leona Hollaran and Lillian Drebing.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Norma Jean Gwinn Willis; son, S. Jeffrey Willis (Karla); grandchildren, Stephanie Anne Willis and Thomas Sidney Willis; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, Oct. 26, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, where Pastor Mike Loudermilk officiated. Burial followed in the Alderson Cemetery.

Visitation was Wednesday evening, Oct. 25, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg and one hour prior to services on Thursday, Oct. 26.

Pallbearers were Jeff Willis, Thomas Willis, John McCutcheon, Gill Merritt, Rick Parker, Matthew Drebing and Honorary Robert "Hoppy" Hopkins.

The family would like to thank all of the special caregivers who cared for Carroll during his illness.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations of sympathy to be made to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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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## LEGAL

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IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF  
ARTHUR WILLIAM BODINE, Petitioner  
and  
Civil Action No. 23-D-51  
Honorable David M. Sanders, Judge  
BARBARA SEIGEL KOGAN BODINE, Respondent  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the Amended Petition for Annulment duly filed in the Family Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, seeking that the parties be annulled in the above referenced matter, shall be held before the Honorable David M. Sanders, Judge of the Family Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in his chambers located at 650 Court Street, Suite D, Lewisburg, West Virginia, on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard.

Further notice is hereby given that Barbara Seigel Kogan Bodine's whereabouts are unknown and the last known whereabouts for Barbara Seigel Kogan Bodine were in Manhattan, New York, and unknown to the petitioner at this time, that Barbara Seigel Kogan Bodine may appear and defend any such rights within Thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this notice. If you fail to respond within said Thirty (30) day period, you may not appear or receive further notice of these proceedings.

ARTHUR WILLIAM BODINE  
By Counsel

## LEGAL

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For bidding purposes, details may be obtained from Ashley Butler at (304) 645-1787.

## LEGAL

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated March 28, 2008, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Document No. 53274, in Book No. 628, at Page 531, Dennis R Burns and Debra Burns did convey unto Thomas V. Pennington, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Specialized Loan Servicing LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Greenbrier County Courthouse in Lewisburg, West Virginia, on November 27, 2023 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 11 - Meadow Bluff District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

The surface only of those three certain lots or parcels of real estate, situate lying and being in Meadow Bluff District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, more particularly designated and described as follows:

The surface of Lots No. Seven (7), Eight (8), and Nine (9) of Lilly Park Addition to the Town of Rainelle, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, as shown by a map thereof, incorporated and recorded with a deed from J. H. Lilly Land Company to Ira Gaines, dated July 28, 1941, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia in Deed Book No. 140, page 43; the said lots together front 180.64 feet on State Highway Route No. 20, and extend back therefrom with Lot 10 a distance of 201.8 feet, and back on opposite side with Lot 6 a distance of 208.9 feet, being 180 feet on rear.

And being the same property acquired by Dennis R. Burns and Debra M. Burns, husband and wife, by Deed dated the 28th day of March, 2008 from Dennis Ray Burns, Roger Dale Burns and Douglas Murphy Burns, which said Deed is to be recorded prior to or simultaneously herewith.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 714 South Sewell Street, Rainelle, WV 25962.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The Substitute Trustee shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$4000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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# Dear Recycle Lady,

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

Exactly what can be recycled with cardboard? It seems to me that there is more in the bin than corrugated cardboard.

*Cardboard Recycler*

**Dear Cardboard Recycler,**

You are correct. There are several other kinds of cardboard besides three-layer corrugated cardboard that are in the cardboard bin. Paperboard, a single layer of cardboard, also goes in the cardboard bin. Smaller household and personal use boxes such as toothpaste boxes, shoe boxes, empty paper towel or toilet paper rolls and cereal boxes (with plastic liner removed) are made of paperboard and are recycled with cardboard. Several of these small boxes can be flattened and placed inside a larger box or a brown paper bag. I keep a mid-sized empty box in the pantry to put smaller flattened boxes in. When the box is full, I tape it shut so the smaller pieces don't fall out during processing and send it on its way. Another cardboard recyclable is brown paper bags of all sizes. All brown paper bags, large or small, with or without handles, with or without printing, and just plain brown paper, are all recycled with cardboard. All three kinds of cardboard are used for making paper or new cardboard boxes which is good for the environment as it reduces the amount of greenhouse emissions as well as the amount of water used. It also reduces landfill space as every ton of cardboard that is recycled saves nine cubic yards of landfill space.

Before recycling any of the above cardboard boxes be sure to remove all packing materials, such as any Styrofoam forms, plastic peanuts, plastic wraps, and bubble wrap. (These items can be reused for packing or donated to PostNet on Route 219 North, where it is reused for packing boxes) Any packing tape, labels or staples on the boxes can be left on. Checkboxes for traces of food or grease, especially takeout containers, pizza boxes, and paper plates as food and grease are contaminates. Waxed-coated boxes containing liquids, such as milk and juice, are not acceptable, nor are frozen food boxes as they have a thin layer of plastic coating to protect them from condensation. Any plastic bags inside the boxes must be removed before recycling.

Please note, that recyclable boxes should not be stuffed in an animal food bag and put in the recycling bin as the

entire bag will go in the trash. Workers don't have time to empty the bag during processing, and the bag is not recyclable.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

I have been collecting rubber bands from delivered newspapers for quite a while. Is there anyone who can use these?

*Reader*

**Dear Reader,**

Good thinking on how to "reuse." I spoke with the West Virginia Daily News, and they thought reusing rubber bands was a great idea. Besides office use, newspaper carriers can reuse them to prepare newspapers for delivery. Accumulate bands of all sizes in a bag or box, then take them to the Daily News Office on Court Street or put them in their after-hours mail slot. Did you know that rubber bands are not actually made of rubber? According to Public Lab, rubber bands are generally made of a mixture of natural and synthetic materials, including a form of plastic that makes them more durable.

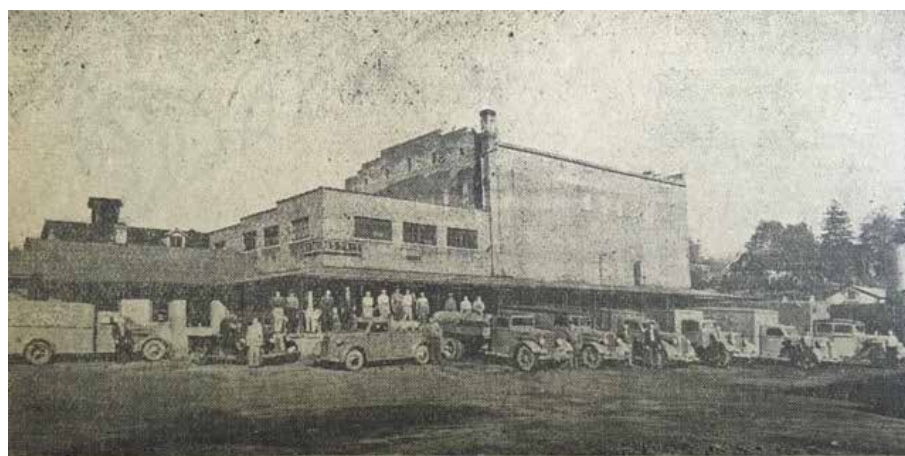
**Good News:** The United Nations High Seas Treaty, an agreement designed to protect marine biodiversity in international waters, has now been signed by 76 countries and the European Union. It's a significant step, as the high seas encompass ⅔ of the world's oceans! (fto.com)

**Bad News:** According to the American Farmland Trust, every day 2,000 acres of agricultural land are paved over, fragmented, or converted to uses that jeopardize farming. Their mission is to promote sound farming practices and keep farmers on the land.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to [recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com](mailto:recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com). Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.



# A Look Back



**By William "Skip" Deegans**

Older readers may recall the time when Ripco was a popular local brand of dairy products, especially milk, butter and ice cream. In 1903, M. A. and Sallie Gales sold five acres of land along the Greenbrier River, just south of Ronceverte, to the Greenbrier Valley Cold Storage Co. The company was organized by C. H. Thompson, A. E. Johnson, and W. E. Deegans. The business was reorganized in 1914 as the Ronceverte Ice and Produce Company. The incorporators were C. H. Thompson, A. E. Johnson, John E. Dougher, J. C. Reed, and W. E. Deegans.

Guy B. Montgomery moved to Ronceverte from Staunton, became associated with Ripco about 1908, and eventually became an owner. Under his industrious management, Ripco flourished during the 1920s. It produced a full range of dairy products, including Bulgarian buttermilk (cream cultures replaced by yogurt culture for a more tart and thicker buttermilk). The business had a 24-hour gas station and garage that sold Sinclair petroleum products. Its cold storage plant had a capacity of 30,000 baskets of apples and 5,000 cases of eggs. It was reported to be the largest egg storage facility between Cincinnati and Baltimore.

Milk for the dairy came from Morningside Farm, Montgomery's Fairlea dairy farm.

Its motor division, called Bluegrass Motor Department, sold Diamond-T trucks and Willys automobiles. It was a distributor for a wide variety of beer and ale. From local farmers Ripco bought turkeys, chickens and hogs to sell in its store and ship to other distributors. Customers could buy sand, cement, and house coal, some of which came from Montgomery's mines in the western end of Greenbrier County.

In 1928, Ripco employed 28 men and had a fleet of 10 delivery trucks. The business' gross sales were \$500,000 (about \$9,000,000 in today's dollars).

When one young Lewisburg student was home alone from school with an illness and both parents were away working, she remembers the Ripco deliveryman would put fresh bottles of milk in her family's refrigerator, check on the patient, and call her father if he was needed at home to tend to her.

The brand of Ripco dairy products along with Greenbrier Dairy disappeared in the 1970s.

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# SUN launches new program to help WV farms and rural businesses access USDA solar grants

Recently Solar United Neighbors (SUN) launched a new program in West Virginia called "Ready, Set, Solar, REAP!" This initiative is designed to help farmers and rural business owners harness the benefits of solar energy, with the support of grants from the USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

Farmers and rural businesses can often find the process of accessing solar grants daunting. SUN's 10-week program provides a comprehensive guide to the REAP application process. Participants will receive weekly emails to navigate the ins and outs of securing their grants seamlessly.

"If you own a farm or rural small business and have thought about going solar, now's your chance," said Leah Barbor, SUN West Virginia Program Director. "Going solar lets you lower and control your energy costs. We're excited to offer this first-of-its-kind guide to bring more solar power to rural communities."

"Going solar is one of the best decisions I have made since I started farming," said Tommye Lou Rafes of T.L. Fruits and Vegetables LLC. "We have enough solar panels to produce the electricity we use so our energy costs are fixed. When energy prices go up we don't notice. Farmers looking to control costs and increase sustainability should take advantage of REAP and other programs to go solar."

Moreover, the "Ready, Set, Solar, REAP!" program offers participants unbiased, installer-neutral advice and active support from an experienced network of SUN staff and past REAP grantees.

REAP started in 2002 as part of the federal Farm Bill. The U.S. Department

of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Rural Development administers this grant and loan program. The program helps farmers and rural small business owners access renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies

The REAP program has been so popular that funding for the grants has not been able to meet the demand. The Inflation Reduction Act, passed one year ago, addresses this challenge. It dedicated an additional \$2 billion to REAP over the next ten years, quadrupling the program's funding.

Farmers and rural small businesses can receive grants for up to 50% of total eligible project costs. They can also receive loan guarantees of up to 75% of total eligible project costs through REAP. USDA accepts REAP applications year round. There are four application windows per year. The current window closes on September 30, and the following one will close on December 31.

Solar United Neighbors has helped well over a dozen applicants apply for a REAP grant or loan.

SUN's guide to applying for REAP is available online at solarunitedneighbors.org/reap.

About Solar United Neighbors: Solar United Neighbors is a nonprofit organization that works in West Virginia and nationwide to represent the needs and interests of solar owners and supporters. Solar co-ops are part of the organization's mission to create a new energy system with rooftop solar at the cornerstone. Solar United Neighbors holds events and education programs to help people become informed solar consumers, maximize the value of their solar investment, and advocate for fair solar policies.

# Greenbrier East High School's Golfers of the Week



Name: Greenbrier East Golf Team  
 Grade: Freshmen through Seniors  
 G.P.A.: 3.55 team average  
 Supporters: Greenbrier East High School and the whole Greenbrier Valley community.  
 Hometown: Greenbrier County  
 Favorite Golfer: Arod Lemons (Alumni)  
 Favorite Quote: "Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent!"  
 Began Golfing: First day of the season, July 31  
 Why we play Golf: Golf is widely thought of as an individual sport, and in many respects, this is true. However, high school golf provides the golfers an opportunity to compete in a team atmosphere and create bonds with teammates and coaches.  
 Coach's Comments: "We had a wide range of talent and personalities that came together to accomplish great results. This team finished with a 15-1 record and was the runner-up in the Coalfield Conference during the regular season. Post season we were REGIONAL CHAMPIONS... AGAIN! We finished in eighth place at the State Championships. We had a Regional Champion Medalist in Isaac Hutchison. We had another First Team All-State Golfer in Jacob Honaker. (That's two years in a row) Overall, every golfer improved as a golfer and as a person throughout the season. We loved this team and things are only going to get better!"  
 Miluk Golf Humor: My High School Coach told me that the reason he told me to keep my head down during my lessons was so I couldn't see him laughing. Man, I was terrible! Ha!

### 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 post!

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Forest  
RIMBET

Chaise  
POTION

TODAY'S WORD

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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

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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### Super Crossword

#### FOLLOWING CONCEPTION

**ACROSS**

- 1 Vocalist Vaughan
- 6 Falsely present as genuine
- 12 Wizards-Magic matchups, e.g.
- 20 Brand of spaghetti sauce
- 21 Illicit moneylender
- 22 Legendary lost city of gold
- 23 Carjacking or kidnapping
- 25 Guys playing in central positions in team sports
- 26 Whirling, old-style
- 27 Vase variety
- 28 Disgrace
- 30 Major Dutch banking corp.
- 31 "I believe," on the internet
- 32 Metabolism or reproduction
- 37 Places for petri dishes
- 39 Old Delta rival
- 40 Actress Anderson
- 41 Haul to court
- 42 Attempt to give a bias to news coverage
- 46 Bottom-line deficit
- 50 Ed of "Up"
- 51 With 98-Down, have a meal around noon
- 52 Bend in ballet
- 55 Playwright Jean
- 56 Burns' "— Lang Syne"
- 59 Market condition that eventually "bursts"
- 62 Mammal with secretions used in perfumery
- 66 Vessel spar
- 67 Marked down
- 68 Billfold bill
- 69 Geometric design used to calibrate a video display
- 73 Imbibe slowly
- 74 "Sakes alive!"
- 77 "Va-va-—!"
- 78 Boxes of toy building blocks
- 81 They patrol on horseback
- 85 Historic NYC club, with "the"
- 86 Wolf in "The Jungle Book"
- 87 About
- 88 Genre for Cardi B
- 90 Blown away
- 94 Made calm
- 96 President or prime minister
- 99 Billfold bill
- 100 Hawaiian isle
- 103 Neighbor of Arg.
- 104 Actor Brody
- 105 Chemistry trial, perhaps
- 112 Former NPR host Flatow
- 113 Slangy sleuth
- 114 Zapped with intense light
- 115 Social insect
- 116 Monastery musical piece
- 118 Pub vessel
- 121 "P.S." comment ... or where the ends of eight answers in this puzzle might appear?
- 125 Mention quickly so as to minimize
- 126 A Chinese capital
- 127 Loosen, as a boot
- 128 Irremediable
- 129 Hams it up
- 130 Pit of a fruit

**DOWN**

- 1 Tanning lotion stat
- 2 Aids for walking tours
- 3 Scarlet tanager
- 4 Old film critic James
- 5 Biblical peak identified with Sinai
- 6 Ending for eye or mouth
- 7 Fancy word for "kiss"
- 8 Little donkey
- 9 Round rubber gasket
- 10 Masc. opposite
- 11 Plaster painting
- 12 Kathmandu native
- 13 Zeppelin, e.g.
- 14 Not favorable
- 15 Gunky stuff
- 16 Still lifes, e.g.
- 17 Ike's first lady
- 18 Utopias
- 19 Jukebox selections
- 24 Supreme Court's Samuel
- 29 Solo of "Solo"
- 31 "Casablanca" heroine
- 33 Embrace fully
- 34 Not healthy
- 35 Surpass in firepower
- 36 Tabloid VIPs
- 38 Move furtively
- 43 Gunky stuff
- 44 Cry of cheer
- 45 Siouan tribe
- 46 Pos. opposite
- 47 Safe, in hardball
- 48 Give a convincing argument
- 49 Brews, as tea
- 52 Pre-coll. exam
- 53 Itemize, e.g.
- 54 Recon data
- 57 River of forgetfulness
- 58 Subpar grade
- 60 Savory taste of MSG
- 61 A beatnik may beat it
- 62 Partners of poppas
- 63 Disjoin, as a pair of oxen
- 64 Transitioned smoothly
- 65 Answers an invite
- 70 Honk
- 71 Casual shirt
- 72 Fun activities, for short
- 75 Airing past midnight, say
- 76 — Island (Big Apple borough)
- 79 Mayberry boy
- 80 Yemeni capital
- 82 Poppa
- 83 — -Magnon
- 84 Unit of corn
- 89 Source of a purple fruit
- 91 Augmenting
- 92 Start to get tiresome
- 93 Witty Bombeck
- 95 Nation within a nation
- 96 Golfer Michelle
- 97 Hip-hop "Dr."
- 98 See
- 51-Across
- 100 Mmes.' counterparts
- 101 Wood cutter
- 102 Software revision, e.g.
- 105 Pack away
- 106 Violin cousin
- 107 Get frosty
- 108 Facilitates
- 109 Proportion
- 110 Lacking skill
- 111 Thees and —
- 117 Em, to Dorothy
- 119 Hurdle for some college srs.
- 120 "2 funny!!!"
- 122 Relatives, casually
- 123 "— a pity!"
- 124 Casual shirt



# Have A Safe And Spooky Halloween!

From All of Us at The Mountain Messenger

## Parents can work together to make Halloween safer



Halloween is often just what the doctor ordered. Nestled between the start of a new school year and the arrival of the holiday season, Halloween is an opportunity for children and adults alike to have some fun as they dress up in costumes and indulge in some sweet treats. Even though Halloween is designed to be an entertaining day, it's not without its risks. The Child Safety Network says on average, two times as many child pedestrians die on Halloween compared to other days. Costume safety and food allergies are some additional hazards to contend with on Halloween. Parents can work together to help reduce the safety risks associated with Halloween.

### Light it up

Lack of visibility and dim lighting at night increase the risk of pedestrians being struck by cars on Halloween. Improving visibility can go a long way toward cutting down on accidents and related deaths. Homeowners can keep the lights turned on and perhaps illuminate neighborhoods even more by temporarily installing strands of Christmas or bistro style lights. Children can carry battery-

powered flashlights, lanterns or even glow sticks to make them more visible. Reflective tape placed on candy bags or somewhere on costumes also can help.

### Set up safe trick-or-treat zones

The popularity of trunk-or-treat events that emerged several years ago took some of the risk out of Halloween by containing trick-or-treating to a parking lot at a school or church. Neighbors can establish something similar close to home by petitioning the town for permits to close a specific road or roads to vehicular traffic for a "block party" of sorts. Residents in the area can trick-or-treat and party in the street without risk of injury from cars. Ask participating neighbors to chip in for refreshments and entertainment, if desired.

### Check candy

Generation Xers may recall their parents warned against eating candy from Halloween before it could be inspected for hazards. Unfounded claims of dangerous items being lodged into candy perpetuated the suspicion of all Halloween confections for some time. There is a risk of

eating candy without thought, but that risk is now primarily related to food allergies. The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that, each year in the U.S., allergic reactions to food results in 30,000 emergency room visits, 2,000 hospitalizations, and 150 deaths. Common allergens include peanuts and other nuts as well as eggs and dairy. Others may be intolerant to ingredients like gluten or soy. Inspecting candy nutrition information can help weed out candy that may cause a reaction for those with food allergies or other concerns.

### Prepare homes

Adults and parents can take additional steps to prepare their homes for Halloween. Keep the porch and front yard clear of tripping hazards, such as garden hoses, decorations and toys. Sweep away leaves and branches to prevent tripping or slipping. Restrain pets so they do not jump on trick-or-treaters. Offer a variety of treats for kids of all ages so trick-or-treaters get age-appropriate items. Halloween fun and safety can go hand-in-hand this October.



## Popular Halloween costumes for 2023

Costumes and candy are synonymous with Halloween. Individuals may spend weeks or months trying to come up with the perfect costumes for their trick-or-treating excursions or Halloween parties. Many children and adults also enjoy costume themes, in which they dress up to coordinate with others in their group.

There is always a steady selection of classic costumes that appeal to Halloween revelers, including vampires, cats, witches, and pirates. But one only need look to pop culture to come up with costumes unique to a particular year or era. The following are some costume ideas that figure to be wildly popular in 2023.

- **Barbie:** Due to the release of the mid-summer motion picture Barbie, starring Margot Robbie as the titular character and Ryan Gosling as Ken, there are bound to be many pink-clad trick-or-treaters traveling through neighborhoods this fall. Barbie always has had an impressive wardrobe, so fans of the film can dress up in any of her signature looks.

- **Ariel:** Disney has reinvented many of its popular animated classics into live-action retellings, and The Little Mermaid took its turn this year. Life is more fun under the sea, so costumes for Ariel the mermaid and her underwater friends and foes figure to be popular.

- **Creed:** Rocky's boxing spin-off series Creed gave fans its latest install-

ment with Creed III in 2023. The boxing champ dons all-white or all-red color schemes in this movie, and fans may want to emulate that in their costumes.

- **Geralt of Rivia:** The Witcher fandom is widespread, and viewers were treated to another season of the Netflix series this summer. This is the final season with Henry Cavill in the titular role (Liam Hemsworth is reportedly set to take over), so fans may be inspired to dress the part for Halloween this year.

- **Jigsaw:** Saw X will be released on Oct. 27, and the Jigsaw Killer might be a choice for those looking to instill fear around the neighborhood.

- **Wednesday Addams:** Fans took to the inspiring new Addams Family spinoff that explores life through Wednesday's eyes. With her signature black frocks and pigtails, it doesn't take much to look like this maca-

bre teen.

- **Nepo Baby:** The phrase "Nepo Baby" grew wings this year with the spotlight placed on many celebrity kids whose rise to fame may have been pushed along by their successful parents. All it takes is a pair of jeans and plain white T-shirt with "Nepo Baby" on the front to pull off this look.

- **Ted Lasso:** The main character from the Apple TV series potentially has made his last appearance on the pitch, as the most recent season, which premiered in March, is rumored to be the show's last. Nevertheless, Lasso's goofy, down-to-earth-isms and unique look will live on through those who wear his signature mustache, jacket and visor.

- **Halloween costumes** run the gamut of classics and pop culture references. This year people are bound to see some common threads in neighborhoods across the country.

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# A look at the oldest Halloween traditions

As with many celebrations, Halloween is steeped in traditions - many of which can be traced back quite some time. Since Halloween is believed to have originated from Celtic pagan, ancient Roman and early Christian events, its traditions are varied. The following is a deep look at some old traditions associated with Halloween.

## Bonfires

Historians trace many traditions of Halloween to a Celtic holiday known as Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts lived 2,000 years ago in parts of what is now Northern France, Great Britain and Ireland.

During Samhain, people believed that the door between the worlds of the living and the dead was blurred. On Samhain, Celts believed the ghosts of the dead returned. Also, Druids made predictions about the future at this time of year. It was customary to build large, sacred bonfires and burn crops and other sacrifices to the Celtic deities.

While large bonfires are not typically part of Halloween celebrations today, revelers can light fire pits in their yards that are reminiscent of ancient celebrations.

## Trick-or-treating

Christianity spread throughout Celtic regions and blended with other rituals. Pope Gregory III expanded on a holiday Pope Boniface IV established to honor Christian martyrs to include all saints and martyrs. All Saints Day on November 1 commemorates the venerable saints, and All Souls Day on November 2 celebrates loved ones who went on to eternal rest. All-Hallows Eve (Halloween) was a time to pay homage to the dead. Poor children would go door to door in more affluent neighborhoods offering to say prayers for residents' deceased loved ones in

exchange for some food or money. This was known as "souling," which became the basis for trick-or-treating. Later the tradition became known as "guising" in areas of Scotland, where children would go around in costumes.

## Witches

Images of witches riding broomsticks are everywhere come Halloween, and witch costumes remain a standard. Almanac.com indicates that, during the Middle Ages, women who practiced divination were dubbed "witches," from the Anglo-Saxon word "wicce," or "wise one." It was believed the witches could go into a trancelike state and would do so in front of their fireplaces. Superstitious people believed the witches could fly out of their chimneys on broomsticks and terrorize others with magical deeds.

## Bobbing for apples

Bobbing for apples is not quite as popular as it once was, as more people have become concerned about spreading germs. During the Roman festival for Pomona, which occurred around November 1, Pomona, the goddess of fruit and orchards, was celebrated. Romans believed the first person to catch a bobbing apple with his or her teeth would be the first to marry. It also was believed apple peels contained the secrets to true love.

## Carving pumpkins

Removing the insides of pumpkins and carving them into funny or fearsome faces may be messy work, but it's tradition on Halloween. Turnips were the material of choice in ancient Ireland but were replaced by pumpkins when immigrants came to America. The "lanterns" were made with scary faces and lit to frighten away spirits.

Halloween is full of traditions, many of which have lengthy histories.

## Why do we say 'trick or treat'?

Homeowners think nothing of having goblins, nurses, vampires, or astronauts showing up at their doors each October asking for candy. Any other time of the year and these visitors might be turned away. But Halloween is all about the magical and the macabre, and trick-or-treating is a major component of the festivities.

Kids and adults alike cry out "trick or treat" at each house they visit. Many utter this familiar phrase without a second thought and may have no idea how this familiar custom came to be.

During the Middle Ages, less fortunate individuals would go "souling," which was a process of going door-to-door asking for food on November 1 in return for saying prayers

for the deceased on All Souls Day on November 2. Many centuries later, the tradition of "guising" began in Scotland around the same time of year. People began wearing masks and costumes to disguise themselves and prevent evil spirits from harming them. Spirits were thought to cross over more readily around Halloween. The custom also was called "mumming" and was celebrated in nearby England and Ireland as well.

Costumes were eventually accompanied by hijinks. Mischief makers would sing a rhyme, do a card trick or tell a story in exchange for a treat. If that treat wasn't presented, a "trick" could be played. For 19th century children, tricks included jamming hot

cabbage into a keyhole to stink up a house or frightening passersby.

History.com indicates that when European immigrants arrived in America, they didn't give up their annual mischief or requests for treats, and the custom spread throughout the early 20th century in the United States.

While the practice of begging for treats in some shape or form went by many names, Merriam-Webster reports that a newspaper in Saskatchewan, Canada first mentioned the words "treat" and "trick" together in print. A 1923 article indicated, "Hallowe'en passed off very quietly here. 'Treats' not 'tricks' were the order of the evening." By 1927, more and more children were uttering "tricks or treats" to solicit candy from their neighbors.

Trick-or-treating gained steam throughout the 1950s, with endorsements by major candy companies. The custom also was showcased in popular comic strips.

Even though there are tricks to be made on Halloween, treats are the real draw of the day.



## Halloween craft ideas for kids

Halloween is an enjoyable holiday for all, but particularly for children. Kids enjoy the opportunity to channel their whimsy and imagination, whether that involves choosing a clever costume or helping design the theme and scope of home decorations.

Parents, guardians and educators can channel the creativity inspired by Halloween into various craft projects. Crafts can not only keep children busy when the "I'm bored" lamentations inevitably turn up, but crafts also are a way to keep children off of screens. Plus, the items that children create can be used to decorate rooms in the house - helping to curb added expenses on commercial decor.

The following are some Halloween crafts children can make alone or with the help of older siblings and parents.

### Jack's slime

The toothy grins of jack-o'-lanterns can be seen just about everywhere come Halloween, and the bright orange color of pumpkins heralds the start of fall. What better way to say "Halloween is here" than with a craft that can be displayed and also played with? Slime is something that's always a big hit with kids. Here's a recipe for slime, courtesy of The Best Ideas for Kids.

- 6 ounces of Elmer's glue (substituting with another brand of glue may not produce the same results)
- Orange food coloring to create desired hue
- 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda
- 1-1/2 tablespoons of contact lens solution (one that contains boric acid in the ingredient list, as that is what causes the chemical reaction to form slime)
- Optional: 2 tablespoons of water added to the glue before the baking soda if you desire a stretchier slime

• Black felt or black construction paper, cut into the eyes and mouth of a jack-o'-lantern

• Small mason jar with lid

Decorate the mason jar using a bit of glue to stick the black paper or felt face pieces to the outside of the jar. Mix all the ingredients of the slime in a small bowl and pour into the decorated jar.

### Forest spider

Take a trip to a nearby forest or wooded trail and gather up round pinecones that have fallen. Purchase brown pipe cleaners and cut four of the cleaners in half to form eight legs. Glue the legs on the pinecone and attach several small googly eyes and two larger ones to form the eyes of the spider.

### Paper roll treat holders

Rather than discarding the tubes inside of paper towel or toilet paper rolls, let kids transform them into monster craft treat holders. They'll be perfect for party favors or even to give out to neighborhood trick-or-treaters. Cover the bottoms of the rolls with masking tape so treats won't fall out. Paint the outside of the cardboard rolls and let dry. An alternative is to cover the rolls in colored paper for less messy fun. Then use markers or paper cut-outs to form faces of the monsters. Fill the rolls with treats, then stuff a piece of tissue paper in each top to add even more personality to the creations and hide the treats inside.

### Ghostly leaves

Make a truly eco-friendly craft on Halloween, with ghosts made out of leaves, eliminating the need to use extra paper. Paint large leaves with white paint. On the narrow-most point on top of the leaves, paint black eyes and mouths. When completely dry, scatter on a table or sideboard for some scary fun or use double-sided tape to stick to windows and doors.

## Transform your home into a haunted house



Many transformations occur during the month of October. Leaves begin to turn various shades of orange and red, while the weather gets decidedly cooler. In the meantime, neighborhoods across the country begin to look quite different, with many homes decked out in the garish garb of Halloween.

The National Retail Federation together with Prosper Insights & Analytics reports that decorating one's home for Halloween is the second most popular way to celebrate the holiday. Only purchasing and sharing candy beats out home decor. Individuals spend billions collectively on Halloween each year, and one of the ways they can have some frightening fun is by transforming

a regular, unassuming home into a haunted house. There are certain necessities to turn an otherwise typical home into a suddenly spooky abode.

• **Scene setter:** Start with a scene setter if you would like to decorate both inside and out. Scene setters are plastic or paper backdrops that can be tacked up on walls to make a house look completely different, particularly under low light. A scene setter is an investment of time and money, but it can be reused each year and really make a room take on a new look quickly.

• **Lawn graveyard:** Visitors to the home who have to step through a graveyard will know there are more scares ahead. It's relatively easy to make your own

grave markers from wood or foam. If you're not handy, you can purchase them from a Halloween supply store. Disturb the earth by the markers to make visitors believe each grave is fresh. A bony hand sticking out of the dirt or some wilted flowers placed by the graves also can set the scene.

• **Floating candles:** Simulate the look of levitating candles with an easy craft. Take toilet paper or paper towel cardboard tubes and use hot glue on the top to make it look like beads of dripping wax. Paint the tubes with white chalk paint, as this type of paint is thick and covers easily. Glue a battery-powered tea light to the top for the wick. Poke a hole through both sides of the tube and thread some fishing line through. Use your mounting device of choice to attach the fishing line to the ceiling indoors or outside to hang each candle. When the lights are dim, it's very difficult to see the fishing line and the candles will appear to be floating.

• **Haunted archway:** Make an arch using PVC pipes, and thread jack-o'-lanterns or papier mâché heads or masks through to create an ominous arch that greets visitors.

• **Handprints:** Use window-safe paint to create bloody handprints on the inside of windows. This is a design touch that will enhance both the interior and exterior of the windows.

• **Fog machine:** Use a fog machine to spread a creepy mist where you need it, whether on a front porch or indoors.

Haunted houses come together with various design touches that are easy to execute.

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## Reduced Shakespeare Company presents Complete History of Comedy (Abridged) at Carnegie Hall



**Reduced Shakespeare Company**

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Starring writer/directors Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor, with Dominic Conti, *The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)* leaves no joke untold as they deconstruct the entire history of comedy in a dizzying night's

entertainment that has been hailed as "wonderfully hilarious... wacky good fun" by AcrossTheArts.co.uk, "a non-stop laugh fest" by Lowell Sun and "really, really funny... and most of all, really, really smart" by Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company has skewered history, the Bible and the world's most celebrated playwright. Now, they seek to answer one of life's greatest mysteries: What makes people laugh? From the highbrow to the low, *The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)* covers comedy through the ages, from Aristophanes and Shakespeare and Moliere to Vaudeville and Charlie Chaplin to *The Daily Show* and Anthony Weiner. This is the subject they were born to reduce. It's a "a madcap, breakneck speed" 90 minutes that is "audacious, often outrageous and bawdy" (Boston Stages).

*The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)* is the comedy troupe's ninth original stage production, which had a tryout at Napa Valley Playhouse in August 2013, premiered at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park in November 2013 and has since been presented at Merrimack Repertory Theatre in Massachusetts, Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Reston Center Stage in Virginia as part of "The Complete Works of the Reduced Shakespeare Company (abridged) Extravaganza" and Edison Theatre at Washington University in St. Louis.

Founded in 1981, Reduced Shakespeare Company has grown from a pass-the-hat act at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire in Novato to an internationally renowned touring comedy group that has expanded beyond the original three performers Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield, who created the company's first "abridged" comedy, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)*. Current managing partners Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor

have written, directed and performed in all eight of the company's original stage productions since then: *The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged)*, *The Complete History of America (abridged)*, *Western Civilization: The Complete Musical (abridged)*, *All The Great Books (abridged)*, *Completely Hollywood (abridged)*, *The Complete World of Sports (abridged)*, *The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged)* and *The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)*. Reduced Shakespeare Company's work was produced professionally in the Bay Area most recently in 2011, when *The Complete History of America (abridged)* was staged by Marin Shakespeare Company, where *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)* remains the most produced play in that company's 25-year history (with productions in 2007, 2000, 1999 and 1998).

Tickets to the performance are \$32/adult and \$10/child, and the performance is recommended for ages 13 and up. 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.

*The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)* is made possible with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

## Closing dates for Monongahela National Forest Recreation sites

Most of Monongahela National Forest is open year-round, closing only when access roads are snow-covered. But some developed campgrounds, picnic areas and both visitor centers routinely close from late fall through mid-spring. Visit the Forest's Recreation Conditions Report at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/mnf/recreation> for the most current information.

Closing dates for recreation sites on the Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District (304-536-2144) in the White Sulphur Springs area:

- Blue Bend Recreation Area - Camping closes Dec. 1. Picnicking closes Dec. 1
- Hopkins Knob Fireman's Cabin - Dec. 1
- Lake Sherwood Recreation Area and Campground - West Shore Loop closes Nov. 1. All other camping loops and day use area are closed for season. Lake is open year-round. Lake toilets close Oct. 31

Closing dates for recreation sites on the Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District (304-799-4334) in the Marlinton area:

- Day Run Campground - Dec. 1
- Highland Scenic Highway - Road closes when snow-covered. Toilets close Dec. 1
- Pocahontas Campground - Dec. 1
- Rimel Picnic Area - Jan. 1
- Tea Creek Campground - Dec. 1
- Williams River Developed Dispersed Campsites (Sites #21 to #30 located upstream of Tea Creek Campground) - Area closes when snow-covered. Toilets closed Dec. 1

Closing dates for recreation sites on the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District (304-478-2000) in the Elkins and Parsons areas:

- Bear Heaven Campground - Dec. 1
- Bickle Knob Observation Tower - Closes when roads are snow-covered
- Horseshoe Recreation Area - Closed for season
- Olson Observation Tower - Closes when roads are snow-covered
- Stuart Recreation Area - Closed for season

Closing dates for recreation sites on the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District (304-257-4488) in the Petersburg and Seneca Rocks areas:

- Big Bend Campground - Oct. 30
- Dolly Sods Picnic Area - Jan. 1
- Gatewood Group Campground - Until Nov. 30 no fees charged. Pack in, pack out with no services
- Jess Judy Group Campground - Oct. 30
- Red Creek Campground - Dec. 31
- Seneca Rocks Discovery Center - Oct. 29 is last day open

- Seneca Rocks Picnic Area - Nov. 30
- Seneca Shadows Campground - Oct. 30
- Spruce Knob Lake - Lake open year-round. Toilets close Dec. 1

- Spruce Knob Lake Campground - Closed for season
- Spruce Knob Observation Tower - Area open year-round (except when roads are snow-covered). Toilets close Dec. 1

Closing dates for recreation sites on the Greenbrier Ranger District (304-456-3335) in the Bartow area:

- Gaudineer Knob Picnic Area - Closes when roads are snow-covered. Toilets close Dec. 1
- Island Campground - Dec. 1
- Lake Buffalo - Lake open year-round. Toilets close Dec. 1
- Laurel Fork Campground - Dec. 1
- Middle Mountain Cabins - Dec. 1
- Old House Run Picnic Area - Dec. 2

Closing dates for recreation sites on the Gauley Ranger District (304-846-2695) in the Richwood area:

- Big Rock Campground - Dec. 1
- Bishop Knob Campground - Dec. 1
- Cranberry Campground - Dec. 1
- Cranberry Mountain Nature Center - Closed for season
- Cranberry River Developed Dispersed Campsites - Area closes when snow-covered. Toilets close Dec. 1
- North Bend Picnic Area - Closed for season
- Summit Lake - Lake open year-round. Toilets close Dec. 1
- Summit Lake Campground - Dec. 1
- Williams River Developed Dispersed Campsites (Sites #1 - #20 located downstream of Tea Creek Campground) - Area closes when snow-covered. Toilets closed Dec. 1
- Woodbine Picnic Area - Closed for season

Roadside camping, also called dispersed camping, is available in many areas of the Forest year-round. For more information about recreation facilities, contact the District Office near the location you would like to visit. Contact information is listed at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mnf/about-forest/offices>.



(Clockwise from top left) Work by Sean O'Connell, Thomas Ruggiero, Dennis Ott, and Pat Cross

## Carnegie Hall's Winter Art Exhibits open First Friday

Carnegie Hall's three rotating galleries open Friday, Nov. 3, with winter exhibits by Pat Cross (Old Stone Room), Thomas Ruggiero (Lobby Gallery), and Dennis Ott and Sean O'Connell (Museum Gallery). There will be opening receptions at 6 p.m. in conjunction with Lewisburg's First Fridays after 5.

The Old Stone Room, located on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall, will feature "Inviting the Outdoors In" by Pat Cross. Over the years, her work has been displayed in more than 150 fine art exhibitions, including Realism New York, Bosque Art Classic, and Salon International. For her opening, she will host a family friendly, live, sketching demonstration.

Thomas Ruggiero will be featured in the Auditorium Lobby Gallery. He is an artist and fashion designer native to Lewisburg. As a resident of Lee Street Studios, he crafts handmade one-of-a-kind garments and will be showcasing his original impasto ink fashion illustrations.

The Museum Gallery (adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium) will house a collaborative exhibit of work by Dennis Ott and Sean O'Connell. Dennis Ott started woodturning as part of the new partnership between Carnegie Hall and the WV Woodturners Association in Spring 2022 and has used this new artistic medium as another way to express his love of nature and the connection to the greater world around us. Sean O'Connell is a ceramic artist originally with a private studio at Lee Street Studios.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibits will run through Dec. 29. For more information, please visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Carnegie Hall programs are presented with financial assistance through a grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.



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For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director **Betsy Miles** at [bmiles@wvpress.org](mailto:bmiles@wvpress.org), at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.

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The Hub is excited to have an open house Bingo night! Family Fun Bingo night is from 5 - 7 p.m. We will have four 30-minute games with prizes. (232 Lee Street Building C, 304-647-4994 @thehubstudentcafe)

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The Mike Gillispie Jazz Flute Quartet will perform at the Pocahontas County Opera House on Nov. 4.

## Mike Gillispie Jazz Flute Quartet takes the stage at Pocahontas County Opera House

Pocahontas County Opera House, host to an array of notable music performances, is delighted to welcome The Mike Gillispie Jazz Flute Quartet on Saturday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. The performance guarantees an evening of eclectic jazz melodies, bridging across diverse generations and styles.

The quartet features Mike Gillispie, a renowned flutist and bass flutist celebrated for his vibrant blend of musical experiences. Gillispie's musical journey began at age 5 with the accordion, transitioning to the flute by 7, and later expanded to include saxophones. Gillispie, emerging from Washington's dynamic music community, now brings his rich musical and graphic arts background to the stage. With performances spanning continents, he's known not just for his unique mix of musical and photographic talents, but also for his deep-seated family roots in Pocahontas County, where he spent formative summers before embarking on a full-time music career.

Joining Gillispie is esteemed guitarist Thomas Kitchen, admired for his versatile musical background spanning both jazz and classical genres. Kitchen, a passionate educator and transcriber, complements his international experiences to enhance his performances and educational pursuits.

The quartet also features Dan Griffin, a respected bassist originating from New York City. Griffin launched his musical career at the tender age of 8 with the accordion, transitioning to the upright acoustic bass by 13. His passion for music is as unwavering as his notable career in clinical psychology, earning him accolades as an educator, speaker, and author.

Completing the quartet is James Deshler, the drummer whose diverse Los Angeles upbringing sparked a career that astonishingly merges jazz with molecular and cellular biology. Deshler, a UCLA PhD holder and Harvard Medical School post-doctoral scholar, masterfully complements his intellectual pursuits with his musical talents.

This captivating performance at Pocahontas County Opera House is a must-attend event offering a unique blend of high-quality jazz music. Tickets are priced at \$10 for adults while admission is free for those aged 17 and under, available via the Opera House website, the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, or at the venue on the evening of the performance.

The concert series at the Opera House receives impressive support from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History, West Virginia Commission on the Arts, Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Opera House promotes an inclusive and family-friendly environment, accessible to individuals with disabilities. Special accommodations can be organized upon request. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis, encouraging attendees to secure their tickets in advance.

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