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Penny Pitch application period open, fundraising continues

“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.” — Hamilton Wright Mabie

As the season of Christmas approaches, let’s remember those less fortunate and dedicate ourselves to making the holidays more blessed for them. You can help a family in Greenbrier County by donating to Penny Pitch.

Penny Pitch is a totally volunteer organization, and for years, Penny Pitch has served needy families at Christmas and beyond, with gifts for children, winter clothes and shoes, bedding, household goods, food, utility payments, and even firewood delivery. Families who receive help also have a food box delivered before Christmas, and after Christmas, we pay on utilities if we have raised enough funds.

Notice the “if” in the previous sentence. Once we have taken care of the initial needs, if we still have funds, we pay as much as we can on utilities. We receive funds from individuals and groups, many of whom give in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please donate to Penny Pitch and help bless someone else this Christmas.

Please send your tax-deductible donation to Penny Pitch, 383 Alderson Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Your name will be published as a donor in the Mountain Messenger unless you choose to remain anonymous. If you need more information, or if you know of a family in need, contact us at pennypitchwv@gmail.com.

Donations to date:

Anonymous \$150

“Neighbors Helping Neighbors”

Ronceverte City Council hears citizen concerns on flood mitigation project

By Dakota Baker

Ronceverte City Council held their monthly meeting on Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. In attendance were councilmembers Gail White, Tanya Hazelwood, Scott Vogelsson, and City Recorder Leah Smith and Mayor Deena Pack. The meeting opened with a public comment period, with concerned citizens taking the floor to voice their opinions on the flood mitigation project planned for the bottom of Ronceverte Hill.

Funding for the project was originally announced in Nov. 2021 by Gov. Jim Justice with the following description: “Project: City of Ronceverte Storm Water Project. CDBG-MIT Amount: \$8,800,000. Description: This project will construct stormwater infrastructure improvements to reduce flood hazards in the City of Ronceverte. The storm water project will serve 1,750 residents by reducing flooding along streets and sidewalks in the city. Improvements will include storm drain upgrades and storm drain improvements to aging infrastructure.”

The funds are being made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT). The program helps communities impacted by recent natural disasters carry out strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses.

Citizens voiced concerns that the property owners who own land where the flood mitigation project is taking place were not made aware of any of the plans until Oct. 27, 2023, when an assessor called and inquired about buying their properties. There was also concern as to why in a meeting held on Friday, Nov. 3, they were not given an explanation as to why properties needed to be bought for the flood mitigation project instead of leased from the property owners. Citizens also stated none of their questions were answered at the meeting

held on Nov. 3.

There were also questions as to why citizens haven’t been made aware of the details of what is happening with the funding for the project, and how the funds are being spent. A concerned citizen demanded their questions be answered and said that this project makes them feel unwelcome as new business owners. Another speaker said he has asked the city to consider another engineer for the flood mitigation project, one who is more knowledgeable on the subject.

Mayor Deena Pack addressed the crowd: “I know there has been a lot of confusion and miscommunication regarding the Storm Water Mitigation project on Ronceverte Hill over the last week. We’ve been working on this project for some time with our legal and engineering team, as well as other professionals to obtain grant money. As mentioned, it is \$8.8 million for this project... An appraiser did make contact with several property owners last week. We were surprised to learn that this was the first time some of these property owners had heard of the project. I do apologize to the people at the meeting on Friday that it went down that way, it was not our intention.”

Mayor Pack went on to say that there is misinformation being spread about the project via social media, and there is nothing about the Flood Mitigation project that is intended to be kept secret, or classified, and at no point in time has anyone from the city stated this project was classified. All steps regarding the project must be voted on by City Council. All invoices for the project have been voted on and approved by the city council. Mayor Pack also shut down the rumor of an “artificial river” stating, “There is absolutely no plan to create some sort of artificial river for tourism purposes, as I was advised today.”

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Horse-drawn carriage rides return to Lewisburg for Magic of Christmas events

Santa will also be making appearances downtown on Saturdays

The Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg will begin this year on Saturday, Nov. 18, with the 5th annual Jingle Bell Jog starting at 9 a.m. on Oak Street, horse-drawn carriage rides through downtown from 3 to 7 p.m. starting at the Greenspace, and the Greenspace Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. Tree lighting performances will be brought to you by the Greenbrier Chorale and Third Block Rock, and hot chocolate will be provided by Lewisburg in Bloom. Santa will be around town all day for the festivities! Nov. 25 is Small Business Saturday, and there will be carriage rides from 3 to 7 p.m. and Santa in town from 12 to 2 p.m. The cost of horse-drawn carriages rides is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child.

On Friday, Dec. 1, stores will be open late for First Fridays After 5, and carriage rides will be available from

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New River Gorge Steep Valley Fire update

The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve released the following statement on Wednesday, Nov. 8:

Steep Valley Fire update: Currently the fire is estimated to be 800 acres and zero percent contained. The fire is within the park and there are no immediate threats at this time. Smoke is visible in much of the park today and visitors are advised to use caution while out recreating. At this time, the War Ridge Campground and the road leading beyond that area are currently closed.

Fire crews from New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, in addition to fire crews from Cuyahoga Valley National Park, White Mountain National Forest, Wayne National Forest, State of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Indiana Dunes National Park are responding to the fire.

The Steep Valley Fire started on the afternoon of Monday, November 6 in the War Ridge and Backus Mountain areas of the park.



Heavy smoke is pictured in the New River Gorge on Wednesday.

The Lunch Box, where delicious is in the details

By Stephen Baldwin
RealWV

www.therealwv.com

Erin Lovell revels in details. Every aspect of her newest project, The Lunch Box in White Sulphur Springs, tells a story. And it all begins with the “handle” atop the 10×16 foot pistachio-green building.

“Everywhere we go people would say, ‘I wish you were still serving food,’” she recalls.

One day she was looking at the 10×16 foot building behind her store, which used to be Mark Bowe’s office, and she saw a vision.

“It looked like a big lunch box,” she says. “One of those old metal ones. So we made a handle for the top.”

Her crew of four employees began serving lunch in late September.

“It’s been insane” ever since, according to Erin.

From B Sweet to Sweet Cedar to The Lunch Box

After building a successful eatery in White Sulphur Springs called B Sweet Confectionary several years ago, life happened to Erin. Her husband, Mike, experienced a major health scare, they had a child, and her



The Lunch Box is Kaylee O’Dell, Mike Lovell, Erin Lovell, Sophie Bowes, and Nolin Cox. Located in downtown White Sulphur Springs, they serve soups, salads, sandwiches, and sweets.

(Photo by Stephen Baldwin, RealWV)

professional life shifted. She closed B Sweet and opened Sweet Cedar, a bath and body products business.

“This building was the original Sweet Cedar,” she says. “When we See “The Lunch Box” Page 2

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The Lunch Box

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**Erin Lovell and The Lunch Box.***(Photo by Stephen Baldwin, RealWV)*

moved that inside the White Sulphur storefront, Mark rented it for office space.” (Mark Bowe’s Barnwood Living store is located directly beside Erin’s building in downtown White Sulphur.)

That business has now expanded to Lewisburg as well as a successful online customer base. And the calls from her customers to get back in the food game never stopped.

“People want a quick lunch that’s good,” she says. “We have great restaurants in White Sulphur. The more choices we have, the more people will come here.”

What’s inside?

“It’s all homemade, down to the dressings,” Erin tells RealWV.

The menu includes daily specials, soups, salads, and sandwiches.

The Saratoga is their most popular sandwich, closely followed by The Italian. They work to accommodate various dietary restrictions, including gluten-free options.

“My favorite is The Buffalo,” Erin offers. “The food quality is our top priority, and second is customer satisfaction. I can remember people’s orders from years ago. That goes a long way.”

As do their signature sweets. No lunch is complete without a cookie or cake. Yes, you read that right. A personal cake.

“People loved our cupcakes,” says Erin. “We had 18 everyday at B Sweet, but we just can’t do that here.”

So instead, Erin makes mini layer cakes. They are designed for one person and available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

“They’re popular for birthdays and just for lunch,” Erin says. “They’re cute.”

If you happen to go on a Tuesday or Thursday, fear not. You may not get a mini cake, but you can often indulge in a personal pie.

“We plan to do Saturday Sweets on special occasions too,” adds Erin. “People always ask for my cinnamon rolls and pumpkin donuts, so we will try and do those on Saturdays sometimes.”

When you visit, you will notice that Erin does not use any plastic in the operation.

“We are 100% plastic-free,” she proudly says. “In Sweet Cedar we use a lot of plastic because of the nature of the business, so it was important to us to offset that here. Little things can make a big difference.”

Know before you go

The Lunch Box is open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They are located at 14 Caldwell Drive in White Sulphur Springs, across from City Hall.

You can order online at www.thelunchboxwv.com, or you can call them at 681-222-7646 to place an order in advance.

Ample parking is available. Find a good spot, because the food is so good that you’ll want to stay a while.

For more stories like this, visit www.therealwv.com.

WV residents can get help navigating Medicare open enrollment

By Nadia Ramlagan

With just a few weeks left until the end of Medicare open enrollment, experts in West Virginia say now is the time to compare current coverage to next year’s plan, and make changes to avoid large out-of-pocket expenses.

Kimberly Taylor-Newsome, state program director for the West Virginia Aging and Disability Resource Center, said Medicare ‘Part D’ and Medicare Advantage plan details often change every year, so individuals should not assume they can rely on the same benefits.

“They can change their drug formularies, they change premiums, they can change deductible amounts, they can change the pharmacies that they work with,” Taylor-Newsome outlined.

Taylor-Newsome pointed out resource counselors are available through the state’s Aging and Disability Resource Center who can help people carefully review current coverage and compare plans. They can also check to see if people qualify for other assistance to help save them money. Counselors can be reached Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 866-981-2372.

At a time when many of the state’s older residents are struggling financially with inflation, Taylor-Newsome added not selecting the right plan could lead to more people foregoing needed medications and care.

“If you don’t maintain your health, if you can’t get your medications and the medical care that you need, you can’t care for that other person,” Taylor-Newsome stressed.

A recent KFF survey found people with Medicare are more satisfied with their health coverage compared to adults with other types of insurance. But cost concerns for monthly premiums and prescription drugs remain high, especially among people with disabilities who rely on the program.

WV IJDC announces funding for sewer and water projects around state

The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council announced \$2.8 million in funding for sewer and water projects around the state at its meeting on Nov. 1. The council also approved technical reviews and requests to pursue funding for an additional 11 sewer and water projects. The approval of these reviews and requests helps cities, municipalities and public service districts save taxpayer money and keep their projects moving.

Local projects include:

- Town of Rainelle in Greenbrier County: Water storage improvements project estimated to cost \$2.3 million.

About the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council: The WV IJDC was created by the WV Legislature in 1994 to serve as a funding clearinghouse for water and wastewater projects around the state. Gov. Jim Justice serves as council chairman, with Deputy Chief of Staff Ann Urling serving as his designee.

Pedestrian struck and killed in Fairlea

On Monday, Nov. 6, at approximately 4:40 a.m., members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to a traffic accident in Fairlea. Responding officers would determine that a pedestrian was pushing a bicycle along US Route 219 North in Fairlea when they were stuck by a northbound vehicle. The pedestrian, identified as Matthew Ray Falls, 47, of the Fort Spring area, suc-

cumbed to his injuries at the scene.

Members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office Crime Scene/Accident Reconstruction Team responded to the accident, which remains under investigation.

Corporal M. T. Doss, of the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Department, is the investigating officer.

Progress continues on local water extension project; sign-ups still needed

Greenbrier County Public Service District #2 is working diligently to move forward on a water line extension project. The project’s design has already been funded and plans are being put in place to finalize the route, which will allow the PSD to provide potable water service to up to 400 additional county residents.

There are two major components to the project: a water extension from Sam Black Church to Asbury (including select side roads) and another extension from Charmco to Rainelle. Both projects are aimed at providing water service to those currently without a public connection, but the Charmco to Rainelle project will also serve as an interconnect with the Town of Rainelle, which can provide a secondary water source for the area in case of emergency.

These extensions, though, are reliant on residents signing up for water service before plans can be finalized. To make the projects viable, a majority of potential customers in each area will need to participate.

Residents can learn more about the project - and sign water user agreements - at an upcoming public meeting held by the Greenbrier County Commission. Detailed information will be presented on the proposed water line routes, and the Commission, the PSD, and their engineer, The Thrasher Group, will be available to answer questions.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at the James Chapel United Methodist Church. Those with questions or concerns ahead of time - or interested in signing up for service but unable to attend - may contact Greenbrier County PSD #2 at 304-438-9283 during their regular operating hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PICK OF THE LITTER

**HADES**

Hades is a three-year-old terrier mix and weighs 50 pounds.

**REAPER**

Reaper is a three-month-old male 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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Soup Luncheon at Williamsburg

Come share with the Williamsburg Flying Falcons 4-H a variety of homemade soups including chicken noodle, vegetable, broccoli cheese, chili, and many more, as well as a peanut butter or grilled cheese sandwich, and choose from a variety of homemade desserts and a drink on Sunday, Nov. 12. The lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Building. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The proceeds will help send club members to camp and on their annual club trip. Call 304-645-6867 with questions. The Williamsburg Community Building is located at 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg, WV 24991.

Community Food Drive donations

Donations for the Greenbrier County Community Food Drive will be accepted from 2 to 4 p.m. at the cafeteria at the Marvel Center in Rupert on Nov. 13 and 15 and in the Old Stone Fellowship Hall in Lewisburg on Nov. 14 and 16. Monetary donations are always welcome! paypal.me/GoBlue675

Carnegie Hall Guild meeting

The Carnegie Hall Guild will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 4:30 p.m. at Carnegie Hall in the Old Stone Room. The mission of the Guild is to promote interest in Carnegie Hall and to provide financial and volunteer support. We are fortunate enough to have Kara Dense with the Greenbrier Visitor Center as our guest speaker. She will tell us about all the plans for sharing our beautiful Greenbrier Valley with visitors. Then we will have our regular meeting to discuss our plans for promoting and helping Carnegie Hall. Before the meeting at 4:15 p.m. we will have an opportunity to socialize and meet old friends and visitors. If interested in learning about Carnegie Hall Guild please join us. All visitors are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.

Home-cooked Turkey Dinner in Williamsburg

The Williamsburg Community invites you to join them for their annual Home-cooked Turkey Dinner. The dinner will be held on Nov. 18 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Building. The menu will feature turkey, dressing, real mashed potatoes/gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, rolls, various desserts, tea and coffee. There are dine in and takeout options available. The cost per adult is \$12, children under 12 years old are \$6, and children under 5 are free. Call 304-645-0964 with any questions. Directions to Williamsburg: I-64, exit 161, north on route 12, east on route 60, first left onto Sinking Creek Road for 9 miles (stay on the 2 lane), community building on the left, 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg.

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. **Dance Saturday, Nov. 25 will feature Ivan & The Outlaws 7 to 10:30 p.m. and Best Costume!** The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

Holiday Farmers Market

every Saturday now through Dec. 23 inside the Blue Ribbon Center at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a market café, music, local food, and crafts.

HealthYeah! Brings Walk With A Doc to Lewisburg

Dust off your walking shoes! Walk With A Doc (WWAD) has come to Lewisburg and we would like to invite you to come walk with us! It's the perfect time of year to get outside, enjoy a walk at your own pace, and meet people! Come as often as you want and get to know our students and HealthYeah!, a community-centered organization aimed at raising health awareness and healthy habits. WWAD meets weekly on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. at the Hollowell Park track on GMS Drive. Once a month, we will have a health topic talk given by a local healthcare provider or one of our HealthYeah! student leaders. Our next walks for the upcoming month will be Nov. 13, 20, and 27.

For the Record

Deeds

TCR II LLC to CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center Inc.: 1.681 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 9 Parcel 90. Filed Nov. 2, 2023.

State Auditor John B. McCuskey (by appointee) to WV CO Tax Cer Purch 2021 LLC: lot 3, Ronceverte District, Map 10 Parcel 0068. Filed Nov. 2, 2023.

State Auditor John B. McCuskey (by appointee) to WV CO Tax Cer Purch 2021 LLC: lot 124 or 0.19 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 31 Parcel 0014. Filed Nov. 2, 2023.

State Auditor John B. McCuskey (by appointee) to Marvin Ramsey and Doris Ramsey: 0.85 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 19 Parcel 0076. Filed Nov. 2, 2023.

James Keys to James Keys and Barbara J. Keys: lot 1, Lewisburg District, Map 15 Parcel 42. Filed Nov. 2, 2023.

Mountain State Insurance Agency Inc. to Donald C. Lucci and Deborah L. Copeland: lot 27 of Copeland Hill, White Sulphur District, Map 27A Parcel 23. Filed Nov. 3, 2023.

Chandler Piner to Lisa A. Taylor and Gregory L. Taylor: lot 21, Alderson District, Map 5 Parcel 0058. Filed Nov. 3, 2023.

Mark R. Klausner and Melynda M. Klausner to T1W2 LLC: lot 34 Howards Creek, White Sulphur District, Map 22N Parcel 0035. Filed Nov. 3, 2023.

Justine L. Ward to Steven R. Smith II: part of lots 156, 157, 158, Ronceverte District, Map 15 Parcel 35. Filed Nov. 3, 2023.

Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council

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

Greenbrier Co. Farmland

Protection Board

meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at 804 Industrial Drive, Suite 5, in Maxwelton. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Nov. 13, at 4:30 p.m. in a working session and 5 p.m. in regular session in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber in City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Oct. 16, 2023
- Kathryn Juker, 643 and 667 Jefferson Street - exterior painting
- Robert Strickland, 116 Preston - install pergola on existing patio
- Wooton, Davis, Hussel & Johnson, 914 Jefferson Street - expansion of existing building
- Ben Long, 491 Church Street - request change on driveway
- Libby Tomer, 1505 Washington Street - material list for porch posts and handrails tabled from October meeting
- Dylan Boone - approval for sidewalk steps and install railing on sidewalk
- John Wilson, 1017 Washington Street East - replace upstairs windows, replace front door and Parex exterior building
- Paul McFarlane, 1618 Washington Street East - replace gutters
- Humble Tomato, 855 Washington Street - replace gutters and down spouts (Black)
- Communication from Members
- Comments from the Zoning Officer
- Comments from the Public

The next scheduled meeting of the Historic Landmarks Commission will be Monday, Dec. 11, at 5 p.m., with a deadline of Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Lewisburg Building Commission

will meet Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 5 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber in City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. On the agenda:

- Resolution 535, Public Works Building pay request #9
- Change Order #3, Public Works Building, DCI Shires
- Approval of Minutes - Oct. 17, 2023

Greenbrier County Commission

will meet Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 5 p.m. in Room 203 (new addition). LIVE STREAM FROM <https://www.facebook.com/gbrcourthouse/> On the agenda:

- Regular Business
 - Approve Minutes - Oct. 24, 2023 regular meeting; Oct. 30, 2023 special meeting; Nov. 9, 2023 special meeting
 - Settlements of Estates
 - Exonerations/County Splits/Consolidations
- Financial Approvals
 - Arts & Recreation Transfer
 - Budget Revisions
 - Line Item Transfer
 - Pay bills
- New Business
 1. Consideration for approval of application submitted by Joshua David Honaker and Joshua Gauge Honaker to close unused, unnamed street in unincorporated area of Harts Run, Greenbrier Co.
 2. Consideration for approval of new hire employment application to fill vacancy in the Prosecutor's Office
 3. Consideration for approval of new hire employment application to fill vacancy in the Assessor's Office
 4. Discussion and consideration for approval of Motorola contract for 911 System upgrade project
 5. Discussion and consideration for approval of Aviat contract for 911 System upgrade project
 6. Discussion and consideration for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Blacksburg (Virginia) Volunteer Rescue Squad for technical team support in Greenbrier County, WV
 7. Discussion and consideration for approval of resolution to establish a special fund account for the County Fire Protection Fund (Fund 41) needed to open the fund bank account.
 8. Discussion and consideration to revise the resolution approved on March 13, 2023 to establish a special fund account for the Opioid Settlement Funds (Fund 40) to affirm the opening of the bank

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Stephen M. Moore, Beaufort, NC, use of electronic device without hands free equipment, GP, fine \$100

Angela C. Perdue, Rupert, seatbelt violation, GP, fine \$25

Matthew S. Keller, Hudson, OH, 1) speeding, GP, fine \$30; 2) cell phone violation distracted driving, fine \$100

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- account for the fund.
- Construction Project
 1. Consideration of any necessary actions related to the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of the Greenbrier County Courthouse Project, specifically including, but not limited to, any aspects of the construction contract.
 2. Consideration of one or more requisitions related to the Greenbrier County Courthouse Project.
 3. Update on status of Greenbrier County Courthouse Project.
 4. Consideration of any necessary actions related to the financing for the Greenbrier County Courthouse Project.
 5. Consideration of any and all actions related to the foregoing.

Lewisburg City Council

will meet Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers. Also available via Teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. On the agenda:

- Resolutions:
 - Resolution 523 City of Lewisburg Storm water Study (CDBG-MIT funds) Pay request 5
 - Resolution 534 Water system Project Pay Request 18
 - Resolution 535 Public Works Building Project Pay Request #8
 - Resolution 536 Homeland Security Grant - crime scene cameras
- Proclamation:
 - Extra Mile Day
 - Family Court Awareness Day
- Communications from Mayor White
- Communications from the City Manager
 - Fire Station Construction - The Thrasher Group, Inc. Pay Request #8 and #9
 - Change Order #3, Public Works Building, DCI Shires
 - Dogwood Heights, Culvert replacement for storm water, bid approval
 - Selection of 2023 Audit Procurement Committee
- Communications from Boards and Commissions:
 - Planning Commission report
 - West Parking Lot, site plan review, public hearing
- Communications from City Council Members:
- Communications from Police Chief Teubert
- Communications from Fire Chief Thomas
 - Automatic mutual aid agreement with Fairlea Fire Dept.
- Public Works Department report from Director
- Approval of Minutes - Oct. 17, 2023 regular session
- Visitors' reports (3-min. limit per subject not on agenda)

Greenbrier Co. Health Department

will meet Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 10 a.m. at Health Dept., 9109 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Sept. 20, 2023
- Personnel
 - Update on temporary to permanent office assistant positions
 - Procedures for Health Officer Review
- Financial
 - Financial reports and statements
 - Infrastructure Grant
 - Increment Pay update
 - WVSOM HR Grant
 - FY 23 Audit
 - Computer replacements for Sanitarians
- Administrative
 - Regional realignment of State Map
 - Cigar Bill
 - Holiday schedule
 - Christmas meal
 - Community Needs Assessment
 - Strategic Plan
 - Additions & Renovations Project update
- Next Board of Health meeting: Tentative: Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024 at 10 a.m.

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Wild West Benefit celebrated longtime WVSOM educator, raised scholarship funds



Rich Sutphin (left), executive director of the West Virginia Rural Health Association, presenting Dr. Bob Foster with the inaugural Bob Foster, D.O., Award for Excellence in Rural Health Professions Education.

Bob Foster, D.O., who retired from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) in July after 45 years of service, was a man who wore many hats. At the school's Wild West Benefit, he wore the one that helped make him an iconic figure far beyond the medical school's campus: a wide-brimmed cowboy hat.

The benefit, which took place Nov. 4 on WVSOM's campus in Lewisburg, featured music, dancing, dinner, a photo booth and a silent auction. The event served as this year's fall fundraiser for student scholarships, raising an estimated \$97,000. It was also a tribute to Foster's influential career.

In a speech he presented at the benefit, Ethan Galloway, a Class of 2026 student who is president of WVSOM's Student Government Association (SGA), described the veteran medical educator who is known nationwide for his one-of-a-kind sense of style as if he were a mythical figure.

"In my role, I travel the country to attend conferences, and I interact with students from other medical schools," Galloway said. "They ask where I go to school, and when I say 'West Virginia' they always say, 'Oh, that's the one with the professor who wears a cowboy hat.'"

But Foster's reputation goes far deeper than the hat on his head. His devotion to osteopathic medi-

cine and to transforming students into compassionate physicians has touched thousands of WVSOM graduates. He served in multiple capacities during his nearly half-century with the school, including roles as a faculty member, as associate dean for clinical education and, most recently, as assistant dean for osteopathic medical education.

While at WVSOM, Foster received three President's Outstanding Faculty Awards, as well as numerous awards on the state and national levels.

On behalf of the current student body, Galloway thanked Foster - an Arizona native who came to West Virginia in 1978 and adopted the state as his home - for his commitment to preparing medical students to attend to the health care needs of rural areas.

"Dr. Foster has dedicated his life to serving those in need and educating the next wave of physicians. He is a legend in the medical education community both near and far. We are honored to have learned from him, and we are even more honored to celebrate his career," Galloway said.

James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WVSOM's president, recognized Foster as the longest-serving faculty member in the school's history but said his accomplishments go beyond his contributions to WVSOM.

"We're here to honor

one of the greats," Nemitz said. "Dr. Foster spent 38 years as medical examiner for Greenbrier County, and many years serving on West Virginia's Osteopathic Licensing Board. He also took care of rescue squads, nursing homes and rural clinics. He did it all. His giving is unsurpassed, and his record of service is incredible."

Foster is also a past president of the American Association of Osteopathic Examiners.

The Wild West Benefit took place in the WVSOM Student Center, which was adorned with barrels, lassos and other frontier-themed decorations. Attendees were encouraged to dress in Western attire, and many wore hats, boots, bolo ties and bandanas. Guests danced to live music by the band Riverside Lights and enjoyed a buffet of Western-style cuisine.

At the event, Rich Sutphin, executive director of the West Virginia Rural Health Association, presented Foster with the inaugural Bob Foster, D.O., Award for Excellence in Rural Health Professions Education. Foster has served as a member of the statewide organization's board of directors.

"Dr. Foster has been a part of the West Virginia Rural Health Association, and the association's predecessors, since he's been in West Virginia," Sutphin told attendees. "He has worked not only with medical students, but with

paramedics, nurses and professionals across the board."

Foster said he was grateful that his retirement gave the school a chance to help future osteopathic physicians achieve their goals.

"I was humbled by the kind words, the expressions of gratitude, the love and the recognition of my devotion," he said. "I feel personally blessed to have been given so many years to serve WVSOM and further its mission, the osteopathic philosophy and the rural health needs of West Virginia. When the Rural Health Association presented me with a new award named in my honor, I was speechless. I thank all who made this evening possible and who contributed to the student scholarship fund."

Scholarships supported by WVSOM's annual fall fundraising event help ease the financial burden of medical school. Scholarships are awarded to students who excel in areas including leadership, academic performance, community service and excellence in the practice of osteopathic medicine.

Of the funds raised at the Wild West Benefit, \$9,800 came from a silent auction organized by the SGA with assistance from WVSOM's Office of Multicultural and Student Affairs.

The Wild West Benefit's gold sponsor was Encova Insurance, and the silver sponsor was the WVSOM Alumni Association. Copper sponsors were CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, CAMC Vandalia Health, Mason & Barry Inc. and Medical Missions and Imaging. Zinc sponsors were Boone Memorial Hospital, River Park Hospital, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Rubin, the West Virginia Rural Health Association, Whit Yates and Jack Carvalho, and ZMM Architects and Engineers. Lead sponsors were Bailey & Wyant, Mako Medical, Jim and Nancy Nemitz, PracticeLink, the WVSOM Center for Rural and Community Health and WVU Medicine St. Joseph's Hospital.

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Breeze Airways to start new route to Myrtle Beach from Charleston

Breeze Airways, the only Nice Low Cost Carrier (NLCC) in the U.S. will begin new service from Charleston (CRW) to Myrtle Beach, SC, starting May 10, 2024. Fares on the new route start from \$49 one-way, if purchased by Nov. 14 for travel by Sept. 3, 2024. (See Breeze website for details)

"I'm thrilled to share the exciting news that Breeze Airways is expanding their service to connect West Virginia with Myrtle Beach, South Carolina," Gov. Justice said. "This new route is another testament to the vital role our airports play in fueling our economy, boosting tourism, and enhancing our state's overall appeal. Breeze Airways' commitment to providing affordable travel options aligns perfectly with West Virginia's resurgence as a top tourism destination. I'm excited to see our partnership continue to flourish, as we continue to show off Almost Heaven to the world."

Along with the new routes, Breeze is also currently offering 35% off roundtrip bookings using the code 'BENICE' which is applicable also on the new routes from Charleston.

This announcement is another milestone in the historic partnership announced in March. This award-winning carrier has committed to adding five new destinations, including New York City, through this partnership in the next two years.

"With West Virginia's tourism industry at an all-time high, it's vital that we continue building our air service and making West Virginia more accessible to other regions," Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Tourism Chelsea Ruby said. "I want to thank Governor Justice, the Legislature and our local partners in making this a reality. Investing in tourism infrastructure is paying dividends, and I'm thrilled to continue opening doors to new markets."

"We are ecstatic to witness Breeze's continuous growth as they introduce new destinations, opening up a world of possibilities for both leisure and business travelers in West Virginia," enthused Dominique Ranieri, Airport Director & CEO. "While we bask in the excitement of Breeze's ever-expanding presence at CRW, we especially appreciate their decision to include Myrtle Beach, a cherished destination with a deep-rooted connection to our community."

"Breeze's focus is on connecting underserved markets, adding nonstops between cities without existing service," Breeze Airways' President Tom Doxey said. "As we continue to introduce new service from Charleston, we're proud to bring affordable and convenient new travel options to South Carolina."

Recognized by Travel + Leisure readers as one of the Top 5 Best U.S. Airlines for the second consecutive year, Breeze offers Guests both bundled and a la carte options known as Nice, Nicer and, on flights operated with the Airbus A220-300, Nicest. The Nicest bundle includes two checked bags, priority boarding and Breeze Ascent - the carrier's premium inflight experience featuring 2x2 recliner-style seating and complimentary snacks and beverages, including alcohol.

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Ronceverte City Council

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Mayor Pack also addressed an incident that took place Nov. 6 where a gentleman who grew up in Ronceverte was involved in an accident. She asked that the community keeps the family of the victim and the driver in our thoughts.

Council also covered old business regarding Ordinance No.2023-10, Arts & Crafts and Yard Sale Permits, and 2023-11, Rules and Order of Business. A motion for a second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-10 and 2023-11 was proposed and approved. The second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-10 was to amend the \$10 event fee, which has been removed.

A proposal was made for the City of Ronceverte to become a "Rail Fan" location. Rail Fans are individuals who travel to watch and take pictures of trains. If the City of Ronceverte were to become a "Rail Fan Friendly Train Watching Location" it would allow those individuals to come to the area and view the trains. This proposal is currently being considered by the Parks and Recreation Committee. A motion to table the proposal until Parks and Recreation votes on whether Ronceverte should consider making the city a Rail Fan location was approved by council.

No comments were made by the police department or water and street departments.

City recorder Leah Smith spoke about a recent Accelerate meeting she attended. Ronceverte is one of the six communities in WV chosen to participate in the Accelerate program. According to their website, "The Accelerate WV program supports community leaders who are wanting to work together as a team to make a lasting impact on the economic well-being and quality of life for their fellow residents."

Communities who are a part of the Accelerate WV program receive: support to develop community teams made up of a diverse set of 7-10 community leaders; program support, resource connections, and project-specific training will occur across four group sessions, and monthly community-based

meetings; professional on-the-ground coaching services to work through goals and obstacles; peer learning opportunities with other communities in the cohort; Brownfields site assessment and building revitalization strategies; Technical support for building reuse and revitalization; provide direct assessment and analysis services for sites, evaluating buildings for renovation and remediation opportunities and providing technical assistance to complete environmental studies, structural analyses and other related reports needed for site development; Entrepreneurial development and training services; and more.

The Trick or Treat event hosted on Oct. 28 by the River Festival has a great turnout this year. Normal Trick or Treating that took place Halloween day was also a great success with an abundance of kids participating. Many citizens also participated in the House Decorating contest. Jason Morgan took the first place prize of a \$100 gift certificate to Lionakis Diner.

Upcoming events:

A Silent Auction BINGO will be hosted by the River Festival on Friday, Nov. 17, at the fire department, doors open at 5:30 p.m. There will be BINGO, 16 other games, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle for the Fire Department. Local businesses are invited to donate prizes to the Silent Auction BINGO event.

The annual free Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, from noon to 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds. It is a free Thanksgiving dinner, no questions asked, just to show up and have a great meal. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to come the day before to help prepare food and the day of to the event, to hand out food, and help clean up. All leftover, unopened, food is donated to the local food pantry.

The Ronceverte Parade will be held the first Monday of December, moving the December City Council meeting to Dec. 11.

Beware of 2024 Annual Report solicitations from third parties

WV Secretary of State Mac Warner is issuing an important notice to West Virginia business owners regarding third-party solicitations to file 2024 Annual Reports on their behalf.

According to Secretary Warner, the solicitations have the appearance of an official government form, but are not government approved, reviewed, or official notices in any manner. These are advertisements.

Warner urges business owners to read the fine print in the solicitations. Third-party providers have been reported to charge businesses more than 500% of the statutory \$25 fee and often advertise the wrong deadline for state compliance.

Business owners can use free tools provided by the Secretary of State's Office to avail themselves of the most convenient and least costly filing method directly at Business4.WV.gov.

"I can assure everyone that these third-party solicitations are not from my office and not from the state of West Virginia," said Secretary Warner. "We have modernized the business registration process in West Virginia. Now, nearly 99% of all businesses file their Annual Report online. You do not have to hire an outside vendor to file your Annual Report."

Businesses may contact the WV Secretary of State's Business Division at 304-558-8000 for any assistance.

Importantly, the 2024 Annual Report filing period does NOT begin until Jan. 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2024.

Secretary Warner encourages all business owners to be wary of any suspicious solicitations received by U.S. Mail or online requesting sensitive financial or personal information. He also advised to confirm that the vendor is properly registered to conduct business in the state of West Virginia prior to contracting for non-government services. If any business receives a suspicious solicitation from a non-government entity, please take care to research the sender and confirm it is legitimate.

The WV Secretary of State's Office also offers two fee-waiver programs for the cost of registration and the first four years of annual reporting fees on a new business. Incorporators under the age of 30 are eligible for the Young Entrepreneur Waiver, and the Veteran Owned Business Waiver is available for veterans, active-duty military, and military spouses.

OBITUARIES

Judy Mazey Edwards

Judy Mazey Edwards, wife of the late Edwin (Ed) Edwards, passed away Monday, Nov. 6, 2023.

She was the daughter of the late Lucille B. and Zoltan Mazey and sister to Paul Mazey and Norman Mazey of White Sulphur Springs.

Judy was born in New York City on Dec. 13, 1933. Her family moved to White Sulphur Springs in 1945. She graduated from White Sulphur Springs High School in 1952 and graduated from Concord University in 1956 with a B. S. degree in physical education. While at Concord, she served as vice president of the Women's Athletic Association, voted as Maid of Honor to the May Day Queen, was selected as Sweetheart of the Phi Sigma fraternity and awarded the best girl athlete of her graduating class. She was a member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in White Sulphur Springs.

She is survived by three stepdaughters, Sandy Martin (Tony), Amber Kennell and Maureen Edwards. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Laura Spears, Linsey Martin, Crystal Kennell and Edward Kennell; six great-grandchildren; two nieces and three nephews.

Family will receive friends, Saturday, Nov. 11 at Sterling-Ashton-Schwab-Witzke Funeral Home of Catonsville, MD.

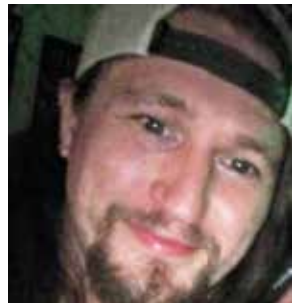
On Monday, Nov. 13, the family and friends will celebrate Judy's life at 11 a.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs with Pastor Bobby McClintic

officiating. Entombment will follow at Greenbrier Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Lewisburg.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society.

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

Jonathan Noah Carter



Wheeling-Jonathan Noah Carter, 30, formerly of Alderson, passed away Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, at his home in Wheeling.

Born May 31, 1993 in Fairlea, he was the son of Clayton Lee Carter of Alderson.

Jon was a community service worker and volunteer at numerous community service organizations in the Wheeling area. He attended James Monroe High School, Ballard Christian School, and New River Community Technical College.

Jon was a bright soul with a huge heart. He brought happiness to those he met. His humor, wit, charm, and charisma were unmatched. Jon loved his family and although he had no children of his own, he adored children and had a special way with them.

Through his youth, Jon was an outstanding athlete. He won many awards in multiple sports while at Ballard Christian School. He was known to be one of the best basketball players in the state, helping those teams win State Championships while winning player of the year awards.

Jon was living in Wheeling at the time of his death, and he enjoyed his life there. His work in the community gave him purpose and his heartfelt love touched so many people. Jon had such a heart for the hurting, forgotten, and the unwanted. He loved cooking, listening to music, star gazing, studying psychology, his sunglasses, and hanging out with his friends.

Jon was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Noah Ivan Carter; his paternal grandmother, Delorise Annes-tine Vance Carter; and his aunt, Frances Arminta Hanna.

Survivors include his father, Clayton Lee Carter and companion Brittany, of Alderson; brother, Pay-ton Carter of Columbus, MS; two sisters, Alexa Preston (Lucas), of Sec-ondcreek, and Casey Pond of Texas; aunt, Tracy Carter of White Sulphur Springs; five nieces and nephews, Tanner, Carly, Diana, Campbell, and Ebbitt; and many loving cousins.

A celebration of life was held Thursday afternoon and evening, Nov. 9, at "The Barn", 1638 Muddy Creek Mountain Road, Alderson, WV 24910.

For those wishing to show an expression of sympathy, in Jon's honor, donations were accepted at the celebration of life

and all proceeds given to the many organizations in which he served.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Carter family at www.lobbanfh.com.

Arrangements by Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson, WV.

Alva Wilson Blankenship

Lewisburg-Alva Wilson Blankenship, 66, passed away Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023 at home surrounded by his loved ones.

Alva was born May 31, 1957 at Frankford, the son of the late Alva W. and Luella Underwood Blankenship.

Alva's hobbies included watching football, wrestling and camping with sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law. He was retired from Aviagen Turkey Farm.

Other than his parents, Alva was preceded in death by sister, Patricia and brothers, Michael, and David Blankenship.

Survivors include his loving wife, Cynthia of 43 years; daughters, Melissa (Kevin) Lowe and Kimberly Blankenship; grandchildren, Derrick (Winter) Lowe, Brittany (Tyler) Lowe, Destiny (Levi) Lowe, and Bailey Hughart; great-grandchildren, Gracelynn Rider, and Oakley LaRue; several adopted grandchildren; sister, Hilda (Ronald) Wilburn; brothers, Melvin (Loretta) Blankenship, Carl (April) Blankenship, Bobby (Kathy) Blankenship, Jimmy (Laura) Blankenship, and Dennis Blankenship; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

There was a public viewing on Monday afternoon, Nov. 6, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

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

Twins celebrate 80th Birthday



Twins Lottie Morgan and Linda White from Organ Cave recently celebrated their 80th birthday.

Church Bulletin

First Baptist Church of Fairlea Community Christmas Cantata

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. Questions may be directed to FBC's church office at fbcsarp@gmail.com or 304-645-3533.

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,

Last week you said that any scotch tape on plastic film had to be cut off before recycling the film. What about paper that has scotch tape on it? Must it be removed before recycling the paper?

Curious

Dear Curious,

Yes, any clear plastic tape, better known as Scotch tape, that is stuck on paper should be removed before putting the paper in the recycling bin. In fact, scotch tape should be removed from any item to be recycled as there are chemicals in the adhesive on the scotch tape that prevent it from being recycled. There are many kinds of tape in use today. Some of these tapes are recyclable, such as the paper tape on cardboard shipping boxes, and some are not. The much-used Duct Tape is not recyclable due to its strong adhesive and polyethylene waterproof backing. Interestingly, Masking Tape is already a recycled product as it is made of recycled paper pulp. It is not biodegradable nor compostable due to the glue on the back of the tape, and locally, it is not recyclable. However, there are recycling centers in large cities that accept Masking Tape for recycling with the glue removed.

Did you know that adhesives date back to 4,000 B.C.E. when tree sap was used to mend earthenware pots? Later the Egyptians, Romans, and Greeks created an adhesive made with animal blood, bones, hide and egg whites. Surgical tape was created in 1845. It was made using gauze, cloth-backed tape and covered with crinoline, a fabric used to make undershirts and dress linings. Painter's tape was invented in 1925 when painters struggled to paint straight lines. At that time, 3M only made sandpaper, but with the invention of painter's tape, scotch tape was born, and 3M added it to its line of tapes. The aforementioned Duct Tape was created in 1942 and was used by the US Military to fix equipment, uniforms and even wounds. Today there are many eco-friendly sustainable tapes available that are made from biodegradable ingredients. For a complete list of new tapes go to www.treehugger.com/best-eco-friendly-tapes-5191708. According to Treehugger, the Life Without Plastic Kraft Gummed Paper

Tape is the best overall non-plastic tape. It is made with a natural latex glue adhesive and paper that becomes sticky when wet. Made from paper, it is 100% recyclable and compostable. It also lists a decorative gift-wrapping recycled paper Washi tape that is made with a non-toxic natural rubber adhesive, as well as several other eco-friendly adhesive alternatives to the conventional tapes made from plastic.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have used the landfill for disposing of household trash for several years and now I see some recycling bins there. I used to take my recyclables to Ronceverte, but as I live in Frankford, recycling at the landfill is more convenient. What is acceptable at the landfill for recycling? Do you accept eligible materials sorted or mixed? If sorted, how do you categorize and sort by type?

Returning to Recycling

Dear Returning to Recycling,

Welcome back to recycling. The Recycle Center is still located in Ronceverte, and there is also recycling now available at the landfill. Regardless of the location, all items must be separated and placed in the proper bins. We do not accept mixed bags as we do not have the equipment for separating the different kinds of recyclables. Both the Ronceverte location and the landfill location have nine bins for your convenience: aluminum cans, steel cans, #1 plastics, #2 clear plastics, #2 colored plastics, newspapers, office paper, magazines, and cardboard.

Good News: The Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act has just been reintroduced in congress – it's the most comprehensive plastic pollution bill ever and if passed, would be game-changing for the health of people, animals, and the planet. Research this proposed legislation and contact your Congressmen about your thoughts and support. (www.merkley.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads)

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

A Look Back



By William "Skip" Deegans

Seventy-five years ago, this month, Greenbrier County's African American community was entertained by one of America's greatest jazz musicians - Dizzy Gillespie.

Gillespie and his big band performed at a midnight dance for "colored" at Ronceverte's Armory on Nov. 21, 1948.

John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie was born in 1917 in Cheraw, South Carolina. He was primarily self-taught on the trumpet but studied music formally for two years at North Carolina's Lau-

rinburg Institute, an African American preparatory school that was best known for the number of graduates who played in the NBA. He moved with his family to Philadelphia when he began playing in orchestras, including with Ella Fitzgerald, and writing big band music for Jimmy Dorsey and Woody Herman.

Gillespie, along with sax player Charlie Parker, introduced bebop to jazz. In 1945, he formed his own band. Among the musicians who played in Gillespie's bands were John Lewis, Milt Jackson, Kenny Clarke, and Ray Brown, all of whom

went on to form the Modern Jazz Quartet.

By the time Gillespie played in Ronceverte, he was incorporating Afro-Cuban elements in his music. He had co-written "Manteca," a classic Afro-Cuban piece that undoubtedly was played that night. A few weeks before the Ronceverte dance, Gillespie was featured in a spread in Life magazine that likely increased attendance.

Later in his career, Gillespie became an ambassador of American jazz and led bands all over the world for the United States State Department. In 1960, he was elected to the Jazz Hall of Fame and died in New Jersey in 1993. Steve Futterman, writing for Life, may have captured what folks in Ronceverte experienced when he wrote, "Too see this magnificent musician in his youth, ready to convince the world that the music he and his not-yet-understood peers were making was the sound of the future, is still a glorious thing to behold."

Photo from the Library of Congress.

Sources: The West Virginia News courtesy West Virginia Daily News, National Endowment of The Arts, New York Times, NY Jazz Workshop, www.life.com.

Magic of Christmas

Continued from Front Page

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Santa will be in town from 12 to 2 p.m. and carriage rides from 3 to 7 p.m. The following weekend, the carriage rides continue on Dec. 8 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., and again on Dec. 9 from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, is also Girl's Day Out downtown, and Santa will make an appearance from 12 to 2 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 15 carriages rides will run from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., and on Dec. 16 from 3 to 7 p.m. with Santa in town from 12 to 2 p.m. On Dec. 22 carriages rides will also be from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on Dec. 23 from 3 to 7 p.m. Santa will be downtown on the 23rd from 12 to 2 p.m.

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Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

Saturday, Nov. 11: Rock with Rachmaninoff

The Carnegie Classics Series presents Rock with Rachmaninoff featuring Barbara Nissman on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. Join Carnegie Hall for more of Barbara's favorites as she honors Sergei Rachmaninoff on his 150th birthday. Individual performance tickets are \$25/adults and \$5/students. Full Series Subscriptions are also available. Call for discounted tickets or more information.

Friday, Dec. 1: Mainstage Lounge - Join Carnegie Hall for the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra Mainstage Lounge in the Board Room from 6 to 6:45 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1. Free admission. Cash bar and snacks available.

Friday, Dec. 1: West Virginia Symphony Orchestra - Mainstage Performance on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. featuring The Sound of the Season by West Virginia Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$45/adults and \$20/students.

Sunday, Dec. 10: Greenbrier Valley Chorale - Special performance on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. (matinee) featuring the Greenbrier Valley Chorale, the Greenbrier Valley's premiere vocal group. Tickets are \$17/adult; \$7/child.

Thursday, Dec. 14: Lillie King and John Maddy - Second Stage Performance on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7p.m. featuring local musicians Lillie King and John Maddy will present original pieces, pop/rock/country favorites, and holiday classics - all with a charming twist. Second Stage Series takes place in the Old Stone Room and is general admission seating. Tickets are \$20/adult; \$5/child.

Sunday, Dec. 17: Joy to Lewisburg With Bob Thompson and Friends - Special performance on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. featuring the Greenbrier Valley Chorale, the Greenbrier Valley's premiere vocal group. Tickets are \$17/adult; \$7/child.

Rotating Galleries:
Old Stone Room Gallery - "Inviting the Outdoors In" by Pat Cross. The exhibit runs through Dec. 29.

Museum Gallery - A collaborative exhibit of work by Dennis Ott (woodturning) and Sean O'Connell (ceramics). The exhibit runs through Dec. 29.

Lobby Gallery - Fashion Illustrations by Thomas Ruggiero. The exhibit runs through Dec. 29.

Board Room Gallery - To be announced.
Permanent Exhibit:
Arts from the Ashes: The History of Carnegie Hall - The exhibit features memorabilia, photographs, artifacts and more of Carnegie Hall since its construction in 1901. New location is in the Board Room located on the first floor adjacent to the auditorium. Free admission.

Carnegie Hall Box Office and Galleries are open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

2023 WV State Marching Band Invitational Championship winners announced

Thirty-three bands from around the state showcased their talents in the 12th annual West Virginia State Marching Band Invitational Championship at Philip Barbour High School in Philippi on Saturday, Oct. 21. West Virginia Wesleyan College performed as an exhibition band during the competition. A complete list of winners is included.

Cabell Midland High School won the Overall "Honor Band" Award and Old Gold Division Grand Champion, and Hurricane High School won the Blue Division Grand Champion award. Bands were judged on general effect, marching and maneuvering, music, music effect, percussion, drum major, color guard, majorettes and feature twirler.

Cabell Midland took home the 2023 Governor's Cup Marching Band Series Championship trophy with a first-place finish in the overall standings. The Governor's Cup consisted of nine local competitions, along with the Marching Band Invitational finals. Points were awarded at each competition and then the winner was determined by the band who received the most points throughout the series.

This year's event also included a drumline competition, with Elkins High School winning first prize.

Cabell Midland wins Governor's Cup Series

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) also inducted two individuals into the State Marching Band Directors Hall of Fame. Honorees include Dr. Scott Woodard, currently the director of instrumental music, interim associate provost and associate vice president for academic affairs at West Virginia State University, and the associate conductor of the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra and music director of the Charleston Chamber Orchestra; and Deborah Westbrook, a teacher for Preston County Schools for 40 years and the head band director at Preston High School beginning in 1995, where she held that position until her retirement in June 2023. The inductees were selected from a list of nominations submitted to the WVDACH.

The West Virginia State Marching Band Invitational Championship was sponsored by the WVDACH in participation with the Save The Music Foundation, Conn-Selmer Division of Education, the West Virginia Department of Education and the Higher Education Policy Commission. The State Marching Band Championship helps to promote, encourage and

celebrate arts education throughout West Virginia.

- Area winners include:
- Class B Band Awards
 - 2nd Place: Greenbrier East High School
 - Class B Best Overall Awards
 - Color Guard:
 - 1st Place: Greenbrier East High School
 - Drum Major:
 - 2nd Place: Greenbrier East High School
 - Class C2 Best Overall Awards
 - Color Guard:
 - 1st Place: James Monroe High School
 - Class D1 Band Awards
 - 3rd Place: Greenbrier West High School
 - Class D1 Best Overall Awards
 - Percussion:
 - 1st Place: Greenbrier West High School
 - Drums Competition
 - 4th Runner-Up: Greenbrier East High School
 - 7th Runner-Up: James Monroe High School
 - Best Overall Dance Team
 - James Monroe High School

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TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,036.73
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
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Given under my hand October 24, 2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 2142.	\$	591.60
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,020.51
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
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Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 2142.	\$	355.08
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,009.11
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,021.78

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Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 2142.	\$	147.59
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,013.94
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,522.61

You may redeem at any time before March 22, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand October 24, 2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

Nonentered Lands of GREENBRIER County, State of West Virginia

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(2022-C-000516 - Greenbrier County - MARBLE GARDEN LLC)

To: OCCUPANT, TIMOTHY E. GIBSON, PENNY M. FRANK, STEPHANIE D. VAZQUEZ, STEPHANIE D. VAZQUEZ, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JEAN M. LOUK, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT MEADOW BLUFF MAP 39 PARCEL 0008 0005 0000

You will take notice that MARBLE GARDEN LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000516**, located in MEADOW BLUFF District, 1.0 AC LESS R/W FROM RICHMOND, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LOUK JEAN M, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of GREENBRIER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 10, 2023. MARBLE GARDEN LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 23, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 22, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 2142.	\$	224.01
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 2142.	\$	149.32
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,036.73
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,621.66

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To: OCCUPANT, FIRST CITIZENS BANK, ALFA INSURANCE COMPANY, CRYSTAL BROWN, JASON MAHON, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DOCK MAHON, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JANET LEIGH MAHON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT ANTHONY CREEK MAP 35B PARCEL 0039 0000 0000

You will take notice that MARBLE GARDEN LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000027**, located in ANTHONY CREEK District, 0.918 AC (TED MACK'S INC), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MAHON DOCK & JANET LEIGH, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of GREENBRIER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 10, 2023. MARBLE GARDEN LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 23, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 22, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 1400.	\$	125.52
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 1394.	\$	42.22
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	181.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,090.12
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,439.46

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

BCS Rentals, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Joseph B. Fullman

Defendant

Case No. CC-13-2023-C-97

Judge Jennifer P. Dent

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

To the above named Defendant: Joseph B. Fullman
1581 Brushy Flats Road
Renick, WV 24966

The object of the above-entitled civil action is to obtain possession of a portable storage building located at 1581 Brushy Flats Road, Renick, West Virginia.

It appearing by Affidavit filed in this civil action that Plaintiff has used due diligence to ascertain the residence and whereabouts of Defendant, Joseph B. Fullman, without effect, it is hereby ordered that Defendant serve upon Marc B. Lazenby, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Lazenby Law Office, P. O. Box 4968, Princeton, West Virginia 24740, an Answer, including any related Counterclaim or defense which Defendant may have to the Complaint filed in this civil action, on or before thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this Order of Publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. If Defendant fails to do so, judgment may be taken against him for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the office of the Greenbrier County, West Virginia Circuit Court Clerk.

/s/JudgeName
Circuit Court Judge
11th Judicial Circuit

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STEPPIN' OUT

Carnegie Hall Creative Classes coming up



(Left-right clockwise from upper corner) Tree of Life Jewelry and Suncatchers, Layered Art Journaling, Creative Paper Crafting, Creative Dreaming.

Carnegie Hall Classes and Workshops continue during November and December with four new creative classes: Tree of Life Jewelry and Suncatchers, Creative Dreaming, Layered Art Journaling, and Creative Paper Crafting. Students must be 12 years of age or older and class size is limited.

On Friday, Nov. 17, or Friday, Dec. 15, from 6 to 9 p.m., Anne Hunter will teach students how to make beautiful Tree of Life Jewelry and Suncatchers using precious stones and metal wire. Options will be available to create jewelry sized pendants and earrings or larger trees for suncatchers. A limited supply of specialty beads such as leaves, birds and flowers will be available. This project would make an amazing gift or a home accent. Cost is \$65/members and \$75/nonmembers.

Next up will be Creative Dreaming on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In this introductory class, teaching artist Jan Darrah will discuss the key methods

of lucid dreaming. The class will be followed by crafting an herbal dream tea, calming salve, and herbal pillow to promote the process. Cost is \$55/members and \$65/nonmembers.

Layered Art Journaling taught by Kathleen DeRouen will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 6, and Thursday, Dec. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. This creative and relaxing class will teach how to make beautiful, layered journal pages with overlapping patterns and designs that can reflect mood and help direct thoughts towards a constructive and artistic process. Time will fly as students experiment and create, leaving them with a clearer mind and a beautiful, one-of-a-kind piece of art. All materials are provided, and no experience is necessary.

Rounding out the group is Creative Paper Crafting taught by Cris Bartlett and Cyla Allison of Wannabe Farm. Explore the world of handmade paper through a step-by-step process on Friday, Dec. 8, from 5 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will learn to transform paper shreds into custom made, beautifully textured paper. Selection of seeds, dried flowers and herbs will be available to create one-of-a-kind paper creations. Artwork may be transformed into greeting cards, prints, special event invitations, and more.

To register or for a complete list of classes and workshops visit carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Carnegie Hall is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. For more information, please call 304-645-7917 or visit www.carnegiehallwv.org.



Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys

Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys to grace Pocahontas County Opera House Stage

On Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m., the historic Pocahontas County Opera House will resonate with the soulful melodies of the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys. Led by Mill Point's own Richard Hefner, this West Virginia bluegrass ensemble, celebrating its enduring legacy of over 50 years, is set to captivate audiences with a captivating performance.

This year, Richard Hefner, the seasoned bandleader and cherished local talent, has orchestrated a remarkable and diverse lineup for the group's appearance. Embracing the rhythmic pulse on the bass guitar is Hefner's fellow Mill Point resident, Joanna Burt-Kinderman, while the esteemed West Virginian music ambassador, Dave Bing, will infuse his mastery on both fiddle and guitar. Additionally, the gifted Danny Arthur will contribute his guitar prowess to enhance the ensemble's sonic tapestry, ensuring an unforgettable musical journey for attendees.

To delve deeper into the legacy of Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys, enthusiasts are invited to explore the Opera House Story Sessions. This multimedia platform offers an array of videos and podcasts, providing invaluable insights into Hefner's formative years and showcasing some of his personal favorite compositions.

Admission to the Opera House performance is affordably priced at \$10 for adults, and children age 17 and under can enjoy the performance free of charge. Tickets can be conveniently acquired via pocahontasoperahouse.org, at the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, or on-site on the evening of the performance.

The Opera House Performance Series is made possible through the generous financial support of a grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History, in collaboration with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. Additional backing is extended by Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, further underscoring the significance of this cultural event.

Emphasizing inclusivity and family-friendliness, performances at the Opera House are designed to offer an informal and welcoming atmosphere for all attendees. The venue ensures accessibility for individuals with disabilities, with special accommodations available upon request. Admission can be secured in advance through the official website or at the door on the day of the performance, following a first-come, first-served seating arrangement.

Charities whose missions support veterans, active military and their families



The support Americans have for their armed forces is evident in how much they donate each year to charities with military-related missions. According to Charity Navigator, Americans donate more than \$2.5 billion annually to charities with missions dedicated to the military.

Individuals who want to donate to a charitable organization with a military-related mission may not know where to start, and that can be daunting given the number of organizations that fit that criteria. Charity Navigator indicates there are more than 40,000 American charities with military-related missions, which underscores how difficult it can be to find one to support. Thankfully, Charity Navigator, which has provided donors with free access to data, tools and resources to guide their philanthropic decision-making since 2001, has curated a list of highly rated organizations that provide a variety of services to military members and their families. The following is a brief rundown of that list that can serve as a solid foundation for prospective donors. The full list can be found at charitynavigator.org.

Wounded Troops

- Air Warrior Courage Foundation (airwarriorcourage.org)
- DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust (cst.dav.org)

- Fisher House Foundation (fisherhouse.org)
- Higher Ground (highergroundusa.org)
- Homes for Our Troops (hforusa.org)
- K9s for Warriors (k9sforwarriors.org)
- Operation Second Chance (operationsecondchance.org)
- Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org)

- Yellow Ribbon Fund (yellowribbonfund.org)

Military Social Services

- AMVETS National Service Foundation (amvetsnsf.org)
- Hire Heroes USA (hireheroesusa.org)
- Honor Flight Network (honorflight.org)
- Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (iava.org)
- Operation Gratitude (operationgratitude.com)
- Operation Healing Forces (operationhealingforces.org)

- Soldiers' Angels (soldiersangels.org)
- The Mission Continues (missioncontinues.org)

Military Family Support

- Army Emergency Relief (armyemergencyrelief.org)
- Blue Star Families (bluestarfam.org)
- Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation (fallenpatriots.org)
- Folds of Honor (foldsofhonor.org)
- Operation Homefront (operationhomefront.org)
- Our Military Kinds (ourmilitarykids.org)
- Travis Manion Foundation (travismanion.org)
- VFW National Home for Children (vfnational-home.org)



FAQ about Veterans Day

Each November, millions of people recognize the service and sacrifice of military veterans on Veterans Day. Initially commemorated as Armistice Day but renamed Veterans Day in the United States in 1954, the holiday is a federal holiday throughout the country.

The first Armistice Day was observed in 1919. Despite that lengthy history, the general public may still have questions about Veterans Day.

When is Veterans Day observed?

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs notes that Veterans Day is always observed officially on November 11, regardless of which day of the week that happens to be. In 2023, Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11. Because Veterans Day falls on a Saturday in 2023, the federal observation date is Friday, November 10.

Why is November 11 so significant?

November 11 is a significant day in world history because it marks the signing of the armistice between the Allies of World War I and Germany at 5:45 a.m. on November

11, 1918. Though the formal peace treaty, the Treaty of Versailles, was not signed until 1919 and hostilities between the sides continued for hours after the armistice was signed, the day is still viewed as the end of World War I.

What distinguishes Veterans Day from Memorial Day?

The VA notes that Veterans Day honors all those individuals who served honorably in the military during both wartime and peacetime. Memorial Day is a day to honor and remember military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who lost their lives in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

What is the significance of red poppies?

Red poppies are ubiquitous on Memorial Day, but they're also visible on Veterans Day. Though it's not taboo to wear red poppies on Veterans Day, it's a tradition that aligns more with Memorial Day. That's because the poppies are typically worn to honor fallen military personnel. A 1915 poem written by a Canadian

Lieutenant Colonel named John McCrae referred to the fields of poppies growing around the graves of World War I soldiers in Flanders.

Do other countries honor their military veterans?

Many countries across the globe honor their military veterans, and many do so on November 11 as well. For example, Canadians and Australians observe Remembrance Day in honor of their nation's respective veterans on November 11. Great Britain observes Remembrance Day on the Sunday nearest to November 11.

Veterans Day is a day to honor and commemorate the brave men and women who have honorably served in the U.S. military during wartime and peacetime.



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To all of our nation's troops and veterans,
Happy Veterans Day,
and thank you for your service!

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