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Application period closes for Penny Pitch - Donations sought

"Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts." — *Janice Maeditere*

The deadline has arrived for families who need help for the holidays, and judging from the number of applications, there is great need in our area. Lots of children will have a sad Christmas morning unless we help. Many families will be hungry and cold. Every year the aim of Penny Pitch is to alleviate those needs wherever we can, and we can only do it together with you - our community.

Donations are starting to arrive, but we are far from the goal of \$60,000 we need to be able to help all of the families who have applied. Please consider a tax-deductible gift to Penny Pitch this year.

150.00	Anonymous
100.00	Judith Lucas
100.00	Jack O'Connell
50.00	In memory of Charles Burr
100.00	Connie McDowell
500.00	Smoot Ruritan Club
TOTAL	\$1,000

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

Site plans for new parking lot discussed at Lewisburg City Council

By Sarah Richardson

At the Lewisburg City Council meeting earlier this week, Councilmember John Little gave an overview of the November Planning Commission meeting where they discussed the site plan review for the West Parking Lot at Church and Foster Streets for the Lewisburg Foundation. There will be 29 parking spaces installed at the True Value site, with two street parking spaces being removed on the street. The site of the old Seneca Health building, facing Church Street, is a separate project. The portion of the site facing Court Street is what the Lewisburg Foundation



The new parking lot at Church and Foster Streets will contain 29 spaces and lots of green space. In this photo Church Street is on the left, and Foster Street on the bottom with the parking lot entrance.

refers to as the West Parking Lot.

"Twenty-nine total parking spots are being created

with this project. We are losing the existing 13 that

are already there at True

Value, and we are losing

an additional two on the street. There's a total of 14

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Greenbrier County Commission weighs cost of 911 Center system upgrades

By Matthew Young, RealWV, www.therealwv.com

The Greenbrier County Commission, on Tuesday, convened later than usual for their regular bi-weekly meeting. Due to various displacements caused by the ongoing construction project at the Courthouse property, commissioners began the meeting shortly after 5

p.m., rather than their typical 10 a.m. start time.

A large portion of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the possibility of awarding contracts for necessary system upgrades at the Greenbrier County 911 Center. On hand to explain the upgrades were the county's Emergency Management Director Don Havens and System Administrator Jordan Clendenen, as well as two representatives from Motorola.

"For your consideration tonight, we've got two contracts for Motorola, and one for Aviat Networks," Clendenen told commissioners. "The first contract is for the hardware refresh of our existing Motorola 911 call-taking system. This refresh simply consists of new servers, workstations, and supporting equipment - as well as a software upgrade to allow us to become compatible with next-gen 911, and move us into the future."

"The second contract, also with Motorola, is for replacement of our radio dispatch consoles, and also for tower-site radios," Clendenen noted.

The contract with Aviat Networks, Clendenen further explained, is for the installation of a "microwave network connection," which will link the Emergency Communications Center to the tower on Muddy Creek Mountain.

"We think that if we can move forward with this, it will greatly improve our operations to offer emergency services to the citizens of Greenbrier County," Clendenen added.

According to Clendenen, the call-taking equipment currently in use by the county is approximately seven-years-old, with a required upgrade now two years past due.

"They could die at any minute," Clendenen noted, adding that the county's radio equipment has been obsolete since Dec. 2021, and is no longer supported by the

manufacturer.

"I cross my fingers every day when I come to work, and hope we don't have any major problems," Clendenen said. "If we can't communicate, we can't get people where they need to be to help people."

The total price of the upgrades - between all three contracts and spread out over five years - is just over \$3.1 million. In response to a question from Commissioner Lowell Rose, Clendenen advised that the Motorola system is widely used throughout West Virginia, and the completion of these upgrades would make Greenbrier County fully integratable with many surrounding counties, as well as the State Police.

After discussion, the commission opted to postpone their vote to approve the upgrades until their next scheduled meeting in order to thoroughly review, and request any clarification needed regarding the contracts.

"I know we've had lots of questions, but we're trying to get the best deal that we can for our taxpayers," Commission President Tammy Tincher said. "We appreciate you being willing to work with us, and get us the information we need to make our decision."

Should the commission vote to approve the system upgrades, it is likely that the county's 911 fees would see an increase to offset the cost. Currently Greenbrier County's 911 fee is fixed at \$2.00 per month, and has not been increased since the fee was established in 1998.

"In order to implement the upgrade, funding would come from 911 fees," Tincher told RealWV after the meeting. "Consideration to increase the fees is being researched."

In other business, at the request of members of the Honaker family, the commission approved the partial closing of an unused and unnamed road in the Hart's

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RDC to hold Holiday Open House, vendors sought

By Dakota Baker

The Ronceverte Development Corporation (RDC) is hosting their annual Holiday Open House in Downtown Ronceverte on Friday, Dec. 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. The downtown businesses will be open late and serving treats for all to enjoy. Santa will be located at City Hall for children to greet and the Armory will be filled with local Arts and Craft vendors as well as some local nonprofits. There will be free carriage rides, musicians, a scavenger hunt, and a drawing for a local gift basket. Donations will be accepted but not required. Donation jars will be located at the businesses and any donation received will benefit Ronceverte Elementary School. Families are encouraged to come visit the downtown area and have some fun!

There is no vendor fee for those who wish to participate in the event, but all vendors must purchase the annual \$25 Arts and Craft permit from the City of Ronceverte. There is a limit of 25 vendors for this event. Email ronceverteevents@gmail.com for more information.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner continues at fairgrounds

When Pigs Fly Barbeque and Piggyback Donuts are happy to announce that their ninth annual Giving Back Day will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23. They are proud to be partnering with the State Fair of West Virginia to hold the event. Because the participation has grown so large, the event is moving to the larger Cecil B. Underwood Building on the fairgrounds this year.

"With the help of over 125 volunteers, we served 573 free Thanksgiving dinners in 2022, and we suspect the need may be even greater this year," said Kellen Leef, co-owner of the popular local caterer and event provider. "So many people are just struggling to get by." Her partner Mike Sheridan said, "We try to give a little something back to the community which has been so good to us, and feeding people is a great way to do it."

They will be providing a traditional Thanksgiving meal, including roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, cranberry salad, pumpkin pie, and all the rest of the trimmings free to anyone who shows up.

"There are many people in our community who are either alone, or unable to prepare themselves a traditional Thanksgiving meal," said Leef. "We want them to share this joyful

and thankful occasion with us. So, if you know of such people, ask them to come by and join us for good food and fellowship." There is absolutely no charge and no catch; people can throw a donation in the bucket if they want to. We do not check ID's, and no paperwork is required. Just show up and eat. They will also deliver to shut-ins, if they have enough volunteer drivers. Doors open from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day (or until they run out). Carry-out and deliveries begin at 1 p.m. Please call 304-249-8124 after 9 a.m. on Thursday morning to request home delivery.

Over the years, the event has evolved into a community-sponsored event, and "we have gotten incredible community support. We've been fortunate to have donations of both food and cash from a number of individuals and organizations in the community. We've received support from many local businesses, churches, and individuals, and will respectfully ask all local businesses to step up and participate."

"We realize that times are hard right now," said Leef, "but we all need to do what we can to help each other."

Diners may throw some money into the tip jar if they choose, but it is not required. Leftover food, if any, is donated to the local food bank. Leftover cash, if any, goes to Penny Pitch, a local charitable organization.

They are expecting volunteers on Wednesday, as well as Thanksgiving Day, and the following Friday, to help prep, cook, serve and clean up. Shifts are set up so that nobody has to work all day; people will get to spend time with their families while donating three or four hours to the community on Thanksgiving Day.

The traffic flow and parking has changed for 2023: Enter through the gate on the southbound side of Route 219, and follow the signs to the new parking area. Please stay within the designated traffic lanes so we don't disturb the "Christmas at the Fair" light show, which will be setting up all over the Fairgrounds.

Please call 304-249-8124 and ask for Kellen to make a contribution. To volunteer, please call Cathy Sawyer at 304-645-5401 or email her at catheycsawyer@gmail.com.

When Pigs Fly Barbeque has been cooking and selling real pit barbecue since 2005. They are currently focused on catering, events such as fairs and festivals, made-to-order donuts, seafood, and concessionaire services for sporting and other events. See their Facebook page or call Kellen at 304-249-8124 for more information.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Alderson History Booklet released

Learn why Elder John Alderson spent his first months in the Alderson area at Jarrett's Fort; what behavior would draw the ire of the early Baptist Church; the earliest fort in our area; "The Christmas Anna Angel;" and other interesting chapters from Alderson's past in the newest edition of the "Alderson History Highlights and Tantalizing Tidbits" series published by Alderson Main Street. Titled "Visiting the Past," this new volume covers Alderson's history from the very earliest settlement to the space age.

Author Belinda Anderson has, once again, outdone herself in finding little known facts and researching the history of buildings and people. "Alderson has such an amazingly rich history. There are so many stories of people and places to tell," Anderson said.

Volume X is available in person at the Alderson Artisans Gallery, 101 Railroad Avenue or online at www.aldersongallery.com/shop or by ordering through Alderson Main Street. The order form is on the AMS Facebook page.

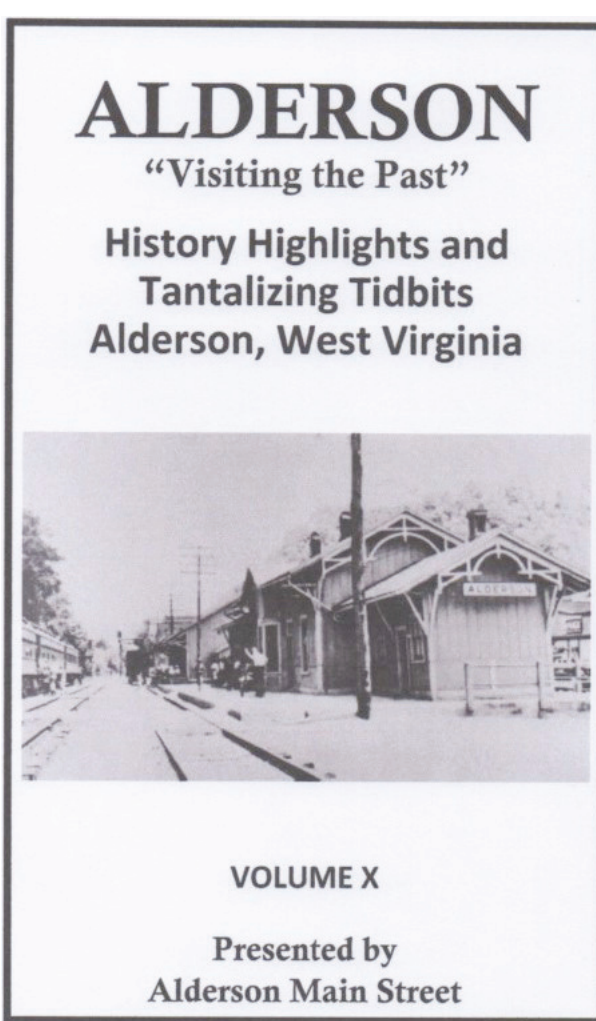
All ten volumes are also available individually or as a set that may be extra welcome this holiday season. What a great Christmas gift for family and friends who may not be able to follow country roads home to West Virginia this year. Anderson recaps the volumes as follows:

Volume I - Read about the railroad wreck that littered so much tobacco, flour, and bacon that local storekeepers sold none of those commodities for a month.

Volume II - An Alderson inventor who was awarded a patent for a still in 1897 - but it's not the kind you are probably imagining.

Volume III - Read about the stories of heroism that saved lives during Alderson's thousand-year flood.

Volume IV - Alderson was founded because of forbidden love.



Cover of Volume X: In August 1935, local No. 13 paused at Alderson at 12:45 p.m. to conduct business and one of its passengers, William Monypeny, alighted and took this photo.

(Courtesy of Greenbrier Historical Society)

Volume V - America's first female ambassador and her husband, a captain of the Danish King's Guard, lived in Alderson in a home that is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Volume VI - Learn about the hardware store that sold everything from turkeys to sheetrock. Read the memo with the store's request to "ship us...7 Widows."

Volume VII - Read about the lion and the traveling salesman, the Alderson native who became a Jazz Age sensation and the family that turned a three-story brick warehouse into a home.

Volume VIII - This special edition commemorates six decades of WV's Largest Fourth of July Celebration.

Volume IX - Read about TickTock's clock, the story of how the pedestrian bridge came to be decorated with lights every Christmas and the movie made by a major studio from a book written by a former Alderson student.

Whether you live in Alderson or far away, these volumes of history, meticulously researched and prepared by Anderson, are a trip down memory lane that will celebrate the holiday season.

New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Steep Valley Fire Update

The Steep Valley Fire is currently 2,206 acres and containment remains at 78% as of Wednesday, Nov. 15. The fire continues to burn in steep and rugged parts of inaccessible terrain in the War Ridge and Backus Mountain areas, a remote part of the park. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Minimal fire activity Wednesday produced pockets of smoke within the gorge. With minimal fire activity, air quality levels are forecast to be in the good and moderate range. Today, crews will monitor existing fire lines as the fire is expected to remain minimally active. Firefighters continued to make tactical decisions that included strategic firing to burn out pockets of fuel to help strengthen existing lines.

"We appreciate all the dedicated crews and the countless hours they have put in while working the fire. We will continue to monitor the fire and focus on firefighter safety," said Nate Orsburn, Incident Commander Trainee for the Steep Valley Fire.

Orsburn continued, "We would like to thank the community for their hospitality, support, and patience since the beginning of this challenging fire, it hasn't gone unnoticed." To date, there has been one minor injury to a firefighter.

A UAS, or drone, was spotted in the fire area earlier this week. A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is currently in effect for 5,000 feet above ground level and a 5-mile radius around the fire area. Any drone incursions into the Steep Valley Fire TFR area are a violation of FAA regulations. Additionally, all aircraft supporting firefighter operations would temporarily be grounded as drones endanger air crews that are flying. This interruption in firefighting support could put firefighters at extreme risk and could result in grave consequences. Remember, If You Fly, We Can't. As a reminder, launching, landing, or operating a drone within National Park Service lands is strictly forbidden.

A closure order remains in place for all National Park Service lands bounded by the New River on the south and west to the town of Quimmimont, due east along State Highway 41 to the intersection of Backus-Red Spring road, then continues directly south to the CSX railroad right of way at the river. The remainder of the park is open for normal hours of operation. Resources from multiple government and private agencies from across the country have arrived to assist fire personnel.

For additional fire information, drone restrictions, and smoke and air quality reports please visit <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/wvnrp-steep-valley-fire>.

County Commission

Run area of White Sulphur Springs, which runs adjacent to their property, and authorized the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Blacksburg, Virginia Volunteer Rescue Squad for technical team support in Greenbrier County.

The commission also approved resolutions for the creation of bank accounts for the "County Fire Protection Fund," referred to as "Fund 41," and the "EMS Salary Enhancement Fund," referred to as "Fund 42." The creation of these accounts satisfies legislative funding requirements. In the evening's final piece of business, the commission approved a resolution to create a third bank account, "Fund 40," for deposit of the county's opioid settlement funds.

At the conclusion of the meeting,

Tincher issued a reminder to those in the service area of the proposed Sam Black to Asbury, and Charmco to Rainelle water line extension projects, saying, "If there is anyone along that route that is interested in water, we do need you to sign up."

"If you're considering or unsure, or if it's something that you might think you want, we want you to call and get information," Tincher added. "[Call] the Greenbrier PSD No. 2, at 304-438-9292. They'll be able to answer any questions and help you sign up."

The Greenbrier County Commission will next meet on Tuesday, Nov. 28. As of now, the meeting time is scheduled for 10 a.m.

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

WVDOH is ready for winter weather. Are you?

With winter weather just around the corner, the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) is testing equipment and doing dry runs with its snowplows so drivers will know their routes when the snow comes. The WVDOH is ready for winter weather. Are you?

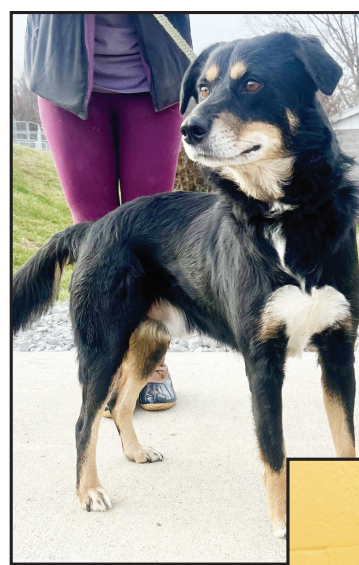
Snow removal and ice control (SRIC) is a major job for the WVDOH in the winter. Crews begin in October making sure plow attachments and salt spreaders are working and properly adjusted. Drivers are available to hit the roads in 12-hour shifts when snow hits. They've already tested their equipment and they already know their routes.

"Even though it's Nov. 14 and temperatures are in the 60s, we are ready," said WVDOH District 1 Maintenance Engineer Kathy Rushworth, P.E.

Statewide, the WVDOH has a stockpile of more than 231,000 tons of salt, and more than 1,000 snowplows to cover all 55 counties. A typical snowplow holds 12 tons of salt, enough to treat about 100 lane miles of road. That's about a 50-mile stretch of two-lane road, or about 25 miles of four-lane. "If we have storms that kind of piggyback on one another, we use a lot of salt to keep the roads clear," Rushworth said.

If the WVDOH knows a storm is coming and if conditions are cold and dry, they may pre-treat roads ahead of the snow with brine to make it harder for snow to stick and make it easier for plows to scrape snow from the road surface. But if it's wet and

PICK OF THE LITTER



DAWSON

Dawson is a four-year-old Australian shepherd mix and weighs 45 pounds



WENDY

Wendy is a four-month-old female domestic shorthair.

These and other animals are available at the Greenbrier Humane Society, located at 151 Holiday Lane off of Rt. 60 West in Lewisburg. They are closed Sunday and Monday, and are open from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Their cat adoption fee is \$65 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first kitty vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim and flea treatment.

Their dog adoption fee is \$85 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first dog vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim, flea bath and flea treatment.

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

They also offer donation-based spay/neuter vouchers, and clinics are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. They use a lot of vets in the area but the clinics fill up fast! Fill out an application to help prevent animal overpopulation! Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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rainy the brine would just wash away.

Rushworth offered a few tips for sharing the road with snowplows:

- If possible, stay off the roads until snowplows have done their job.
- If you do have to go out, don't follow plows closely or try to pass. They're concentrating on clearing snow and may not be able to see you.
- Give yourself extra time. It takes longer to get where you're going when driving in snow and ice.



The WVDOH prepares for winter weather.

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Briefly

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.

Fairgrounds 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 will be Nov. 20 and 27.

Free Thanksgiving Community Meal

at Wellspring's Day Haven, 524 Nichols Street, Rupert, WV 25984 Thursday, Nov. 23 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Questions: 304-392-2095 abigail@wellspringofgreenbrier.com

Williamsburg Shooting Match

will be held Dec. 2 at the Community Building, 6571 Shoestring, Trail, Williamsburg, WV, beginning at 7 p.m. Match will be eight rounds, 12-gauge guns only. Full choke, .660 inch minimum. Screw in chokes must be from a recognized supplier (patented) and extend no more than 3 inches beyond original barrel. Barrel length 34" maximum. First Seven rounds at \$2.50 per shot, eighth round 50/50 at \$7.50 per shot. Shooters must compete in the first 7 rounds in order to compete in the 8th round. 50/50 splatter match is \$1 per chance between rounds - Cash prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be a shooter to win! Come early! Come hungry! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 6 p.m. Families welcome; you don't have to shoot to come get a meal! We hope to see you all there.

Marriages

Genevieve Adrienne Neff and Adam Richard Johnson

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Daniel L. Taylor, Mill Creek, speeding, GP, fine \$10
 Ryan Aaron Isenhardt, Richwood, obstructing, NCP, jail 30 days - credit for 7 days served - jail sentence to run concurrent with Nicholas Co. cases
 Ellen Joyce Wright, Ronceverte, 1) driving left of center, GP, fine \$10; 2) no insurance, fine \$200
 Steven Ray Richmond, Alderson, possession of marijuana, NCP, fine \$100
 Kelton S. Adams-Elkins, Rainelle, sale of alcohol to underage, NCP, fine \$25
 Steven Lee Garris, Ronceverte, domestic assault, NCP, jail 90 days - credit for 28 days served - remaining 62 days suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
 Brandon D. Whittaker, Alderson, sale of alcohol to underage, NCP, fine \$25
 Kevin Vonderheydt, White Sulphur Springs, 1) burning during prohibited hours, NCP, fine \$50; 2) permitting fire to escape, fine \$50
 George C. Wagner, Alderson, 1) driving suspended, GP, fine \$100; 2) no insurance, fine \$200
 Billy J. Harris, Rupert, unlawful possession, NCP, fine \$100, jail 120 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
 Erica Danielle Burns, Ronceverte, domestic assault, NCP, fine \$25, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
 Etta Elizabeth Clark, Rainelle, fraud & related activity in connection with access devices, NCP, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation and Day Report
 Joshua Lee Morrison, Caldwell, shoplifting, NCP, fine \$100, restitution \$445.78
 Jacob M. Vanburan, White Sulphur Springs, domestic battery or domestic assault - 2nd offense, GP, fine \$100, jail 120 days - suspended and placed on 18 months unsupervised probation

For the Record

Deeds

Garland H. Harris Jr. to Sharon H. Harris: lots 7, 8, 8A, Alderson District, Map 6 Parcel 0255. Filed Nov. 6, 2023.

Bruce Properties LLC to Richard Marsh: lots 11 and 12, White Sulphur District, Map 5 Parcel 106, 107. Filed Nov. 6, 2023.

William B. Callison Jr. to Robert Earl Troy Quillin and Julie A. Quillin: lot 30 Woodhaven II, Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 36.23. Filed Nov. 6, 2023.

James R. Hamrick to James R. Hamrick: 2.11 acres, 2.11 acres, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 block R, Meadow Bluff District. Map 82 Parcel 37, 37.1. Filed Nov. 6, 2023.

Dennis E. Brown and Polly R. H. Bateman to Ashley Smith, Joye Anderson, and Elmer Anderson: lot 91 and 1/2 of lot 92, Alderson District, Map 6 Parcel 339. Filed Nov. 6, 2023.

Volusia Ventures LLC to Homeless Inc.: 0.14 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 17 Parcel 87. Filed Nov. 6, 2023

Paul W. Shortridge to Brian Lilly and Lewis C. Lilly Jr.: 7,500 square feet, Anthony Creek District, Map 55F Parcel 20. Filed Nov. 6, 2023.

Mildred W. Holmes to Denise H. Morrisey: lot 516, Long Meadow, White Sulphur District, Map 22N Parcel 24. Filed Nov. 7, 2023.

Bear Knob Holdings LLC to Allstar Ecology LLC: deed of conservation easement, 12.88 acres, 8.83 acres, 72.80 acres, Meadow Bluff District. Filed Nov. 7, 2023.

Lewis B. Campbell revocable trust (by trustee) to Scottie C. Campbell revocable trust (by trustee): 0.417 acres, White Sulphur District. Map 26M Parcel 0026. Filed Nov. 7, 2023.

Marvin D. Boggs and Debra F. Boggs to Marvin D. Boggs and Debra F. Boggs: 2.17 acres right-of-way Midland Trail, 3 from Emmanuel Community Church, White Sulphur District, Map 26 Parcel 0017.001. Filed Nov. 7, 2023.

Henry J. Moore and Janeah D. Moore to Shelby Loudermilk: 14.535 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 40 Parcel 0019. Filed Nov. 7, 2023.

Phyllis A. Johnson to Mickey W. Thompson and Sherri A. Thompson: 3/4 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 42. Filed Nov. 8, 2023.

Stephanie M. Wilkenson to Leonard N. Waid: 0.630 acres more or less, Meadow Bluff District, Map 56K Parcel 81. Filed Nov. 8, 2023.

Judy Wang to Double Tree LLC: lot 1 and 2, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 15. Filed Nov. 8, 2023.

Adam L. Sydenstricker to Adam L. Sydenstricker and Granite View Investments LLC: lot 46, White Sulphur District, Map 12 Parcel 221. Filed Nov. 8, 2023.

Wilso Farm Holding Co. LLC to Vaughan Land and Cattle LLC: 5.76 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 18 Parcel 34. Filed Nov. 9, 2023.

Abigail Spear to Dobre Z. Krawec trust (by trustee Ihor Krawec): 38.09 acres, tract 2 on Muddy Creek, Fork of Anthony Creek, 5 miles Rt. 92, Anthony Creek District. Filed Nov. 9, 2023.

Salena Jones to Salena Jones and Joseph Jones: 2 tracts, Williamsburg District, Map 59 Parcel 27, 63. Filed Nov. 13, 2023.

Margie L. Loudermilk and Nancy L. Sarver to Myers Real Estate Holdings LLC: 35.028 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 58 Parcel 0062. Filed Nov. 13, 2023.

Jeffrey S. Justice and Destiny B. Justice to David Planker and Amber Planker: 1.9 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 40 Parcel 6.4. Filed Nov. 13, 2023.

Donald R. Coleman estate (by representatives), Alydia J. Snedegar, and Cynthis R. Coleman-Hylton to Steven S. Chelsen: lot 76 and 25 feet of lot 77, White Sulphur District, Map 22D Parcel 72. Filed Nov. 13, 2023.

Diane L. Weiford to Maria L. Barbour, Dereck N. Weiford, and Kathleen R. Weiford: lot 15 Tanglewood Estates, Lewisburg District, Map 24G Parcel 0025. Filed Nov. 13, 2023.

James D. Lilly (by attorney-in-fact Janet Lilly) to Kevin J. Lilly: revocable transfer on death deed, 2 parcels, Anthony Creek District, Map 22 Parcel 27, 28. Filed Nov. 13, 2023.

Carol A. Hager to Glenn Elbert Hager: 2 tracts, Anthony Creek District, Map 35B, Parcel 2, 4. Filed Nov. 14, 2023.

WVTI LLC to George A. Wheeler and Brandi N. Wheeler: lot 68, Rainelle District. Map 5 Parcel 524. Filed Nov. 14, 2023.

Robert L. Ralston Jr., Carrie Ralston, Melody S. Ralston, and Eric Lamberth to Robert L. Ralston Jr.: 0.71 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 06-9H-0114-0000-0000 Parcel 06-9H-0114-0000-0000. Filed Nov. 14, 2023.

Terra L. Vann to Dovenia S. Pontho: 15,436 feet of lot 16 and part of lot 15, Lewisburg District, Map 26, 26 Parcel 652, 66. Filed Nov. 14, 2023.

Richard B. Harper to Kevin E. Hanna and Ezra B. Hanna: 27.5 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 44 Parcel 32. Filed Nov. 14, 2023.

Michael T. Zimmerman to Stephanie J. Zimmerman: 1.003 acres, Ronceverte District, Map 7 Parcel 6.6. Filed Nov. 14, 2023.

Stephanie J. Zimmerman to John B. King: 1.003 acres, Ronceverte District, Map 7 Parcel 6.6. Filed Nov. 14, 2023.

Living The Good Life After Retirement

- Activity Rooms
- Bingo
- Church Services
- Parties
- Potluck Dinners
- Cookouts
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Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council

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

Greenbrier Co. Farmland Protection Board

will meet on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m. at 804 Industrial Drive, Suite 5, in Maxwelton. This is a onetime change only because of the holidays. Regular meetings continue to be on the fourth Thursday of each month. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

Greenbrier PSD #1

will meet Monday, Nov. 27, at 8 a.m. at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Oct. 20, 2023
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Phase B extension project:
 - a. Payment Resolutions
 - b. Other Phase B project related business brought before the Board
- Phase C extension project:
 - a. Payment Resolutions
 - b. Other Phase C project related business brought before the Board
- Other business brought before the Board

Renick Town Council

will meet Monday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. at Renick Town Hall. Agenda Items are as follows:

- Community comments
- Approval of Minutes - November meeting
- Approval of Financial Reports for November
- Old Business
- New Business
- Committee Reports
 - Building Committee,
 - Maintenance Committee
 - Park
 - Streets
 - Finance
- Other Business

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. at 942 Washington Street, West. Also available by Zoom teleconference. Please contact Marsha Cunningham no later than 3 p.m. on Dec. 7, at 304-645-2080 ext. 104 for instructions on how to join the meeting. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Nov. 2, 2023
- Comments from the public
- Public Hearing: Franklin Johnson, 395 Maple Street - request for a Conditional Use Permit for a three plus bedroom Air BnB
- Comments from Planning Commission members
- Comments from Planning & Zoning Officer

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held Jan. 4, with a deadline of Friday, Dec. 15.

Sobriety Checkpoint scheduled in Fairlea

The West Virginia State Police will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at U.S. Rt. 219 in the Fairlea area of Greenbrier County on Wednesday, Nov. 29 into Thursday, Nov. 30, from 6 p.m. till midnight. The purpose of the checkpoint is to detect and deter impaired drivers, as well as to educate the public about the dangers of driving an automobile while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.

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Rainelle Lodge hosts pool tournament



On Oct. 22, the Rainelle Lodge hosted the monthly district pool tournament which consists of Beckley, Summersville, Richwood, and Rainelle. Rainelle got first place and Beckley came in second. Thanks for all who came out to support the Moose!

Military veterans recognized at Williamsburg CEOS club meeting

Which military service is the newest? Which is the oldest? These are just a few of the questions brought up and discussed while recognizing veterans at the November meeting of the Williamsburg Community Outreach Service Club.

The club met at the home of Blanche Knicely. Those participating were Loretta Shirley, Linda Spencer, LauraAnn Tiller, Denver Tiller, Cassandra Perkins, Shela McComsey, Connor McComsey, and Burl and Patty Post.

Members received recognition for their volunteer services this year from the Americore Seniors/RSVP.

The club will meet on Dec. 12 at the Dutch Haus in Lewisburg for their Christmas celebration.

For more information about CEOS please check the WVU Extension Greenbrier County Family and Community Development website.

Lewisburg House and Garden Club plan for Christmas at Carnegie

On Oct. 25, the Lewisburg House and Garden Club met at the beautiful and historic home of Judy Deegans. She and her co-hostesses, Suzanne Conquist and Barb Hiltner served delicious cupcakes and pie before the meeting.

The club has purchased from Suzanne Perilli Designs, new Christmas decorations for Carnegie Hall, and will adorn the front hall on Nov. 29 at 10 a.m. The decorations include wreaths, garlands, jingle bell ornaments, window ledge decor and ribbon.

Also, Ghee Gozzard announced that the club's Christmas dinner on Dec. 10 will take place in the Old Stone Room of Carnegie Hall. Each member was asked to furnish a covered dish.

WVSOM's chief operating officer receives national public health award



Drema Hill, Ph.D.

A senior administrator at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) received a national award for her work in health care administration.

Drema Hill, Ph.D., WVSOM's vice president for community engagement and chief operations officer, was recognized at the American Public Health Association's (APHA) annual meeting and expo on Nov. 14 in Atlanta, Ga. She received the APHA Health Administration Section Excellence in Health Administration Award for 2023.

The award recognizes exceptional and sustained achievement in public health administration, as evidenced by contributions in the fields of practice, science, research, teaching or writing. The APHA includes more than 25,000 members, with the Health Administration Section alone comprising more than 2,000 members.

Hill, who received an engraved statue from the APHA, said she is thankful to be honored by the organization.

Smoot Elementary recognizes veterans



Smoot Elementary honored veterans last week in honor of Veteran's Day. Veterans started their morning with breakfast prepared by the school cooks. Afterward, they were welcomed into the gymnasium by all students lined up, cheering and waving American flags. Veterans were then serenaded by the 5th grade choir under the direction of Ms. Boothe who also ran a slideshow of photos of Veterans submitted to the school prior.

Veteran's event at JMHS



Hank Fischer (left), Mike Wiley, Mike Heller, Dennis Taylor, Bill McCann, Bridget Larew, Steve Ellison, Todd Fairchild, Scott Womack, and Jim Wright.

American Legion Posts 100 in Union and 145 in Peterstown, Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1108, and James Monroe High School (JMHS) jointly hosted a veteran's panel discussion on Nov. 13 in the school auditorium. Students had the opportunity to listen to the experiences of veterans from the Vietnam era to those currently serving, and to ask questions about life in the military and its meaning. Students divided into small groups and met with veterans from various eras from the 1960's to the present.

The turnout from local veterans was outstanding - a testimony of their continued service to community and country. Hank Fischer, Bill McCann, Steve Ellison, Jim Wright, and Dennis Taylor represented the Vietnam War Era. Scott Ernst, Jack Kirby, Bridget Larew, Todd Fairchild, Wendy Reed, Mike Heller, Todd Longanacre, Scott Womack, and Mike Wiley, represented the Cold War and Post 9/11 eras. U.S. Marines Gavin Taylor and Logan Church represented those currently serving. The students appreciated learning of these veterans' experiences, which ranged from humorous to serious.

The American Legion is nonpartisan and open to veterans of any branch of service and era, including those currently serving. The American Legion supports veterans and their families, patriotism, and youth education. If you are interested in joining us in this vital mission and assisting with programs like the one described above contact Scott Womack at scott_womack@hotmail.com or via Facebook Messenger.

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Austin Tyler Carter



Austin Tyler Carter, 26, went to be with the lord on Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, after a battle with numerous health issues over the past few months.

He was born on Mar. 19, 1997, in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his Grandpa, Jerry Eplin; and his two uncles, Vernon (Bub), and Mark Eplin.

Austin was the kindest soul you would ever meet. He knew no enemy and was the best friend anyone would want.

Those left to cherish his memory are his mom, Cindy (Ed) Vaught, his dad, Tim Carter; his brother, Justin (Kelley) Carter; and his sister, Emily Carter; his stepbrother, Eddie (Holly) Vaught; two step-sisters, Desiree Vaught-Ratliff and Kayla (Derek) Feller; his grandpa and best friend, Eddie Carter; grandmothers, Lou Eplin, and Sylvia (Marvin) Keen; aunt, Bev Barnes; nephew, Daniel Carter and niece, Kylie Rose Carter; and a host of cousins and friends that were like family.

Services will be held at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home Saturday, Nov. 18, at 212 Monroe Avenue, Ronceverte WV 24970. At 3 p.m., visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. with services to follow with Pastor Wayne Browning officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to support the services to Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home. After the service there will be a dinner at the Ronceverte Baptist Church.

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

Bernard Lee Simmons



Lewisburg-Bernard Lee "Bernie" Simmons, 65, passed away Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

Born Oct. 1, 1958, in Lewisburg, he was the son of the late Robert Lee and Margaret Geneve McClung Simmons.

Bernie was a 1977 Graduate of Greenbrier East High School and was retired from the WV Office of Technology after 36 years of service. Ber-

nie loved gardening and cooking. He operated the Hook and Ladder Grill and Firehouse Diner at the State Fair of WV for many years. Bernie joined the Lewisburg Fire Department on Dec. 4, 1976. He was the only member of the department that served as a dedicated Engineer and had a wealth of knowledge when it came to operating the department's apparatuses. Bernie served in many different roles within the department including Assistant Chief. He was a member of the department's Hazardous Material Decontamination Team and was certified as Fire Officer 2 and was also a Certified Fire Instructor 2 through the WV Public Service Training.

Bernie is survived by his loving wife, Karen Willis; stepdaughter, Tia Willis; mother-in-law, Marie Loudermilk; brother, Garland Simmons (Atik); nephews, Stephen Simmons (Melanie), Eric Simmons and Kevin Simmons (Amber); niece, Staci Jordan (Abraham); and many extended family and friends.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Rhema Christian Center, 3584 Davis Stuart Road, Lewisburg, where Pastor Mike Teubert officiated. Visitation was on Monday evening, Nov. 13, at the Rhema Christian Center. Burial followed the service in the Henning Church of God Cemetery, Maxwellton, WV.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Charles Harvey, Sr.



Asbury-Charles "Dick" Harvey, Sr., 89, passed away Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Roanoke, VA.

Born Dec. 3, 1933, in Asbury, he was the son of the late Porter Elliott and Lois May Hayes Harvey.

Dick retired as a Superintendent for Anderson Paving with over 35 years of service. He was a member of Asbury Methodist Church and loved to play golf. Dick also oversaw the Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery for many years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Jane Harvey; son, Charles D. "Rusty" Harvey, Jr.; brothers, Beryl, Darrell and Larry Harvey; sister, Anna Ruth Harvey Ray; nephew, Charles Buck Smith, Donald Tink Smith; brother-in-law, Robert L. Smith; and niece, Brenda Sue Ray.

Survivors include sister, Doris Harvey Smith of Ronceverte; sister-in-law, Peggy Sampson (Randy)

of Lewisburg; brother-in-law, Mickey Hanna of Clintonville; several nieces and nephews, Doug Smith, Tim Smith, Jimmy Ray, Karen Bryson, Susan Cherrie, Brian Sampson, Sr., Jeremy "Jake" Sampson, Shelly Sampson, Jason Hanna, and John Hanna; great-nieces and nephews he thought of as grandchildren, Adam Smith, Brian Sampson, Jr., Savannah Moyer, Courtney Moyer, Eli Sampson, Summer Sampson, Alex Sampson, Abbi Hanna, James Harvey, Savannah Harvey, Jaidyn Smith, Mariah Strowbridge, Sarah and Hannah Smith, Dallas and Declan Meriwether; and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel where Pastor Ron Miller officiated. Visitation was Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the funeral home. Burial followed the service in the Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Rebecca Ellen Ramsey



Lewisburg-Rebecca Ellen Ramsey, 77, passed away Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023 at CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born Oct. 10, 1946 in Lewisburg, she was a daughter of the late Guy Fredrick and Susie Ellen Mace Ramsey.

Rebecca was a retired C.N.A. from the former Greenbrier Manor Nursing Home, was of the Baptist faith and loved to crochet.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Rick Ramsey and Roger Ramsey and a sister, Carolyn Shortridge.

Survivors include three daughters, Christine Renee Counts (Paul), Debra Diane White (Scott) and Kelly Lynn Carnell (Robert); grandchildren, Christopher Michael Burns (Brittney), Jonathan Marshall Tucker (Cheyenne), Warren Samuel White (Morgan), Richard Dustin White (Racheal Hepler), and Tevin Nathaniel Taylor (Rachael); great-grandchildren, Kyndal Blair Burns, Presley Grace Burns, Kaydence Faith Tucker, Zakaryah Scott Tucker, Braxstyn Eugene Tucker, Emersyn Lanie Gabbert, Tucker Steve Cutlip and Jake Randall Cutlip; two sisters, Mary Sue Judy and Joann Marie Arthur; and three brothers, George David Ramsey, Fredrick Gene Ramsey, and Kenneth Wayne Ramsey.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov.

18, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, with Pastor Sharon Howard officiating. Interment will follow in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to Hospice Care, Inc. 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg WV 24901.

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

Judith Crichton James



Lewisburg-Judith Crichton James, 83, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2023 at the Seasons in Lewisburg.

Judy was born Apr. 18, 1940 in Johnstown, PA, the daughter of the late Andrew B. Crichton, Jr. and Helen Croll Crichton.

Deaf from birth, Judy attended the Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, MO, and later the Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton, MA, from which she graduated.

Judy was a sweet, generous person who always greeted friends and family with a smile. She loved the Lord all her life. She loved Scotland, where the Crichtons came from. She loved kittens, and cats-sometimes many cats but in her last days, only one, the black and white Java ("a wonderful cat," Judy always said), who lived in her room at the Seasons and was cuddled up close to her as she passed away.

Judy also loved the color pink. As a child in Bethesda, MD, she had a little pink car she would drive around her backyard. She liked to be called Pinky and wore pink at every opportunity.

Judy's open nature led her to explore a wide variety of interests. A great beauty as a teenager, she modeled in fashion shows in the Washington, DC area. Later she worked as a secretary in government offices. She became fascinated with psychic phenomena and séances and became good friends with the famous psychic, Jeanne Dixon.

After she moved to Lewisburg, she led a Deaf Ministry, inviting people to worship in her home once a month.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her daughter, Heather Sprinkle.

Surviving are her husband of 25 years, Robert Lee James; her granddaughter, Helen Maher and great-granddaughter, Athena Rose Maher, both of California. She is also survived by her aunt, Jean Crichton Gunhouse; her uncle, Alan Crichton; her loving friends, John Burdette, Erin Fulton and their daughter Jambi and many friends and family members.

Funeral services for

Judy were held on Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg where Pastor Randy Burdette officiated. Interment followed in the Wallace Memorial Cemetery in Clintonville, WV.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Flowers were accepted

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

Boys State recruitment underway in Greenbrier County



Thomas Marcinkowski (GEHS)

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS) is thrilled to announce the commencement of its recruitment drive for the 85th session, scheduled to take place from June 11 to June 17, 2024, at West Virginia University Jackson's Mill. ALMBS, renowned as "West Virginia's premier Leadership Academy," is now actively seeking enthusiastic young men from across West Virginia to participate in an immersive week of learning and growth.

Established in 1936, ALMBS is dedicated to educating and training West Virginia's youth in the democratic republic form of government, emphasizing the importance of our nation's most cherished freedoms. With the guidance and sponsorship of The American Legion, the largest wartime veteran's service organization, ALMBS nurtures and mentors the leaders of tomorrow, promoting patriotism, honor, and civic engagement.

The program offers a transformative experience that shapes the lives of its participants, providing them with numerous benefits that last a lifetime. Beyond gaining a comprehensive understanding of their rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities as franchised citizens, attendees have the opportunity to apply for scholarships, accumulate extra merit points for admission to military service academies, and build a diverse network of connections across the state. Over its 84-year history, The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State has empowered approximate-

ly 31,000 individuals with the tools for success.

Last year's graduates from Greenbrier County deserve special recognition for their exceptional achievements during the 84th ALMBS session. These remarkable young men have displayed outstanding dedication, leadership, and a commitment to the principles of Americanism and citizenship. We congratulate the following Greenbrier County graduates: Thomas Marcinkowski (Greenbrier East High School).

To learn more about The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State and to apply for this life-changing experience, please visit our official website at <https://wvboysstate.org>. For inquiries, interested individuals may contact their local American Legion Post, their high school guidance counselor, or The American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters at <https://wvlegion.org>. Are you ready to be part of the "Men of Tomorrow"?

The American Legion also extends its gratitude to all those who generously contribute to these programs each year. The success of ALMBS and similar initiatives relies on the support of local businesses, individuals, and community-minded organizations. Those interested in sponsoring a future "Citizen" can contact their local American Legion Post. Currently, the sponsorship cost for the Boys State program is \$350. Recruitment efforts will continue until all available slots are filled. The American Legion deeply appreciates the support of communities throughout the state, and we salute you!

The American Legion Auxiliary holds the American Legion Auxiliary Rhododendron Girls State (ALARGS) program at Davis & Elkins College for those female juniors who are interested in a similar program; more information on ALARGS can be found at <https://wvgirlsstate.org>.

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,

Thanks for the photos of the different kinds of clear (#1 plastics), cloudy (#2 no-color plastics), and white (#2 colored plastics) bottles. Seeing actual examples was very helpful. I heard that the Recycling Center is accepting toothbrushes for recycling. Are any other oral products accepted besides toothbrushes?

New Recycler

Dear New Recycler,

All brands, sizes, and shapes of new or used, non-electric toothbrushes are accepted. Also, all used or empty toothpaste tubes and caps, floss containers, toothpaste cartons, and toothbrush outer packaging are accepted. Place all these items in the tube located on the left-hand side of the Aluminum Cans bin. Items dropped into this tube go into a shipping box below. When the box is full, it is sent to TerraCycle free of charge as postage is paid by Colgate. This free recycling of oral products and packaging is sponsored by Colgate Oral Care in conjunction with TerraCycle. To date, the Recycling Center has sent three twenty-five-pound boxes of used oral products to Terra Cycle for recycling. Kudos to Colgate Oral Care and for caring for the environment and funding this project.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Here is a great example of upcycling! Appalachian Wild in Skyland, North Carolina is giving used mascara wands a new life. They are using the wands to "clean away oil, larvae, fly eggs, mites, infections, mud, and other contaminants from wildlife, as well as for medical care and wound treatment.

Upcycler

Dear Upcycler,

What a great reuse of a commonly used product! However, one change has been made that is not noted in the information about upcycling the wands. Appalachian Wildlife in Western North Carolina, a nonprofit that coordinates wildlife rehabilitation efforts, no longer accepts these wands as the project has grown too large. Used mascara wands are now being accepted by Wands for Wildlife, which has expanded efforts to support wildlife caregivers on a much

larger scale. People around the world are supporting the re-purposing of discarded mascara wands and helping both wild animals and the environment. See www.wandsforwildlife.org for more information. Lewisburg Girl Scout Troop #1919 is setting up locations for the collection of these used mascara wands. More information on these sites to follow next week so begin your collection now. Prepare the wands for donation by cleaning them with Dawn soap. After the wands are dry, put them in a bag or box until future notice of collection sites.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I hear it's better for the environment to let leaves remain on the grass instead of raking and bagging them. Why is it better to leave the leaves in my yard?

Leaf Raker

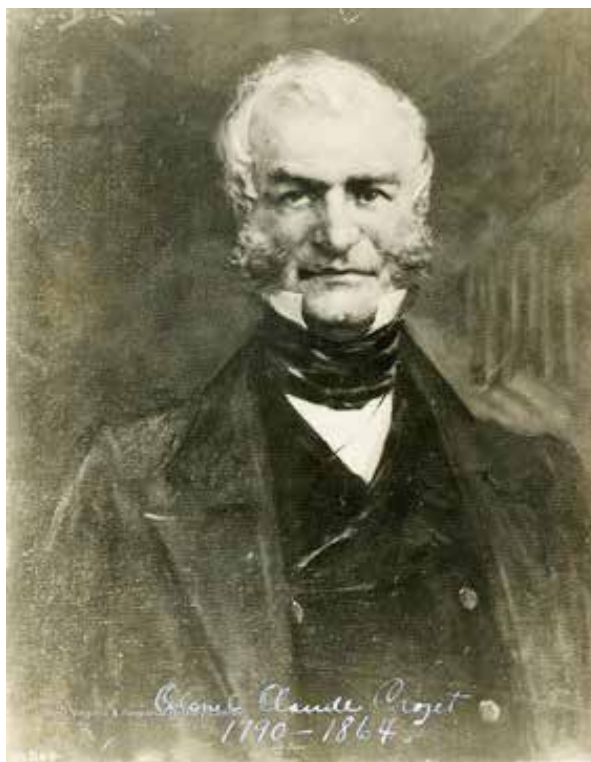
Dear Leaf Raker,

According to tomsguide.com, the leaves in your yard are essentially organic matter that composts over time and turns into beneficial substances such as minerals and microbes. The key nutrients in fallen leaves will feed your soil and help make your grass healthier and greener. Mowing over your lawn will shred the leaves into smaller pieces and they become a natural lawn fertilizer. Fallen dry leaves can also be used as a mulch in your flower bed. Scatter them around the plants to help keep down the growth of weeds.

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

Had it not been for a brilliant French civil engineer, Ronceverte may not have developed into a booming railroad town and the Old White (now The Greenbrier) may have gone the way of Sweet Springs. Claudius Crozet was born near Lyons, France in 1789. He attended the prestigious Ecole Polytechnic and served as a captain in the French army under Napoleon. Following Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo, Crozet immigrated to the United States in 1816 and became an engineering professor at the United States Military Academy.

In 1823, Crozet accepted the post of Principal Engineer of the Virginia Board of Public Works. The State of Virginia was bent on finding a commercial passageway from the James River to the

Ohio River. To accomplish this goal, the James River and Kanawha Canal was undertaken with the New River being the route through southern West Virginia. Crozet was appointed in charge of the project in 1830. He favored using railroads to bridge the gaps between rivers and to go through the mountains. Virginia legislators, however, did not trust Crozet and were skeptical about steam locomotives.

Crozet was forced out of the Board of Public Works. The canal project proved too expensive and came to an end (Virginia was still paying off bonds that financed the canal as late as 1936). Realizing a train was the only feasible commercial way to reach the Ohio River, Virginia turned to railroads. The big challenge was the Blue Ridge Mountains. The State organized the Blue

Ridge Railroad and once again engaged Crozet. To cross the Blue Ridge, it was necessary to construct four tunnels, including the Blue Ridge Tunnel that, upon completion, was the largest railroad tunnel in the world at 4,273 feet long.

Construction on the Blue Ridge tunnel began in 1850. Laborers had to bore through Catactin Greenstone, a formidable task due to its hardness. Irish men who had fled Ireland during the famine worked inside the tunnel for 90 cents a day. Outside work was done by African-American slaves that were contracted to the railroad by slave owners. The slaves were considered too valuable to work in the tunnel. Workers lived with their families in shanties adjacent to the tunnel. Working three eight-hour shifts, the tunnel was completed on Christmas Day in 1856.

The Blue Ridge Railroad was absorbed by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad that was developed through Greenbrier County and achieved the goal of reaching the Ohio River in 1876. Crozet died in 1864, and the town of Crozet, Virginia was named in his honor in 1870.

(Sidebar: Crozet reportedly introduced chalk and blackboards at West Point that became prevalent in U. S. classrooms)

Photo: Courtesy of West Virginia University Regional History Center.

Sources: Claudius Crozet: Napoleon's Captain Versus The Blue Ridge; Crozet Blue Ridge Tunnel Foundation.

West Virginia to pay \$4M to settle lawsuit over conditions in Southern Regional Jail

After a magistrate judge recommended a ruling against the state for destruction of evidence, a settlement was quickly reached in a class action lawsuit brought by people who were incarcerated at Southern Regional Jail.



Jeff Sandy, former Secretary of West Virginia's Department of Homeland Security, is one of the state defendants in the class action lawsuit brought over conditions at Southern Regional Jail. (WV Legislative Photography, photo by Perry Bennett)

By La Shawn Pagán for Mountain State Spotlight

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West Virginia has agreed to pay \$4 million to settle a class action lawsuit alleging inhuman conditions and im-

proper treatment at Southern Regional Jail, lawyers told a federal judge during a hearing in Beckley on Thursday afternoon.

"There's still much work to be done," Stephen New, a lawyer who brought the case against the state, said after the status hearing held in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia.

The proposed settlement comes less than two weeks after a magistrate judge recommended U.S. District Judge Frank Volk rule against the state for intentionally destroying evidence, including investigations, emails between jail officials and grievances filed by those incarcerated. Volk had not ruled on the recommendation at the time of the settlement.

New said that the settlement was agreed only with the state, not with the counties, Wexford Health Sources or PrimeCare Medical of West Virginia, the medical care providers at the jail.

The multimillion-dollar settlement still needs to be approved by the court.

Plaintiffs Michael Rose and Edward Harmon are suing on behalf of them-

selves and others at the jail, saying they were exposed to black mold, given moldy food, rotten or spoiled milk and kept in dark cells for extended periods of time.

Rose and Harmon are also alleged they were both assaulted during their time at SRJ because of poor security measures at the jail, including failure to keep cell doors locked and overcrowding.

Last year, 13 people died at Southern Regional Jail and several high-ranking officials named in the class action lawsuit have since resigned or retired. Earlier this month, two corrections officers pleaded guilty to federal charges for their roles in one of the deaths.

At Thursday's hearing, New told the court there are still 1,983 outstanding claims against the jail, the county and the medical care providers for unconstitutional conditions at the facility.

When asked by Volk if he continues to pursue the case against the facility, the county and the jail's medical providers, New said "absolutely, I look forward to it."

Continued from Front Page

Lewisburg City Council

on the street, but we're only losing two, which is the entrance," explained Little. "The City is, in essence, giving up two spots for this project. [...] The project is reconfiguring their 13 spots, [...] for a total of gaining 14 spaces."

Little said that the project will be using the same lampposts as the city, and there will be a retaining wall between the True Value site project and the Seneca Health building site, along with landscaping and

drainage. Bricks from the old Seneca Health building, which was formerly a dormitory, will be repurposed for the retaining wall. Little also specified that the City will not have the responsibility for maintaining the privately-owned lot, although it will be available to the public on a first-come first-serve basis.

"In a City like ours where parking is especially tight, I think it's really interesting that there can be a project done where more than enough spaces are going to be

created that there can be a surplus for the City. At least from my perspective, and at the recommendation of the Planning Commission, is that this project be approved, because it's really becoming such a nice benefit to the City."

Council approved the site plan unanimously as presented, where it must now be reviewed by the Historic Landmarks Commission.

THANK YOU FOR READING THE MOUNTAIN MESSENGER

WVDOH awards contracts for Beckley Z-Way and other work

A major portion of the Beckley Z-Way bypass project and replacement of an aging Ohio County bridge are among 32 construction projects awarded by the West Virginia Division of Highways on Monday, Nov. 13. Both projects are paid for with funding from Gov. Jim Justice's \$2.8 billion Roads to Prosperity program.

Mountaineer Contractors Inc. was low bidder on a construction project from Shady Spring to Beaver on the Beckley Z-Way bypass project, with a bid of \$53,986,068.38. The 3.6-mile project will connect the intersection of US 19 and WV 3 at Shady Spring with US 19 at Beaver. It will connect with another section of the Z-Way planned from Beaver to South Eisenhower Drive in Beckley.

The Z-Way projects are designed to alleviate congestion on US 19 through the communities of Beaver, Shady Spring, and into Beckley.

Also, on Monday, Nov. 13, the WVDOH awarded a contract to Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Company for \$2,664,328.25 to replace the Playground Bridge on US 40 east of Elm Grove. The bridge was built in 1917 and subject to a rehabilitation project in 1989 but is currently under weight restrictions. Failure to replace the bridge will result in an eight-mile detour.

Both projects were awarded from a bid letting conducted Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Other projects awarded on Monday, Nov. 13, include:

- West Virginia Paving Inc. was the low bidder on a paving project on US 219 from Frankford to Renick Road, with a bid of \$2,043,809.27 (Greenbrier County).

THANK YOU FOR READING



Leah and Roger Trent will add their beautiful seasonal music to the Christmas Tea in Alderson. (Sheena Pendley photo)

Christmas Tea at the Old Victorian Inn

It has become part of the holiday tradition for many to enjoy afternoon tea in Alderson. In recent years, the tea has been held at the Old Victorian Inn where host Doris Kasley and volunteer helpers from Alderson Main Street have made everyone feel so

welcome. The tea will be held at the "Old Vic" again this year on Sunday, Dec. 10 with seatings at 1 and 3 p.m.

Beautifully decorated for the season, the Old Victorian Inn, built in 1906 for a lumber baron, showcases all the beautiful wood that was available at that time. Also, a tradition, Leah and Roger Trent will add their beautiful seasonal music to the occasion.

There are two seatings at 1 and 3 p.m. and tickets are limited. Guests may purchase tickets for \$20 each at the Alderson Artisan's Gallery (304-445-7952) by cash, check, or credit card. Proceeds support Alderson Main Street projects, particularly the "Gem of the Hills" Holiday celebration.

Alderson Main Street Treasurer Margaret Hambrick said, "This is a very special tradition in Alderson. Groups of friends plan on attending each year and generations of women and girls feel very special in their Sunday best as they sip their tea and eat the scones and tiny sandwiches."



Some goodies from a previous Christmas Tea. (Sheena Pendley photo)

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 page!

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"I want some place where I can just sit around, relax and get _____."

TODAY'S WORD [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Oven window is missing. 3. Puddle is smaller. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Handle is smaller. 6. Spatula is different.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Super Crossword

WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS

ACROSS

- Golf tourney
- "Nonsense!"
- Wordplay bits
- Jump
- Tiny country in Europe
- Similar
- Woodwind instrument
- Spring mo.
- Prima ballerina who received the Kennedy Center Honors in 1989
- Winning sign
- Sinuous
- 2003 Tony winner for "Movin' Out" choreography
- Vamp player in "Singin' in the Rain"
- Choose
- Writer Jaffe
- Vast period
- Doggy doc
- Part of TNT
- "The Wedding Singer" director Frank
- Magical land of C.S. Lewis
- 46 Noted performer in a Greek tunic and bare feet

DOWN

- City due west of Chicago
- Historical records
- Birthday topic
- Ascot, e.g.
- San — Zoo
- Soda holders
- Inflict on
- "Su-u-ure"
- 1947 Tony winner for "Brigadoon" choreography
- Suture
- Throng
- Zodiac cat
- "Water" star Michael
- Greek vowel
- Imitated
- Camera type, in brief
- "Top Hat" co-star
- Fishing aids
- Take to heart
- "Horrors!"
- Rival of U.S. Grant
- Rink surface
- Laundromat dryers, e.g.
- Radio booth notification
- Golf standard
- Royal Ballet legend awarded the 1977 Shakespeare Prize
- Prima ballerina famous for her "Dying Swan"
- Courtesan whom King Ludwig I made Countess of Landsfeld
- Bush replacer
- Yale alum
- "The Twelve Days of Christmas" gift (and what this puzzle features)
- Mtn. statistic locale
- Yemen
- Cocooned stages
- Many a web surfer
- Mind-related, in combinations
- Smell bad
- Deficient
- "— Fi" (Marines' motto)
- Thurman of Hollywood
- Fa follower
- Undivided
- Romana (peace)
- Digital money
- Unrelated to maritime armed forces
- Sit down, slangily
- Makes laugh loudly
- Shrouded
- Nickname lead-in
- Proceeded
- Coral colony member
- Curved fastening bar
- Scotia
- Marine fish of the western Atlantic
- West Indies' largest city
- Outerwear for some high-culture shows
- Get ready
- Have the gall
- Jima
- Tooting thing
- Trudeau's country
- "About this large," informally
- Original Mouseketeer — Tracey
- Channel for Wolf Blitzer
- Parts of city grids: Abbr.
- Noted times
- Tyrant Amin
- Structure for storing music
- Some ctrs. of learning
- "You win"
- Charged, as particles
- From long ago
- Autos from long ago
- Kitty chip
- Maven
- "Rambo" war zone, in brief
- Neuters, as a stallion
- Smelting junk
- GIF or JPEG
- Throw a few back in a bar
- 52, to Livia
- Kin of -ess
- Goad
- Baseball executive Joe
- Jungian inner personality
- Sticky, nutty treats
- Endlessness
- Onetime teen idol Garrett
- Nevada city
- Suffix with Caesar
- Nutrition amt.
- Texas city
- 1990s "caught on tape" series
- Belgrade site
- Dress in
- In a pillared structure
- Educ. org.
- Onetime rival of Atari
- Diagrams for brainstorming
- Infatuated
- Deep longing
- Kan (classic dog food brand)
- Typewriter formatting aid
- Apple tablet
- Kind of navel
- T-bone, e.g.
- Brooks of film
- A lack of musical skill
- Actress Vivian
- Jump
- French river
- Electric jolts
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LEGAL

(2022-C-000067 - Greenbrier County - MARBLE GARDEN LLC)

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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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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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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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DISTRICT MEADOW BLUFF MAP 39 PARCEL 0008 0005 0000

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 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

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

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(2022-C-000027 - Greenbrier County - MARBLE GARDEN LLC)

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

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 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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DISTRICT IRISH CORNER MAP 24 PARCEL 0017 0000 0000

You will take notice that MARBLE GARDEN LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000413**, located in IRISH CORNER District, 1.35 (D) N SIDE US 219, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LINCK MATTIE 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.	\$ 693.27
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.	\$ 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
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 2,516.98

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To: OCCUPANT, BRANDON LEE WILSON, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DAISY ALLEN WILSON, CITY OF LEWISBURG, 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 IRISH CORNER MAP 6 PARCEL 0040 0002 0000

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 2142.	\$ 149.48
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

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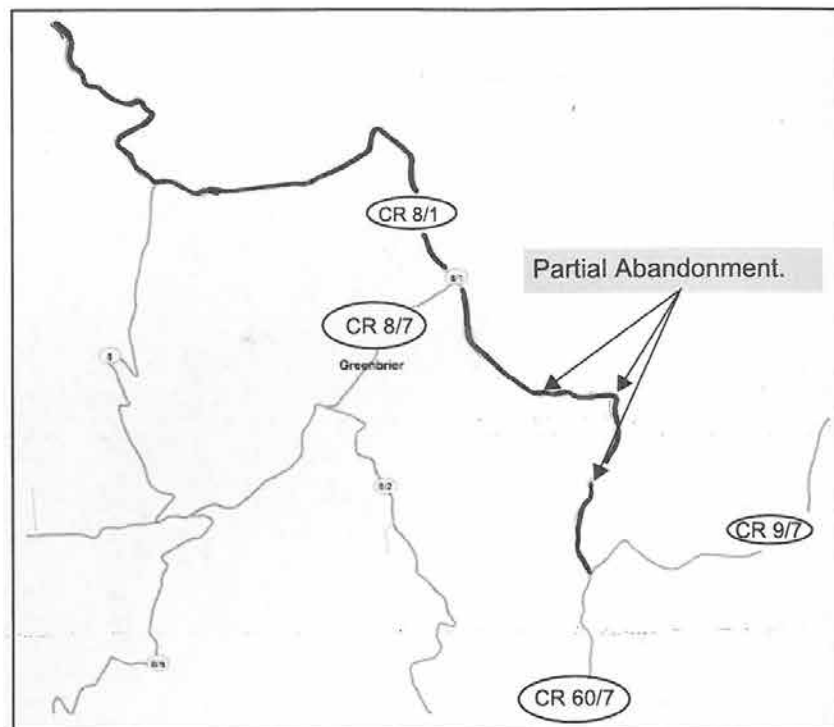
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LEGAL**NOTICE OF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF COUNTY ROUTE 8/1 (0.576 MILE) LOCATED IN GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

The West Virginia Division of Highways hereby provides notice of the proposed partial abandonment of County Route 8/1, beginning at a point on CR 8/1, said point being 1.54 miles east of the junction of CR 8 and CR 8/1; thence easterly 0.576 mile and ending at a point 0.25 mile north of the junction of CR 8/1, CR 9/7, and CR 60/7, as located in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. The total proposed abandonment length is 0.576 mile.

West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, District 9 requested the abandonment on behalf of an adjacent property owner. Information related to the proposed abandonment may be found at <http://go.wv.gov/roadabandonments>.

Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal or to request a meeting may do so by emailing the Commissioner of Highways (preferred method), at HDSHelpDesk@wv.gov or by writing to the Commissioner at West Virginia Division of Highways, Information Technology Division, Capitol Complex, Building 5, Room 720, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0430, Attn: Angela Liller on or before December 20, 2023.

PROPOSED PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF COUNTY ROUTE 8/1 (0.576 MILE) LOCATED IN GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**LEGAL****PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION**

Secure Store - 1367 Maplewood Ave., Ronceverte, WV 24970 has a possessory lien on all of the goods stored in unit 231. The auction will end on November 30, 2023 at 12 noon. All these items of personal property are being auctioned online through lockerfox.com. The auctions will run until November 30, 2023. Pictures of the unit can be inspected online. Cash payments only. For more details visit www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/



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The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine would like to take the opportunity during this holiday season to acknowledge and thank our community. We are grateful for all who support and contribute to WVSOM's mission of training osteopathic physicians for the future of West Virginia and beyond. WVSOM appreciates your continued support of our students and employees as we all look forward to a bright future for our communities.

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Turkey tips can help make turkey terrific



frozen turkeys each year. The Food Network says it can take 24 hours per every five pounds to thaw a turkey. Therefore, if you have a 15-pounder, allow for three days for thawing. Always thaw a turkey in a refrigerator.

- Get the right size bird. The general rule of thumb is 1 pound (uncooked) to 1 1/2 pounds of turkey per person if you're buying a whole turkey. Rather than purchasing the largest turkey you can find for a large crowd, consider two smaller turkeys or one turkey and one breast to make cooking more even. Smaller birds are more tender as well.

- Adjust the temperature. The food and cooking resource TheKitchn advises preheating an oven to 450 F, then dropping the temperature to 350 F after putting the turkey into the oven. Cook, on average, 13 minutes per each pound of turkey. The turkey is done

when it registers a minimum temperature of 165 F in the thickest part of the thigh.

- To brine or not to brine? Many food fanatics swear by brining turkey to achieve more moist and flavorful meat. However, a wet brine may not lead to the crispiest skin possible. Good Housekeeping suggests trying a dry brine instead. This involves rubbing salt all over the raw turkey, placing the bird into a large plastic bag, and refrigerating overnight or up to two days before cooking; otherwise, purchase a kosher turkey, which already has been salted from the inside out.

- Avoid stuffing the bird. Rather than stuffing the turkey and cooking everything en masse, prepare the stuffing mixture separate from the turkey. This reduces the risk of contamination from the turkey's raw juices and helps to achieve a crispy

coating on the stuffing guests will enjoy.

- Make an aromatic roasting rack. Turkeys typically are placed on a metal rack for cooking so the juices do not cause the turkey to stick

to the pan. However, you also can cut onions and lay them with a bed of whole celery stalks and carrots to elevate the roast. This creates extra flavor in the bird and the vegetables also can

be served or mixed into the stuffing.

Some turkey-roasting techniques can ensure a moist and flavorful main course this Thanksgiving.

Consider these 13 gratifying Thanksgiving facts



Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends and reflect on one's blessings. In 2023, Americans celebrate on November 23. In anticipation of this holiday, here are some interesting facts about the Thanksgiving celebration.

1. American Thanksgiving is largely modeled on a 17th century harvest feast shared by the English settlers and the Wampanoag tribe.
2. Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday of October. It is based on European harvest festivals.
3. The National Turkey Federation says around 45 million turkeys will be eaten on Thanksgiving, which equates to about 720 million pounds of turkey being consumed (with the average turkey size being 16 pounds).
4. The Butterball hotline answers roughly 100,000 calls every year on its turkey question hotline.
5. In 1953, the Swanson company overestimated

the number of frozen turkeys it would sell for the holiday season by 26 tons. Rather than waste the meat, Swanson sliced it up, repackaged it and created the first frozen TV dinners.

6. Thanksgiving in America may be older than many recognize. While Thanksgiving is largely tied to the 17th century settlers, the National Parks Service says in 1565 Spanish settlers in St. Augustine (now Florida) celebrated by having a meal to which they invited the native Seloy tribe. The Spanish served pork stew, sea biscuits, red wine, and garbanzo beans. Some say the Seloy contributed turkey, venison and maize.

7. Thanksgiving didn't become a civic holiday until Abraham Lincoln made it one after the Civil War. Thanksgiving was declared a national holiday on October 20, 1864.

8. The Pilgrims did not refer to themselves as "pilgrims." They used the word "separatists" as they were separating them-

selves from a larger belief system.

9. In addition to Canada and the United States, Grenada, Liberia, the Philippines, Saint Lucia, and the Netherlands celebrate their own versions of Thanksgiving.

10. Each year, the American president "pardons" a turkey from slaughter on Thanksgiving. This tradition dates back to when Abraham Lincoln's son was upset that his family's turkey that was going to be killed for Thanksgiving dinner.

11. According to the U.S. Calorie Control Council (CCC), an average American may consume 4,500 calories and 229 grams of fat on Thanksgiving Day.

12. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is an annual tradition. People line the parade route in New York City or tune in to watch the parade on television. It originated in 1924 and the famed balloons were added in 1927.

13. Apple pie is the pie of choice for Thanksgiving, even though pumpkin pie is prevalent this time of year.

Thanksgiving is a popular holiday in Canada and the U.S. Many traditions have been borne of the holiday, and it is a favorite time of year for many people.

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From our family to yours, go our sincere best wishes for a very happy Thanksgiving and a blessed holiday season. We hope you enjoy every moment!



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STEPPIN' OUT

Carnegie Hall's Old Stone Room Gallery features Pat Cross



"Vivaldi In The Park" by Pat Cross

Carnegie Hall's Winter Exhibits are underway with three new galleries featuring the works of regional artists. The Old Stone Room Gallery features "Inviting the Outdoors In" by artists Pat Cross. The Old Stone Room is located on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall. The exhibit runs through Dec. 29.

Pat Cross, a native of West Virginia, once enrolled as the youngest student admitted into Hank Keeling's figure drawing class at the University of Charleston.

An innate outdoor curiosity lured Pat Cross to some of our most strikingly beautiful geographies in North America including Tennessee, Utah, Florida, Colorado, and the Pacific Northwest where she studied under master artists such as Lance Hunter, Bob Rhom, and Kim English.

Over the years, the work of Pat Cross has been displayed in more than 150 fine art exhibitions, including Realism New York, Bosque Art Classic, and Salon International.

Collectors of her work live in the US, Canada, Australia, and other countries throughout the world. Publishers of her work include International Artist Magazine, Oxford University, GO Magazine, Cascades East, and Best of America Oil Artists.

After returning to West Virginia to care for her parents, Pat Cross soon juried into Tamarack's Best of West Virginia and actively participates in exhibits there.

Then, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

and West Virginia Division of Art, Culture and History (WVDACH) awarded her a grant to attend the National Portrait Society Conference in the District of Columbia. Soon after, she was selected by the Congressional Arts Committee as the Exhibition Juror/Judge on the West Virginia Capitol Campus.

Most recently, the NEA and WVDACH awarded Pat Cross a grant to create 30 artworks depicting people outdoors in and around the town of Eleanor, where she currently works in her art studio. This series prompted opportunities such as a feature article in West Virginia Living Magazine as well as an invitation for a solo exhibition at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg.

Her exhibit at Carnegie Hall features 33 original paintings and drawings each followed with her theme, Inviting the Outdoors In. Her exhibit also includes new oil paintings featuring Carnegie Hall in each season of the year.

Carnegie Hall exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please visit 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.

WVSO's new music director makes his Carnegie Hall debut December 1



Maurice Cohn

Carnegie Hall presents the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) celebrating the Sounds of the Season Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. The performance will be led by new Music Director Maurice Cohn.

Guests are invited to come early to Club Carnegie from 6 to 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room located adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium. A cash bar and snacks are available.

A two-time recipient of the Solti Foundation U.S. Career Assistance Award, Maurice Cohn was recently named as the 11th Music Director of the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra. Recent engagements include the Cincinnati Symphony, Utah Symphony, Amarillo Symphony, Colorado Music Festival, and Symphoria New York. He was Assistant Conductor of the Aspen Music Festival in 2022 and will return for another season in 2023.

With the DSO, Maurice's performance highlights include the world premiere of Mason Bates's *Philharmonia Fantastique*, the second ever performance

of Gabriela Ortiz's *Yanga*, and a concert performance of selections from Terence Blanchard's *Fire Shut Up in My Bones*. Recent seasons have also seen frequent appearances with the Chicago-based contemporary ensemble Zafa Collective and the Aspen Contemporary Ensemble.

Maurice spent two summers as a conducting fellow at the Aspen Music Festival, where he received the Robert J. Harth Conducting Prize and the Aspen Conducting Prize, and he received an M.M. in conducting from the Eastman School of Music, where he worked frequently with the Eastman orchestras and OSSIA New Music Ensemble. He holds a B.M. in cello performance from Oberlin Conservatory and a B.A. from Oberlin College, where he studied history and mathematics. When not conducting or playing cello, you can find him reading mystery novels, playing tennis, or continually searching for the best podcast app.

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra is West Virginia's premier performing arts organization, presenting classical and pops concerts annually throughout the Mountain State. Currently in its 85th season, the WVSO is a proud member of the community and enriches the region by providing affordable, high-quality concerts, collaborations with West Virginia arts organizations and a nationally award-winning education program.

Tickets are \$45/adults and \$20/students. Discounts are available for Carnegie Hall members, senior citizens, and military. To purchase tickets, call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The WVSO performance is presented with support from ZMM Architects and Engineers, with additional funding provided by James F. B. Peyton Fund, The Daywood Foundation, The Herscher Foundation, and The Bernard H. & Blanche E. Jacobson Foundation.

Carnegie Classrooms program travels to Summersville Middle School



Carnegie Hall's Cosmodome at Summersville Middle School

As part of Carnegie Classrooms and thanks to generous funding from the Nicholas County Community Foundation, Carnegie Hall's Cosmodome, along with Teaching Artist David Buhman, travelled to Summersville Middle School in early Novem-

ber to present a week of enlightening education for all students in grade 5-8.

Carnegie Hall's portable Cosmodome demonstrates how Earth's spin and tilt influence the apparent motions of celestial objects we see in the sky above. Accu-

rate simulations inside the dome help students become acquainted with the lockstep progression of the basic constellations, the changing phases of Earth's Moon, the life cycle of stars and the significance they have played in creating the basic elements that make

up living cells.

Carnegie Classrooms are STEAM based workshops presented in the classroom that infuse the arts into multiple disciplines by making authentic connections to content standards. Led by professional teaching artists, Carnegie Classrooms encourage student understanding, higher order thinking skills, problem solving, and a deeper appreciation of the arts while helping teachers balance core curricula being studied.

Carnegie Hall's Cosmodome is available for public or private educational workshops that can be tailored to most age groups and time frames. For more information, contact Education Director Harmony Flora at 304-645-7917, or by email to education@carnegiehallwv.org.

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Greenbrier Historical Society celebrates 60 years at Stellar Evening

The Greenbrier Historical Society is thrilled to announce their annual fundraiser, Stellar Evening, taking place on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m. This special event will be held at the Schoolhouse Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, and promises to be a night of nostalgia, celebration, and entertainment.

In commemoration of their 60th anniversary, the Greenbrier Historical Society invites you to step back in time to 1963 and relive the magic of the '60s. Guests are encouraged to embrace the era's fashion by donning their best 60s attire for the evening. Highlights of the evening will be a live performance by the Dark Matters, live and silent auctions, table decorating and costume contests, and remarks from Dr. Robert Conte, former historian of the Greenbrier Resort, about the history of GHS.

Tickets for this exciting evening are priced at \$65 and can be purchased through the Greenbrier Historical Society's official website at greenbrierhistorical.org/stellar or by calling 304-645-3398. Table sponsorship opportunities are available. Seating is limited, so early reservation is highly recommended. A buffet dinner will be provided.

This 60th-anniversary fundraiser promises to be an unforgettable evening filled with music, fashion, and nostalgia. Come together to celebrate the rich history of the Greenbrier Valley and support the Greenbrier Historical Society in their continued efforts to preserve the past and educate the present.

For more information about Stellar Evening and the Greenbrier Historical Society, please visit greenbrierhistorical.org/stellar or contact 304-645-3398.



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