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Penny Pitch interviewing 150 families this year

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." — Mother Theresa

Over the next week, Volunteers will interview 150 families to determine their needs. Once the interviews are done a committee will meet to determine awards. Then in December, a box of food will be delivered to every family approved for assistance. Support with utilities is totally dependent on how much we raise in donations, so that part of our program is determined immediately following the holidays.

All of our volunteers - Rotarians, Ruritans, Jaycees, and some just plain good-hearted people - put a lot of love into this endeavor. Many have stepped up for years to support Penny Pitch, as have many of our donors.

We are a long way from our goal, but we are grateful to everyone who helps in any way they can.

100.00	Eastern Star - Lewisburg Chapter 108
150.00	Bonnie Jean Lightner
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50.00	In memory of Sarah Baum and Trey White
100.00	Jerry & Linda Clemons
350.00	Anonymous
1,000.00	West Point Baptist Church (Asbury)
50.00	Tom & Jane Hughes
50.00	Carol Olson
250.00	Associated Reformed Presbyterian Women (Fairlea)
100.00	Anonymous
100.00	Bill Turner & Susan Rosshirt
	TOTAL (to date): \$3,650.00

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

Green Space tree lighting held in Lewisburg



The Green Space was standing room only as the tree was lit for the first time this holiday season.

By Sarah Richardson

The popular Green Space tree lighting event was held in downtown Lewisburg last weekend with music and carols from the Greenbrier Valley Chorale and Greenbrier East High School's Second Block Rock, and hot chocolate and cookies courtesy of Rescare. Mayor Beverly White gave a welcoming invocation before the big countdown. The Green Space was packed with visitors to witness the first evening of the holiday décor, and with over 5,000 lights on the main tree alone, it's a sight to see from both the Green Space itself and for traffic

passing by on Washington Street and Rt. 219.

Storefronts displayed their holiday cheer with updated window displays for the holiday shopping season, and horse carriages equipped with jingle bells added a festive flair to the atmosphere. Visit The Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg on Facebook for a detailed schedule of future holiday carriage rides and a schedule of appearances from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The annual tree lighting is sponsored by the Lewisburg in Bloom Committee.

CIS of Greenbrier County hosts fifth annual Angel Tree Event, asks community to help purchase gifts for 200 children

With more than 200 children on their list this year - and yes, they've checked it twice - Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) needs everyone's help ensuring that the holidays are merry and bright for all of our junior Mountaineers!

For the fifth year in a row, CISGC is hosting an Angel Tree Event. Individuals, families, or businesses have the opportunity to sponsor one or more Greenbrier County student in an effort to make sure that every child in our community has a present to open on Christmas morning.

Sponsoring is easy. Simply visit the "Angel Tree" set up at one of CISGC's conveniently located partner locations, and select one or more Angel ornaments from the tree. (Please pay special attention to children with siblings). CISGC partner locations include Rainelle Medical Center, Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, and the Wild Bean.

After you have finished shopping for your Angel, place all gifts in bags, and write the corresponding number (found on each Angel ornament) on the inside of the

bag. You may include tissue paper in the bags if you would like, but please do not wrap gifts. All gifts must be returned to partner locations, or to the CISGC offices - located at 1033 Court Street in Lewisburg - by Tuesday, Dec. 5.

This project doesn't just supplement Christmas. For most, the gifts which you provide may be the only gifts that they receive. Monetary donations are welcome as well. For more information, call 304-661-1018, or email info@cisgc.org.

Singing brings comfort and joy to Chorale members

As the Greenbrier Valley Chorale prepares to conclude its 30th anniversary season with the annual Holiday Concert, some veteran members of the ensemble were asked what singing with the group has brought to their lives. Their answers can best be summarized in two words: comfort and joy.

The 50-member group is made up of volunteer singers from across the Greenbrier Valley. It has been directed since its inception by Barbara Wygal Lutz. Teresa Bryant has been the accompanist for many years. Over the years guest instrumentalists and soloists have added their talents to present memorable programs of the very finest in choral music.

"Singing with the Chorale is the highlight of my week," says tenor Curtis

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Members of the Greenbrier Valley Chorale who have sung with the group for 20 or more years. Seated: Artistic Director Barbara Lutz (left), Jim Fleming, Barbara Elliott, Kelly Kemp and Larry Davis. Standing: Eric Fritzius (left), Mary Thompson, Hanno Kirk, Cathy Hyndman, Susan Adkins, Bob Thompson, Sue Mohler, Brenda Patterson, Betsy Conte, accompanist Teresa Bryant and Curtis Pauley. They will be joined by a new generation of singers in the Holiday Concert on Dec. 10.

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C&O Historical Society partners with Blenko Glass to design water bottle commemorating WSS rail history

The Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society has announced production is complete on a limited piece of American-made glassware commemorating the C&O Railway's deep history in White Sulphur Springs, WV. Created in partnership with the Blenko Glass Company of Milton, West Virginia, the custom design features an architectural diagram of the C&O Railway's famous brick depot in White Sulphur Springs etched on the iconic "384 water bottle." The architectural diagram of the structure utilized for the etched art comes from the C&O Historical Society's vast archives of C&O Railway company documents and diagrams.

Blenko has manufactured 150 pieces, one for every year since the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's mainline was completed between the Virginia coast and the Ohio River at Huntington, completing the sought-after east-west "Great Connection" that also passed through White Sulphur Springs. Each water bottle is numbered (1 of 150, 2 of 150, et cetera) and dated 2023, further distinguishing the limited run of handblown glass's historic significance. During development with Blenko, the rare Clover Green color, not available in the manufacturer's regular catalog, was chosen to symbolize the depot's deep connections within Greenbrier County.

The brick railway depot, completed by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway in 1930, is a one-of-a-kind structure whose canopy and platform still serve the region, with rail service to White Sulphur Springs continuing to this day through Amtrak's tri-weekly passenger train known as The Cardinal. Still standing with relatively little change nearly 100 years later, this current depot replaced older station structures that served passengers visiting White Sulphur Springs by rail.

On this new Blenko design, an etching beneath the archival drawing of the depot reads, "White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia" in a historically-accurate typeface that was used by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway in their last decades of passenger service. The C&O Railway's famous passenger trains served the brick depot in Greenbrier County until Amtrak service began in 1971. On the opposite side of the water bottle from the station drawing is an etched C&O Railway advertising insignia known as the "Steam Train" logo, used by the C&O Railway's marketing department starting in 1932 and appearing in publications through 1948.

In this unique insignia from the archives of the C&O Historical Society, the railroad's "C" and "O" appears at an angle, with a steam-powered passenger train running below, along with the slogan, "The Route to Historyland."

Contributing the most toward immortalizing the West Virginia depot as a popular destination for passengers arriving by rail, the Chesapeake &

This catchphrase was used by the C&O Railway to market the many historical destinations that passengers could visit along its route. Elaborating on the meaning behind the 384 water bottle's design, C&OHS President Mark Totten stated, "The C&O route passed through some of our nation's most iconic and historically-important places, giving the railroad the opportunity to market to travelers that its passenger service offered more than just getting them comfortably from one point to another. The popular destination of White Sulphur Springs was no exception. This gorgeous piece from Blenko is not only a future heirloom for any household, but also helps our non-profit organization tell that story to new audiences."

Mr. James Arnett, Creative Director for Blenko Glass Company, expressed his support for their partnership with the C&O Historical Society, "Blenko Glass Company is pleased to work with local and regional nonprofits and educational groups to provide custom etched, handmade West Virginian glassware that celebrates our regional heritage and history. The ties between our area, Blenko's glassmaking, and the railroad go deep."

According to the C&O Historical Society, when Melville E. Ingalls became the railroad's president in 1890, he wanted to



Ohio Railway owned The Greenbrier resort hotel at White Sulphur Springs during most of the 20th century. The resort's history dates from the pre-Civil War era, before modern medicine, when the supposed healing powers of mineral water caused the location to become one of the major "Springs of the Virginias." A large hotel, later known as "The Old White," was built at White Sulphur Springs in 1858.

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In this Blenko Glass Company illustration, the design of the Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society's custom 384 water bottle in "Clover Green" commemorating White Sulphur Springs' rail history features the local train station's architectural details with a C&O Railway logo used to market historical destinations throughout the railroad from 1932 to 1948. The rarely-seen diagram of the structure comes from the C&O Historical Society's vast archives of C&O Railway company documents and diagrams. (Photo courtesy of the Blenko Glass Company)

Chorale

Pauley. I feel so blessed to be a member of this group." Soprano Kelly Kemp agrees, commenting that "being in the Chorale has been such a positive experience for me. Singing sparks joy! And I have learned so much about music and singing from Barbara. Invaluable!"

The Chorale provides an opportunity for those who have sung in high school and college choirs to develop their vocal skills and sing challenging music in a variety of styles. "I started singing when I was seven and had a high boy's soprano voice," comments Hanno Kirk, who is now a bass. "Then throughout my adult life, I sang with either church or community choirs. When I came to Lewisburg, I joined the Chorale in 1991, the last year that Phil Fife conducted the Messiah performance. The next year Barbara Wygal (now Lutz) took over. I have been singing with them ever since. It gives me joy."

For soprano Mary Thompson and alto Sue Mohler, the community of singers offered comfort during particularly diffi-

cult times in their lives. "I joined the Chorale in the fall of 1994 at the encouragement of Nancy Bulla," Thompson recalls. "I had lost my husband suddenly in April of that year, and I believe she knew I needed reconnecting to the world. I was welcomed by all and developed close friendships with some of dearest people I have ever known. Sharing the love of music is an extended family - sort of an esprit de corps. It's the common thread which brings and binds us together. My favorite quote about music has this by Hans Cristian Andersen: 'Where words fail, music speaks.' Music is a deep window to our souls - it's painting without a brush."

Mohler was embraced by the group as she faced a medical crisis. "I moved to the Greenbrier Valley in the late 90's, with no family here; that's when I joined the Chorale," she says. About one or two years later, while still in my early 30's, I was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. I spent that fall and winter getting treated with chemo and surgeries; not having family around made

it more challenging. And every once on a while, Betsey Degges from the alto section would just randomly appear at my house and check on me to be sure I was doing all right! It doesn't sound like much, but it meant the world to me, and I treasure the memories today." The late Betsy Degges was a stalwart of the group for many years, continuing to sing into her 80s.

Tenor Larry Davis has not only enjoyed singing, but also sharing the experience with professional musicians whose presence challenges the singers to be at the top of their game. As an example, he notes that Sarah Hann's percussion accompaniment has hit the spot several times. "She once launched into a great solo in order to save the Chorale when we lost our place for a while during the performance of an African song we were doing without the aid of printed music," he laughs.

Hann and other guest

instrumentalists will perform with the group in the Dec. 10 concert, which will feature superb arrangements of both sacred and secular music of the season. The concert will take place on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. Tickets are available through the Carnegie Hall box office or online at www.carnegiehallwv.org. The holiday concerts often sell out, so patrons are advised to purchase tickets in advance.

Tenor Bob Thompson sums up the feelings of many singers and audience members as he looks forward to the concert. "The Greenbrier Valley Chorale has been a musical anchor in my life for the past nearly 30 years." He says. "I can't imagine a Christmas season without it. And Barbara, our director, and Teresa, our pianist, are both unsung heroes of our Greenbrier community. I'm looking forward to the next 30!"

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Final Steep Valley Fire update

The Steep Valley Fire remains at 2,206 acres and is 100 percent contained as of Monday evening, Nov. 20, according to the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The closure order has been lifted for the fire area, and visitors should use extreme caution due to fire-weakened trees. People are encouraged however, to avoid the area due to hazardous conditions. "Firefighters will continue to monitor any remaining pockets of minimal activity and will respond as necessary," said Nicholas DePaulo, Incident Commander Trainee. "We continue to ask the public's assistance in being aware of their surroundings so that everyone stays safe in the reopened area," DePaulo continued.

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SUNFLOWER & SUNSHINE

Bonded pair! Sunflower (left) is a six-year-old beagle mix and weighs 20 pounds, and Sunshine (right) is a two-year-old beagle mix and weighs 30 pounds.

LEXIE

Lexie is a four-month-old female domestic longhair



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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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Briefly

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

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

Holiday Farmers Market

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

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

Kelsey Marie Hayslett and Andrew Hugh Adcock
Christianna Maria Boothe and William Michael Ayers

For the Record

Deeds

Danny W. Holland to Danny W. Holland and Jennifer E. Holland: 10.925 acres, Frankford District, Map 15 Parcel 163. Filed Nov. 14, 2023.

MCM Investment Group LLC to Lorraine Monte: 9.57 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 2 Parcel 0012. Filed Nov. 14, 2023.

Lorraine Monte to Michael Monte: 2 parcels, Frankford District, Map 14 Parcel 0122. Filed Nov. 14, 2023.

Dennis J. Kowalsky and Janet L. Kowalsky to Selby L. Bostic: 2.498 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 17 Parcel 0099.0001. Filed Nov. 15, 2023.

William J. Atrip and Dee-Marie T. Atrip to Michael Vaughn Baxter Bedsoe and Megan R. Graham: 11.6 acres more or less, Fort Spring District, Map 9 Parcel 151. Filed Nov. 16, 2023.

William C. Campbell revocable trust (by trustee Colin C. Campbell of the Credit Shelter trust) to Victoria C. Collins and Colin C. Campbell: 8,754.50 square feet, Lewisburg District, Map 25 Parcel 15. Filed Nov. 16, 2023.

Roger A. Kessler Jr. to Marville Sanford and Joy Sanford: nos. 1, 2, and 3, block 30, Rupert District, Map 5 Parcels 531, 532, 533. Filed Nov. 17, 2023.

Thurman C. Spence and Mille S. Spence to Kayla M. Spence: 1.61 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 25 Parcel 0001 0001. Fouled Nov. 17, 2023.

Darlene Fife and Robert Head to West Virginia Land and Trust Inc: 111.12 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 21 Parcel 34. Filed Nov. 17, 2023.

Marty L. Spanks and Deborah Spanks to Stephen Amick: lots 13 & 14, Rainelle District, Map 0001 Parcel 13-13-0001-0184-0000. Filed Nov. 17, 2023.

Linda G. Bowman, Barbara A. Brogen, Jewell Hysell, Stephen Pratt Darrell Fryer, and Thomas W. White (by Thomas W. White as court appointed special commissioner) to James A. Scudderand Janet Martin: 2 parcels, Meadow Bluff District, Map 75 Parcel 6, 9. Filed Nov. 17, 2023.

B.A. Holdings LLC to John H. Reaves and Annette L. Reaves: 0.120 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 2 Parcel 40. Filed Nov. 17, 2023.

Jerry L. Asbury (by attorney-in-fact) to Griffin Weikle: 10.043 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 17 Parcel 119. Filed Nov. 17, 2023.

Carolyn F. Stringer, David D. Johnston, and Michael C. Johnston to Chase Hanson: 75.61 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 66 Parcel 46. Filed Nov. 17, 2023.

Harley M. Lester estate and Eva L. Lester to Kimberly R. Lester: 2.957 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 35B Parcel 0051.0000. Filed Nov. 17, 2023.

Raymond O. Williams and Marolyn F. Williams to Christopher L. Lefler: 1.65 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 11 Parcel 0048. Filed Nov. 17, 2023.

Mary A. Ramsey to Lori A. Honaker, Lois P. Hanna, and Gary F. Ramsey: 0.374 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 21 Parcel 0086. Filed Nov. 17, 2023.

Betty J. Shawver to Ronald L. Shawver: 1.85 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 10 Parcel 11. Filed Nov. 20, 2023.

Demon Gary to Angela Gary and Anthony Woodson: 15,600 square feet more or less, Ronceverte District, Map 6 Parcel 4. Filed Nov. 20, 2023.

Dorothy H. Dodson estate (by co-trustees) to Naoma Elizabeth Dodson McClung: 5.00 acres more or less, Meadow Bluff District, Map 71 Parcel 72. Filed Nov. 20, 2023.

Dorothy H. Dodson estate (by co-trustees) to Frances Louise Dodson Alderson: 10.57 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 71 Parcel 72. Filed Nov. 20, 2023.

Dorothy H. Dodson estate (by co-trustees) to Frances Louise Dodson Alderson: 3.13 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 71 Parcel 72. Filed Nov. 20, 2023.

Traci D. Gardner and Angela M. Rogers to Andrea F. Gardner: 0.998 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 71 Parcel 41. Filed Nov. 20, 2023.

Virginia A. Lemon (trustee) to Andrea F. Gardner: 0.998 acres, Meadow Bluff District. Filed Nov. 20, 2023.

Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council

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

Greenbrier Co. Farmland Protection Board

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

Greenbrier County Commission

will meet Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 11 a.m. in Room 203 (New addition) LIVE STREAM FROM <https://www.facebook.com/gbrcourthouse/> On the agenda:

- Regular Business
 - Approve Minutes - Nov. 14, 2023 regular meeting

C&OHS Blenko Glass

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purchase The Old White. When it was not for sale, he instead bought The Homestead resort hotel at Hot Springs, Virginia, and built a rail branch so the C&O Railway could serve the location.

However, the C&O Railway under President George Stevens did finally acquire The Old White in 1910. A new hotel, called "The Greenbrier," was completed in 1913 and would become known as the "C&O's Crown Jewel." From that point onward, the hotel served not only the public, but was a regular location for the railroad's management meetings as well as gatherings by America's largest corporations, such as General Motors. With direct access to the largest eastern cities via rail, The Greenbrier became one of America's major resorts.

C&OHS President Mark Totten remarked about the hand-blown glassware's inspirations, "As has been the case with our other Blenko collaborations honoring specific places, our goal was to infuse as many local and historical connections into the design as possible. Thanks to the material from our archive and the skill of Blenko's craftspeople, we were able to weave multiple layers of significance into their famous 384 water bottle. Even the white etching is meant to represent the building's painted white brick, the structure's color originally maintained by the C&O Railway. Blenko's finished product is a breathtaking tribute to White Sulphur Springs and the legendary station that welcomed the world to West Virginia."

The C&O Historical Society has previously partnered with the Blenko Glass Company to manufacture hand-blown glass pieces featuring the nonprofit organization's logo, commemorating the City of St. Albans, and highlighting insignia from the infamous Dungen Hotel in Thurmond, West Virginia. According to the C&OHS, Blenko's unique ability to combine their vast manufacturing experience with modern, digital-age techniques has made it possible to create these history-themed pieces with American-made quality and accuracy.

The White Sulphur Springs depot 384 water bottles from the Blenko Glass Company measure 8" tall, 6.5" wide, and hold up to 36 fluid ounces. The C&O Historical Society now offers these pieces for sale in support of their non-profit organization and their work to preserve, research, and share the transportation history of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, including the epoch behind its famous resort springs like White Sulphur Springs.

When creating historical items for sale in support of their organization, which derives its revenue only from membership dues, retail sales, and donations from the public, the C&O Historical Society has made an effort to use American-based manufacturers wherever possible. Last year the non-profit organization collaborated with another West Virginia manufacturer, the Fiesta Tableware Company of Newell, to recreate a historically-accurate reproduction of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's last china pattern used in its dining car service. The "Chessie" china pattern featured the railroad's famous mascot and was used on board their trains from 1955-1972. At their peak, the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's passenger trains ran from the Virginia shore, throughout Appalachia, and to Michigan.

C&OHS President Mark Totten concludes, "Our organization is proud to have been able to share this wonderful history throughout our 54 years, but through these recent collaborations, we are especially delighted to make new history with the professionals at Blenko Glass Company. This has been a highly positive relationship, producing pieces of art that will make the Chesapeake & Ohio's history part of household conversation for a very long time."

The White Sulphur Springs water bottles from Blenko are available on the Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society's retail website, ChessieShop.com. Orders may also be placed by contacting the organization's Business Office by telephone at 540-862-2210, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by email at cohs@cohs.org. This limited-run, C&OHS-exclusive piece is \$149.99. If you are a C&OHS member, your member discount would apply to any quantity ordered.

C&OHS archive database is available online at archives.cohs.org. Updates and additional information can be found on Facebook under @cohs.org or on Instagram @ChessiesRoad.

- & Nov. 20, 2023 special meeting
- Settlements of Estates
- Exonerations/County Splits/Consolidations
- Financial Approvals
 - Arts & Recreation Transfer
 - Budget Revisions
 - Line Item Transfer
 - Pay Bills
- New Business
 - 1 Discussion and consideration of Resolution designating Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation (GVEDC) as lead economic development organization for Greenbrier County
 - 2 Consider signing the formal Sub-Recipient grant agreement for the Hazard Mitigation grant program project # FEMA-DR-4603-WV-0002 titled "Fort Springs, WV Elevation"
 - 3 Affirm the retirement of Robert Ford effective Nov. 30, 2023 from the Greenbrier County Planning and Permit office (date of hire 6/4/2012)
 - 4 Consideration for approval of new hire employment application to fill vacancy in the Greenbrier County Prosecutor's office
 - 5 Consideration for approval of new hire employment applications to fill vacancies at Greenbrier 911 Center
 - 6 Discussion and consideration for approval of Motorola contract for 911 System upgrade project
 - 7 Discussion and consideration for approval of Aviat contract for 911 System upgrade project
- Construction Project
 - 1 Consideration of any necessary actions related to the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of Greenbrier County Courthouse Project, specifically including, but not limited to, any aspects of the construction contract.
 - 2 Consideration of one or more requisitions related to the Greenbrier County Courthouse Project.
 - 3 Update on status of Greenbrier County Courthouse Project.
 - 4 Consideration of any necessary actions related to financing for Greenbrier County Courthouse Project.
 - 5 Consideration of any and all actions related to the foregoing.

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.

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Progressive CEOS meet

Progressive CEOS (Community Educational Outreach Service) held a work meeting on Nov. 14. The end of the year requires completion of reports outlining the 2023 service activities and educational opportunities which are recorded by WVU Extension in Morgantown. The group also used the time under the direction of lesson leader Betty Jo McNeel to complete a scrapbook of the year's major events.

Six members attended the Fall Fun Day at Rupert Community Center on Sept. 16. Extension agent Andi Hoover provided supplies so each person attending could make a peppermint sugar scrub. Linda Spencer of the Williamsburg Club and Lucy Bell of the Tranquil Trail Club were sworn in as president and treasurer for the 2024-2026 term. The winner of the fundraiser quilt was Mary Ellen Raines who purchased the donation ticket for her granddaughter.

The December meeting for the Progressive Club will be at Dutch Haus restaurant on Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. Members will make a donation to Penny Pitch in lieu of a gift exchange.

Henning Church of God Ladies hold November meeting

The Ladies of the Henning Church of God held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the church fellowship hall. Carole Spencer presided and Donna Scott led in prayer.

Dyan Hefner brought our devotion, "Talk Turkey" with scripture reference Isaiah 40:31. One Thanksgiving the author and her family spotted two turkeys in their back yard and figured they escaped from someone's oven. The author was also teased about when she invited several pastors to her home, and it was discovered when they went by a seldom used fridge that had a forgotten leftover turkey in it that was quite smelly. She decided that day she felt like a turkey. What does God think about turkeys? Sometimes we act like a heel. God still loves us when we act like a turkey. Sometimes we have a good day, and everything goes right and sometimes everything goes wrong and we act like a heel. We feel worthless and want to hide under the bed all day. God knows about our bad days. God enfolds us and he has us. Listen to your heart and know you are not a turkey. We need to mount with wings as eagles. We all have very human emotions such as sadness, low self-esteem, discouragement, despair and depression, which is just stifled anger. We need to recognize our emotions and send them out of the turkey barn. Take your feelings and leave them at the foot of the cross. We are made in the image of God and he loves us. Recognize the real person of Jesus Christ by reading his word or listening to a song or studying scripture. God's word is your true life work. Do you ever feel like a turkey? Rise from the pit. You are going to make it by being a child of the King.

Kim Brookman presented our missionary education report by catching up on several missionaries we have been praying for. Tim and Jenn Adams appreciated the donation we gave them and also the prayers. Brian and Melissa Richey also thanked the group for the card and our prayers. They shared a list of 31 prayer needs of all missionaries we need to pray for.

Jamie Harvey presented the treasurer's report.

The group will be serving the Maxwelton Ruritans on Nov. 16. Next meeting, we will need to bring our blessing cup, Christ's birthday offering and our advent calendar food donation for Renick and Williamsburg food pantries. The Laugh group will be making peanut butter and coconut eggs for Easter instead of making applesauce cakes for Christmas.

The next meeting will be the Christmas dinner Dec. 5. Dyan Hefner dismissed in prayer.

Attending were: Alice Coff, Barb Seldomridge, Carole Spencer, Cindy Fleshman, Donna Scott, Dyan Hefner, Jamie Harvey, Joan Vance, Kim Brookman, Marty Burns, Patty Owens, Peggy Seldomridge, and Sue Hunt.

Church Bulletin

Christmas Bazaar in Alderson

Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church in Alderson is holding a Christmas Bazaar for all community members. The annual event will occur on Friday, Dec. 1, from 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 3, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Chili, soups, sandwiches, drinks and desserts will be served for \$8 per adult and \$5 per child. A silent auction, bake sale, craft sale, and white elephant sale will also occur.

Trout Baptist Christmas singing

On Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. the Trout Baptist Church will have Christmas Singing performed by the congregation as well as special singers. Everyone is welcome!

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. The nursery will be for children 3 and under. Questions may be directed to FBC's church office at fbsharp@gmail.com or 304-645-3533.



Bluebells Becky Edwards and Sandy Fenstermacher decorate for the holidays.



Christine Chwirut and Helen Harless decorate outside of Edith's.

Bluebell Garden Club decorates for holidays

The Bluebell Garden Club Holiday Greenery Project has created 52 decorative planter arrangements for downtown merchants, Montwell Commons, the Greenbrier Historical Society, Carnegie Hall, Greenbrier County Public Library, and Lee Street Studios. The yearly fundraiser, started in 2018, was completed before the Shops of Lewisburg Holiday Festival began on Nov. 18.

Garden club members and spouses participated in the week-long process of selecting, gathering, organizing, bagging, and creatively arranging the holiday floral planters. This year there was exceptional community support. People generously offered curly willow, magnolia, hydrangea, and a variety of evergreen plants for clippings. With the maintenance watering done by the container owners they will remain beautiful throughout the holidays.

Commentary

Dear Friends of Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley

What a year 2023 has been! Adventures in Learning saw steady growth in both attendance and content, offering fresh topics for lifelong learning to inquisitive adults throughout the Greenbrier and Meadow River Valleys. Gwen's Meals is on track to deliver more than 7,000 freshly prepared meals to neighbors throughout Greenbrier County. We offer sincerest thanks to Teresa Bostic for her years of service and wish her well in her retirement! And we welcome our new Executive Director, Sarah Moloney, a native of Greenbrier County whose leadership will carry us forward.

On the eve of celebrating the Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley's 25th anniversary, we are inspired to reflect on the impact this community anchor has made, in large part thanks to our network of partners.

Contributing to community is a tenet of SCGV and board member Brian DeRouen is no stranger to proving support to the gentle folks of Greenbrier County, and beyond. As co-director of the Alderson Hospitality House (AHH), Brian, his wife Kathleen, and their sons Micah and Vitale, provide support for those incarcerated at the Alderson Federal Prison Camp as well as their families and friends. When Brian joined the SCGV board he was intent on bringing Gwen's Meals to Alderson. He and Kathleen were accustomed to preparing large quantities of meals for Hospitality House guests and they were also willing to deliver. Brian says, "While delicious and healthy food is an important component of Gwen's Meals, connection and community are truly the heart of the program." SCGV is fortunate to claim Brian and Kathleen DeRouen as network partners, and Brian as a dedicated board member.

Celebrating 25 years of positive impact is fulfilling, and as we look forward to the next 25 years of SCGV we are exceedingly aware that none of these accomplishments would have been possible without the unwavering support from our donors. Your contributions have a direct, positive impact on the lives of so many Greenbrier County participants, recipients, volunteers, and their families. This year we hope you will consider donating to the Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley; your donation to this 501(c)(3) organization is tax deductible. Any donations of \$500 or more may receive NIP credits, if available.

It is because of your generosity that we may continue bringing services and resources to our Greenbrier County communities. On behalf of the SCGV staff, board, volunteers, and recipients we offer our sincerest appreciation and thanks!

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OBITUARIES

Charles William O'Brien

Ronceverte-Charles William O'Brien, 80, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023 at the Beckley VAMC.

Charles was born Aug. 12, 1943 in Painesville, OH, the son of the late Mike and Agnes Patton O'Brien.

He was of the Methodist Faith, a long haul truck driver and a veteran of the Vietnam War serving with the U.S. Army.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Dwight, who was killed in action during the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his sister, Janet Dowdy (Jerry) of Stafford, VA; brother, Rodney O'Brien of Ronceverte; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Charles' wishes were to be cremated with no services.

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

Daniel Wayne Williamson



Renick-Daniel Wayne Williamson, 32, passed away on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 peacefully at home.

Born Feb. 18, 1991 in Fairlea, Daniel is preceded in death by his father, Gary Williamson of Renick; grandparents, Wilburn and Phyllis Wright of Renick and Lewis and Oleta Madison of Hillsboro.

Those left behind to remember him are, his mother, Connie Williamson of Renick; his siblings, Thomas Powell and wife Amber of Elkins, Nathanael Williamson and wife Leona of Page, and Catherine Dooley and husband Bill of Oak Hill; seven nephews, Asa, Markus, Shawn, Dalton, Blaine, Alexander, and Tristan; five great-nephews, two great-nieces, and his beloved companion, Alexis Blake, as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Daniel worked in restaurant management and was a devoted "cat-dad" to Hermes, his best buddy and his little brother Booger. Daniel had a laid-back, easy-going nature that was loved by all who knew him. He had a kind spirit and was easy to love. He was all the best parts of us all and will be missed by all who knew him.

Daniel's final needs have been taken care of by Morgan Funeral Home,

Lewisburg. The family will have a celebration of life and will share the details as soon as they are finalized.

We've lost someone who we were not prepared to live without. Yet we know Daniel wouldn't want us to be sad but smile when we remember him. So, in keeping with Daniel's loving spirit we'd like to share a poem with you:

After I've passed,
remember me this way,
under the full moon,
light a candle
and a stick of incense,
and I will be there.
watch the flame dance,
watch the smoke swirl,
and know that it is me,
telling you, that
I love you.

Emily JoAnn Perdue Fogus



Frankford-Emily JoAnn Perdue Fogus, 94, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023 at the Peyton Hospice House.

She was born Sept. 5, 1929 to the late Kenneth and Weston Perdue.

In addition to her parents, JoAnn was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Darrell Lee Fogus; infant child, Bonnie; brothers, Kenneth Perdue Jr., Donnie Perdue, and Michael Perdue; sisters, Barbara "Bobby" Brown, and Marion "Pott" Bailey; sons-in-law, Bruce Cadle and Bruce Callison.

JoAnn is survived by nine children, Sue Cadle of Smoot, Stephanie O'Brien (Albert) of Waynesboro, Pete Fogus (Judy) of Frankford, Mike Fogus of Frankford, Lisa Jackson (Brad) of Waynesboro, Chris Fogus of Frankford, Tina Owens (Chuck) of Caldwell, John Fogus (Karen) of Frankford, and Jill Callison of Renick. JoAnn is a loving grandma to 17 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

JoAnn was a member of Enon Baptist Church of Frankford. She worked at Kellwood for many years. She loved taking care of her family. She spent many summer days in the garden and canning vegetables. She was a great cook and always had enough food to feed an army.

She suffered from Alzheimer's and dementia for many years. The family helped care for her, along with Vicky Blankenship and Missy Taylor. A special thanks to her granddaughter, Sarah Callison, for all her extra love and care.

A special thanks to Peyton Hospice House and to all the nurses and staff.

Funeral services were graveside on Monday, Nov. 20, at Enon Baptist Church in Frankford, WV, where Pastor Steve Barrette officiated. Visitation

was prior to the service at the church.

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

Gertrude Gillilan Miller



Frankford-Gertrude Gillilan Miller, 96, went to Heaven, Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, at the Seneca Trail Healthcare Center.

Born Apr. 29, 1927, in Baltimore, MD, she was the daughter of the late Harry J. and Philemina Sprole Von Sas.

Gertrude enjoyed her work as an LPN for 15 years. She was a member of the Frankford Presbyterian Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Joe Hill Gillilan and second husband, Harry Lee Miller; son, Charles "Chuck" Gillilan, and daughter, Regina Louise Boone.

She is survived by son, John Joe Gillilan (Jean); several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, where Pastor Susan Sharp-Campbell officiated. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial followed the service at the Greenbrier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers please donate to her beloved Frankford Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 149, Frankford, WV 24938.

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Jamie Carlton McNeill



Buckeye-Jamie Carlton "Pancake" McNeill, 45, of Buckeye, WV passed away Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023.

Born Nov. 29, 1977 in Ronceverte, he was the son of Michael "Blix" and Marvel Hodges McNeill.

He is preceded in death by both parents and a brother, Jeffrey Hunt.

Jamie attended Trinity Baptist Church in Buckeye. He followed in his father's footsteps and farmed the McNeill family farm. He was an active supporter of 4-H, especially the Livestock Show and Sales. Jamie was active in his community helping with the Hillbilly Hollow Motor Sports Mud Races, the Pioneer Days Commit-

tee and volunteering as a youth soccer and football coach in both Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties. In his spare time, Jamie loved being outdoors and was an avid hunter and friend to many.

Survivors include his spouse, Heather Rhea McNeill; son, Chase McNeill; sister, Rhonda and husband Brett Withers; nephews, Adam and Casey Withers, all of Marlinton; special aunt, Cheryl McNeill McCallister of Washington, WV; and several extended family members and friends.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Buckeye, WV with John Paul Burks officiating.

The family will receive friends at the church from 1 p.m. until the time of services.

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Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com.

Gracie H. Deitz



Lewisburg-Gracie H. Deitz, 80, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023 at her home in Aynor, SC. She was surrounded by family in her last days at home, and was able to celebrate her 80th birthday, on Nov. 8 with them. She lived what she'd call "a good and beautiful life" married to her husband of almost 60 years, Ashby Deitz. Together they raised three children and continued to create a beautiful family legacy with their five grandchildren.

Grace was a nurturer at heart and made everyone she met feel truly loved and seen. If you knew her, you certainly knew the deep love she had for her husband, George "Ashby" Deitz; children, "George" Ashby Deitz II, David Deitz and wife Stacey, and Patricia Deitz; her grandchildren, Hunter Deitz, Abby Grace Griffith and husband Shane, Kylie Deitz, Jake McGilvray, and George "Ashby" Deitz III; as well, as many other extended family members and friends including, two lifelong friendships with Elma Lee Green and Marty Burns, whom she loved dearly.

Family was always of the upmost importance to Grace, and the greatest job she had was surely that as a wife, mother, and grandmother (her personal favorite). Her home was a place of comfort, joy, good company, and often filled with the aroma of her homemade bread. You never left Grace's home hungry. She showed her love for others through making them a warm meal and always lived life with an open door to anyone that needed a place to be loved, comforted, heard, or simply fed.

Grace believed com-

pletely that Jesus was her savior and His love would hold her all the days of her life. She lived out her faith as a devout member of Lewisburg United Methodist Church, of Lewisburg and previously Fairlea Presbyterian Church, Fairlea. Here she served in women's ministries, Sunday school, the choir, and every church dinner/luncheon. She found deep joy in serving others, and her church family was no exception. With her devoted life to the Lord, she was able to share His love with everyone she met, through her gentle/kind spirit and joyous heart. Her faith especially influenced the hearts of her immediate family, as all agree: to know her, was to know the Lord's love for you. The warmth she exuded could be felt by all and was a wonderful gift. Amazing Grace, she truly was.

Grace will be deeply missed by her surviving family members, including her sister, Emma Freeman; sisters-in-law, Doris Hinkle, Dreama Johnston, and Imogene Newcomer.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Bedford Hinkle and wife Carol, and Eddie Hinkle; brothers-in-law, Carl Newcomer, John Johnston, and William Freeman; as well as her parents.

A ceremony to celebrate the life of Grace H. Deitz will be held at 11 a.m., Dec. 2 at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home. Visitation will take place for an hour before the service at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Rosewood Cemetery at Lewisburg. The memorial service at 11 a.m. will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend in person.

Instead of sending flowers to the family, please donate to a food bank near you this holiday season in honor of Grace, who never wanted anyone to go hungry. May Grace's loving, gentle, and nurturing spirit continue to shine down on her family and all those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Kathy Gail McMillion



Ronceverte-Kathy Gail McMillion, 55, went home to her father, mother, and brother in heaven on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023 while awaiting a lung transplant at UPMC in Pittsburgh, PA.

Kathy was born in Ronceverte to her parents, Melvin Forrest Dolan and Betsy Ross Dolan.

She grew up on Teaberry Road with her brother, Michael Dolan (Nikki), and sister, Cheryl Coulter (Richard). She was a mother to three daughters, Chelsea Ryder, Heather Webb (Delton), and Shaelynn Withrow (Charles). She was a loving grandmother to Carter Webb, Colt Webb, Ariel Webb, Damion Simmons, and Noel Ryder. She had a special bond with her niece, Autumn Judy (Channing).

Preceding her in death were her parents, Melvin and Betsy; her brother,

Michael; and her cousin, David Huffman whom Kathy cared for.

Survivors include her daughters, sister, grandchildren, brothers, Melvin Dolan Jr. (Janet), Roger Dolan (Debbie), and sister Joyce Gill (Dave), along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Kathy will forever be remembered for her vibrancy, generosity, care-free nature and unconditional love. She was the sparkle in the world. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved to make crafts and share them with the people she loved. Her favorite place was at the beach. She had many friends that she loved dearly.

Even though Kathy was unable to receive the lung transplant she needed, she gave the gift of life to many people by being an organ donor. The family hopes the recipients will live full and happy lives with what she was able to give.

Funeral service was held on Friday, Oct. 27, at the Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV. Visitation was Thursday evening, Oct. 26, at the funeral home. Burial followed the service in the Anderson Cemetery, Ronceverte, WV.

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Gertrude Hutchens Worsham




It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of Gertrude Hutchens Worsham, a devoted mother of four, a loving wife and a cherished member of her church and community. Gertrude passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of family, friends and the staff at Season's Place on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023.

She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, William, and her daughter, Cheryl.

Born in Logan, WV, on Oct. 27, 1927, Gertrude was a remarkable individual whose life radiated love and compassion. Her profound commitment extended not only to her family but also to her church community. As a devout member Gertrude gave of her time and energy to various charitable initiatives, community outreach programs, and providing solace to those in need. Her faith was a guiding light in her life, shaping her compassionate nature and her selfless dedication to serving others.

Gertrude's legacy of love, faith, and passion for life will forever resonate in the hearts of those she touched. Her kindness, generosity, and unwavering commitment to her family, her church, and her passions will long be remembered. See "Obituaries" Page 8



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Fortunately, there are not many in existence today.

The Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority oversees the Greenbrier County Landfill and meets all the criteria for landfill management. Locally, waste is picked up by Greenbrier Valley Solid Waste and by Lusk Disposal Company. These haulers take trash to the Greenbrier County Landfill for proper disposal.

Please note, the Greenbrier COUNTY Solid Waste and the Greenbrier VALLEY Solid Waste are two distinct entities. The Greenbrier COUNTY Solid Waste Authority is a branch of the WV State Government that oversees landfills and recycling. Greenbrier VALLEY Solid Waste is a privately owned garbage service and trash pickup business.

Need trash pickup or a dumpster? The Greenbrier VALLEY Solid Waste is the one to call. Have questions about the landfill or recycling? The Greenbrier COUNTY Solid Waste AUTHORITY is the one to call.

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Dear Thankful for Family & Friends,

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Good News: Three Peregrine falcons were

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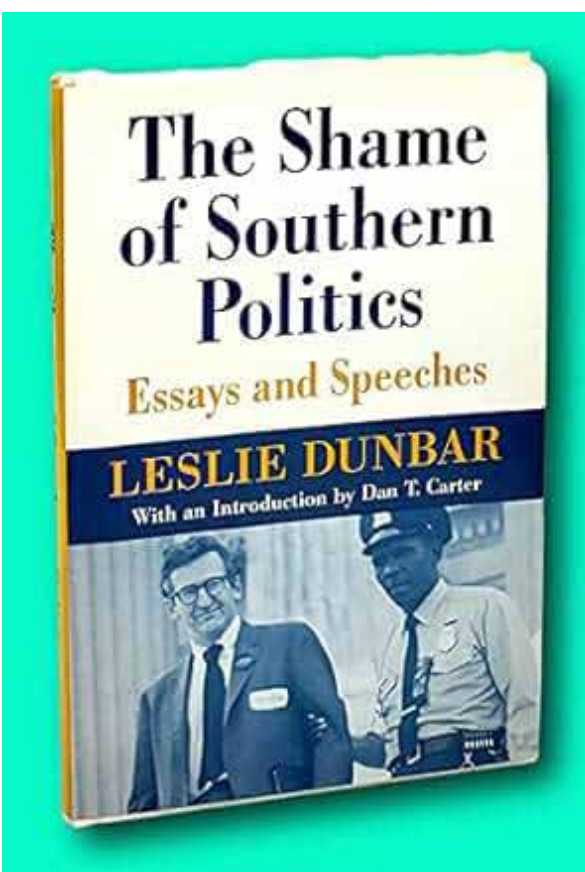
Dear Readers,

Happy Turkey Day! Wishing everyone a wonderful day with family and friends, good conversations, and good food. Here's hoping your Thanksgiving table will be using reusable dishes, tablecloths, napkins and eating utensils, all of which are good for the environment and saves on landfill space. If you must use disposables, please purchase 100% recycled or compostable plates, cups, napkins, and utensils. (Kroger and Walmart both have them.) Last, but not least, be safe, enjoy the day and have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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

In a quiet, low-key way, Greenbrier County native Leslie Dunbar made significant contributions to the civil-rights movement in the United States. Born in Lewisburg in 1921, Dunbar was the youngest child of Marion Leslie Dunbar and Minnie Lee Crickenberger Dunbar. His father was a merchant, farmer, and operated a saw mill. Adversely affected financially by the depression, the Dunbars moved to Baltimore.

Leslie Dunbar attended the University of Maryland but left before graduating to work at the Glenn L. Martin bomber factory in Middle River, Maryland, where he supervised construction of B-26 bombers. He went on to Cornell University where he received a master's degree and Ph.D. in political philosophy and constitutional law. After graduation, he taught at Emory University and Mount Holyoke College.

In 1961, he became the executive director of the Southern Regional Council where he connected the organization with the grass roots civil-rights movement. With Martin Luther King of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Roy Williams of the National Association of Colored People (NAACP), they organized the Voter Education Project (V.E.P.) to register disenfranchised

voters in the south. Dunbar hired Vernon Jordan to direct the project. By 1965, when the Voting Rights Act passed, the V.E.P. had registered nearly 700,000 black voters. Dunbar joined the Field Foundation in 1965. A liberal philanthropic organization, the Field Foundation was one of the few foundations that provided financial support to civil rights causes. Dunbar helped fund the Poor People's Campaign, NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee. When the State of Mississippi tried to eradicate its Head Start program, Dunbar provided funds to keep it going. He supported Marian Wright Edelman as she organized the Children's Defense Fund.

In 1980, Dunbar left the Field Foundation and worked at the United Negro College Fund and the Ford Foundation. He was an early supporter of the United Farm Workers Association and was an early and passionate objector of the Vietnam War.

Dunbar died at his home in New Orleans in 2017. Vernon Jordan described Dunbar, "In those days they didn't call white people civil-rights leaders. But Leslie Dunbar was a civil-rights leader. He was one of us."

Sources: New York Times, Civil-Rights Movement Archive (Tony Dunbar), SaportaReport, Columbia University Libraries.

Monongahela National Forest makes history providing two Christmas trees to the nation



The National Park Service (NPS) has replaced the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse at The White House and President's Park ahead of 2023 National Christmas Tree Lighting. The 40-foot Norway Spruce was delivered from the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia Nov. 14, 2023. (USDA Forest Service photo by Tanya E Flores)

This year Monongahela National Forest had the honor of providing Christmas trees to two iconic federal buildings in Washington, DC - the U.S. Capitol and the White House.

A 40-foot Norway spruce was delivered to the White House Tuesday, Nov. 14 to serve as the 2023 National Christmas Tree in collaboration with the National Park Service. This is the first time the USDA Forest Service and

National Park Service has partnered to provide the National Christmas Tree at the White House. The Norway spruce was harvested from the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District in Parsons, WV, Nov. 13.

The tree is located on the Ellipse at The White House and President's Park and can be viewed by the public beginning Dec. 2. The National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place Nov. 30 in

President's Park in Washington, DC. Tickets are required. Learn more at the National Park Service's website.

Monongahela National Forest will also deliver the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, a 63-foot Norway spruce, to the U.S. Capitol this Friday, Nov. 17, wrapping up a two-week tour around West Virginia and surrounding states. The tree was harvested from the Greenbrier Ranger

District in Randolph County Nov. 1.

Each year a different national forest provides what is known as the People's Tree, a tradition since 1970. The U.S. Capitol tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. at the U.S. Capitol. Tickets are not required, and it is open to the public. Learn more about the history of the ceremony at the Architect of the Capitol's website.

"Supplying these Christmas Trees to the White House and the U.S. Capitol marks a significant moment for Monongahela National Forest and we are honored for these trees be featured in our nation's most iconic holiday displays," said Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran. "Christmas trees, adorned with the spirit of the state of West Virginia and Monongahela National Forest, will serve as a symbol of unity and joy during the holiday season."

Learn more about Monongahela National Forest at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> and follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>.

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reminded. She will be deeply missed by her children, Brenda (Dee), Scott (Christine) and Patrick (Jane); her grandchildren, Joseph (Sarah), Marie (Mark), Malcom and Wesley; her great-grandchildren, Bradley and Juliet; her extended family, her church community, and numerous others whose lives she touched. Let us honor her memory by embracing her values and continuing her legacy of compassion, service, and joy in the simple pleasures of life.

Funeral services will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs, on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 11 a.m. A reception will follow in the church hall. A private burial will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 40798 Midland Trail E, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986 or

Hospice of the Greenbrier Valley, 223 Maplewood Ave, Lewisburg, WV 24901 in memory of Gertrude Worsham.

May Gertrude's soul find eternal peace, and may her memory be a blessing to us all.

Arrangements are being

handled by McLaughlin & Young Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to www.mclaughlinandyoung.com.

Henrietta Marie Hachtmann

Sweet Chalybeate, VA-Henrietta Marie Hachtmann, 80, passed away Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023 at her residence near Sweet Chalybeate, VA, with her brother by her side.

Marie was born Aug. 24, 1943 in Washington, DC, the daughter of the late James Henry and Goldie Hicks Rose.

She was a traveling nurse with the Traveling Angels and had the opportunity to manage night clubs.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her sister, Patricia Rose and brothers, James and William Rose.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sisters, Cindy Bridges of Crossville, TN., and Donna Butuyan of Washington State; brothers, David Barb of Covington, VA, and Rick Butuyan; along with several nieces and nephews.

It was Marie's wish to be cremated with no services.

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

Orrin Glenn McKinney, Jr.



Nov. 10, 1928 - Nov. 9, 2023

Lewisburg-Orrin Glenn McKinney, Jr. died one day short of his 95th birthday on Thursday, Nov. 9 in Clermont, FL.

"Glenn" was born in 1928, the eldest of five children to Helen Bagby and Orrin Glenn McKinney, Sr. He was preceded in death by his wife, June Marie and sister Fran (Al).

Glenn is an Army Veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He worked for Forsythe Associates, in White Sulphur Springs, as a Communications Specialist for Project Greek Island, now known as the Greenbrier Bunker.

Glenn had three chil-

dren, Sandra (Joe), Douglas (Monica), Kent (Angela); nine grandchildren, Grace (Andrew), Samantha, Phillip (Jessica) Mitchell, Wesley, Olivia, Patrick, Christopher, Charles and one great-grandchild, Ella, who will miss him every day.

Also left to cherish his

memory are his brothers Ronald, Bill (Nadine) and sister Peg as well as so many other extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. at the Lewisburg United Methodist Church with the Reverend Bev Colombo

facilitating. Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until service time.

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

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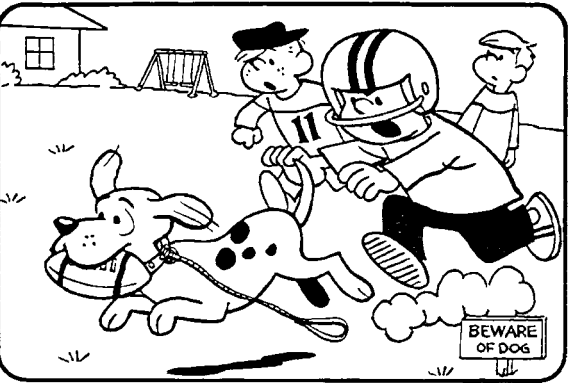
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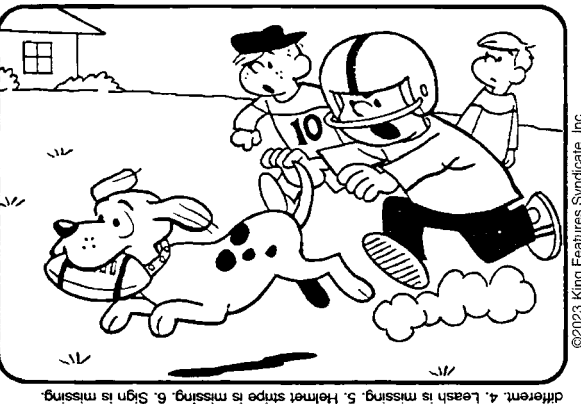
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37th annual TOOT a success for Carnegie Hall, local groups



TOOT 2023

Carnegie Hall's 37th Annual Taste Of Our Towns (TOOT) proved once again why it is one of West Virginia's most popular festivals. On Oct. 14, thousands of residents and visitors packed the streets of historic downtown Lewisburg to taste food and drinks created by almost 50 regional vendors, listen to regional bands, participate in fun and educational activities in the Kids' Zone, be entertained by street performers, and experience Carnegie Hall's Art Block which featured Carnegie's teaching artists selling and demonstrating their craft.

TOOT guests enjoyed a pleasant event that improved as the day went on and raised funds for Carnegie Hall and other area nonprofits and businesses. This year, vendors collectively grossed over \$42,332 in sales. Carnegie Hall received more than \$12,319 as its 30 percent of vendor sales. Vendors took home nearly \$25,979.

"We had 43 local vendors, not to mention our incredible Church Street artists, set up at TOOT 2023 for the largest number of vendors we've had since 2014," states Develop Manager Kit Lindsay. "Despite some questionable weather, we had a wonderful, community-forward event full of great food and happy festivalgoers!"

Food and drink vendors included The Dawg House, Robert's Antiques, Well-spring of Greenbrier, Renick Christian Fellowship, Stardust Café, St. Nicholas

Orthodox Church, Grassroots Church, Patina, Comeback Orthopedics, FCC Co Op, Better Homes & Gardens, Blackwell's Catering, Aggie's - Vest, The Lunch Box, Mountain Table, Greenbrier River Watershed Association, Cowlicks Dessert Trailer, Green River Academy/Yamato Japanese Steakhouse, The Schoolhouse Hotel, Foley Orthodontics, Genesis Mountain Farm, Ascend WV, Leivasy People's Place, Flavor Mutt, Mammy's Fudge & Treats, WV Beef Jerky, WV Helping Hands, Seasons Place, WV Renaissance Festival, Greenbrier Valley Children's Home Society, Aviagen Turkeys, Child & Youth Advocacy Center, Reformed Lawyer, CAMC, The Chocolate Lady, Daniel Vineyards, Davis Stuart Culinary Institute, Manic Espresso, Lewisburg Elementary School, Kitchen 304, Montwell Commons Demo Garden, Rebel's Kitchen, The Greenbrier Sporting Club, The Greenbrier, American Beer Company, Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, and Hawk Knob Cidery.

Providing information and services were the WV Breastfeeding Institute (nursing station), CAMC Mobile Unit (health screening), and Greenbrier County Humane Society (Adopt a Pet).

The TOOT "Art Block" was back and showcased Carnegie Hall's teaching artists and educational opportunities. Live clay demonstrations were per-

formed by teaching artists Kathy Talley (basket weaving), Luke Davis (leather working), Fiber Arts Network members (loom weaving), Jeanne Brenneman (ink and wash sketching), John Coffey (plein air water coloring), Amie Durrman (pottery), Karen Leland (felting), WV Woodturners Association members (woodturning), Sean O'Connell (raku kiln firing), Jane DeGroot (barn quilt painting), Tommye Rafes (soap making) and Theresa Filzen/Janis Peery (mosaic tiles).

"The return and expansion of the Art Block for the second year at TOOT provided another great opportunity to showcase the variety of talented teaching artists that participate in the educational programming at Carnegie Hall," explains Carnegie Hall Educational Director Harmony Flora.

She continues, "For the public to be able to see our instructors doing live demonstrations like the raku firing or the woodturning projects, or a project like barn quilt painting or soap cutting is a great way to connect the process of creating art to the finished product. Many people are familiar with pottery for example, but few understand the process required to turn a lump of clay into a beautiful functional mug or bowl. Knowledge like this broadens individual understanding and appreciation of art forms and helps to spark interest and participation on a personal level. I am a visual learner myself, and it's always exciting to meet a community member that tells me - 'hey, I saw that at TOOT, how do I take class?'"

The Lafayette Street Stage music was provided by Blue Twisted Steel and Dark Matters. The Carnegie Hall "stage" featured the Greenbrier River Optimistic Ukulele Players (GROUP), Glorified Dance, Encore School of Dance, and the Greenbrier East High School Sparta-

nettes.

2023 TOOT Street Performers included El Gleno Grande and stilt-walker Marcus Fioravante. John Wyatt and Keith Thomas were traveling musicians.

TOOT also featured a kid's zone with face painting by Alana Broholm and a puppet theatre by Sharon Ginsberg.

The Greenbrier, Hawk Knob, Ascend WV, Robert's Antiques, and Patina donated 100% of their proceeds to Carnegie Hall and The Greenbrier Sporting Club donated 100% less their expenses, contributing tremendously to the success of the event as a fundraiser.

Without 2023 TOOT Sponsors the event would not be possible. The Title Sponsor for the second year was Boxell Solutions. The Mountain Transit Authority (MTA) Shuttle was made possible by The French Goat.

Carnegie Hall would like to recognize following contributors:

Volunteers from the Carnegie Hall Board of Directors, TOOT Committee, Lewisburg Rotary, Boy Scout Troop #70, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM), as well as individuals who regularly volunteer for Carnegie Hall contributed largely to the success of the event.

The Greenbrier Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau sold tickets and promoted TOOT.

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TOOT is made possible by the generosity and support of the community and is always held the 2nd Saturday in October. Plans for next year are already underway. To learn more about how to become a sponsor, vendor, or volunteer next year, please call 304-645-7917 or visit www.carnegiehallwv.org.

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First Friday and the Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg



Don't Miss the Last First Fridays of 2023! Join us Dec. 1 during the Magic of Christmas and enjoy Horse Drawn Carriage Rides from 3 to 7 p.m. in downtown Lewisburg.

Free! Christmas music played on a ukulele by local artist Nicole McCormick at the Washington Street Pub from 5 to 8 p.m. Nicole is a mother, music educator, labor organizer, and native West Virginian who calls Roncerverte home. Christmas has always been one of her favorite holidays, and the Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg makes this her favorite time of year!

Kicking off December, Bella celebrates Women and Wine! Sampling wines produced by women for women (yes, everybody is welcome to sample) paired with delish holiday bites whipped up by the fabulous Carol aka the Magic Chef! We'll continue to celebrate women through the month - with a giveaway of a \$50 gift certificate and exquisite bottle of bubbly, too! (1017 Washington St. E, 304-520-4921 @bellagourmetwv)

Get ready to jingle all the way into wish list wonderland at the notorious Wolf Creek Wish List Party! Sipping on delicious cocktails while browsing through a carefully curated selection of fabulous goodies! With expert stylists on-hand to assist in finding that perfect gift or treating ourselves to a well-deserved splurge, you can effortlessly conquer our holiday shopping in style. So grab your girlfriends and join us at this festive event where holiday shopping will be made easy for you and your loved ones - let the excitement begin! (967 Washington Street 304-645-5270 @downtownlewisburgwv)

Little Black Box offers gift cards to make you holiday shopping easier. Be sure to check out the Annual End of the Year Sale! Save up to 60% on your favorite bra styles and brands. LBB offers free bra fittings and a free gift when you spend \$150 or more. Open until 8 p.m. (818 Jefferson St S, 304-645-6646. @littleblack-box)

Santa is coming so make your Christmas wish list at Cat & Kate! We will be open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Stop by to make your list and we'll send a hint to your special shopper. Free gift wrapping and we'll have it ready for pickup and take care of the rest! (937 Washington St (304) 646- 5445 @shopcatandkate)

Aggie's will be open late! Stop by for unique gifts, and check out the fabulous candy selection. (979 Washington St W, 304-645-4063 @aggieslewisburg)

The Shoe Box on Court Street will be open late! Stop by for the best footwear selections. (847 N Court

Street (681) 318-3377 @theshoeboxwv)

Edith's Store will sample out the new holiday collection of Chocolove Chocolate bars. (1035 E Washington St, (304) 645-7998. @edithshealthstore)

Stop by Sheena Pendley's photography studio on Court Street from 4 to 7 p.m. for a fun mini photo session experience. Choose from family photos in our Winter Window scene, or have fun with the kiddos in our Winter Wonderland snow scene. Have a snowball fight all while staying cozy inside the studio. Walk-ins only, no reservation required. \$99 per walk-in group. Includes 5 digital images with option to purchase more. Visit www.sheenapendleydp.com/winter-minis for more details. (846 N Court St. (304) 646-9452. @sheenapendleydp)

The Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center celebrates the Christmas holidays with an evening of art and music. The Art Gallery will feature "The Gift of Our Talents", an annual art show presented by creative Greenbrier County middle and high school students. The exhibit will include artwork in various media, as well as 3D art. Also featured during the evening will be the Eastern Greenbrier Middle School Choir, performing holiday selections from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Stop in to show your support of these talented local students! (905 Washington W 304-645-1000. greenbrierwv.com)

Patina hosts traditional Celtic Music by Patrick O'Flaherty and complementary Girl Scout Cookies and drinks. (1046 Washington St, 304-520-4962 @patina.lewisburgwv)

Carnegie Hall presents the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) celebrating the Sounds of the Season Friday, December 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. 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, West Virginia. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Hub will host a public community service project from 4 to 7 p.m. We will reuse old Christmas cards to make new ones! And then on Dec. 8 they will be distributed across different nursing homes, care facilities, and the hospital. Also, native local Kodie Brooks will be playing a free show with some Christmas cheer tossed in! (232 Lee St Building C, (304) 647-4994 @thehubstudentcafe)

Stardust Café will have their last Prime Rib night of the year. (1023 Washington St E, 304 647 3663. @stardustcafevw)

The Asylum has the Thomas Taylor Band (339 E Randolph. 681-318- 3515. @asylum.lewisburg9)

Join the nightlife at the Washington Street Pub where you can play your favorite music on the jukebox. (1030 E Washington St, 304-645-7386 @washingtonstpub)

Later in December:

Dec. 9: Girls Day Out! Fabulous specials offered all day by downtown merchants.

Dec. 8-16: Celebrate the holiday season at Greenbrier Valley Theatre with the Dickens' timeless masterpiece A Christmas Carol. With the help of three holiday Ghosts, Ebenezer Scrooge goes on a journey of self-discovery and kindness. Join us this December for this classic. Added performance on Dec. 13. Visit gvtheatre.org or call (304) 645-3838 for tickets!

First Fridays is sponsored by City National Bank and the Shops & Restaurants of Downtown Lewisburg. For more information check us out online: facebook.com/firstfridaysafter5, instagram.com/firstfridaysafter5, and visitlewisburgwv.com.



"Cate" Sumi Ink by Thomas Ruggiero

Carnegie Hall's Lobby Winter Gallery features Thomas Ruggiero

Carnegie Hall's Winter Exhibits are underway with three new galleries featuring the works of regional artists. The Lobby Gallery features fashion illustrations by artist Thomas Ruggiero. The Lobby Gallery is located on the first floor of Carnegie Hall in the Hamilton Auditorium. The exhibit runs through Dec. 29.

Thomas Ruggiero is an artist and apparel/fashion designer native to Lewisburg. He obtained a Bachelor of Science with a focus in Fashion Design and Merchandising from West Virginia University and as a resident of Lee Street Studios, crafts handmade one-of-a-kind garments and impasto ink fashion illustrations. In oil paint, he paints portraits and landscapes.

Thomas's practice focuses on a marriage of modernity in design and traditional approaches in craft. "As a Fashion Designer I've trained and motivated myself on crafting passionate work; work that bows and strides beyond the romanticisms of tradition, and into the precedence for innovative modernity in fashion," explains Ruggiero. "It's a new era in fashion."

Carnegie Hall exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and run through Dec. 29. 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 WV Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts.

Carnegie Hall seeking 2025 gallery artists



"Music on The Ivy Terrace at Carnegie Hall" by Pat Cross

Carnegie Hall invites artists interested in presenting their work in one of the rotating galleries at the Hall to submit exhibition proposals for the 2025 calendar year.

Carnegie Hall is home to four professionally appointed gallery spaces of varying sizes which specialize in hosting exhibitions of experienced artists and community projects. Exhibitions are two-three months in length depending on the location. Works that sell while on exhibit at the Hall are subject to a 25 percent commission fee.

Submissions are due Friday, Dec. 29. For more information, contact Harmony Flora, Carnegie Hall Education Director and Gallery Manager, at 304-645-7917 or education@carnegiehallwv.org.

Family Refuge Center to host Together We Care fundraising event at Applebee's

The Family Refuge Center, a community-based domestic violence and sexual assault center serving Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Mercer, and Monroe Counties in southeast West Virginia, is hosting a fundraising event at the Lewisburg Applebee's on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The event, called Together We Care, supports the Family Refuge Center's mission to end physi-

cal, sexual, and emotional abuse in families. The event will feature a special menu from Applebee's with 50 percent of the proceeds from the event going towards supporting the Family Refuge Center's programs and services, such as emergency shelter, counseling, advocacy, education, and outreach. The fundraiser will be held all day during Applebee's business hours 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and their address is 193 Piercy Dr. Lewisburg, WV 24901.

"We are very grateful to Applebee's for partnering with us for this event," said Stephanie Moore, the Executive Director of Family Refuge Center. "Together We Care is a great opportunity for the community to come together and show their support for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We hope to see many people join us for this fun and meaningful event."

Family Refuge Center operates a 24-hour crisis hotline, an emergency shelter, a transitional housing program, and community-based offices that offer counseling, advocacy, support groups, and education. The Family Refuge Center also works to raise awareness and prevent violence through community education and outreach programs. For more information, please visit Family Refuge Center's website <https://www.familyrefugecenter.org/> or follow them on Facebook.



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