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— Charlotte Brontë

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Our partnership with the Mountain Messenger has allowed us to continue keeping the public aware and recognizing our donors. We are so very grateful for their support throughout the program. Thank you to Sarah and Mike and all of the staff!

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"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

Family relocates from Idaho to 'Hunkerdown' in Sinks Grove

By Stephen Baldwin
RealWV, www.therealwv.com

"There's no fast food or stop lights in Monroe County," says Guy McAninch. "That's exactly what we were looking for to raise our kids."

Guy and his wife Tammy were living in Idaho on a small farm. But as the suburbs grew closer, they knew it was time for a change. "Our small town was becoming a city," he recalls. "We really got homesick for the beauty of Appalachia."

So they packed up their four kids, age 4-12, and moved east back to their Appalachian roots. Their search for a quiet, small town life led them to Sinks Grove in Monroe County with a population of less than 1,000. Which was exactly what they had in mind.

When Guy flew to West Virginia to visit the farm he was interested in, four neighbors came over to say hello. "That's how it was where I grew up in Pennsylvania," he says. "Everybody waves at everybody. We love it!"

The Hunkerdown

Guy is a chiropractor and needed a space for his medical office. He and Tammy loved the old general store building in town from the moment they arrived, dreaming about what they could do with it if the right opportunity came along.

"Then one day I drove by and noticed a fella working on it," he says. "I slammed on the brakes and went to talk to him." That's how The Hunkerdown was born.

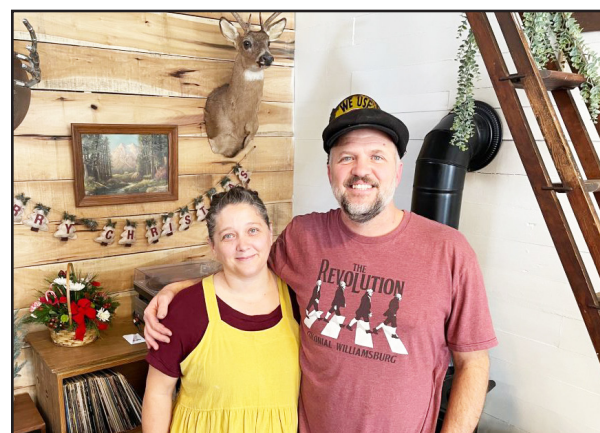
It's a coffee shop that will also serve prepared food from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

They serve Mountain Table Coffee, which is roasted locally in Renick. "Fair trade, organic, and local," Guy adds. "We want to support as many of our fellow West Virginia small businesses as possible."

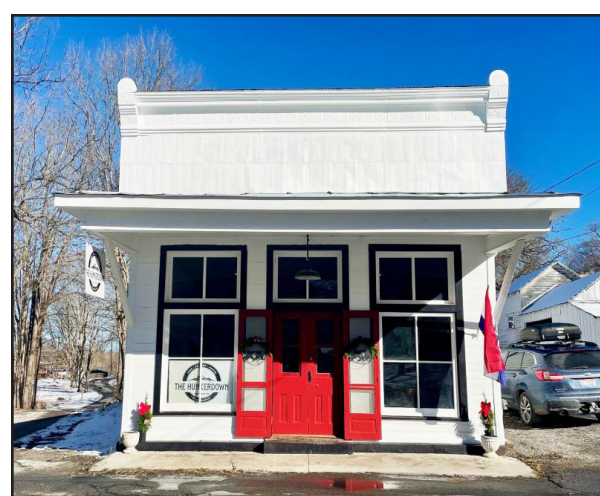
For breakfast each day, you can get quiche, breakfast biscuits, and baked goods to go along with your coffee. Baked goods include cinnamon rolls, cookies, muffins, scones, cake, and bagels.

For lunch, Tammy will make homemade soup daily to pair with her homemade sourdough bread. Kids can enjoy a peanut butter and jelly or a ham and cheese sandwich. On Saturdays, guests will be treated to biscuits and gravy for breakfast and pizza later in the day.

Guy asks the community for patience as they roll out the menu and offerings. They plan to do biscuits and



Guy and Tammy McAninch (Photo by RealWV)



Owned by the Christie family, the old town general store in Sinks Grove has been refurbished into a coffee shop and cafe by the McAninch family. (Photo by RealWV)

gravy this weekend, for example, but won't begin serving pizza quite yet. "It might be hectic! We don't have all the bugs worked out yet."

Their vision is to offer healthy food options in Monroe County. Tammy suffered with digestive issues, which led them to learn about the importance of a healthy diet. "Processed wheat has a detrimental effect on the body," Guy says. "I'm not going to skimp on the food quality."

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Greenbrier County Commission approves rehiring of former deputy sheriff, continues search for snow removal services

By Matthew Young
RealWV, www.therealwv.com

The Greenbrier County commission, during their regular meeting Tuesday, approved the rehiring of former Deputy Sheriff Billy Mitchell, after a one-year stint with the U.S. National Parks Service. On-hand to discuss Mitchell's rehiring was Greenbrier County Sheriff Bruce Sloan.

"I think everyone remembers Billy Mitchell," Sloan said. "He was a member of the Sheriff's Department for about six-and-a-half years. He left the first of the year to take a position with the U.S. Parks Service. He has now

applied with the Greenbrier County Civil Service Commission for reinstatement, which they have approved."

Commissioners unanimously approved Mitchell's rehiring, as well as the rehiring of a part-time dispatcher to fill a vacancy at the Greenbrier County 911 Center. Commissioners then approved the separation of a former county employee, and confirmed Janet King's September retirement from the Greenbrier County Prosecutor's Office.

"Janet has retired from the county," Commission President Tammy Tincher said. "She had a long tenure here with us, and we've all worked with her over that time."

Stephen Simmons' Nov. 30 promotion to the position of County Building Code Official was then confirmed by commissioners, with Tincher explaining, "With the retirement of Bob Ford [...], Stephen Simmons, who was our zoning enforcement officer and assistant building inspector, has been considered for the position."

"Stephen has met all of the designations required by the State Fire Marshal, and he would be able to move into this position of building code official," Tincher added.

Prior to approving the promotion, Commissioner Lowell Rose voiced his support for Simmons, saying, "He has done, over his tenure here, a very good job as the assistant building inspector."

In other business, commissioners approved the amended budget of the Greenbrier County GigReady project.

See "Greenbrier Co. Commission" Page 3

Two arrested after child overdoses

During the early morning hours of Friday, Dec. 22, members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department responded to a local hospital regarding a two-year-old child who had reportedly suffered an overdose. The child had been transported to the emergency room by EMS personnel and had been administered naloxone twice during the transport. The child was admitted to the hospital and was ex-

pected to be transferred to another medical facility.

Members of the Sheriff's Department obtained a search warrant for a room at a local motel where the child had been staying with their parents. Upon execution of the search warrant illegal narcotics along with drug paraphernalia were seized. The room was processed by the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Depart-

ment Crime Scene unit.

Both parents were arrested and charged with one count each of Child Neglect with Risk of Death or Serious Bodily Injury. They were identified as Kaenon L. Hundley, 26, of Fairlea, and Ireland Keen, 24, also of Fairlea.

Deputy Tyler Cutlip of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department is the lead investigator.

2024 Shanghai Parade Fact Sheet

1. **PARADE ROUTE:** Washington St. headed west from Lee Street to Church Street. Judges' stand is on Washington Street at City Hall.

2. **DATE AND TIME:** Monday, Jan. 1 at 12 noon

3. **LINE-UP:** On Lee Street between the United Methodist Church and WVSOM beginning at 11 a.m. **Note:** Not behind the old Lewisburg Elementary School.

4. **PARKING:** No on street parking is allowed on the parade route the morning of Jan. 1. Residents of Lee Street from Washington Street to Greenbrier Road are also requested not to park on Lee Street the morning of Jan. 1.

5. CATEGORIES AND PRIZES:

TYPE	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
Animals other than equine (drawn, ridden, led)	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Antique Cars/ Classic vehicles	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Equestrian - equines drawn, ridden, or led	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Best Dressed Farm Equipment	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Float	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Music (singles or groups)	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$25.00

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Jim Umberger announces congressional run

Jim Umberger of Lewisburg is throwing his hat in the ring as a candidate in the U.S. Congressional race. A registered Democrat, Umberger is running to represent West Virginia's First Congressional District which comprises the 28 counties in the southern half of the state.

Born and raised in Charleston, Umberger served in Vietnam in the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. After See "Umberger" Page 3



Jim Umberger announces candidacy for WV's 1st Congressional District (Photo by Erin Hurst)

Hunkerdown

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I want to increase the health of my own family and my community. So we try to provide nutritious, organic, local products."

Opening day at The Hunkerdown was Wednesday, and Tammy says business was brisk. "We were really busy. It's really been awesome to see the community show up for us."



Guy McAninch visits with customers Michelle McFall and Sonya Fullen who came to opening day at The Hunkerdown representing the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by RealWV)

'A community space'

The McAninch family doesn't intend to generate income from The Hunkerdown so much as they intend to provide a community space where people can put down their phones and interact with each socially.

"I see guys pulled over on the side of the road talking from their trucks," Guy says. "We need more community spaces. We will have games and food and a place people can come to get together as a community."

Sinks Grove Chiropractic will also be located in the same building and open to patients Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12 noon to 8 p.m. For more information on The Hunkerdown, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/the-hunkerdown>.

Shanghai Parade

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| Walker (1 or 2 in entry) | \$55.00 | \$35.00 | \$25.00 |
| Walker (3 or more in entry) | \$55.00 | \$35.00 | \$25.00 |
- SPECIAL PRIZES:** (All entries are eligible for any of these.)
 - Joe Ellis Memorial Tradition Award (for the entry which best depicts the history and traditions of the area) - \$100.00
 - Mary Satterfield Spirit of Shanghai Award - \$100.00
 - Chairman's Award - \$100.00
 - Jim Wills Memorial Award - \$100.00 (he loved this parade!)
 - WALKERS:** Each entrant in a walker category receives \$2.00.
 - NOTE:** **All persons or groups must advise parade lineup officials of the category they are entering.
 - There is no pre-registration for the parade - be at the lineup at 11 a.m.
 - Candy may be passed out by hand - please do not throw it!
 - No sirens, please.
 - Prizes will be given out in front of City Hall immediately after the parade. If not picked up your prize will be available at City Hall only until Jan. 31.

Fireworks in Alderson on New Year's Eve

There will be a family-friendly New Year's Eve fireworks display in Alderson on Sunday, Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. This marvelous display is best viewed from the Alderson Memorial Bridge and there is plenty of parking on either side of the Greenbrier River.

Produced by the Alderson Volunteer Fire Department and sponsored by the Town of Alderson and Alderson Main Street, the fireworks are supported by a grant from the James F.B. Peyton Foundation.

The event will be held earlier this year, at 7:30 p.m., so families can bring even the youngest children and enjoy a wonderful show before putting them to bed. The Morgan Meadows Farm Store, in the Renaissance building on the Greenbrier County side of the Greenbrier River, will offer hot dogs, hot drinks, and more for purchase from 6 to 8 p.m. Please bring your own chair.

Fireworks cannot be seen if the weather is wet or snowy. In the case of inclement weather, the fireworks display will be rescheduled to a later date. Please check the Alderson Main Street Facebook page for the announcement of any changes (www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063621247799).

Happy New Year from the Alderson Volunteer Fire Department, the Town of Alderson, and Alderson Main Street.



Fireworks in Alderson in a previous year with reflections in the Greenbrier River.

PICK OF THE LITTER



DUSTY
Dusty is a 10-year-old terrier mix and weighs 37 pounds



PRESTON
Preston is a two-year-old male domestic shorthair

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


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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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Briefly

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Walk With a Doc in January

Ring in the New Year by taking steps toward better health and wellness! Walk With A Doc (WWAD) is a low-intensity activity set at your personal pace and respectful of your abilities; we welcome all new WWADers. 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 January walks will be Jan. 8, 22, and 29. We look forward to seeing you then! (In the event of heavy snow or ice, walks will be cancelled. Please exercise caution during the winter months!)

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 the fourth Thursday of each month at the WVU Extension - Greenbrier Co. Office, 1046 Maplewood Avenue, Fairlea WV 24901. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information. Note: there is no fourth Thursday meeting in December.

Renick Town Council

will meet Monday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. at Renick Town Hall. Agenda items are as follows:

- Community Comments
- Approval of Minutes and Financial Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Committee Reports
 - Building Committee
 - Maintenance Committee
 - Park
 - Streets
 - Finance
- Other Business

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Grover C. Lucas, Lewisburg, domestic battery, NCP, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, Day Report Center 30 days

Nicholas Ray Fortney, Beaver, petit larceny, NCP, fine \$100, restitution \$800

Dakota Ray Dotson, Summersville, 1) hunting in closed season, NCP, fine \$50; 2) illegal possession of wildlife, fine \$75; 3) hunting from a motor vehicle, fine \$40

Mark E. Christian, Ronceverte, petit larceny, GP, fine \$100, jail 60 days - suspended, restitution \$1,000

Harold Wendell Moye, Ronceverte, obstruct law enforcement, probation, parole, court security, corrections officer w/ threats of harm, GP, jail 30 days

Mylik Cox, Charmco, feed/bait on WMA, NCP, fine \$40

Richard Michael Bedford, Cleveland, NC, 1) required attire for deer hunters, GP, fine \$20; 2) hunting/fishing without a license, fine \$50

Marriages

Tiffany Sarha Rigby and Kameron Edward Pack
Abbygale Ann Hunt and Nathan Ryan Sparks

Greenbrier Co. Commission

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“The budget has already been approved by the state, and ultimately we are just going through the process,” Tincer explained. “We’ve already approved the committal of these funds, and this is just the eligible cost categories where the amounts of funding have been allotted to.”

Tincer added that the total proposed project budget is \$17,254,650, which includes an even match of funds from both the county and the state.

Further discussion of the Quinwood-area broadband project was temporarily suspended, as commissioners are awaiting additional documentation. Consideration of the management structure of the Greenbrier County 911 Center, and promotion of Carla Blankenship to the position of 911 Center director was also postponed until a future meeting, as commissioners are awaiting additional information regarding the proposal.

The final item on Tuesday’s agenda was the opening and consideration of additional bids for county snow removal services. However, as no further bids were received, Charleston-based Terracare remains the only service provider thus far to submit.

The next regular meeting of the Greenbrier County Commission is currently scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m.

For the Record

Deeds

Tammie Parrish to Arianna N. Fogus: half of lots 16 and 17, White Sulphur District, Map 22D Parcel 95. Filed Dec. 15, 2023.

Terry Hanna to Tyler J. Hanna, Spencer H. Hanna, and Haylee R. Hanna: 0.489 acres, lot 4, Frankford District, Map 14, 15 Parcel 130.2, 58.6 Filed Dec. 15, 2023.

Joseph E. Atkins and Boren Atkins to Jack E. Cormack and Claudia P. Cormack: lot 21 Grass Run Farms: Anthony Creek District, Map 29 Parcel 55. Filed Dec. 15, 2023.

Mary E. Jorka (by attorney-in-fact) to Mary E. Jirka (by attorney-in-fact): lot 24 Rolling Hills Subdivision #2, Lewisburg District, Map 9 MParcel 31. Filed Dec. 15, 2023.

Kurt J. Jirka (attorney-in-fact for Mary E. Jirka) to Joseph E. Atkins and Phyllis B. Atkins: lot 24 Rolling Hills Subdivision #2, Lewisburg District, Map 9 MParcel 31. Filed Dec. 15, 2023.

Matthew P. Stevens and Terry Ann Stevens to Lee J. Shockey and Patricia A. Shockey trust (by trustee): lot 58 overlook at Greenbrier, Irish Corner District, Map 20 Parcel 26. Filed Dec. 15, 2023.

John Crookshanks Jr. to Christina Crookshanks: lot 66, White Sulphur District, Map 8 Parcel 167, suffix 168. Filed Dec. 15, 2023.

Dwayne L. Bowles and Trista L. Bowles to Aaron W. Phillips: 16,146 square feet, Ronceverte District, Map 27 Parcel 14. Filed Dec. 15, 2023.

LAP LLC to Wiley Hill LLC: 285.91 square feet, Lewisburg District, Map 30 Parcel 11. Filed Dec. 18, 2023.

Wiley Hill LLC to Catherine Kuliesh: 2 properties, Lewisburg District, Map 26 Parcel 33. Filed Dec. 18, 2023.

Seneca Trustees Inc. to Pennymac Loan Services LLC: lots 22 – 26, block 23, section 1, Rupert District, Map 5 Parcel 0468. Filed Dec. 18, 2023.

Charles E. Underwood Jr. to Craig McClung and Vicki McClung: 2 properties, lots 109 & 110 Osborne Addition, Rainelle District, Map 61C Parcel 39. Filed Dec. 18, 2023.

Quentin Resources LLC to Jessica M. Kuhn and Tyler J. Sneed: 23.85 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 44 Parcel Bowlings Inc. to Matthew R. Tuckwiller: 1.74 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 6 Parcel 44. Filed Dec. 18, 2023.

Andrew J. Vance to Andrew J. Vance: 3.756 acres more or less, Anthony Creek District, Map 16 Parcel 1. Filed Dec. 19, 2023.

Glen R. Diehl and Twyla Diehl to Scott E. Beard and Stacey L. Beard: 0.772 acres more or less, Falling Spring District, Map 6 Parcel 130. Filed Dec. 19, 2023.

James R. Hamrick to Michael Adkins: lots 1 – 5, block R, Quinwood District, Map 3 Parcel 50. Filed Dec. 19, 2023.

Thurman C. Spence and Millie S. Spence to Christy L. Sawyer: 5.276 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 25 Parcel 0007 0001. Filed Dec. 19, 2023.

Carmen H. Phillips and Thomas W. Phillips to Gregory N. Estep: lot 23, Frankford District, Map 20A Parcel 3. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

Suzanne T. Rempe Trust (by co-successor trustees) to Michael D. Griffith and Kathleen K. Griffith: waiver of repurchase option, lot 14, Lodge Cottages, phase two, Map 26M Parcel 19, White Sulphur District. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

Danny E. Persinger and Brenda K. Persinger to Reb LLC: 1.91 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 55L Parcel 21. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

John R. Wilson and Virginia I. Wilson to Wilson Properties LLC: 1 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 9H, 9H, 13L, 25 Parcel 165, 84, 85, 99, 250. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

Andrea D. Linkous, Linda M. Linkous, Melissa L. McCutcheon, and Mark J. Linkous to Rainelle Medical Center Inc.: lots 21, 22, 23, 26, and 27, White Sulphur District, Map 26K Parcel 21, 22, 23, 26, 27. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

Jeff Seldomridge to Belmont Property Management LLC: 0.56 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 0023-0001. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

John G. Fox Jr. (by court appointed Special Commissioner Christine B. Stump) to Melinda Fox: lots 1 & 2, block 11, Rainelle District, Map 1 Parcel 77, 78. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

Umberger

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earning his undergraduate degree from West Virginia State University and a master’s degree in counseling from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, he built a rewarding career providing mental health services in WV.

“I believe the skills I have honed over a lifetime in service are desperately needed in Washington,” Umberger says. “I am running to return civility, rational problem solving and functional, collaborative governance to the state and country I love.”

Beginning in 1981, Umberger served patients at the Greenbrier Center, a state institution providing residential services to people with developmental disabilities and other psychiatric diagnoses. Eight years later, he was named hospital administrator and led his team in providing residents with vocational, educational, and social skills training until the facility’s closure in the mid-90s. Umberger continued practicing in the private sector, working with children, families, and adults. In 2009, he fulfilled a lifelong goal, working with his fellow veterans, offering both individual and group counseling.

Umberger has served on the boards of several organizations: Southeastern Regional Workshop (now Gateway Industries), Friends of the Greenbrier Center, Carnegie Hall Foundation, Carnegie Hall, Inc., and the American Red Cross (both county and state levels). He sat on the Greenbrier County Planning Commission for six years and currently serves as the treasurer of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the 11th Judicial District of WV.

Umberger is running on a platform committed to protecting West Virginia workers; empowering educators to affect innovative change in their classrooms; equipping young people with the academic, vocational, and life skills they need to compete; combating the root causes of the opioid epidemic; and ensuring the U.S. military and service personnel are not treated as pawns of political gamesmanship.

Connect at Facebook.com/JimUmbergerForCongress. Visit JimUmbergerForCongress.com to learn more and donate to the campaign. Reach the campaign directly and ask about volunteer opportunities at Jim-FoxHouse2024@gmail.com. The WV primary election is Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

Nicholas B. O’Brien, Marty L. O’Brien, and Terry C. Hynton to Duane Wolfe and Jonathan Myles: 0.52 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 11N Parcel 24. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

Wayne Parker and Sherri Parker to Kallie Cochran and Brian Cagle: lot 1, Frankford District, Map 14 Parcel 162. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

Frank E. Holland to Shannon P. Holland and Jamie M. Holland contingent beneficiary: lots 8 and 9, Edgewood Addition, White Sulphur District, Map 13 Parcel 0099, 0100. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

Frank E. Holland to Jamie M. Holland and Shannon P. Holland contingent beneficiary: 23,370 square feet, White Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 0460. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

Joan L. Moore to James K. Stewart and Barbara Sarchino: 1.0039 and 0.52 acres more or less, Frankford District, Map 14 Parcel 126. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

David Huttenpiller and Billie J. Huttenpiller estate (by devisee/trustee) to Douglas Jenkins and Barbara J. Jenkins: 1.21 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 81S Parcel 9.6001. Filed Dec. 21, 2023.

Joshua B. Harford to Donald D. Harford and Cynthia J. Harford: 4.01 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 48 Parcel 0014 0001. Filed Dec. 26, 2023.

Stephen N. Wood to Harold E. Jackson: part of lot 6, White Sulphur District, Map 13 Parcel 28. Filed Dec. 26, 2023.

William R. V. Laird and Emily S. Chittenden-Laird to Paul M. Laird: lots 20 and 21, block 4, Falling Springs District, Map 6 Parcel 72. Filed Dec. 27, 2023.

Specialized Loan Servicing LLC and Seneca Trustees Inc (substitute trustees) to Federal National Mortgage Association: lots 7, 8, and 9, Lilly Park Addition, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60L Parcel 0026. Filed Dec. 27, 2023.

Hanna Company LLC to Laura Hanna: lots 339, 340, part of lots 341, 342, 343, 406, and 407, White Sulphur District, Map 8 Parcel 481 – 542. Filed Dec. 27, 2023.

Ed Boer and Evelyn Von Deck to Ermal Goins: 2.924 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 41 Parcel 17.2. Filed Dec. 27, 2023.

Seneca Trustees Inc to My Ruby Slippers LLC: lots 220, 221 and 222 of Lilly Park Addition, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60L Parcel 0099 0000 0000. Filed Dec. 27, 2023.

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WV Flood Resiliency Trust Fund waiting for allocations

State Resiliency Office updated Legislative Interim Committee on Flooding

By Autumn Shelton

West Virginia Press Association

Nine months after Senate Bill 677 established the West Virginia Flood Resiliency Trust Fund and placed the administrative authority of the West Virginia Disaster Recovery Trust Fund under the State Resiliency Office (SRO), State Resiliency Officer Bob Martin, at the Dec. 10 interim meetings, told members of the West Virginia Legislature's Joint Legislative Interim Committee on Flooding there is still no money in either account.

According to Senate Bill 677, which was passed on March 11, and became West Virginia State Code §29-31, the West Virginia Flood Resiliency Trust Fund "may be granted an initial allocation" of \$40 million from the state's general revenue fund, and the SRO may request up to \$40 million each year to replenish funding.

Additionally, the bill states that the West Virginia Disaster Recovery Trust Fund, "may be granted an initial one-time allocation" of \$10 million with allowable requests of up to \$10 million in annual funding.

"There's no money in the resiliency fund or the Disaster Recovery Trust Fund," Martin said, adding that the SRO also does not have an employee who deals specifically with grant writing, which would help the state acquire available federal grants. However, he said that the SRO has been working with the Governor's office to determine how they may enter the grant system.

"It took quite an effort just to get our office a government unique identification number," Martin said. "The way you go through the process makes it look like you're a contractor. So we had to work through different things just to get a (Federal Emergency Management Agency) FEMA GO document number so that we would be able to operate and actually apply for grants."

In response to a question from Sen. Eric Nelson, R-Kanawha, about how many people work for the SRO, Martin responded that they currently have three employees—a director, a deputy director and an administrative assistant.

Additionally, the SRO has an annual budget of between \$500,000-\$600,000, which is adequate at the moment, but that may change in the future, Martin said.

"I would expect that if we had to grow post-disaster - if we were going into that mode where we would have to expand quite a bit - we would have to have a significant change," Martin noted. "But, it may also work if we were able to take people from other agencies that have

expertise . . . transfer people that have expertise in certain areas like budgeting, legal, grants, grant administration - those would be the people that we could transfer into those offices. So, it would be more of a shell move from point A to B, rather than all brand new people."

Sen. Eric Tarr, R-Putnam, then discussed the ability for universities to assist with grant writing.

"The Legislature . . . I believe it was last year, appropriated right at \$1 million to both Marshall [University] and WVU (West Virginia University) for grant writing programs to assist entities, whether it be a political subdivision or whatever, throughout the state, so that you have the university capacity for grant writing for any type of grant," Tarr said. "I would love to see that utilized."

Martin said he was "unaware" that a grant writing link existed with the universities, but that he would look into it.

Committee Chair Sen. Chandler Swope, R-Mercer, said, "It looks like, in summary, a great deal of time and effort has gone into just organizational and informational systems—trying to figure out who does what and how, and get the mapping you need."

Swope added, "You can't execute a contract until you've got all this background work done."

He asked Martin how much longer it might take before the SRO may apply for funding, and when work on contacts might begin.

Martin responded that they are "working through each piece," however, some projects may start soon.

"I would like to think that we are less than a year out," Martin said. "I can't write a check for that, but I would like to think that we're less than a year out [from] executing projects."

"I would like to have a shovel in the ground in Milton (Cabell County) within the year, so that we can actually break ground there," Martin continued, adding they may only be able to start the acquisition of abandoned properties that have experienced repeated flooding.

According to Martin, the SRO had started necessary deed and title work to begin the Milton floodwall project, but the federal Water Resources Development Act of 2022 was passed, which increased the federal share of the project costs from 65% to 90%.

Although this increase in the federal share was good news, it did cause a project setback.

"What that also did was it meant that the Army Corps

of Engineers had to step back and they had to go to their headquarters and come up with, 'What does this mean? What is the implementation plan for this 90/10 (match) going to mean for everybody?'" Martin said. "They finally got that worked out. I'm glad to say that just this week we got the new amended partnership agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers signed. So, the state's part is taken care of, but we are still waiting on Milton to get their piece done."

The SRO is also working on the development of the state's Flood Resiliency Plan, which must be completed by June 30, 2024, Martin stated.

The former Flood Protection Plan (2004) will serve as the base document for the Flood Resiliency Plan, Martin said, noting that the new document will be presented in a digital format with "easy to read" sections.

"A nonprofit or a community group or a local community will be able to pull the section out that they need, read through it, and . . . look for goals and recommendations and how to implement those within the plan" Martin stated.

"A lot of those communities are marginalized communities," Martin later said. "They are communities that don't have the capacity to build what they have and build what they need, nor the people to go ahead and put together the products to go ahead and apply for grants."

The plan will also include a resiliency trend calculator, mapping overlays, a list of projects completed, a list of agency recommendations, and an education component so communities have a better understanding of how their actions may lead to flooding.

"We're looking to that next piece," Martin said, adding that he may have gained six months had he known about the "grant writing piece" earlier.

"Now that I know this, I will pursue that piece of it to get others out there to be able to assist with it," he said.

"I'm not afraid to work with anybody who's willing to work with us and help us get in the right direction," Martin concluded.

In addition to Martin's presentation, members of the interim Joint Committee on Flooding also heard a presentation from Melissa Roberts, executive director of the American Flood Coalition, and a presentation on the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program from G.E. McCabe, director of the West Virginia Emergency Management Agency.

OBITUARIES

Frederick Lyle Teubert



Lewisburg-Frederick Lyle Teubert, 88, went home to be with his Lord surrounded by his family, Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, at the Lewisburg Health-care Center. Born Mar. 16, 1935, in Big Creek, WV, he was the son of Edward and Cecilia Teubert.

He loved his family and served his community by working at Kroger for 44 years as the Produce Manager. Following that he and Ann ran the Gingerbread Cottage and Fred was known affectionately as "Paw Paw" to many children that passed through their doors. Fred was the patriarch of his family. Fred was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt with his family and ride motorcycles. He loved spending time at the family farm riding his four-wheeler. Fred was a Christian who loved the Lord. He attended the Greenbrier Valley Baptist Church in White Sulphur Springs and served his church and sang in the Scrap Iron Quartet and was the song leader for many years. In recent years Fred attended Grace Bible Church in Asbury.

Including his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Kim Teubert; brothers, Eddie Teubert, Bobby Teubert, and Roy Teubert; sister, Marie (Zac) Zackoski.

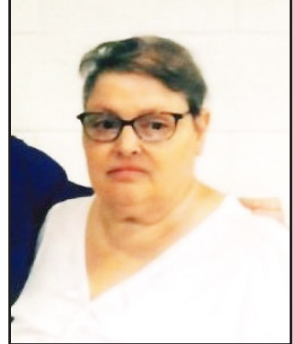
Survivors include his loving wife of 68 years, Margaret Ann Teubert; his children, Michael (Dorcus) Teubert, Randy (Tammy) Teubert, Chris (Joan)

Teubert, Scotty (Melissa) Teubert; 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Bell and Kathy Teubert; many nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Grace Bible Church, Asbury, where Pastor Mike Teubert officiated. Visitation was Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, at the church. Burial followed the service, Thursday, in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens, Lewisburg, WV.

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

Virginia Lynn Bland



Ronceverte-Virginia Lynn "Jenny" Bland, 68, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023. Born Jan. 24, 1955, she was a daughter of the late Floyd Leslie Howard and the late Glenna Virginia Woodson Howard.

Jenny was a homemaker and loved her family dearly.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Persinger and several aunts and uncles.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Johnny Bland; son, Douglas Zimmerman; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Zimmerman; grandchildren, Hailey and Layne Zimmerman; sisters, Sandra (Mark) Stiltner and Shirley Howard; Lesley (Mary) Howard; nieces, Shelly, Patty, Ta-

sha, and Nicole; nephews, Shaun, John and Eli; special family members, Jackie, Wayne, Sarah, Waverly, Brooke, Whitney, McKayla and Sunnie.

Graveside services were held on Friday, Dec. 22, at James Memorial Chapel Cemetery, Second Creek, WV, where Pastor Joey Morgan officiated.

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

Barbara Ruth McKenzie Deeds



Lerona-Barbara Ruth McKenzie Deeds, 84, passed away Friday, Dec. 22, 2023 peacefully at her home with her daughters by her side. Barbara was born Sept. 16, 1939, in Princeton, WV to the late R.B. and Barbara (Whitt) McKenzie.

She was married to the late Robert A. "Bob" Deeds on Jan. 12, 1963.

Barbara was raised in Elgood during her childhood and was a 1957 graduate of Athens High School. She then went on to graduate from the Northwest Institute of Technology in September 1958.

She was a member of the Williamsburg CEOS since 2010 and retired from Greenbrier Valley Hospital as a Laboratory Technician with over 40 years of service.

Barbara is preceded in death by her husband, Bob Deeds; sister, JoAnn Sells, and son-in-law,

Chuck Westfall.

Those left to cherish her memory include: two daughters, Kay Westfall, and Kim Hawkins and husband John; four granddaughters, Danielle Thompson, Samantha Hawkins, Jessica Williams, and Kristin Hawkins; five great-grandsons, James Allen Williams, Mason Williams, Emmett Laudermilk, Everett Batista, and Oliver Williams; bonus granddaughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

At Barbara's request there will be no service and her body has been cremated.

Arrangements are by the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors of Hinton. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.ronaldmeadowsfp.com.

Audrey Annabelle Loudermilk



Lewisburg- Audrey Annabelle Loudermilk, 87, passed away Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023, at CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center. Born Oct. 12, 1936, in Frankford, she was the daughter of the late Okie Lee and Pinky May Loudermilk Seldomridge.

In addition to her par-

ents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey G. Loudermilk Sr.; son, Harvey G. Loudermilk, Jr.; two brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include sons, Bruce Loudermilk (Tasha), John Loudermilk (Penny) and Anthony Loudermilk; daughters, Patsy McCoy (Dexter), Phyllis and Sandra Loudermilk; brothers, Tommy Seldomridge (Barbara) and Edmond Seldomridge (Peggy); sister, Alice Stacy; six grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, several nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 2, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, with Pastor Hat Defibaugh officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

Randy H. Morgan



Ronceverte-Randy H. Morgan, 71, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at the Seneca Trail Healthcare Center, Lewisburg, WV. Born Nov. 23, 1952, in Ronceverte, he was the son of the late Jim and Jennie Morgan.

Randy was disabled for about 32 years. He had worked in carpentry and laying underground power lines in Richmond and had also worked at The Greenbrier for a while. Randy enjoyed talking to people, hunting, fishing, watching car races, and spending time with his family. Randy was fun to be with and loved reminiscing about the past. He will be greatly missed.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister, Rosemary Christine Morgan and brother-in-law, Gary Allender.

Survivors include his sons, Chris, Scott, and Brian (Neece) Morgan, and daughter, Ginny Morgan; brothers, Earl Morgan (Pat), Ronnie Morgan; sisters, Rita Allender, and Susie Morgan (Bob); granddaughter, Lauren Morgan; and several nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 12 noon, Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, with Pastor Craig Terry officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home, Wednesday. Burial will follow the service in the Morgan Cemetery, Ronceverte, WV.

The family is very grateful to CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center and the Seneca Trail Healthcare Center for the wonderful care provided.

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General Andrew Lewis Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution donate clothing and toiletries

A warm welcome was extended to Vice Regent Judy Deegans by Ruann Handy, Chief of the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement at the VA Medical Center in Beckley, when she and her husband, Skip, arrived the morning of Dec. 10 with a delivery of new clothing and toiletries donated by the members of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Handy said, "It is always a pleasure to see you come with your gifts from the DAR in Lewisburg. Everything the members donate is always needed and easy to put to good use."

There are always volunteers on duty to assist with the unloading of the gifts for the men and women who served their country. Jay Mitchell and Reggie Roles helped carry the bags inside. Mitchell said he had been volunteering there for 13 years. The DAR members begin in October to buy for the veterans. They are then delivered to the VA Hospital in early December.

This year, the contribution of the clothing, throws and toiletries amounted to \$1,163, and are distributed to patients and veterans in need, including the homeless veterans. The members of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter do this again in the spring.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, nonpolitical women's service



Ruann Handy, Chief of the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement at the VA Medical Center, and volunteer Jay Mitchell accept donation of clothing from Vice Regent Judy Deegans.

organization whose main objectives are historic preservation, education and patriotism. Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Revolutionary War back in 1776.



Judy Deegans getting assistance from volunteers Reggie Roles and Jay Mitchell on the subsequent donations.

Local DAR Chapter holds Christmas Luncheon at French Goat

The members and their guests of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution gathered at The French Goat for their annual Christmas lunch. The luncheon was hosted by Brenda and Linda Spencer. Their handcrafted decorations were lovely, and each person was gifted with an ornament to take home.

After saying the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Ritual, Regent Suzanne Cronquist suspended the meeting to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party which occurred in December 1773 in defiance of the Tea Act of May 10, 1773. The value of the tea that was dumped, in today's dollars, comes to \$1,700,000. Regent Cronquist ordered tea from Fortnum and Mason in London so that authentic English tea could be dumped into a bowl of cold water - alas not from Boston Harbor.

The members were presented with a word-search puzzle to find words associated with the Tea Act and the subsequent dumping of the tea by the Sons of Liberty. Can you name the East India Company ships in the harbor when the dumping occurred? The lunch prepared by The French Goat chef and served by their very able staff was delicious.

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Brenda and Linda Spencer were the hosts of the latest meeting of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, at the French Goat in Lewisburg.

pendence in the Revolutionary War in 1776. Call Judy Deegans with questions at Judy Deegans 304-645-1566 or 617-359-8532.

Feed the Need project donates funds and food items

The Greenbrier Valley Board of REATORS have completed their annual Feed the Need project for 2023. Every year the Realtors work hard to raise money and collect non-perishable food items for our local food pantries. Celebrating the 13th year of the Greenbrier Valley Board of REALTOR's Feed the Need, they raised over \$146,000 total that goes directly to our local food pantries and those in need.

The Greenbrier Valley Board of Realtors Feed the Need Committee, consisting of Chair Robert Bittinger Jr., Co-Chair Jill Allman, and Baker Extraordinaire Amanda Pachis, had their annual meeting with the local

food pantry directors and the co-director of Wellspring of Greenbrier Inc. from Greenbrier and Monroe counties.

For 2023, the Feed the Need Committee through its very generous donors was able to deliver \$1,400 to nine food pantries and Wellspring of Greenbrier Inc. The funds were raised through a bake auction where donors paid \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 for cakes and cookies as well as a broker/agent challenge of \$100. As Realtors, we are happy to serve our community and help out when we see a need.



Front: Abby Spangler (left), Co-Director, Wellspring Of Greenbrier Inc., Rupert; Louise Feury, Food Pantry Director, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, White Sulphur Springs; Ann Thomas, Food Pantry Director, First Baptist Church, Rainelle; Bill Martin, Food Pantry Co-Director, Old Stone Church, Lewisburg; Rear: James Thomas (left), Food Pantry Co-Director, First Baptist Church, Rainelle; Brian DeRaven, Food Pantry Director, Alderson Ministerial Association, Alderson; Robert Bittinger, Jr., Chairman, Feed The Need Committee; Jill Allman, Vice Chair, Feed The Need Committee; Susan Ryan, Food Pantry Co-Director, Union United Methodist Church, Union; and Amanda Pachis, Baker Extraordinaire. (Representatives not available for picture were the following: Quinwood Community Food Services, Inc., Greenbrier Community Services Williamsburg Pantry, Northern Greenbrier Renick Pantry, and Peterstown United Methodist Church.)

Greenbrier Valley WVU Extension Master Gardener receives prestigious award

Mary Ratliff was the recipient of the Master Gardener Volunteer of the Year award for 2023 for the state of WV. This prestigious award is given by the Agricultural Extension Service of WVU. Volunteering and giving back to the community are an important component of the WVU Extension Master Gardener Program.

Mary became a Master Gardener in 2014 and since then has volunteered extensively for the Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners by working in the group's herb garden, Demonstration Garden at the WVU State Fair, and various local clean-up projects in the community including the Caldwell trailhead of the 86-mile Greenbrier River Trail. She also worked as an active member at Frankford Elementary School and their Junior Master Gardener classes for several years. In addition to "hands on" work in Greenbrier County, she has attended numerous classes and seminars to keep her gardening skills and knowledge relevant and up to date. New developments in plants, planting techniques, fertilizers, pests, and the attendant pest control are always evolving, and Mary strives to be on the cutting edge of all horticultural developments.

Mary became a certified Master Gardener in 2014. Mary has served as the treasurer for the past two years. At the state level she has set up the registration for the annual Master Gardener conferences.

President Bob Hammond remarks that, "Mary exemplifies all of the elements of Master Gardening- volunteering, helping others, and always being ready to learn more! She is truly an inspiration."

Nearly all 50 states, and the District of Columbia, offer Extension Master Gardener programs that include intensive training through their state's land-grant university. Created in 1972 at Washington State University, the Master Gardener program began in meet the ever-increasing requests for information and support from enthusiastic home gardeners. To learn more about becoming a Master Gardener in the Greenbrier Valley please contact Mary Dameron at 304-647-7408.



Mary Ratliff

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A virtual public hearing has been scheduled to take official comments on the Draft General Permit. The hearing has been scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024. Pre-registration for the hearing is required. To register, please complete the registration form at:
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or call Terry Fletcher at 304-926-0499 ext. 49720 by 5 p.m. the day of the hearing. Registrants will receive a separate email with the link and call-in number for the virtual hearing once the registration deadline passes. Any person may submit oral or written statements concerning the Draft General Permit; however, reasonable limits may be set upon the time allowed for oral statements at the hearing. Written comments on the Draft General Permit can be submitted via email to DEP.Comments@wv.gov or regular mail to:
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The comment period closes at the conclusion of the virtual hearing. All comments submitted by this time, including those provided at the hearing, will be added to the official record for the Draft General Permit and considered by the agency.

For more information, contact Sharon Mullins at the email address or phone number listed above. Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,

When we unwrapped our Christmas presents on Christmas morning I saved all the paper for recycling. Plus, I purchased recyclable wrapping paper this year. Today a friend told me wrapping paper can't be recycled. Surely, she isn't correct.

Ardent Recycler

Dear Ardent Recycler,

Unfortunately, your friend is correct. Wrapping paper is not recyclable as most wrapping paper is thin and made of very short fibers, thus it cannot be recycled. Some wrapping paper has a plastic coating or contains dyes, or glitter, which also makes it nonrecyclable. Most tissue paper is made of recycled paper, so its fibers are also too short to go through recycling process again. The recyclable wrapping paper on the market today is good for the environment, but it is not recyclable at the Recycling Center. We don't have the special sorting equipment necessary to distinguish between recyclable wrapping paper and non-recyclable wrapping paper. Each Christmas, the Recycling Center finds a large amount of wrapping paper in the office paper bin, all of which must be removed as it is a contaminant for office paper and our buyers will reject it. Please consider using brown paper bags, comics, or old maps as wrapping paper next year. They make attractive packages, and all are recyclable. Reusable gift bags are another way to keep all the Christmas package wrappings out of the landfill.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I love to bake during the holidays; thus, I have many empty sugar and flour bags. Can these bags be recycled?

Holiday Baker

Dear Holiday Baker,

Flour and sugar bags may or may not be recyclable, depending on their inner linings. The lining in flour bags must protect the flour from weevils, moisture, and air. This protection is provided by a pouch made of several layers of paper.

The inner layer of the pouch may be brown or white paper, or it may be plastic. The flour bags with the inner layer of paper can be recycled. However, the bags with the inner layer of plastic cannot be recycled. The same is true of sugar bags, although the reason for the layers of protection is somewhat different. The inner layer of sugar bags must be airtight, as well as impenetrable to prevent attracting ants. As with flour bags, when the inner layer is paper, the sugar bag is recyclable. When the inner layer is plastic, the bag is not recyclable. Recyclable flour bags and sugar bags are both recycled with cardboard.

Dear Recycle Lady,

We have a lot of older non-LED Christmas lights that don't work anymore. What should we do with them? Can they be recycled?

Sparkling Lights

Dear Sparkling Lights,

Your old Christmas lights, both LED and non-LED, working or non-working, colored or white, can definitely be recycled. Take them to the Recycling Center and go to the Aluminum can door. Press the button and someone will come to assist you.

A reminder of pickup days for recycling for all those within the Lewisburg city limits who have trash pickup: The first week of 2024 curbside pickup is Monday, Jan. 8, and every two weeks thereafter. (Everyone who pays for trash pickup within the city limits has free curbside pickup of recyclables.) For questions concerning pickup, call Greenworks Recycling at 304-661-7793.

Wishing Everyone a Safe, Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to greycle450@gmail.com. Please note my email address has changed. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

A Look Back

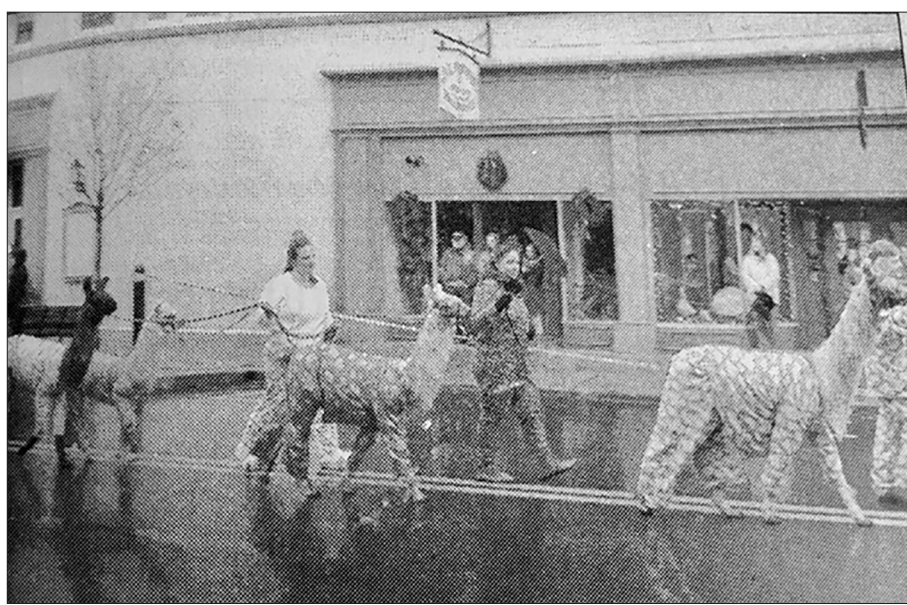


Photo: Courtesy of the West Virginia Daily News.

Sources: Greenbrier Independent, The Raleigh Register.

By William "Skip" Deegans

Theories as to the origin of the Shanghai Parade abound. In 1951, a reporter for The Raleigh Register posed two possibilities. The first had to do with an area resident who landed in China and was inspired by the Chinese New Year's celebrations. The second possibility suggested the word Shanghai stems from the Scot term "Shangie" that describes a show-off, dressed in sporty clothes who attracts attention. Shangie can also refer to a ribbon or ornament attached to a horse's tail.

Except for war years and pandemics, the parade seems to have been held continually since shortly after the Civil War. The route that follows Washington Street may have been shortened over

the years. In 1948, Henry Vaughn of Hillsboro said when he was 12 years old, about 1868, he distinctly remembered the parade passing through Fairlea. Charlie Bell said the parade was mostly on horseback, and the Shangals would go to Ronceverte where there was an awaiting crowd and refreshments.

The largest crowd for the parade may have been in 1952 when a reported 10,000 people came. The parade that year was kicked off by Governor Okey Patterson. After the formal send off, it was - as it is now - an informal, anything goes affair.

Shown is Llamas in Pajamas, one of the most popular entries in the 2011 Shanghai Parade. The 2024 parade begins at noon at the corner of Washington and Lee streets.

Concord University announces Fall 2023 Dean's List

The following students are on the Fall 2023 Dean's List at Concord University. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who were registered for a minimum of 12 Concord credit hours and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the end of the semester.

Area students include:

Alderson: Briona Dickens, Destiny Dickens, Ivana Morris, Kiara Phillips, Caroline Telano
 Crawley: Amberlie Wilson
 Frankford: Kylie Bonds
 Gap Mills: Luke Fraley
 Jumping Branch: Tracey Lowe, Elizabeth Morefield, Olivia Presley, Thomas Rakes
 Lewisburg: Wiley Byers, Megan Combs, Josi Ervin, David Guy, Kelly

Hanson, Jennifer Jones-Patton, Abigail Londeree, Tyranda Martin, Emily McElwain

Lindside: David Broyles, Kendra Karnes, Sidney Karnes, Sarah Mann, Keiran McClaugherty, Gabrielle Miller

Maxwelton: Marsha Sheppard
 Pence Springs: Morgan Billings
 Rainelle: Patience Lunsford, Melissa Thornton
 Ronceverte: Briana Lego-Clemmons, Owen Vogelsong
 Rupert: Claudia Blake, Eden Medlin, Corey Osborne
 Sinks Grove: Shannon Phipps, Alexander Weikle
 Smoot: Abbigail Feamster
 White Sulphur Springs: Colin Wiley

Greenbrier East High School Wrestler of the Week

Name: Kai Asano
 Grade: Freshman
 G.P.A.: 4.0
 Current Record: 19-5 (12 Pins)
 Parents: Amber Sayre and Shinichi Asano
 Hometown: Lewisburg
 Favorite Wrestler: Austin DeSanto (4x All-American for University of Iowa / Olympic Trials Qualifier)
 Favorite Quote: "With great power, comes great responsibility."
 Began Wrestling: In the fifth grade
 Past Accomplishments: Kai placed 7th at the West Virginia Junior State Tournament. He took third place at the Coalfield Conference and was a 2x Junior State Qualifier.
 Why he Wrestles: "Kai wrestles for the fun of the sport and to improve daily."
 Coach's Comments: "Kai is a very hard-working person who grows in knowledge and strength while in the wrestling room. He has set some high



goals and plans to reach them all through hard work and effort. Kai is truly becoming a student of the sport. He's a great person!"

Miluk Humor: "My wife says I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time." Ha! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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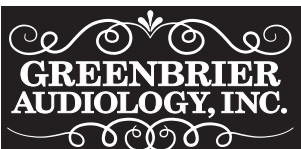
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Carnegie Hall's January/February Art Exhibits open First Friday

Carnegie Hall's three rotating galleries open Friday, Jan. 5, with winter exhibits by Andrea Brunais (Old Stone Room), Charles Ferguson (Lobby Gallery), and Jim Costa and Builder Levy (Museum Gallery).

The Old Stone Room, located on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall, will feature "Color That Sings" by Andrea Brunais. A veteran journalist, author, poet, and photographer, Brunais earned a B.A. in mass communications from the University of South Florida. She is a juried artist at Tamarack and has studied with online instructors and pastel artists Alain Picard (Painterly Landscape Course), Marla Baggetta (Trees in Pastel Workshop and Abstract in Pastel), and impressionist Susan Jenkins of Café Monet. Her work has been exhibited widely in southwest Virginia and southern West Virginia.

Charles "Butch" Ferguson will be featured in the Auditorium Lobby Gallery. He is a self-taught artist who enjoyed a studio at The Greenbrier for many years. His work has been showcased in the West Virginia Cultural Center at the State Capital and the Best of West Virginia at Tamarack. One of his decoy carvings was presented to the then Vice-



(Clockwise from top left) Andrea Brunais, Charles Ferguson, Builder Levy, and Jim Costa.

President, George Bush 1988 by then Governor Arch Moore as a gift from the State of West Virginia.

The Museum Gallery (adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium) will

house a collaborative exhibit of work by Jim Costa and Builder Levy.

Jim Costa is an old-time musician/storyteller from Summers County,

West Virginia. In his spare-time he runs Elderhostel programs specializing on early American woodworking and blacksmithing tools.

Builder Levy's work has appeared in more than two hundred exhibitions, including over fifty one-person shows. His photographs appear in more than fifty public collections around the world. He has been awarded fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the Alicia Patterson Foundation, the Puffin Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and two commissions from the Appalachia College Association. He lives in New York City.

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

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

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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 gag!

Merge
ITUNE
 Blunt
PUBRAT
 Chunk
PLUM
 Cad
SACRAL

"My wife is very _____
 She's always exactly half an hour late!"

TODAY'S WORD _____

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

CALCULATING CHARACTERS

ACROSS

1 Pet doc
 4 "Come again?"
 8 Treats maliciously
 14 Tennis player Borg
 19 Narcissist's problem
 21 Actress Andress
 22 Ate, as prey
 23 Football Hall of Famer Bronko
 24 Arrive on wheels
 25 Frankie or Cleo of song
 26 Start of a riddle
 29 Noise in a comic book gunfight
 30 Exotica singer Sumac
 31 "The Human Stain" novelist Philip
 32 Cure-all
 37 Race of people in an H.G. Wells novella
 39 Some sorority letters
 40 Donations to the destitute
 44 Riddle, part 2
 48 Like much greasy food

49 See 83-Across
 50 Corp. leader
 51 Skip over, as a vowel
 52 World War II film, when tripled
 53 Charged bit
 55 Place — (be active on eBay, say)
 57 Cheap cigar
 58 Riddle, part 3
 63 Smile middle
 66 Chaney of film
 67 Song-belting Merman
 68 On a pension, maybe: Abbr.
 69 Military draft gp.
 70 Riddle, part 4
 75 ZZ Top album whose name is Spanish for "The Crazy One"
 76 Hamm and Farrow
 77 Neither's partner
 78 Tingly feeling
 82 Totally tired
 83 With 49-Across, touter of green eggs and ham

84 "Yes" vote
 86 Early arcade giant
 87 End of the riddle
 93 — Flush (bathroom brand)
 94 Architect I.M. —
 95 Made angry
 96 Florida fruits
 97 R&B great Marvin
 99 Not at all new
 100 Golf club
 102 Riddle's answer
 111 Stalin-era labor camp
 112 Polecat's kin
 113 Urge against
 114 Muscat native
 115 Do over
 116 Office squawker
 117 Fender dings
 118 Mimics a mad mutt
 119 Helper of Frankenstein
 120 Inventor Whitney

5 Drunk
 6 Writer Gogol
 7 Third-largest city in Israel
 8 Ride a wave
 9 Eighth-brightest star in the sky
 10 Like a hajji's religion
 11 Second-largest city in Oklahoma
 12 Charles Lamb's alias
 13 Bay Area California city
 14 Equivalent of A sharp
 15 Lee Tracy's "Bombshell" co-star
 16 Like praiseful poetry
 17 Gossipy Barrett
 18 Bakersfield-to-Boise dir.
 20 Letters before 39-Across
 27 Swiss watch brand
 28 Clueless
 32 Fizzle sound
 33 Sleek, informally
 34 Hair removal brand
 35 Top squad
 36 Mooer's mouthful
 38 On the — (fleeing)

39 "— say more?"
 41 Actresses Vivien and Janet
 42 In — res (mid-plot)
 43 Clay pigeons to be shot, informally
 45 Three x three
 46 Frozen spear
 47 Eats away at
 53 "Were — it all over again ..."
 54 "It can't be!"
 55 One of the Three Musketeers
 56 Nickname for singer Justin, with "the"
 57 Derisive smile
 59 One of the three Furies
 60 R&R alone
 61 "— boy!"
 62 Pisa's river
 63 Nuclear trials, for short
 64 Class of antimicrobial drugs, in the British spelling
 65 Actress Sorkin who once hosted "America's Funniest People"

71 Like animals that don't roam
 72 So-called "fifth taste"
 73 Apartment near the super's, perhaps
 74 Mesh well
 79 Piquancy
 80 Ontario tribe
 81 Cat's warning
 83 Pittsburgh footballers
 84 "Chances —"
 85 "Catch my drift, bro?"
 86 Pie-mode link
 88 1974 CIA parody film
 89 More lacteal
 90 Not cardinal, as a number
 91 Plundering
 92 Writer Sabato
 98 Patronage
 99 "— Loompa"
 101 Half-diameters
 102 Journalist Brit
 103 Zing
 104 Lucy Liu's "Kill Bill" role
 105 Insect traps
 106 Exploiter
 107 Mongrel mutt
 108 Frilly material
 109 Shrine figure
 110 Moore of "G.I. Jane"
 111 Shrine figure

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Gov. Justice awards \$1M grant to WV Chamber Foundation, boosting Jobs for WV Graduates Program



Gov. Jim Justice presented a \$1 million check to the West Virginia Chamber Foundation, bolstering their Jobs for West Virginia's Graduates (JWVG) program and securing brighter futures for countless students across the state.

Gov. Justice joined Chamber Foundation representatives, program beneficiaries, and dedicated educators who champion JWVG's transformative work for the ceremony at the State Capitol.

"West Virginia students are our future," Gov. Justice said. "This isn't just a check, it's a promise - a promise to bridge the gap between potential and accomplishment for our young people. JWVG's proven track record in empowering students, particularly those facing challenges, makes it an investment worth celebrating."

The \$1 million grant, included in the FY24 budget, passed by the West Virginia Legislature, and signed by Gov. Justice directly supports JWVG's mission to equip high school students with the necessary skills and support to achieve post-graduation success. This comprehensive program, modeled after the nationally recognized Jobs for America's Graduates initiative, boasts a 96% graduation rate and provides students with:

- Individualized mentorship: Caring adults guide students through academic hurdles and personal challenges, fostering resilience and confidence.
- Project-based learning: Engaging projects build essential skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork, preparing students for real-world scenarios.

narios.

- Employer engagement: Direct connections with local businesses offer valuable internship opportunities and pave the way for smooth entry into the workforce.
- Post-graduation support: Students receive guidance and assistance for up to a year after graduation, ensuring a seamless transition into their chosen path, be it higher education, the military, or the workforce.

"We are deeply grateful for Governor Justice and the West Virginia Legislature for recognizing the transformative power of JWVG," Elizabeth House said, who's the Director of The West Virginia Chamber Foundation. "This vital funding will empower even more students to overcome obstacles, realize their full potential, and contribute meaningfully to our state's future."

Attorney General Morrissey, Auditor's Office, partner to ensure opioid settlement money used accordingly

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is partnering with the state Auditor's Office to supplement the AG's Office's efforts to make sure opioid settlement money will be and is being used for its intended purposes as outlined in the West Virginia First Memorandum of Understanding.

The Attorney General and Auditor are sending letters to the state's cities and counties to provide information and guidance to assist them as they begin to receive and plan to spend their share of the opioid settlement money.

"This is another layer in the checks and balances to make sure the money from settlements are used in the best possible way, to attack the opioid scourge head-on," Attorney General Morrissey said. "I am pleased to partner with the State Auditor's Office to bring its proven track record of transparency, accountability, and service to local governments to amplify the collaborative effort between the Attorney General's Office and local governments around the state."

The MOU created the first plan of action to address the opioid crisis, and was the first step toward healing the battered communities in this state; it details the allocation method for any settlement funds or judgments received as a result of the various lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors and other parties in the pharmaceutical supply chain.

The newly-formed West Virginia First Foundation will receive 72.5% of all settlement and judgment dollars. Another 24.5% will go directly to local governments, while 3% will be held in escrow by the state.

Local governments have broad discretion to decide which approved uses are best to spend their share of the settlement money. This new partnership with the Auditor's Office will help ensure that not only the terms of the settlement are met but also provide additional resources for local governments as they put this money to use fighting the opioid epidemic.

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SCRAMBLERS
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3. Lump; 4. Rascal
Today's Word
PUNCTUAL

Weekly SUDOKU

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Carnegie Classics Series continues with Beethoven, The Great! with Barbara Nissman and friends

Carnegie Hall’s Classics Series is a three-concert series hosted by Steinway “Legend” and 2023 West Virginia Music Hall of Fame inductee Barbara Nissman, designed to introduce classical music and Carnegie Hall to new audiences, as well as inspire and entertain current classical music enthusiasts. The Classics Series continues with its second concert Beethoven, The Great! on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Hamilton Auditorium.

Nissman will be joined by five of her musician friends for a premiere performance of Beethoven’s Fourth Piano Concerto, arranged for string quintet and piano. She performed this work with the Huntington Symphony Orchestra this past October, and she will present the first performance of this arrangement of Beethoven’s piano concerto to her Carnegie Hall audience.

Blending great music with informal chat, Barbara shares her love and joy of Beethoven’s great music. She has been living with this composer her entire life

and welcomes the chance to introduce the man and his music.

“Beethoven’s greatness is undisputed. That’s why I called this program, “Beethoven, the Great,” Nissman states. “He was the ‘master’ who inspired every composer who followed him. This is the composer I always turn to for inspiration and is the guy who keeps me sane and focused!”

She adds, “What a challenge and inspiration he presents for all performers! I can’t wait to share this great music with all of you.”

Barbara Nissman is an internationally renowned concert pianist and since 1989 has been a West Virginian “by choice,” residing on a farm in Greenbrier County. Hailed as “one of the last pianists in the grand Romantic tradition of Liszt, Rachmaninoff, and Rubinstein,” Nissman has performed as soloist with some of the world’s leading orchestras and has worked with some of the major conductors of our time. Inducted into the inau-



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gural class of Steinway Legends chosen from more than a century of Steinway Artists, Nissman is regarded as one of the world’s great concert pianists. With a mission to bring her passion and joy to audiences around the world, Nissman continues to inspire and uplift people through her music.

In 2014 she formed her own record label, Three Oranges Recordings (threeorangesrecordings.com) that now includes a discography of over 30 recordings with many more projected for the future. In 2017 the Three Oranges Foundation was established to further its mission of making classical music accessible to a wider audience and to promote Barbara’s various educational projects including a series of educational video master classes.

For more information on Barbara Nissman please visit www.barbaranissman.com.

Tickets are \$25/adults and \$5/students. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org.



Barbara Nissman

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