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## Lewisburg City Manager gives 2023 review of the City

By Sarah Richardson

Lewisburg City Council met last week to discuss the leasing of a bucket truck for the Public Works department, approve pay requests for both the water system improvement project and new Public Works building, review invoices for an HVAC replacement project for Council chambers, and to hear a "state of the city" year review for 2023 from the city manager.

Taking up much of the start of the Council meeting was a discussion regarding the leasing of a bucket truck for the City. "This is a vehicle that we use every day," said City Manager Misty Hill, "We use it at the water plant, with water distribution, streets, parks, this is a vehicle that is a heavily used vehicle." The current bucket truck used by the City is from 1997, and "we've been budgeting for this for roughly two to three years," said Hill. After much discussion, Council motioned to "lock in" a rate for the truck lease and starts the building of the truck, which will take a maximum of two years.

Resolution 541 and Resolution 542, authorizing project pay requests for the water system improvement project and public works building, respectively, were both approved unanimously.

City Manager Hill then gave a report highlighting some of the major projects and issues dealt with by the City throughout 2023. The implementing of a one percent sales tax as of July 1, 2023, was first mentioned. "This took several, several attempts with Home Rule before we were approved," said Hill. She mentioned a slew of projects completed last year at city parks, including securing replacement lighting for both Dorie Miller and Hollowell Parks, and light replacements at the Little League field from 25-foot wooden poles to 75-foot metal poles thanks to a \$60,000 grant from the county and secondary grant for the rest of the cost. Building the pickleball viewing stands at the pickleball courts was also a popular project completed early last year.

Securing a grant to replace the Lafayette Street sidewalk downtown was another major hurdle, as it had been in motion for some time with no progress. "There's a lot of components with Lafayette, it's not just replacing the sidewalk, it's also stormwater, it's repaving that area. There's actually going to be some green spaces built into that, so the DOH, the state, has that bid and started construction in October, and they have until June to complete that project," explained Hill.

With beautification, the City ordered new Christmas lights for 2023, as the old ones went out just several days after the holiday the year before. They also installed string lights in the alley beside the Convention and Visitor's Bureau that will stay up year-round. The first "Chills in the Hills" festival, a collaboration with the downtown businesses and the city, saw expanded fall decorations throughout town this last autumn.

The total amount spent by the City on all festival and parades downtown, including the Chocolate Festival, TOOT, the Christmas parade, and others, came with a grand total of over \$88,000 in expenses. "This is in the beautification budget," said Hill.

The Public Works department received a new plow truck, just in time for the winter weather, and the new Public Works building on Stonehouse Road should be completed and ready to move into this spring. In 2023, the City also started the new water plant project, and the water system improvement project. Hill stated that there were eight boil water advisories for the City

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## Greenbrier County Commission appoints new fiduciary commissioner, approves hiring of two dispatchers for 911 Center

By Matthew Young RealWV, www.therealwv.com

The Greenbrier County Commission, on Wednesday, authorized a change order applicable to a section of the Meadow River Rail Trail project which is funded by the West Virginia Division of Highways Transportation Alternative Program.

On-hand to explain the change was President of both the Greenbrier Environmental Group and Meadow River Valley Association (MRVA), Matt Ford.

"This is change order number five," Ford told commissioners. "The original contract sum with Lynch Construction was \$1,014,667.22. Other change orders brought the total contract sum to \$1,281,531.49. Change order number five is in the amount of \$107,788.09."

The inclusion of change order number five brings the total cost to \$1,389,319.58, which, according to Ford, "closes out the amount of grant funds that are available" through the Transportation Alternative Program.

The fifth change order accounts for improved truck access to Corliss Road, as well as necessary repairs as the result of "several wash outs."

"There were several culverts that needed repaired or replaced," Ford added. "That's included in this."

According to Ford, the work completed through change order number five has allowed access to an additional half-mile of trail.

"One of the biggest points for Corliss Road [...], is that it'll be another access point for us," Commissioner President Tammy Tincher said. "By having this access point (construction vehicles) aren't going to have to go onto any section of the trail that's already completed."

After addressing several personnel items, including approving the hiring of two full time dispatchers at the County 911 Center, commissioners considered the appointment of a new county fiduciary commissioner.

On-hand to advise the commission was County Attorney Britt Ludwig, who said, "We currently have two

fiduciary commissioners who serve the county when our fiduciary supervisor refers a case that needs additional oversight, and so it is helpful to have a third commissioner."

"Oftentimes, one of the two that we have serving could have a conflict with a case, so a third would be beneficial," Ludwig added. "Carrie DeHaven is interested in serving as a commissioner."

According to Ludwig, DeHaven is a general practitioner in Greenbrier County, and current member of the West Virginia Bar Association.

"I don't personally know Ms. DeHaven, but looking over her resume, she is definitely qualified," Commissioner Lowell Rose said. "I would recommend that we approve her."

Without further discussion, the commission voted unanimously to appoint Carrie DeHaven as the county's third fiduciary commissioner.

Next, commissioners considered amendments to the "Management and Operations Agreement between the Greenbrier County Commission and CityNet LLC pertaining to the Greenbrier County GigReady Broadband Project for the West Virginia Development Office."

Once again advising the commission was Britt Ludwig.

"We have some direction from the (State) Economic Development Office to change how we are implementing the pole-attachment agreements for our GigReady Broadband project," Ludwig said. "Our internet service provider, CityNet, is willing to execute those agreements directly with the utility pole owners, which would necessitate a change in our operations and management agreement with them."

Ludwig further advised that while CityNet has drafted a letter of agreement as a supplement to the operations agreement, they have not yet presented the agreement for consideration. On Ludwig's recommendation, the

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## This week in the House of Delegates

For the week ending Jan. 19, 2024

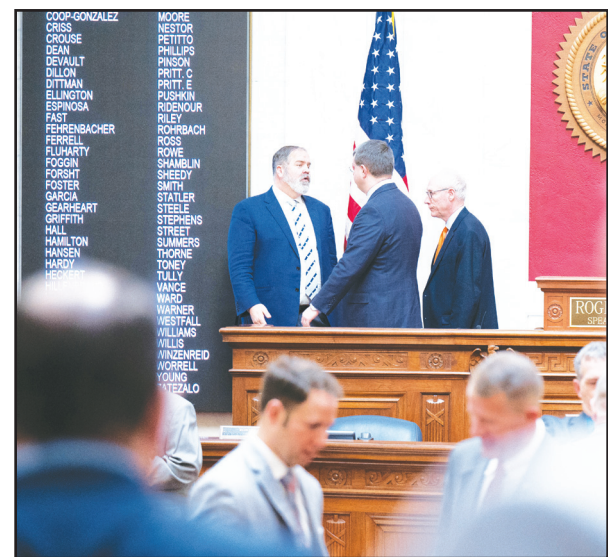
Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates passed four bills in the first full week of the regular legislative session.

House Bill 4190 would direct the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety to create a statewide "Purple Alert Plan" for cognitively impaired, at-risk individuals who go missing. The framework would be similar to existing Amber Alert and Silver Alert programs. House Bill 4252 would close a gap in the current law related to Domestic Violence Protective Orders. It would create a mechanism for West Virginia law enforcement officers to be able to recognize and enforce a Canadian Domestic Violence Protective Order.

House Bill 4274 continues the work that began last year in the separation of the former West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. It would restructure state code to reflect the newly reorganized and renamed Department of Health, Department of Human Services and Department of Health Facilities.

House Bill 4433 would allow private practices to acquire and use certain tomography scanners as well as allowing mobile facilities to perform mammography and low-dose tomography both without going through the state's certificate of need process.

Delegate Heather Tully, R-Nicholas, is vice chair of the House Health and Human Resources Committee and a sponsor of the bill. She spoke in favor of it just before



Members of the House of Delegates gather on Jan. 16, 2024. (WV Legislative Photography Photo by Perry Bennett)

the vote, saying increased access to scans for lung and breast cancers saves lives.

"This does bring health care into the rural communities, and even though we do have a hospital, we still have individuals who are not willing or do not have transportation to get to the hospital," she said.

All four measures passed unanimously and now are

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## Donald Davis Memorial Toy Drive a success again in Greenbrier, Meadow River area

The annual Donald Davis Memorial Toy Drive, which provides new toys as gifts for children in the Meadow River and Greenbrier Valley area, once again has been very successful. Davis, who grew up in the Rainelle area, spent his working career in the District of Columbia and would, each Christmas season, bring a pickup truck loaded with toys for the children in the western Greenbrier and eastern Fayette counties area. Upon his untimely death, relatives and friends of Davis have continued his

mission with the Donald Davis Memorial Toy Drive which distributes toys to area children who might not otherwise have a gift on Christmas morning.

With the support of the parishioners of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rainelle, St. Catherine of Siena in Roncerverte, St. Charles Borromeo in White Sulphur Springs, and the Greenbrier Valley Council Knights of Columbus, the relatives and friends were able to collect over 100 toys.

In addition, the Greenbrier Valley Knights of Columbus distributed 98 new coats for children in need through the local elementary age children in Rainelle, Rupert, Alderson and Meadow Bridge areas in cooperation with the Donald Davis Memorial Toy distribution, as well as in cooperation with the Frankford and Roncerverte Elementary Schools, St. John Neuman Catholic Church in Marlinton, Family Resource Network in Pocahontas County, and the Family Resource Network in Monroe County.

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Over 100 toys were collected for the Donald Davis Memorial Toy Drive, along with 98 new coats.

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# WV groups sue Forest Service over Cherry River watershed protections

By Nadia Ramlagan

West Virginia environmental groups have sued the Forest Service for failing to protect streams in the Cherry River watershed from the impacts of coal hauling in the Monongahela National Forest.

The watershed is home to the critically endangered candy darter, a freshwater fish striped in bright green and orange. But environmentalists say trucks brimming with coal are spilling harmful sediment and pollutants into its waters.

Rick Webb, executive director of the Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance, said his organization has created a website that tracks environmental issues re-

lated to coal mining and the watershed.

“And one of the things we’ve shown is there has been an impact to water quality due to mining, sulfate concentrations or high conductivity or salinity is high. Iron is high. Selenium is high,” he cautioned.

In 2021, the Forest Service issued a permit allowing South Fork Coal Company to haul oversized coal loads, cut trees, and regrade and widen forest roads. The permit also allows the company to haul mining supplies, equipment and explosives on F.S. 223, a gravel road along a direct tributary to North Fork Cherry River.

Webb said the lawsuit argues that the permits to

haul coal violate federal environmental laws.

“Our concern is that the Forest Service has issued a permit for using this road for hauling coal without following the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act,” Webb contended.

According to the group Appalachian Voices, South Fork Coal Company has received permits to operate on nearly 3,300 acres in the region over the past decade. In recent years, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has issued the company dozens of citations for violating environmental regulations.



The critically endangered candy darter

## One killed in traffic accident

On Friday, Jan. 19, at approximately 1:15 p.m., members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Department responded to a single vehicle traffic accident on Interstate 64 near the 170 mile marker. Upon arrival officers observed that a pick up truck had struck the guardrail and came to rest in the roadway blocking one of the travel lanes.

The driver was unresponsive and EMS

personnel were able to gain access to the lone occupant and transport them to a local hospital, where they were subsequently pronounced deceased.

The name of the driver is being withheld pending notification of the family.

Deputy Herman Rodriguez of the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Department is the investigating officer.

## Charmco man arrested for delivery of a controlled substance

Subsequent to an investigation conducted by members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Department, a search warrant was obtained for a residence located in Charmco, WV. The search warrant was executed on Wednesday, Jan. 24, and officers seized a large amount of methamphetamine, fentanyl and multiple other suspected controlled substances, as well as a large amount of U.S. Currency.

James Matthew Walkup, 47, of Charm-

co, was arrested and charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance and was incarcerated in the Southern Regional Jail.

Members of the WV State Police Rainelle Detachment assisted in the search of the home.

Deputy Herman Rodriguez of the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Department is the lead investigator.

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in 2023, totaling 23 days with these advisories. “This is not 23 days without water, but 23 days with advisories,” Hill clarified. She emphasized the importance of the new water plant and its water pumping capabilities that will benefit the City and will lessen these advisories. An emotional Hill said that, “A lot of time and effort goes into this project every day.”

Hill reports that the MyLewisburg app launch has been a resource for residents wanting to stay up-to-date with advisories and other announcements from the City, and she encourages everyone to download the app to their smartphones as another way to receive information regarding City happenings. Search for “MyLewisburg” in your app store to download. Mayor Beverly White added that if the City is not calling you during boil water advisories, to please reach out to City Hall and make sure that your contact information is correct.

“It’s wonderful to see all [of this information] together,” said Councilmember John Little. “I think it’s important for the citizens to see all of what is going on in the City and what happens here.”

In other news:

- A task order for a “kayak launch design” from Chapman Technical Group was presented and approved unanimously by Council. This order allows Chapman Technical to begin designing the launch at the Hopper Greenbrier River Trail access.
- An invoice to Total Tech for an HVAC replacement for City Council chambers in the amount of \$19,810.06 was approved unanimously.
- Fire Chief Joey Thomas reports that there has been an increase of over 60 percent in calls to the fire department from 2014 through 2022, and he believes that his department has answered more calls this last year than the year before.

## Greenbrier County Commission

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commission tabled further consideration to allow additional time for the agreement to be received.

In a related matter, commissioners approved a resolution allowing for the facilitation of potential transferability agreements between the County Commission and the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation, and CityNet. This resolution would allow the future transfer of pole-attachment agreements from CityNet, to the Greenbrier County GigReady Broadband Project through the West Virginia Development Office.

In the day’s final point of business, commissioners reviewed two bids submitted for the building of the Greenbrier County 911 Agency communication equipment shelter.

“This would be a structure that would be located at the Greenbrier County 911 office,” Tinchler explained. “It would be within our secure area, and would house IT technology for increased security.”

Cedar Rapids-based CellSite Solutions submitted a bid of \$77,875, with an estimated delivery date of April 10. VFP Inc., out of Roanoke, Virginia, submitted a bid of \$134,370, which includes a shipping cost of \$5,524. VFP estimates completion would occur 28 weeks from bid acceptance.

## PICK OF THE LITTER



### CHARLES

Charles is a three-year-old male terrier mix and weighs 56 pounds.



### TOGANGA

Topanga is a four-month-old female domestic shorthair!

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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## 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 next January walk will be Jan. 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.)

## Williamsburg Shooting Match

Hope you are staying warm. Come join us for the Jack Goodman Scholarship, Williamsburg Shooting Match that will be held Feb. 3. The Shooting Match will begin 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 @ \$2.50 per shot, eighth round 50/50 @ \$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 5 p.m. Families welcomed; you don't have to shoot to come get a meal! The match will be held at the Community Building 6571 Shoestring, Trail, Williamsburg, WV. We hope to see you all there. Sponsored by a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action. For more information and directions visit our website: [www.williamsburgwv.com](http://www.williamsburgwv.com) or Bill Jarvis, 304-645-3690.

## Baked Steak Dinner at Williamsburg

Williamsburg Community invites you to enjoy a home cooked steak and gravy meal. The dinner will be held on Feb. 10, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Building. The menu features baked steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, bread/rolls, desserts and tea/coffee. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Call 304-645-0964 with questions or for more information. This event is sponsored by Williamsburg Community Action and is at the Williamsburg Community Building, 6571 Shoestring Trail. Directions to Williamsburg from the east: Exit 161 (Alta), right on Rt. 12, right on Rt. 60 East, left on Sinking Creek Road (first road on left from Rt. 60), about nine miles to Williamsburg staying on the two lane road, the Community Building will be on your left.

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Emmalee R. Gunter, Chapin, SC, speeding, NCP, fine \$30

Justin D. Dolin, Lewisburg, deposit dead animals or offensive substances, GP, fine \$100

Michael P. Honaker, White Sulphur Springs, stop sign - failure to stop, GP, fine \$25

Arieanna Paige Bretz, Clifton Forge, VA, stop sign - failure to stop, NCP, fine \$25

Franklin J. Burns, Lewisburg, 1) operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate, NCP, fine \$20; 2) possession of controlled substance without valid prescription, fine \$100; 3) unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles, fine \$20; 4) improper MVI, fine \$20

Kevin T. Legg, Sutton, no seatbelt, GP, fine \$25

David Reed Canaday, Jr., Dunbar, expired registration, GP, fine \$50

Michael R. Reynolds, White Sulphur Springs, improper lane change, GP, fine \$25

Justin H. Loudermilk, Lewisburg, speeding, GP, fine \$10

Michael E. Meddings, Huntington, WV, seatbelt violation, fine \$25

Cynthia L. Tilley, Bluefield, improper lane change, NCP, fine \$25

Angel Rose Highlander, Asbury, false report to officer, NCP, fine \$100

Justin David Richmond, Talcott, 1) obstructing an officer, NCP, fine \$50, jail 65 days - time served; 2) obstructing an officer, NCP, fine \$30, jail 30 days - consecutive to count 1

Triston Daniel Crookshanks, Gap Mills, speeding, GP, fine \$28

Jayson Scott Bennett, Jumping Branch, 1) driving impaired, NCP, fine \$100, jail 6 months, 63 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation; 2) petit larceny, jail 6 months - consecutive to charge 1 (driving impaired), 63 days jail suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Mason G. Pope, Brentwood, TN, speeding, NCP, fine \$22

Ethan D. Dunbar, Union, speeding, GP, fine \$20

Ezekiel J. Workman, Coal City, speeding, NCP, fine \$20

## Gov. Justice announces approval of nearly \$2M in recycling assistance grants

Gov. Jim Justice has announced the approval of grants worth \$1.99 million for 22 recipients through the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's REAP Recycling Assistance Grants Program.

Grants were awarded to state solid waste authorities, county commissions, municipalities, private industries, and nonprofit organizations. Funding for the Recycling Assistance Grant Program is generated through the \$1 assessment fee per ton of solid waste disposed at in-state landfills.

Locally, the Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority received \$130,000 to assist with repairs to the County's recycling facility, and Greenworks Recycling will receive \$66,415 to assist with tilt trailers and a truck to support the recycling operation.

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with the Senate for debate.

The week started with newly appointed Delegate Thomas C. Clark, R-Webster, taking the oath of office to represent the 48th House District just before the day's floor session.

House Majority Leader Eric Householder, R-Berkeley, announced new leadership roles for two members this week. Delegate Jon Paul Hott, R-Grant, has been named an Assistant Majority Leader, serving in that role with Dean Jeffries, R-Kanawha, and Laura Kimble, R-Harrison. Delegate Jonathan Pinson, R-Mason, has been tapped to serve as a Deputy Majority Whip, alongside Delegate Chris Pritt, R-Kanawha.

"The hard work of thoroughly deliberating important bills while efficiently managing our time began last session as members of the House rolled up their sleeves to perform the work the people of West Virginia sent us here to do," Householder said. "That level of organization is only possible with a well-organized leadership structure that helps coordinate each of the many pieces that make up a Legislature and a legislative session."

A total of 936 bills have been introduced in the House, and the deadline for bills to be introduced is Feb. 13. The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight Saturday, March 9.

## Memorial Toy Drive

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Gently used winter gear for all ages was also collected by the Knights and distributed to those in need through the Wellspring of Western Greenbrier; Lewisburg/Fairlea Food Locker, and the Family Resource Network in Monroe County.

Proceeds from the Lenten Fish Dinners sponsored by the Knights of Columbus fund the distribution of the new and used winter clothing and gear and toys by the Knights.

The Greenbrier Valley Council Knights of Columbus is composed of Catholic men in Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe and eastern Fayette counties and is assisted by members of the Auxiliary of the Knights. For information on the Knights, contact Mike Williams at 304-645-1373 or the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley at 304-536-1813.

## USDA seeks applications to help WV farmers and small businesses venture into new and better markets

*Program webinar will take place on Feb. 15 for interested applicants*

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development West Virginia State Director Ryan Thorn has announced that Rural Development is accepting applications for grants to help agricultural producers and small businesses maximize the value of their products and venture into new and better markets.

Rural Development is making the grants available under the Value-Added Producer Grants program. The grants help farmers and ranchers generate new products, create marketing opportunities, and increase their incomes through value-added activities.

"Helping our agricultural producers and rural small businesses reach new markets and maximize their profits is the purpose of this grant and it can really help take their operations to the next level," said Thorn. "I would encourage anyone that's interested in learning more about this fantastic opportunity to attend our upcoming Value-Added Producer Grant webinar."

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program webinar will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Feb. 15. Rural Development West Virginia staff will provide an overview of the program, provide insight into the application scoring process, and answer any questions. Register for the webinar at [tinyurl.com/VAPG24](http://tinyurl.com/VAPG24).

Eligible applicants include independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures.

Rural Development may award up to \$75,000 for planning activities or up to \$250,000 for working capital expenses related to producing and marketing a value-added agricultural product.

Planning activities may include conducting feasibility studies and developing business plans. Working capital expenses may include costs associated with processing,

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## Public Meetings

### Rainelle Town Council

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

### Greenbrier County 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.

## Marriages

Misty Ann Ratcliff and John David Lilly  
Joyce Carol Spence and Roger Allen Hall

## For the Record

### Deeds

Anvil Rock LLC to Pat Goodale: 2.928 acres, Fort

Spring District, Map 17 Parcel 30. Filed Jan. 18, 2024.

Anvil Rock LLC to Pat Goodale: 30.608 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 17 Parcel 30. Filed Jan. 18, 2024.

Robert L. Clevenger to Brad W. Clevenger and Beth M. Clevenger: 6.59 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 69 Parcel 32 - 34. Filed Jan. 18, 2024.

Lloyd E. Camp and Nancy C. Camp to Michael Beck and Shelley Beck: 2.08 and 4.18 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 11 Parcel 19. Filed Jan. 18, 2024.

Frankie C. Martin and Janet Martin to Joshua L. Martin, Frankie C. Martin and Janet Martin: 2 properties, Blue Sulphur District, Map 19 Parcel 3. Filed Jan. 18, 2024.

James A. Scudder and Janet M. Martin to Joshua L. Martin, James A. Scudder and Janet M. Martin: property, Meadow Bluff District, Map 75 Parcel 6 Parcel Suffix 9. Filed Jan. 18, 2024.

James A. Scudder and Janet M. Martin to Joshua L. Martin, James A. Scudder and Janet M. Martin: 136 feet, Meadow Bluff District, Map 69 Parcel 28. Filed Jan. 18, 2024.

Mae C. Northup to Dennis F. Mankins and Patricia G. Mankins: 7.10 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 20 Parcel 0050 0004. Filed Jan. 19, 2024.

Wilson Properties LLC to Serena Brandt: 0.22 and 0.12 acres more or less, Fort Spring District, Map 9H, 9H Parcel 84, 85. Filed Jan. 19, 2024.

Nathan J. Hersman to Seth A. Wilson: lots 143 - 145, Riverview Addition, Alderson District, Map 6 Parcel 0312, 0313, 0314. Filed Jan. 22, 2024.

Doreen V. Alderman to Justin G. Alderman: 24.27 acres, transfer on death deed, Meadow Bluff District, Map 49R Parcel Map 2. Filed Jan. 23, 2024.

William F. Krafft to Nicole B. Ramsey and Christopher Ramsey: 1.00, 1.00, and 10.10 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 11 Parcel 71, 71.2, 71.3. Filed Jan. 23, 2024.

Katrina Lindsey and Erik L. Lindsey to Olivia A. Walmsley, Matthew D. Spencer, Samuel A. Walmsley Jr. and Marie N. Walmsley: AC 30 D on SLS 6, Mill Creek, deed of correction, Meadow Bluff District, Map 40 Parcel 0005. Filed Jan. 24, 2024.

Olivia A. Walmsley Steele, Matthew D. Spencer, Samuel A. Walmsley, and Marie N. Walmsley to Yong Dong: 30 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 41 Parcel 0005. Filed Jan. 24, 2024.

Matthew L. Rowan and Heather M. Clawges to Clarow Properties LLC: 0.556 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 8W Parcel 0022. Filed Jan. 24, 2024.

Herschel Harvey to Courtney Clendenin: 10,083 square feet, White Sulphur District, Map 10 Parcel 0002. Filed Jan. 24, 2024.

CMG Investors LLC to Lori L. Baldwin: 0.45 acres (100 X 200 X 96 X 200), Lewisburg District, Map 30 Parcel 4. Filed Jan. 24, 2024.

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## OPINION

## Letter to the Editor

**Laws are made to be broken. Street signs are made to be ignored.**

Mayor Beverly White,  
City Manager Misty Hill,  
Owner - Bella The Corner Gourmet,  
Editor - Mountain Messenger:

There is only one “permanent” solution to prevent the next truck from cutting the corner too close - south-bound traffic on 219 needs to stop 20 to 30 feet short of

the intersection to allow even trucks over 50 ft. to make a right-hand turn without scraping the corner of Bella’s.

I am not a highway engineer but I’m sure the Department of Highways would be able to easily determine the number of feet an “auxiliary” stop light would have to be placed “north” of the intersection.

The existing stop lights would remain and pedestrians

would be able to cross without change.

P.S. I’m sure consideration is being to some type of solar light to illuminate the existing sign. Certainly, a good idea but not a 100% guarantee that some future truck driver will be distracted and try to make the turn in violation of the 50 ft. rule.

I’m sure we have all run a red light or stop sign by “mistake.” Truck drivers are no exception.

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## West Virginia begins taking applications for first-ever Governor’s School for Tourism

*Applications now open for high school freshmen and sophomores interested in attending and becoming official tourism ambassadors*

Gov. Jim Justice has applications are now available for freshman and sophomore high school students wishing to attend West Virginia’s inaugural Governor’s School for Tourism.

Although the popular summer educational camps have existed since 1984, Governor Justice is the first governor to host a school focused on tourism.

“I am just thrilled to launch the first-ever Governor’s School for Tourism,” Gov. Justice said. “With tourism exploding in West Virginia, it’s time to start working with our students to showcase all good-paying jobs available in this industry. The growth has been off the chart, and our research shows this is quickly becoming a high-demand field in our state. I can’t wait to meet with our talented students this summer as they explore the wide array of tourism attractions and jobs across this great state.”

Hosted by West Virginia University and supported by the West Virginia Department of Education’s Division of Instruction and Career Engagement, the Governor’s School for Tourism will provide students a 10-day, hands-on learning tour of the Mountain State. Additionally, these budding industry ambassadors will visit many of the state’s travel regions and meet with dozens of industry professionals who will offer a glimpse into the variety of sectors within tourism. This includes outdoor recreation, arts and culture, hospitality and lodging, and culinary arts. This program is provided at no cost to students or families.

The Governor’s School for Tourism will accept one freshman or sophomore student from each county, as well as one student from each of the state’s five charter schools and a student from the West Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. The Governor’s Schools of West Virginia programs undergo a stringent application process to secure a spot in programs taught by esteemed college faculty. State funds provide tuition, room, board, activities, and instructional materials for each student.

“I want to thank the Governor for his leadership and for allowing us to provide this incredible opportunity to our students. Tourism is among the cornerstones of our economy, and this School is a phenomenal addition to our summer residential learning offerings,” State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt said. “The format of the Governor’s School for Tourism turns our state into a learning laboratory because industry professionals and academic leaders across the state engage students with

experiential learning. Students selected will never forget this experience, and I can’t wait to get out and see them on our Country Roads.”

While on the tour, students will have the opportunity to experience their home state as visitors and help the Tourism Department develop new promotional strategies to be used in the following year. After completing the program, students will serve as the Governor’s official tourism ambassadors for the year following their participation in the School. As ambassadors, they will work throughout the year with the Department of Tourism as local content creators and liaisons to the Department’s marketing team.

“I can never thank Governor Justice enough for this incredible opportunity. With West Virginia tourism growing at a record-breaking pace, it’s vital that we start making sure students are aware of the amazing opportunities available to them right here at home. The first-ever Governor’s School for Tourism is the perfect opportunity,” West Virginia Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby said. “We’ve discovered that so many students haven’t been able to explore West Virginia and aren’t aware of the employment opportunities that await them. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to showcase this firsthand to students from across the state, while also giving them an opportunity to become official tourism ambassadors.”

The curriculum and educational components will be led by West Virginia University’s esteemed Hardy Family Hospitality and Tourism Management program within the John Chambers College of Business. Academic professionals from the Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative will also be integral in planning, development of curriculum, and hands-on learning.

“Tourism is a significant and growing part of our state economy,” Josh Hall, Milan Puskar Dean of WVU’s John Chambers College of Business and Economics, said. “West Virginia University is proud to partner with the Governor’s Office on a program that will expose students to the unique opportunities in the tourism industry in our state and open their minds to the possibilities of how they can contribute to it.”

Learn more or apply on the West Virginia Department of Education’s website. The deadline for applications is Friday, Apr. 26, 2024.

## Commentary

**Vannoy announces candidacy for House of Delegates 47th District**

My name is Roger Vannoy. I’m running for the West Virginia House of Delegates 47th district in Greenbrier County and part of Monroe County. I’m a husband, father of two, Marine Corps veteran, Registered Nurse, homeowner and a member of the Greenbrier County Democratic Executive Committee. Our family has called Greenbrier County home since 2015.

I’m running for office because I love West Virginia and I want it to be a place where my children can have a future. As President Kennedy once said, “the sun doesn’t always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do.” Having said that, our state faces real problems that aren’t being addressed by our state government. The cost of living has gone up by 17 percent in the last few years, making life more difficult for working families. College tuition costs continue to climb, bringing long-term debt to those who pursue higher education. Fuel and energy prices rise each year, taking what is left of the working-class paycheck.

West Virginians are faced with these very real problems, yet the state Legislature focuses instead on belittling transgender children, putting guns on college campuses, and taking reproductive health care choices away from women. It’s time for a change in Charleston. If you send me to the West Virginia state Legislature, I’ll work on solutions to the problems we all face, instead of creating new ones. Remember in November and vote for Roger Vannoy for House of Delegates!



Roger Vannoy

## OBITUARIES

**Page Montgomery Murphy**

**Fairlea-Page Montgomery Murphy**, 80, passed away peacefully on Jan. 20, 2024, at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea.

Page was born Feb. 20, 1943, in Ronceverte, the daughter of Guy B. and Ginny Montgomery. She was preceded in death by her parents and her son-in-law, Harry Worrell of Salem, VA.

Page is survived by her husband, Robert (Bob) Murphy; daughter, Ginger Worrell of Salem, VA; sons, Brent Nash (Stephanie) of Clifton, VA, and Christopher Nash (Amy) of Ronceverte; grandchildren, Alex Worrell, Jamie Pagan, Sam Worrell, Hope Nash, Keenan Nash, Liam Nash, Julia Nash, and Alexis Barfield; sister, Gail Marshall (Bill Tilson) of Lewisburg; nieces, Mary Page Nemcik (Joey) and Lucy Taylor (Ray); and great-nieces, Hallie and

Coriann Nemcik, Abby Taylor, and great-nephew Zackary Taylor.

Page graduated from Lewisburg High School. She was a nursery school-teacher at Old Stone Church for years when her kids were little. She always felt happiness by seeing others happy and ventured into the restaurant business with Zapp’s located at the Old Mall. That business eventually turned into Food & Friends, which she truly gave her whole life to. Any given day you would see Page walking around Lewisburg with her side kick, Reilly. She loved planting and growing flowers, trees, shrubs and about anything else she could fit in her yard or flowerpots at the restaurant. That was truly a loved passion. No weed was safe if Page was around.

So many people were special to Page, from her girl’s lunch to her staff. She always loved to see smiling faces and she was the first one to give you a smile and ask if you were happy. Jeff Thomas was such a special friend to Page. We hope you know her appreciation and love for you. Eva Waid was Page’s main caregiver for years since Paige broke her hip. She became everything Page needed in a

constant companion. She made every day for Page a little bit better, safer, and happier. We could not have asked for a kinder person. We will always think of you as family. To the ladies at Peyton Hospice House, you have truly found your calling. We are forever grateful for your compassion and kindness.

Page lived a full and happy life. She was always the life of the party and everyone’s friend. She loved long days at the beach in North Carolina and long evenings on the back porch with good friends, family, food, and drinks. She loved her children with her whole heart and wanted a world of happiness for them.

A memorial service for Page will be planned at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Peyton Hospice House at 1265 Maplewood Ave., Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com).

**Ramona Bell**

**Lewisburg-Ramona “Rikki” Bell** passed away on New Year’s Day, 2024, heading to her “next star.” She was surrounded by dear friends during her final days. Born in Richwood, WV, on Aug. 30, 1946, she was a part of the Hamrick family of Nicholas County. With a fierce independence, acute intellect, and a keen sense of truth, she moved through this world with a handful of grit and a heart full of grace. She is survived by her loving friends, her guitar Esmeralda, her cat Sweetpea, and a vast library of her writings and music. As a young woman she attended Petersburg School of Nursing where she began making some of her lifelong friendships.

Her nursing career spanned over 4 decades and took her far from her home state of WV. Rikki spent much of that time in California using her endless compassion to care for patients as a surgical nurse.

Music was always her passion. As a child, Rikki loved singing and was often asked to perform. While working as a nurse she played guitar and performed locally. She eventually pursued her lifelong dream of a musical education; first graduating summa cum laude from Berkeley School of Music then receiving her MS from Vermont College of Fine Arts (VCFA). She became a singer/songwriter and recorded a CD of original songs entitled “This Curious Heart.” After graduation she continued to collaborate with staff at VCFA, composing numerous string quartets and duets for the violin.

In addition to her music, Rikki exercised her creative nature through her poetry, writings, and handmade quilts. Through her practice of meditation,

Pilates, and yoga, she discovered a deep spirituality coupled with an appreciation for beauty. At the time of her death, she was near completing a memoir of her life; a story of overcoming a difficult childhood and life’s adversities. She was a resolute supporter of women’s rights, and human rights in general.

After moving around the country, the mountains of West Virginia eventually called her home where she spent many treasured years. Rikki left us with these parting words: “When the day is done and gone forever, and time to lay this body down, I know a place west of Virginia, in the mountains of my home.”

Friends are invited to a Celebration of Life for Rikki, Sunday, Jan. 28 from 2-4 p.m. at Carnegie Hall in the Museum Gallery room.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg submitted the arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com).



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## Club & Church

# Feed the Need program donates chest freezer to Wellspring of Greenbrier



**Robert Bittinger Jr. (left), GVBOR Feed The Need Chairman, and Josiah Spangler and Abby Spangler, Co-Directors of Wellspring Of Greenbrier Inc.**

At the annual Greenbrier Valley Board Of Realtors Feed The Need Food Pantry Directors meeting in December, Robert Bittinger Jr., FTN Chairman, asked if any of the directors would have a wish list item that they might be able to assist with. Abby Spangler, co-director of Wellspring Of Greenbrier Inc., mentioned that they really had a need for more freezer space, and that it would assist them in obtaining more meat products and frozen foods.

On Jan. 18, that wish was fulfilled. Robert states that it is a real honor to assist those that assist so many in our local community. "We, the GVBOR, are very proud to be associated with the Spanglers and Wellspring Of Greenbrier Inc."

Wellspring Of Greenbrier Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides diverse support services and programs to uplift our community.

## Greenbrier County 4-H announces annual 4-H Venison Contest, Bingo and Auction



**Christopher Wood (left), Remington Hefner, Bridgette Altizer, Hailey Elmore, and Paige Altizer**

Greenbrier County 4-H will host their 19th annual 4-H Venison Contest, Bingo, and Auction on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the West Virginia Building at the State Fair of West Virginia.

Funds raised will be used to help fund the 2024 Greenbrier County 4-H Camp. The fundraiser allows for lower camp fees for campers, while providing them with a fun, educational, and exciting week at camp. Our campers take a variety of classes at camp ranging to crafts, recreation, cooking, and opportunities to learn more about nature. Campers not only learn more about themselves, but also learn leadership skills they will carry with them into adulthood. Youth leave camp feeling empowered and with new friendships that can last a lifetime. This event makes our camp more accessible to the youth of Greenbrier County.

There will be many activities available on Feb. 24. The day will start at 1 p.m., when entries for the Venison Contest can be dropped off. The Venison Contest has a \$10 entry fee. Participants are to prepare their best venison dish, create a visual pleasing presentation for their dish, and bring a typed copy of the recipe. The Venison

Contest has a \$10 entry fee, and entry forms must be returned to the Greenbrier County WVU Extension Office by Friday, Feb. 16. There are two age divisions - adult and youth. In each division, first place will receive \$100, second place will receive \$50, and third place will receive \$30. Judging of entries will begin at 2 p.m.

Our Bingo will start at 2:30 p.m. We will have a variety of prizes for this event. We will have 17 bingo games. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$25. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$30. We will end the day with a live auction at 4:30 p.m. following the bingo games. We will be auctioning a variety of items. We are also seeking donations from businesses and individuals for bingo prizes and auction items.

There will be a concession stand at the event, and we will provide activities for children throughout the day.

If you would like to purchase bingo tickets, enter the venison contest, or donate items for this event, please call the Greenbrier County WVU Extension Office at 304-647-7408 for more information. You can also find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/p/Greenbrier-County-4-H-100069265125335/>.

## West Virginia DMV implements Digital Vehicle Registration and Mobile ID

Gov. Jim Justice announced that the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is expanding their digital-focused services with two exciting new initiatives: digital vehicle registration cards and the West Virginia Mobile ID.

Starting today, West Virginians renewing their vehicle registration online can opt for a secure digital registration card stored in their smartphone wallet. This free service offers immediate access to vehicle information, eliminating the need to rummage through glove compartments or worry about misplaced cards.

"This is a major step forward for the DMV and for West Virginia residents," Gov. Justice said. "It's convenient and secure, which is what we strive for in state government."

The DMV is also developing the West Virginia Mobile ID, a digital driver's license and ID card accessible on your phone. This innovative program, expected to launch in Spring 2024, will allow secure and easy identification at participating businesses and government agencies.

"The Mobile ID will be a game-changer," DMV Commissioner Everett Frazier said. "It's secure, convenient, and puts the power of your ID right at your fingertips."

The DMV is collaborating with law enforcement and industry leader IDEMIA to ensure the seamless integration of both initiatives. While digital options are readily accepted within West Virginia, carrying a physical registration card remains advisable for out-of-state travel or areas with limited cell service.

"These advancements align with the DMV's ongoing commitment to digitalization," Commissioner Frazier added. "We're partnering with Tyler Technologies to make the DMV experience faster, easier, and more accessible for everyone. This is just the start of exciting things to come for West Virginia residents."

West Virginians can experience the convenience of digital vehicle registration today by renewing their registration online through the DMV's Self-Service Portal. After the transaction is completed, a link to download the digital registration card to the user's device will be included in the confirmation email. Once downloaded, residents can access the digital vehicle registration card in their Apple or Google wallet. They will also receive a registration card in PDF format and a paper copy with their registration decal in the mail.

The DMV will keep the public informed as updates to these new programs are available.

### Church Bulletin

#### Free Concert at Lewisburg Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Jaime Jorge will perform one night on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Lewisburg Seventh-Day Adventist Church as part of his Here I Am To Worship concert tour. This event is free and open to the public. The Lewisburg Seventh-Day Adventist Church is located at 1019 Court Street North in Lewisburg.

### USDA Applications

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marketing, advertising, inventory and salaries.

Rural Development is particularly interested in applications that will advance Biden Administration priorities to:

- Reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.
- Ensure all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects; and
- Help rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure.

Paper applications must be postmarked and delivered by mail, email or in person to the USDA state office where the project is proposed by close of business on Apr. 16. Electronic applications will be accepted via Grants.gov until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Apr. 11.

Additional information is available on page 2919 of the Jan. 17 Federal Register or by contacting your local USDA Rural Development office.

To subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates in West Virginia, visit the GovDelivery subscriber page.

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# Dear Recycle Lady,

**Dear Readers,**  
As exciting project is coming to this area! Boy Scout Troop 70 and Montwell Commons are collaborating to meet the Trex Challenge - recycling 1,000 pounds of #2 and #4 plastic film over the next year. Cole Morgan of Renick, an Eagle Scout candidate, is organizing this as his community service project with the support of all the Scouts of Troop 70. At the end of a year, if the Scouts have met the goal of 1,000 pounds of plastic, Trex will donate a composite park bench to Montwell Commons that will be placed along one of the walking paths.

A large recycle bin has been set up on Amy's Market porch at Montwell Commons, so just drop all clean and dry plastics and plastic film in the bin. Grocery and bread bags, Ziploc bags, bubble wrap, overwraps for bottled water and paper towels, produce bags and newspaper sleeves are all acceptable. If there is no recycle number, a quick test is stretching the plastic over your thumbnail. If it stretches, it's good for recycling. Let's all get behind this wonderful project of the Scouts and Montwell Commons and help them achieve their goal of 1,000 pounds of plastic.

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# A Look Back



**Photo: Courtesy of the West Virginia University Regional History Center. Sources: The Greenbrier Independent, The Wheeling Daily Intelligencer, The Pittsburgh Post, The Journal of The Greenbrier Historical Society (2011).**

By William "Skip" Deegans  
Had it not been for James McMillan Lee, Lewisburg would probably not be the home of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. Major J. M. Lee, 41, came to Lewisburg in 1896 to start a private school he named the Lee Military Academy. An 1878 graduate of the State University of West Virginia (WVU) and professor there, Lee was a prominent educator by the time he reached Lewisburg. He had been the principal of Linsly Institute at Wheeling and Superintendent of Huntington schools.

Lee procured four acres of land that was part of the old Greenbrier Agricultural Society fairgrounds along what is now Lee Street. The Greenbrier Independent described the site as "located in a fine grove of stately oaks" and situated in the "eastern suburbs of our town." Lee immediately dispatched William L. Wetzel, a contractor, to begin constructing a school house. Annual tuition at the school was set at \$50 and \$30 according to grade. Board, including lodging and fuel, could be had for \$10-15 a month.

Evidently, classes began in the town hall but the students moved into the new building in October 1896. The building was described by The Greenbrier Independent as "the best constructed house put up in our town in years, with four elegant school rooms which are as handsome as we ever saw in a college building." That fall the school fielded a football team, and in what may have been their first game, Lee Military

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**JAMES M. LEE, A. M.,**  
Sept. 3-11. Principal.

Academy defeated Allegheny Collegiate Institute cadets in Alderson 58 to 0. The Greenbrier Independent noted, "The Alderson boys played pluckily, but were lacking in size and weight and were therefore at great disadvantage."

Lee Academy was short-lived, and the school was taken over by the Greenbrier Presbytery and renamed the Greenbrier Presbyterian Military School. This school evolved into Greenbrier Military School that closed in 1972, and its facilities were absorbed by the Greenbrier College of Osteopathic Medicine, the forerunner of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Shown in the above 1884 photo is Commandant Major James M. Lee (far right standing) of the WVU cadets. The Lee Military Academy advertisement is the first one placed for the school in The Greenbrier Independent.

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## Greenbrier East High School Wrestlers of the Week



Name: The whole wrestling team  
Grade: 9 thru 12  
G.P.A.: 3.75 (Team Average)  
Current Dual Record: 28 - 12  
Parents: The whole community  
Hometown: Greenbrier County  
Favorite Wrestler(s): U.S.A. Olympic Wrestling Team  
Favorite Quote: "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent, So, believe in yourself because we believe in you!"  
Began Wrestling: November 11 (first day of practice)  
Past Accomplishments: REGION 3 Dual Team State Qualifiers- first time

in school history  
Why We Wrestle: "PROUD to represent Greenbrier East High School throughout the state.  
Coach's Comments: "We had a really big week, with wrestlers being banged up and sick, but the team stepped up and beat St. Albans (#8 in the State) and Riverside (a team that beat us earlier this season). We are so proud of this team and IT'S GREAT TO BE A SPARTAN!"  
Miluk Humor: (I'm getting old.) "When I say, 'The other day,' I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago." TRUTH!

## LEGAL

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| Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 3/15/2024.                                  | \$ 2852.80 |
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You may redeem at any time before 3/15/2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest. Given under my hand 1/8/2024  
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## LEGAL

**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA**

In Re: The Matter of,  
MARTA LIDIA HERNANDEZ NUNEZ,  
Petitioner, Civil Action No. 23-D-219  
LUIS EUCEDA UMANA, Judge  
Respondent.

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

This day the Court considered Paul Saluja, Counsel for Petitioner, Martha Lidia Hernandez Nunez's Motion to Publish Order of Publication for the Hearing.

For reasons set forth in Motion and for good-cause shown, the Court hereby ORDERS that Counsel, Paul Saluja, shall be permitted to submit an Order of Publication to the local newspapers to serve as notice in this matter.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of this order to counsel of record whose addresses appear below.

Paul Saluja Esq., Saluja Law Offices, PLLC., PO Box 3856, Charleston, WV 25338  
ENTERED: January 18, 2024

PREPARED BY:

*David M. Sanders*  
Family Court Judge David M. Sanders

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# WV Wrestling Dual Team State Championship coming to Fairlea in February

The 5th annual West Virginia Wrestling Dual Team State Championship will be held on Feb. 2 and 3 at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds in Fairlea. The top teams from every region in the state wrestled qualifying matches to be in the State Championship, ensuring we get the very best team to compete for West Virginia Dual Team State Champion-- the first WV State Scholastic Championship to be held in WV each year.

Once again the tournament will consist of the top eight teams from both AAA and AA in each region. Teams who have qualified thus far are:

AAA - Parkersburg South High School, Ripley High School, Greenbrier East High School, Spring Mills High School, and Muselman High School.

AA - Point Pleasant High School, Fairmont Senior High School, Oak Glen High School, and Williamstown High School.

This event is endorsed by WVSSAC and sponsored by the West Virginia Wrestling Coaches Association, and is the premier Dual Team Championship in the State of West Virginia. Over 300 West Virginia High School wrestlers will be competing, and over 1,000 spectators and fans from across the state to visit Greenbrier County for this two-day Championship event. Previous Dual Team State Championship participants have included individual state champions, High School All-Americans, Academic All-Americans, future college All-Americans, and Wrestling Hall of Fame Coaches. This event will be broadcast live worldwide on Flowrestling.com.

# Sea Dragons set personal bests at WV Winter Wonderland Invite

The Greenbrier Sea Dragons attended the WV Winter Wonderland Invite hosted by Mountain State Storm in Bridgeport on Jan. 7. The Sea Dragons had 26 personal best times and six first-time swims.

The most improved swimmers were Tianna Allen and Avery Hodges-McGuffin, whose times dropped by over 15 percent. The following swimmers set new team

records in their competition categories: Emily Hobbs (100Y IM), Zoey Hobb (100Y Free), Avery Hodges-McGuffin (100Y and 200Y Free, 50Y Fly), Dolly Knight (100Y Back), and Adelyn Wallington (100Y and 200Y Back).

The next swim meet for the Sea Dragons is on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 9 a.m. at the Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center.

# Greenbrier Valley EDC hosts BUILD WV informational sessions

After receiving two BUILD WV designations in the region, the Greenbrier Valley EDC and its partners are offering two chances for developers and interested parties to learn more about the program on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Meghan Smith with the WV Department of Economic Development will present program specifics and can answer questions about projects.

- Lewisburg: 10 a.m. Greenbrier Valley Ascend Office, 774 Court Street
- Marlinton: 2 p.m. at the Wellness Center, 320 9th Street

The Build WV Act was created to encourage housing development by offering incentives in designated Build WV districts. The Greenbrier Valley includes two certified districts, that include most of Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties and part of Monroe County.

According to the Build WV Code (WV §5B-2L-16), projects eligible for the BUILD WV Act will be located in a certified district: include at least six residential units or houses OR generate approved costs in excess of \$3,000,000: create a significant and positive

economic impact on the state; improve opportunities for commercial businesses and provide additional employment opportunities. Qualifying projects within the district are eligible to receive a sales tax exemption for building materials as well as a 10-year property value adjustment refundable building costs.

Interested housing developers are encouraged to RSVP to one of the events by calling

304-497-4300 or registering online at <https://bit.ly/BuildWVGreenbrier> for the 10 a.m. meeting and <https://bit.ly/BuildWVPocahontas> for the 2 p.m. meeting. Refreshments will be provided. The event is free and open to the public.

Greenbrier Valley EDC would like to thank Ascend WV, the Pocahontas County CVB, and the WV Department of Economic Development, who have been instrumental in supporting this program and bringing information to our communities.

**South Eastern Beekeepers Association**

**Offering A Six Week Beginner Beekeeping Course**  
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**Greenbrier Hall**  
**New River Community and Technical College**  
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Please Call With Any Questions  
 Carie Ortman 304-992-1052  
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### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Grand ELBON  
 Theft THEIS  
 Escort SHURE  
 Alter NAMED

Just because he resembles your \_\_\_\_\_, it doesn't mean he's guilty.

TODAY'S WORD

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

3. Cap is different. 4. Cup is missing. 5. Cabinet is wider.  
 6. Flower picture is reversed.

### Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Grappler, backwoods-style
- 8 Skylit courts
- 13 Astronaut Wally
- 20 "The Stranger Beside Me" true-crime writer
- 21 Flowers in the iris family
- 22 Some sweatshirts
- 23 Swift warship for law enforcement?
- 25 Finales
- 26 Makes mother's milk
- 27 Comic Radner
- 29 "How about that!"
- 30 Lugosi of "The Raven"
- 33 Hefty books
- 34 Defectively built flat-bottomed boat?
- 36 Pumpkin's color
- 38 Resident of Tehran
- 40 Makes a choice
- 41 Light, speedy boat transporting Oreos?
- 45 Just barely
- 48 Indian state known for silk
- 49 United
- 50 In a smoothly elegant way
- 53 Neon, e.g.
- 56 French mime master
- 59 High-sterned ship orbiting Earth?
- 61 "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" star Andy
- 65 Central Canadian tribe members
- 67 Upscale hotel quarters
- 68 Small combo
- 69 Discovering a sharp-bowed rowboat?
- 74 Safe, at sea
- 75 Do a tally of
- 77 "Get what I'm sayin', man?"
- 78 Zealous
- 80 Paint a passenger ship?
- 83 Soapmaking solution
- 86 Auditing org.
- 87 Message on a tombstone
- 89 Kabuki sash
- 90 Enthusiasm
- 95 Prison, in London
- 96 Very fast ship decorated with shrubbery?
- 99 Coll. reunion attendee
- 102 Father Sarducci of old 3-Down
- 104 Quick-witted racing boat with lots of mollusks attached?
- 109 Fill with joy
- 113 Lyric verses
- 114 Billiards stick
- 115 They make up molecules
- 116 Abstruse
- 118 Reproductive organs
- 120 Sub-sinking ship full of aquariums?
- 125 Lay aside
- 126 Bert's pal
- 127 Introductions
- 128 In clothes
- 129 Actors O'Neal and Reynolds
- 130 Says "OK"

**DOWN**

- 1 Jay-Z's music
- 2 Year, in Portugal
- 3 NBC skit show, in brief
- 4 Indian Ocean island nation
- 5 - Brasi (role in "The Godfather")
- 6 One voted in
- 7 Book page opposite a verso
- 8 Severe
- 9 Samples something
- 10 Singer Diana
- 11 With 13-Down, thick glacial mass along a polar shore
- 12 BB shooter
- 13 See 11-Down
- 14 Magazine publisher Nast
- 15 Wannabe surfer
- 16 Exiled Amin
- 17 Key into a cash register
- 18 Acting king
- 19 Good traits
- 24 He-sheep
- 28 "— may be so bold ..."
- 30 - Raton
- 31 Lovers' deity
- 32 Neighbor of Thailand
- 34 Clayey fertilizer
- 35 Herd of seals
- 37 "— a break!"
- 39 Gave a new interior design to
- 42 Welsh canine
- 43 Mom's bro
- 44 Ball supporter
- 45 Org. for cavity fillers
- 46 Doc's warm treatment
- 47 "For" votes
- 51 Like thrift store goods
- 52 - factio
- 53 Sly deception
- 54 Prices to play
- 55 Variety of trapshooting
- 57 Spot's noise
- 58 Etching liquid
- 60 Husband of Eva Perón
- 61 Actress Keanan
- 62 Enthusiasm
- 63 Gold-fancying king
- 64 Boxers' event
- 66 Waffle brand
- 70 No. to Nikita
- 71 Torres with 12 Olympic swimming medals
- 72 Antique item
- 73 "Hooray!"
- 76 "Guilty" or "not guilty"
- 79 Onetime TV host Philbin
- 81 Debut on Wall St.
- 82 Zippo
- 84 Woofing pet
- 85 Actor Vigoda
- 88 Olympic skier Mahre
- 91 Meeting building regulations
- 92 Tater
- 93 Head, in Metz
- 94 Mining strikes
- 95 Big inits. in SUVs
- 97 Certain deer leather
- 98 Hamlet's duel opponent
- 99 Peace treaty
- 100 Shutter piece
- 101 Fidgetiness
- 102 Valuable rock
- 103 Long, loose outerwear
- 106 Nitpickers split them
- 107 Olympic skier Mahre
- 108 Sprayed, with "down"
- 110 Mining strikes
- 111 Downed
- 112 Electric car producer
- 116 Sicilian resort city
- 117 Investments for later yrs.
- 119 Home: Abbr.
- 121 Suffix with budget
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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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# Greenbrier Valley Theatre 57th Season announced

## 2024 brings five Mainstage shows to GVT



Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT), The State Professional Theatre of West Virginia is preparing for a brand new season of live theatre. After a very successful 2023 season, which included closing with three sold-out productions, GVT is celebrating 57 Seasons of Live Entertainment with an exciting season of crowd-pleasing plays and musicals for the whole family.

The season will kick off by inviting everyone to pull out their deerstalker cap and magnifying glass with Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*. Holmes and Watson are on the case in Ludwig's murderously funny adaptation of Arthur Conan Doyle's classic *The Hound of the Baskerville*. Weaving music into the season will see the beautiful classic *Some Enchanted Evening - The Songs of Rodgers & Hammerstein*, as well as rock 'n roll with *Million Dollar Quartet*. Some Enchanted Evening is an enthralling revue of some of Rodgers & Hammerstein's most memorable works that will delight all R&H fans. *Million Dollar Quartet* tells the story of the night that rock 'n roll changed forever when fate brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever.

Rounding out the fall will be productions of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* followed by *A Tuna Christmas*. This new adaptation by John Heimbuch and Jon Ferguson offers a dynamic ensemble-based retelling of the famous Washington Irving short story in a spooktacular, crowd-pleasing theatrical event. A *Tuna Christmas* is the hilarious sequel to Ed Howard, Joe Sears and

aston Williams' cult favorite *Greater Tuna*. It's Christmastime in Tuna, the third-smallest town in Texas. Various Yuletide shenanigans are happening in town and over 20 colorful Tuna denizens - all played by two actors - paint an elaborate and humorous portrait of stereotypes in small towns of the South. Greenbrier Valley Theatre looks forward to producing a number of great works this year, including the Al Jeter Music Series, the continuation of The Met Live in HD Series, and our part in the countywide collaboration on *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. GVT is sure to bring something for everyone to the stage this year. Early Bird season tickets go on sale Feb. 13, and individual tickets go on sale Mar. 18. Please visit [gvttheatre.org](http://gvttheatre.org) or call 304-645-3838 for more information, show ratings, or ticket pricing.

# Carnegie Hall's Museum Gallery features Jim Costa and Builder Levy

Carnegie Hall's January/February Exhibits continue with three galleries featuring the works of regional artists. The Museum Gallery (adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium) will house a collaborative exhibit of work by Jim Costa and Builder Levy titled *Down In A Hole: Coal mining in Appalachia*.

Featuring photography by Builder Levy and contextual historical items provided by Jim Costa, the exhibit *Down in a Hole: Coal Mining in Appalachia* provides an intimate glimpse of the day to day lives lived under the perpetual coat of coal dust and between the seams of the coal mines of Appalachia.

Levy's detailed black and white photography, taken primarily from his collection *Appalachia USA*, goes beyond the stock photo tropes of heavy machinery and impossible to imagine out-scaled topographical views, to bring the viewer in close, eye to eye with the lined and resilient faces of those whose daily labor not only fed their own families, but fueled the industry of an entire nation.

Interspersed between the photos are the actual tools of the trade, from early 20th century carbide lamps and blasting squibs, to the pickaxes and shovels whose handles are still stained by the sweat of the men and women that labored over them. Carefully curated over decades by Jim Costa, these historical items lend the viewer real life context- the kind of context that has heft and weight and bears the memory of years spent bent over, underground, and in the dark.

Builder Levy was born in Tampa, FL, raised in Brooklyn, NY, and currently lives in New York City. Initially thinking of himself as an abstract expressionist painter and sculptor, Levy majored in art at Brooklyn College, where he studied painting with Ad Reinhardt, art history with Milton Brown, and photography with Walter Rosenblum (a leader of the Photo League in 1940s and early 1950s).

Levy earned a master's degree in art education at NYU, where he did metal welding junk sculpture, and incorporated the study of the FSA photography program, the Photo League,

and the Kamoinge Workshop (whose founding director was Roy DeCarava). In addition, Levy's work with at-risk teens, as a New York City Teacher for 35 years, enriched his life and his vision.

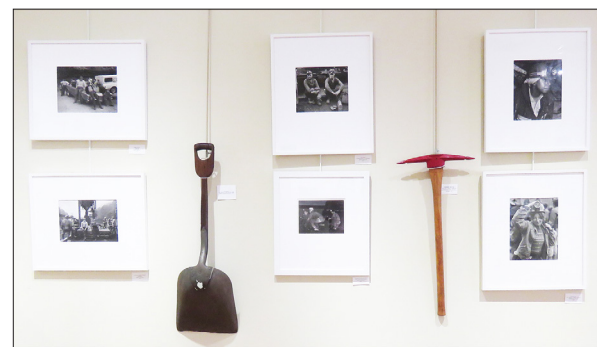
Levy's photography earned him fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Alicia Patterson Foundation, National Endowment of the Arts, Puffin Foundation, a Furthermore publication grant, two commissions from the Appalachian College Association and, in 2019, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Brooklyn College Alumni Association.

The four hard-covered books of his photographs are: *Images of Appalachian Coalfields*, foreword by Cornell Capa; *Builder Levy Photographer*, introduction by Naomi Rosenblum; *Appalachia USA*, foreword by Denise Giardina; and *Humanity in the Streets: New York City, 1960s-1980s*, foreword by Deborah Willis.

More than 80 collections contain Builder Levy's photographs, including that of Sir Elton John, Nion McEvoy, International Center of Photography, High Museum of Art, Brooklyn Museum, Chrysler Museum of Art, John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Smithsonian NMAAHC, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Museum of the City of New York, Huntington Museum of Art, Victoria and Albert Museum, Ruhrland Museum, and Bibliotheque Nationale.

Levy is currently working on a book (his fifth) of his new millennium demonstration photographs, including those of the recent Black Lives Matter and anti-Asian hate protests, justice marches for women, LGBTQ, immigrants, workers, the environment and against climate change; along with his civil rights and peace demonstrations work of the 1960s.

Jim Costa is a native of Summers County, and an accomplished traditional musician and storyteller. He is well known throughout West Virginia as a musician, playing the fiddle and banjo, singing, and instructing classes in traditional mountain



**"Down In A Hole: Coal mining in Appalachia" a collaborative exhibit by Builder Levy and Jim Costa in Carnegie Hall's Museum Gallery until the end of February.**

music across the state. Costa is also an avid collector and expert of 18th and 19th century farm tools and objects of rural life, including Hammons family fiddles, spinning wheels, cast iron cookware, and blacksmith tools. Costa has been building this collection throughout his life, and he restores many of the old tools and instruments himself. In addition to his public presentations on music and material culture, Costa appeared in the 1987 John Sayles film *Matewan*.

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

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3. Usher; 4. Amend

Today's Word  
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## Super Crossword

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