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## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Donations Big and Small, Together Making Change

## Applications due for Penny Pitch this week

*“Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime.”* – Laura Ingalls Wilder, *Prairie Wisdom*

Cherished memories help us through dark times. We all have memories and we all have dark times. Every child needs and deserves good memories to help them through their lives. Penny Pitch tries to help local children in need have a Christmas that can become a good memory for them. We need your support.

We can still accept applications. They are available in the Mountain Messenger, at City National Bank in Lewisburg, and at Wellspring in Rupert. This week, you can also pick one up at City Hall in White Sulphur Springs and at the WSS Library.

We are a long way from achieving our goal. This all-volunteer program is indeed “neighbors helping neighbors.” You can mail your tax-deductible gift to Penny Pitch, 383 Alderson Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901. You can also drop a check off at the Mountain Messenger office at 860 N. Court St. in Lewisburg, or you can give online through the PayPal button on our Facebook page, “Penny Pitch, Greenbrier County WV.”

100.00	Alderson Quilt Guild
100.00	Don & Marit Withrow
100.00	Jerry & Linda Clemons
50.00	Barbara Hoffman
50.00	In memory of Carl & Kathleen Patterson, John & Madeline Hicks, Jay Hicks, Joyce Hicks, Roy Hicks, Betty Rodgers and Larry Parrish by Jane Hicks
1,000.00	West Point Baptist Church (Asbury)
50.00	Jack & Janet O’Connell
100.00	Bruce & Jeanne Brenneman
200.00	White Sulphur Springs Lions Club
500.00	Smoot Ruritan Club
TOTAL \$2,250.00	

## Lewisburg’s new Public Works facility: bigger, better, and under budget

*With the relocation of the Public Works Department, a dog park is planned to open at Dorie Miller Park early next year as part of Phase III renovation.*

By Sarah Richardson

After over a year of construction, the City of Lewisburg’s new Public Works building is approaching completion. On the agenda at next Tuesday’s Lewisburg City Council meeting is Resolution 571, the final Public Works Building construction pay request. To celebrate this momentous event, Mayor Beverly White, City Manager Misty Hill, and Public Works Director Tony Legg gathered at the new facility for an informational tour with the Mountain Messenger and to discuss why this building is so much more for the city than it appears.

The new Public Works facility is nestled behind the municipal water plant located on Stone House Road, which is a bit outside of town compared to the currently-crowded location at Dorie Miller Park on Feamster Road. Presently, the Public Works office is located across the street from the park, while garages and storage sheds for large equipment are housed on park lands themselves, beside the ballfields. This arrangement was always intended to be temporary, however, as the years passed by it was unclear of when this move off of parks land could be a reality.

“As we continue to make this move, we can then give the land back to Dorie Miller Park and continue to develop Phase III,

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The new Public Works facility is located beside the municipal water plant on Stone House Road.



City Manager Misty Hill, Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White, and Public Works Director Tony Legg stand outside of the new Public Works facility on Stone House Road. The lean-to area on the back side of the garage will provide storage for water pipes, heavy equipment, and more.

## ‘Hail, hail, hail’ School officials cut ribbon at renovated Alderson Elementary

By Stephen Baldwin

RealWV, [www.therealwv.com](http://www.therealwv.com)

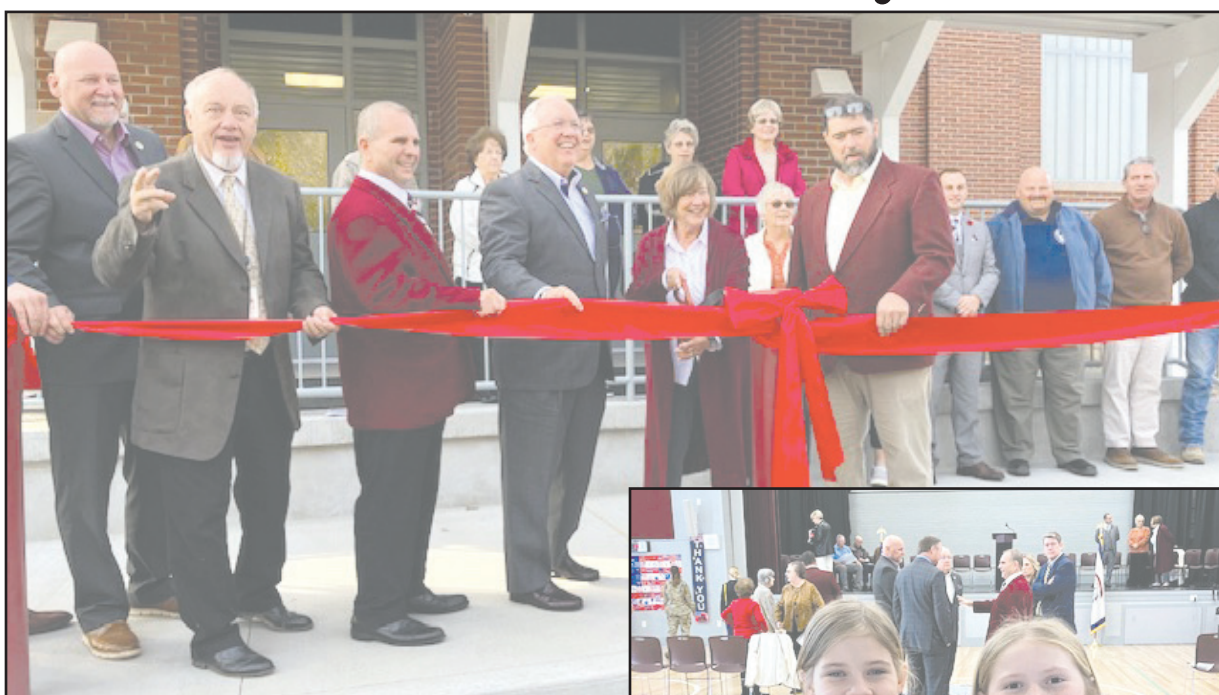
The Greenbrier County Board of Education officially cut the ribbon on the “new” Alderson Elementary School Wednesday morning.

“I still remember us standing at the old Alderson Elementary,” Superintendent Jeff Bryant remembers. “We knew we needed a new school and wondered what we were going to do.”

“We looked up on the hill,” toward the former Alderson High School, which had been closed for years as a school and was instead used as a community center. “We said, ‘That’s it.’”

Bryant and the elected members of the Greenbrier County Board of Education worked with the West Virginia School Building Association (WVBSA), DC Shires, and Thrasher Engineering to develop a plan to refurbish the former high school into a new elementary school.

“I heard a lot of naysayers say it couldn’t happen,” commented Board President Jeanie Wyatt. “But there was so much history here and so much love for this facility. Ev-



A ribbon-cutting was held this week for the “new” Alderson Elementary. (Photo by RealWV)

erybody should be thrilled with what’s happened here. You’ve been patient, and you deserve this state of the art school.”

Alumni of the high school, town officials, and neighbors came out for the ribbon-cutting on Wednesday morning alongside the students and staff of Alderson Elementary School.

Fifth-grader Willa Crane was selected to speak on their behalf, as the fourth generation from her family to

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Skylar Bennett, left, and Willa Crane, right, are fifth-grade students at Alderson. They welcomed guests to the ribbon-cutting ceremony. (Photo by RealWV)

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# Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation: Third Quarter Philanthropy

It is with joy to report a 16.28 percent gain for the first nine months of 2024, bringing the Community Foundation to \$21.9 million in total invested funds with GVCF. What a fantastic way to kick-off our 25th Anniversary celebrations!

In the third quarter, we focused on community engagement, scholarship management, and welcomed the Roy Dean Patterson Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship will be awarded to assist high school seniors graduating from Greenbrier County who are continuing their education at a college or accredited vocational school. Like Roy Patterson, these students must exhibit integrity, patience, a strong work ethic, and love of family.

In 2024 to date, over \$200,000 in scholarships funds were distributed from the application system we administer in partnership with our regional high schools. Of that amount, nearly \$125,000 were funded by scholarships managed by GVCF. As always, it was a joy to attend our area high schools to present certificates to these hardworking students. So far this year, two new scholarship funds have been started with GVCF. Scholarships are a wonderful way to remember loved ones into perpetuity and we welcome the opportunity to discuss starting scholarship funds with individuals or organizations.

In July and August, we awarded \$8,500 to following organizations in grants from the GVCF Community Fund and the Mary B. Nickell Fund for Arts Education:

- Greenbrier County 4-H Clubs
- God’s Way Home
- Lindside United Methodist Food Pantry
- Greenbrier West High School
- Pocahontas County High School
- Frankford Elementary School

In August, in an effort to support several of our partner organizations, we continued our annual tradition and purchased two hogs from the Greenbrier Monroe Youth Livestock Association Auction at the State Fair of West Virginia, which we had locally processed and then donated to the Monroe County Coalition. Michelle and her wonderful team then distribute sausage to food banks serving residents throughout Monroe County. For questions, visit [gvfoundation.org](http://gvfoundation.org), or call or email Anne at 304-645-5620 or [info@gvfoundation.org](mailto:info@gvfoundation.org).

## Correction

The Election Results included in the Nov. 9, 2024 Mountain Messenger inadvertently excluded the results from the Greenbrier County Commissioner race, which saw Richie Holliday (R) earn 9,546 votes against Brad Tuckwiller’s (D) 4,864 votes. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. Holliday will join sitting Commissioners Tammy Shifflett-Tincher, who ran unopposed to keep her seat, and Lowell Rose.



Monroe County Coalition Executive Director Michelle McFall (left), GVCF Executive Director Anne Bowling, and GVCF Board Chair Bill Shiflet

## WVSOM will host reception for Tibetan Oracle

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) is hosting The Nechung Oracle, Kuten-la, the official State Oracle of Tibet and spiritual advisor to the Dalai Lama, at a public reception from 5 to 7 p.m., Nov. 19.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime event. We hope everyone can join us,” said Dawn Roberts, Ed.D., WSOM’s associate dean of Multicultural and Student Affairs.

The school’s Office of Multicultural and Student Affairs will host the reception in the Conference Center of the WVSOM’s Student Center. The reception is open to the public in addition to WVSOM students, staff and faculty. Refreshments will be provided.

The current Nechung Oracle is the Venerable Thup-ten Ngodup, who has been in the role since 1988. The Nechung Kuten-la will be accompanied by Lama Tenzin Choegyal and three monks from the Nechung Monastery.

Kuten-la is on a tour of the U.S. His stop in Lewisburg is the result of a visit earlier this year to India

by Katherine Calloway, D.O., regional assistant dean for the South Central region of WVSOM’s Statewide Campus. Dr. Calloway is working with Dr. Roberts in coordinating the reception.

In April, Calloway and four others - Megan Kelley and Sarah McQueen, WVSOM Class of 2025 medical students, Caroline LaFleur, M.D., of Medical Diplomats International; and Calloway’s 15-year-old daughter, Grace - visited Dehradun, Uttarakhand and Dharamshala, India, and met with the Dalai Lama.

During the trip to India, Calloway also spoke with Deputy Speaker of Tibetan Parliament Dolma Tsering, Kashag History Documentation Secretary Ngawang Namgyal and Tibetan Department of Health Secretary Jampa Phuntsok.

Calloway said the group also visited a hospital, a center for education, a women’s center and the location of the Tibetan government in exile, including the Dalai Lama’s residence and Tibetan Parliament.

## Public Works Facility

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which has plans for a short pump track and community center in the future,” explained City Manager Hill.

In 2017, Phase I of the Dorie Miller Park renovation was executed, with new restrooms and shelters installed. Phase II included an additional restroom facility, upgraded parking lots, and new playground equipment.

In May of 2021, the City purchased a large plot of land located just adjacent to the current water plant for several reasons, one being so the water plant could be extensively upgraded and have the room required for those improvements, but to also gain the space to move the Public Works headquarters and shop to a new location. With architectural and engineering services provided by the Chapman Technical Group, the financing for the \$5 million dollar project was organized in early 2022, and has come in under budget.



It’s anticipated that the Public Works employees will officially begin utilizing the building shortly, as the final details continue to come together.

Currently, the Public Works department is spaced out between two locations on Feamster Road and the water treatment plant. With the new facility, it will have the space for both the water department crews and the parks department crews to gather and be organized out of the same building.

“I’m just so excited that we can finally bring all of our departments together under one roof,” said an emotional Mayor White. “I’m excited for the space here, so our employees can really perform their jobs in the best way possible. I am overwhelmed by the magnitude of this project and how it’s all come together, and I’m thankful for everyone who made it happen. I’m so excited that our employees will get to utilize this new space. I’m just very thankful that we’ve been able to do this, not just for the employees, but for the city.”

The massive building boasts a seven-bay garage with two vehicle lifts inside, one of which is big enough for a dump truck or fire truck, as well as a welding station, washer and dryer for uniforms, and an equally-expansive lean-to on the back side of the building for storing water pipes to prevent sun damage. Garages for salt and cinders are already stocked and ready for the winter season. A large parking lot will provide adequate parking space for employee’s personal vehicles, and a new break room and conference room inside will be where everyone can gather for morning meetings before the start of each work day. New restroom facilities for employees includes a shower, which is a much-needed feature for crewmembers who are called out at all times of the day or night to dig out and replace busted water lines in all seasons of weather, a muddy and wet job.

“After nineteen and a half years with the City, I’m very excited to finally house all the crews under one building and come together as a family,” said Director Legg.

New offices for the Public Works Director, Water Distribution Foreman, GIS Technician, and mechanic will be located at the new facility. While the garages and storage currently situated at Dorie Miller will be removed, the public will still be able to visit the Public Works office located across the street from the park at 531 Feamster Road. This site will also continue to house the street sweeper, mowers, and other parks maintenance equipment.

“I’d like to thank City Council for being forward-thinking about what we need to do as a city. This project really shows the city’s progress,” said Mayor White.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for the spring, and details will be announced at a later date.

## PICK OF THE LITTER



**MAXINE**  
Maxine is a nine-year-old female German Shepherd and weighs 95 pounds



**OOGIE BOOGIEY**  
Oogie Boogey is a seven-year-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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# Briefly

## Soup Luncheon in Williamsburg

Come share with the Williamsburg Flying Falcons 4-H on Sunday, Nov. 17 a variety of homemade soups including chili, chicken noodle, vegetable, broccoli cheese and many more, along with a peanut butter or grilled cheese sandwich. Patrons can also choose from a variety of homemade desserts and a drink. The lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Building. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The proceeds will help send club members to camp and on their annual club trip. Call 304-645-6867 with any questions. The Williamsburg Community Building is located at 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg.

## Home-cooked turkey dinner at Williamsburg

The Williamsburg Community invites you to join them for a delicious home-cooked turkey dinner. The dinner will be held on Nov. 23 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Building. The menu features turkey, dressing, real mashed potatoes/gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, rolls, various desserts, tea and coffee. The cost per adults is \$12, children under 12 years are \$6, and children under 5 years are free. Dine in or take out. Call 304-645-3690 with questions. Directions to Williamsburg: I-64, exit 161, north on route 12, east on route 60, first left onto Sinking Creek Road for nine miles (stay on the two lane), community building is on the left.

## Grinch Party scheduled at Rupert Public Library

Rupert Public Library will host a Grinch Party Saturday, Nov. 30, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. There will be a craft sale, baked goods and candy sale. Kids can have their picture taken with the Grinch, and take home a treat bag. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. All are welcome to attend.

## Veteran’s Memorial Museum

of Southern West Virginia, 419 Ballangee Street, Hinton, WV, is open Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Call 304-466-4443 for more information or to schedule a tour.

## Committee on Aging to require appointments for donations

Due to limited storage space, the Greenbrier County Committee on Aging will accept donations of medical items by appointment only. Items must be clean and in working order, some items still remain available for those who need them. Please call with any questions and before delivering or picking up, Lewisburg/Fairlea area is 304-645-1978 and the Western site in Rupert is 304-392-5138.

## Marriages

Jonnathas Barroso Da Silva and Elijah Graham Weikel

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Christian Taylor Spears, Huntington, 1) speeding, fine \$18; 2) failure to stop at stop sign, fine \$25; 3) no driver’s license, fine \$100, NCP  
Robert G. Wilson, Ronceverte, reckless driving, fine \$100, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation, NCP  
Christopher S. Hernandez, Dade City, FL, 1) speeding, fine \$18; 2) distracted driving, fine \$50, GP  
Christy Lynn Gabbert, Caldwell, attempted petit larceny, fine \$100, GP  
Leonard Charles Hedrick, Rupert, 1) hunting without written permission, fine \$30; 2) conspiracy, fine \$20, GP  
Lonnie Daniel Fields, Quinwood, possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, NCP  
Andras J. Bosz, Uniontown, OH, speeding, fine \$30  
Elder Yovany Leon Ipina, Hamilton, NJ, nonresident fishing without license, fine \$20, NCP  
Stacy L. Eisenman, Meadow Bridge, reckless driving, fine \$100, NCP  
Moradel Castro, Gap Mills, 1) driving without a valid driver’s license, fine \$25; 2) expired vehicle registration, fine \$25, GP

## Suits

New Cases from 11/6/24 to 11/13/24

New Civil Cases  
E F v. Davis-Stuart, Inc.  
Linda Ruthe Haskins v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company  
Tony Gerald Underwood v. Dr. Eleanor Grey M.D.  
United Bank v. Stephanie J. Price  
Resolve Corp. v. B & B Timber, LLC

New Divorces  
Rebekah Danielle Fallin and Charles Evan Fallin  
David Curtis Medley, Jr. and Karizma Lee Medley  
Tamara Georgette Bays and Lonnie Aaron Bays  
Donna Deskins Greene and Richard Lee Greene

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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

meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Greenbrier County Courthouse, 912 Court Street North, Lewisburg, WV 24901 in the County Commission Meeting Room. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

## For the Record

### Deeds

Anthony T. Hinkle to Hope V. Nash and Thomas B. McMillion: 1.65 acres and 20 RLW, Anthony Creek District, Map 41 Parcel 23.5. Filed Nov. 4, 2024.  
Sunshine State Investment Group LLC to Jason K. Kimlin: 0.21 acres, lots 19 and part of 20, Meadow Bluff District, Map 54C Parcel 54. Filed Nov. 4, 2024.  
Clara Tincher to Ezra E. Tincher Jr.: lot 15 block 2, SD 2, Tallassee Place, Fort Spring District, Map 9M Parcel 24. Filed Nov. 4, 2024.  
Shelby L. Fury to Ashley M. Burns: 81.63 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 12 Parcel 2. Filed Nov. 6, 2024.  
Jacob Fraley and Courtney L. Fraley to Marilyn Barton: lot 3 or 0.44 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 5, 5 Parcel 48, 49. Filed Nov. 6, 2024.  
Ruh Roh LLC to Ricky Heinbaugh Sr. and Jessica Baker: lots 1, 2, 15, & 16 section 22, Rainelle District, Map 5 Parcel 22 & 24. Filed Nov. 6, 2024.  
Barbara E. Jones to Andrew Bailes and Cassie Bailes: lots 20-22, Meadow Bluff District, Map 55C Parcel 55G. Filed Nov. 6, 2024.  
Robert Thomas and Linda G. Thomas to Kristal R. Maloney, Ashli R. Kemo, and Jalen L. Thomas: 0.221 and 0.22 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 9 Parcel 00345. Filed Nov. 6, 2024.  
David L. Vallandingham Life Estate (by administratrix) to Autumn Vallandingham: 2.08 acres Irish Corner District, Map 11 Parcel 0206. Filed Nov. 7, 2024.  
Autumn Vallandingham and Jacob Hock to Autumn Vallandingham and Jacob Hock: 2.08 acres Irish Corner District, Map 11 Parcel 0206. Filed Nov. 7, 2024.  
Jeanne Hoffman to Michael D. Buttrill and Caroline A. Smith: Maple Street. 40 X 114, Lewisburg District, Map 19 Parcel 33, Filed Nov. 7, 2024.  
Donna D. DeLong to Sarah L. Neville, Stephanie P. Cowan, and Bailey A. Neville: one acre, White Sulphur District, Map 22H Parcel 77. Filed Nov. 7, 2024.  
Donald G. Toothman Sr. to Sharon L. Brown: 14.96 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 10 Parcel 142. Filed Nov. 7, 2024.  
Jonathan M. Yoney and Nicole L. Yoney to Mark Jenkins: 0.75 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 31N Parcel 22.1. Filed Nov. 7, 2024.  
Tommy D. Bittinger Irrevocable Living Trust (by trustee) to Gregory L. Goodale: 12,075 square feet, White Sulphur District, Map 21 Parcel 0008. Filed Nov. 8, 2024.  
Steven R. Brewer and Karyn Tietz to Devin Melton and Stephanie Melton: 1.00 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 28P Parcel 2. Filed Nov. 8, 2024.  
Larry M. Stover to Stover Family Revocable Living Trust (by trustees): 7.234 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 0003 0046. Filed Nov. 8, 2024.  
Thomas H. Long and Debbie A. Long to Daniel White and Caitlin White: 10 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 10 Parcel 0065. Filed Nov. 8, 2024.  
Patricia R. Metrick to Amy L. Burgess, Kellie A. Villenave, Katheryn B. Blankenship, and Allison P. Metrick: 4.53 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 23 Parcel 13. Filed Nov. 8, 2024.  
Judith K. House (hir of Howard C. Koekenberg II) to Douglas Persinger and Tracy Persinger: 0.63 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 4 Parcel 0140. Filed Nov. 8, 2024.  
Roger A. Boone Family LLC to Tayler R. Booth and James R. Booth: 278.09 and 130.069 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 20, 14 Parcel 36, 37, 53. Filed Nov. 8, 2024.  
Shiela K. Facemire to Laurie Hedrick and Gary Hedrick: 0.5 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 38 Parcel 19.1. Filed Nov. 8, 2024.  
April Davis to John M. Farley II and Innle V. Farley: 1.279 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 28. Filed Nov. 8, 2024.  
Holly Clark Jr. and Janet Clark to Holly Clark III: 29.5 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 8 Parcel 11. Filed Nov. 12, 2024.  
Barbara J. Pauley to Brian R. Burns: lot no. 63 section 29, Meadow Bluff District, Map 5 Parcel 35. Filed Nov. 12, 2024.  
Danron Holdings LLC (by trustee) to Timycha Caldwell Holdings: 0.812 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 26 Parcel 13. Filed Nov. 12, 2024.  
Danron Inc. to Timycha Caldwell Holdings: 0.053 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 26 Parcel part of 12. Filed Nov. 12, 2024.  
Danron Inc. to Timycha Caldwell Holdings: 0.033 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 26 Parcel part of 12. Filed Nov. 12, 2024.  
Preston D. Modlin to Charles E. Rudisill and Nicole Catchpole: lot 74 X 140 X 78 X 137 South Jefferson St. from Long, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 259.1. Filed Nov. 12, 2024.  
Scott E. Beard to John Kelly II to Jessica Smith-Kelly: lot 5 Echols Addition, Lewisburg District, Map 25 Parcel 170. Filed Nov. 12, 2024.  
Roger D. Thomas and Betty L. Thomas to Zachary D. Mullins: 1.48 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 32 Parcel 0030,0001. Filed Nov. 12, 2024.  
Major M. Hillard IV and Bonnie D. Hillard to Michael Malitsky and Zoya Malitsky: 130.61 acres, Frankford District, Map 15 Parcel 0109 0001. Filed Nov. 12, 2024.

## Lewisburg Building Commission

will meet Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber located in Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. On the agenda:

- Resolution 571 Public Works Building Construction Pay Request 17 and Final
- Approval of Minutes - Sept. 18, 2024 & Oct. 15, 2024

## Lewisburg City Council

will meet Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. in regular session at 942 Washington Street West, Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers. On the agenda:

- Ordinance
  - Ordinance 322 Vehicular Travel in Turning Lanes Article 337.09 second reading, public hearing
- Resolution
  - Resolution 568 - City of Lewisburg Stormwater Study (CDBG-MIT Funds) Pay Request 11
  - Resolution 570 - Water System Improvement Project Pay Request 30
  - Resolution 571- Public Works Building Construction Pay Request 17 and final
- Proclamation
  - Extra Mile
- Communication from Mayor White
  - Appointment to Historic Landmark Commission
  - Appointments to Board of Zoning Appeals
- Communication from City Manager Hill
  - Chapman Technical Group – Lafayette Street Storm Water Amendment #2 Task Order No. 32
  - Chapman Technical Group – Water Improvement Project Amendment #2 Task Order No. 27
- Communications from Boards and Commissions
  - Planning Commission
  - Recommendation for Plat review and re-approval of verbiage change 4 Kids, Robert Vass, Ivy Terrace, Silo Square.
  - Board of Zoning Appeals
  - Public Hearing, recommendation of approval, Lewisburg Baptist Church 277 Hilltop Drive, approval for a 3 plex studio, contingent upon all other criteria is met
- Communications from Council Members
- Communications from Police Department
  - Report from Police Chief Chris Teubert
  - Promotion of Jeffrey T Williams, II to Sergeant
- Communications from the Fire Department
  - Report from Fire Chief Joseph Thomas
- Communications from Council Committee
  - Finance Committee Report
  - Shanghai Parade Funding
  - Video Lottery Funding Request – Greenbrier East High Project Graduation 2025
  - Building Inspector Salary
  - Water Plant Operator Jared Terry Salary
  - Employee Handbook Update Approval
- Public Works Department Report
  - Report from Director of Public Works Tony Legg
- Approval of Minutes - regular session Sept. 17, 2024 and regular session Oct. 15, 2024
- Visitors' Report
  - (3-minute limit per subject on the agenda)

## Greenbrier County Commission

will meet Monday, Nov. 18, at 12 noon in special meeting, Room 203 (new addition). LIVE STREAM FROM <https://www.facebook.com/gbrcourthouse/>  
On the agenda:

- Consideration to certify the 2024 General Election results for Greenbrier County.

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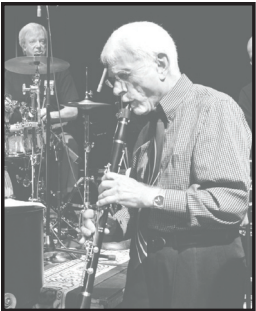
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# This Week in WV History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**Nov. 17, 1927:** Composer and performer Robert Drasnin was born in Charleston. He performed with classic combos and big bands such as Tommy Dorsey and Les Brown, and scored music for movies and television.



**Nov. 18, 2007:** Country singer Chickie Williams died. As wife of musician Doc Williams, she performed with his Border Riders band and appeared on the Wheeling Jamboree radio show.

**Nov. 19, 1854:** Poet Danske Dandridge was born in Copenhagen. The daughter of an American ambassador, she lived in Shepherdstown from age 19, where her work was published in Harper’s and The Century. Both of her homes, The Bower and Rosebrake, are Jefferson County landmarks.

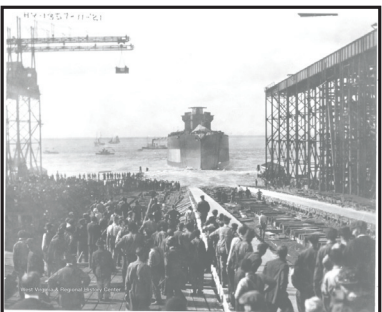
**Nov. 19, 1899:** Sculptor Gladys Tuke was born in Linwood, Pocahontas County. Tuke was a member of the original artist colony at The Greenbrier; during World War II, she taught at Ashford General Hospital, and later established a pottery and sculpture studio in White Sulphur Springs.



**Nov. 19, 1900:** William Page Pitt was born in New York City. In 1926, Pitt joined the faculty of what was then Marshall College. In his 45-year career at Marshall, he built its journalism program into one with dozens of classes and hundreds of students. Marshall University’s W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications is named in his honor.

**Nov. 19, 1909:** The Lincoln County Courthouse was burned. With coal, oil and gas, and timber booming, arson was suspected for the purpose of destroying land records and confusing titles.

**Nov. 19, 1921:** The USS West Virginia was christened. It was one of six battleships at Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941, that suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs in the surprise attack. It was rebuilt and joined the Seventh Fleet for the invasion of the Philippines.



**Nov. 20, 1894:** Eight men were killed in a coal mine disaster near Colliers, Brooke County. They were using a dangerous method called “shooting from the solid,” meaning that they blasted the coal loose without first undercutting it.

**Nov. 20, 1917:** Robert C. Byrd was born in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958 and remained in office until his death in 2010.

**Nov. 20, 1968:** An explosion at Consolidation Coal Company’s No. 9 mine near Farmington killed 78 men. The disaster brought national attention to the issue of mine safety.

**Nov. 21, 1810:** Allen Taylor Caperton was born in Monroe County. Caperton served in the Confederate Senate during the Civil War and in the U.S. Senate from 1875 to 1876.



**Nov. 22, 1910:** Fire destroyed the academic building at Concord College. By the next morning, community leaders had arranged to teach the 300 students in rooms throughout the town of Athens.

**Nov. 22, 1926:** Selva Lewis “Lew” Burdette Jr. was born in Nitro. Burdette, an outstanding professional baseball player, spent most of his career with the Milwaukee Braves. He won three games in the 1957 World Series to help defeat the New York Yankees.

**Nov. 23, 1962:** Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint died. He was a great builder of religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling.

## OBITUARIES

### Leila Yvonne Camp Piercy



Our beloved Leila “Lee” “Sis” Yvonne Camp Piercy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She suddenly passed away on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, at the age of 94, in her home in Fairlea, WV.

Leila was born in Rainelle on April 11, 1930. She graduated from Rainelle High School and the Chesapeake & Ohio School of Nursing, where she became a registered nurse. Her early nursing career included working at the old Greenbrier General Hospital, when she met her husband of 69 years and the love of her life, George Edward Piercy. Her nursing career continued as the head nurse of The Greenbrier Clinic and Greenbrier County Schools.

Leila was known as “Lee” to many of her friends, but to her family, she was known as “Sis.” She was a perfectionist and took pride in every life activity, including some of her favorites: parenting, mowing, gardening, baking, sewing, painting, etc. She was one of the most honest and hardworking women you could meet. One of Leila’s sayings was, “If you can’t do it right, then don’t do it at all.” She was the rock of her family and the wind and fire beneath their wings.

Leila is survived by two daughters, Donna and Leann; son-in-law, Bill; two sisters, Dorothy and Adrienne; grandchildren, Ben, Kelby, Kylie, and Kristopher; great-grandchild, Stetson; many nieces and nephews, and four-legged companions.

She was predeceased

by her beloved husband, George; parents, Custard and Bertha Camp sister, Betty Jeanne; and her brothers-in-law, Charlie, Conrad, and Fred. Her family will greatly miss her.

The family will receive friends on Friday, Nov. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, WV. A graveside funeral service will follow immediately in the Wallace Memorial Cemetery in Clintonville, WV. The service officiant is Robert McClintic, with a musical tribute by Jeff Bryant and Carrie Neese, lifelong friends of the family.

Pallbearers for the graveside service will be her grandchildren, Kelby, Kylie, Kristopher; son-in-law Bill, and two close friends Ralph McMillion and Chris Heaster.

Honorary Pallbearers will be her daughters, her nephew Mike, niece Lesley as well as those not able to be present, her oldest grandson Ben, nephew Greg, and niece Dorilee.

The family would like to thank the many doctors that cared for our mom over the years as well as the doctors and staff of Greenbrier Valley Medical Center and EMS for their compassionate and urgent care of her last few hours with us.

### William Edward Zimmerman



William Edward “Eddie” Zimmerman, 71, of Lewisburg, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, at the Peyton Hospice House, Lewisburg, WV. Born Aug. 13, 1953, in Ronceverte, he was the son of the late Charles Edward and Margaret Helen Judy Zimmerman.

Eddie started his agricultural interest in his childhood. As a child he followed his father work-

ing on the crew at Shawnee Farms. Later he also worked for Ralph Warren at the War-Lew Farm.

He enjoyed working with draft horses for Bedford Hinkle and W.T. “Bill” Reynolds and son.

Eddie retired from the City of Lewisburg after 41 years of service. He had been the longest serving employee of the city.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Tresa Lynn Zimmerman Lette.

He is survived by many close friends and extended family.

Funeral service will be at 12 noon, Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, at the Clifton Presbyterian Church, Maxwelton, WV, with Pastor Ron Miller officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Online guestbook can be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Clifton Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund, PO Box 200, Maxwelton, WV 24957 or to the Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

### Wanetta Marie McKinney



Wanetta McKinney, 92, of Springdale passed away on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, in Rainelle, WV.

Wanetta was the daughter of Clarence and Amanda Armstrong Rodgers.

Wanetta was a member of Springdale Home Demonstration club for over 50 years, former salesclerk for G.C. Murphy’s in Rainelle, had worked at the sewing factory, and

Black’s Court Restaurant.

She was preceded by her husband Billie Ray McKinney (1987); her parents; sister, Gladys Black; and brothers, Carl Rodgers, Dale Rodgers, Delmar Rodgers, James Rodgers, Calvin Rodgers, and Wade Rodgers.

Those left to cherish her memory include daughter, Tina McKinney; son, Larry (Sandy) McKinney; sisters, Virgie Cords, and Drema Morgan; brothers, Earl Rodgers, Merle Rodgers, Delbert Rodgers, Tom Rodgers, Verne Rodgers; grandchildren, Adam, Samantha, and Rachael; great-grandchild Cameron.

Services will be held on Friday, Nov. 15 at Wallace & Wallace, Rainelle at 1 p.m. with Pastor Benjie Kenney officiating. A burial will follow in Wallace Memorial Cemetery. The visitation will be from noon until the time of service on Friday.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.wallaceandwallacefh.com](http://www.wallaceandwallacefh.com)

Wallace & Wallace, Inc. of Rainelle, WV is in charge of arrangements.

### Sharon Sue Sparks

Sharon Sue Sparks, 72, of Orient Hill passed away on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024.

She was born on Mar. 30, 1952, in Hinton, the daughter of the late John William Foley, Sr. and Pauline Myrtle Gwinn Foley.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Roy Allen Sparks, and grandson, Derek Beavers.

She is survived her daughters, Sherri (Jeff) Beavers of Quinwood, and Christine (Crocket) Sparks of Quinwood; son, Tracy Sparks of Rupert; grandchildren, Samantha Beavers (Tyler Brooks),

Trent Sparks and Bliss Sparks; and several great-grandchildren.

Per her wishes, she will be cremated.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.wallaceandwallacefh.com](http://www.wallaceandwallacefh.com)

Wallace & Wallace, Inc. of Rainelle, WV is in charge of arrangements.

### Ronnie Hollandsworth



Ronnie Hollandsworth, 86, of White Sulphur Springs, passed away on Nov. 8, 2024, at his residence with his loving family by his side.

He was born Sept. 18, 1938, in Anthony, WV, the son of the late Paul H. and Beulah Spinks Hollandsworth.

Ronnie was a loving husband, dad, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and a friend to many.

He was a member of the Alvon Living Word Church, an Army Veteran, a member of the former Neola Lions Club and was a dedicated heavy equipment operator with Lynch Construction Company for 60 years.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his grandson Joshua, mother and father-in-law George and Anna Lynch, sister-in-law Anna Gale Ryder and brothers-in-law Bruce Kersey and Buck Spinks, Noel Ryder and nephew Shadd Loving.

Surviving the legacy of Ronnie are his wife of 60

years Patsy L. Hollandsworth; children, Rhonda Clendenin (Jimmie), Wes Hollandsworth and Rebecca Dixon (Anthony) all of White Sulphur Springs; grandchildren Jonas Clendenin (Lauren), Jacob Clendenin (Autumn), Luke Clendenin (Jasmine), Chyna Pinnell (Michael) and Reece Rowan; great-grandchildren Liam, Emily, Georgia, Scarlett, Harlow and Casen; sisters Norma Feury and Brenda Hollandsworth; brothers Neil Hollandsworth (Elaine) and Roger Hollandsworth; sisters-in-law Nellie (Bobby), Vickie (Buck), Linda, Sammy (Elmer) and Bonnie; brothers-in-law Henry Lynch (Christi), Mike Lynch (Debbie) and Johnny Lynch (Shirley); special cousin Alma Jean Lewis; along with several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends; and especially his furry buddy Cooper.

Funeral services for Ronnie will be Tuesday Nov. 12, at 1 p.m. at the Alvon Living Word Church, Neola, WV, with Pastors Bobby McClintic, Buck Caldwell and Robert Bruce McClintic officiating, interment will follow in the Lynch Family Cemetery, Neola, WV.

The family will receive family and friends from 11 a.m. until time of services at the church on Tuesday.

Ronnie’s wishes are all of his loved ones and friends meet him in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to the Greenbrier County Humane Society, 151 Holliday Lane, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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Club & Church

Greenbrier County Republican Club elects new officers

The Greenbrier County Republican Club met at Cook’s Country Kitchen on Thursday, Nov. 7, for its regular monthly meeting. Following the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, The Club elected new officers to serve through the calendar years of 2025 and 2026: Brentz Thompson, president; Douglas McKinney, M.D., vice-president central district; Robert “Trey” Holland, vice-president, eastern district; Ali McCloud, treasurer; and Faye Dunford, secretary.

Some 40 members and guests engaged in a spirited discussion of the Nov. 5 election results and congratulated themselves on a sweep of all but one elected county offices as well as all statewide offices. Several emphasized that their work must continue as opposition forces are already organizing resistance to the new Trump administration.

Former delegate George “Boogie” Ambler summarized the comments as this is a time to rejoice and enjoy the fruits of our labors but to realize that we must immediately begin work for the 2026 interim elections remembering how the expected Red Wave of 2022 failed to materialize.

The Club’s Annual Christmas Dinner is fast approaching on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dutch Haus Restaurant. In view of the economic slump of the Bidenomics, the tickets will be only \$40 per person.

The keynote speaker for the dinner is J.B. McCuskey, WV Auditor and Attorney General-elect. He is expected to discuss the innovations and transparency he has made in the auditor’s office and plans to continue the successful work of Governor-elect Patrick Morrisey in his 12 years as Attorney General.



Treasurer Faye Dunford (left), Vice President-elect Trey Holland, President Gordon Campbell, President-elect Brentz Thompson, Vice-President Doug McKinney, and Treasurer-elect Ali McCloud.

For more information on the dinner and for tickets you may call 304-641-1205.

Preliminary discussion was held about plans to have the annual spring dinner as a St. Patrick’s Day dinner honoring Governor Patrick Morrisey on Saturday, Mar. 15, 2025. Details will be forthcoming in the near future.

Two members announced their intention to start a scholarship plan for Greenbrier County Republican college students attending college in West Virginia. Eligibility standards will be promulgated in time for the fall semester of 2025. The generosity of the members is applauded.

President Brentz Thompson discussed his plans to encourage membership and participation in the Club including members who have offered to pay dues of those who cannot afford them.

Dana Payne, proprietress of Cook’s Country kitchen, was thanked for providing the venue which will become the permanent meeting site for The Club.

The December meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 5.

The Williamsburg CEOS Club restores and renews

Restore and renew what? Well that is what hostess Blanche Knicely shared with the members of the Williamsburg Community Educational Outreach Club (CEOS) at their November meeting with the WVU Extension Service lesson, “Restoring and Refinishing Furniture.”

Members explored a few different levels of ease in restoring furniture. From a quick clean up to make it usable, but “antique;” to chalk paint; to full on restoration. Blanche had many pieces of furniture restored by her husband Casey and items that many had never heard of before like “a pie safe!” All were inspired to find ways to keep furniture rather than throwing them away.

Those participating include Cassandra Perkins, Loretta Shirley, Lyne Jones, Linda Spencer and LauraAnn Tiller. The club

is also excited and proud to acknowledge members Linda Spencer as the 2025 Greenbrier County CEOS President and LauraAnn Tiller as the County CEOS Vice-President.



Linda Spencer (left), Blanche Knicely, Lyne Jones, Cassandra Perkins, and Loretta Shirley with items collected for the Greenbrier Valley Children’s Home. For more information about the CEOS and a review of the CEOS lessons please check the WVU Extension Family and Community Development website or call the WVU Greenbrier County Extension Office at 304-647-7408.

The club will meet at the Dutch Haus on Dec. 10 for their next meeting. Christmas gifts for the Greenbrier Valley Children’s Home will be collected.

Alderson Elementary

attend the school. “I would like to thank the board, teachers, and community for embracing the past and the creation of our present and future,” she said. “Our small town will continue to make memories just like the ones my family shares with me.” To loud applause, she shared the school’s motto, “Hail, hail, hail to Alderson!” The \$11 million project was funded with \$3 million in county school dollars and \$8 million in state dollars from the WVSBA. SBA Director Andy Neptune attended the ribbon-cutting and shared memories from his first trip to Alderson right after beginning his job. “We came down and walked through. I thought, ‘My lands, how in the world



Alderson Elementary (Photo by RealWV)

are they gonna pull this project off?’ But now I’m gonna tell you something. You all did a fabulous job.” “It was the vision to keep this little school in our community,” Neptune observed, “that was the driving force behind it.”

Church Bulletin

**Celebrating Recovery**  
Please join us for our Celebrating Recovery program at Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church in Renick. If you are dealing with any type of addiction issues, we invite you to join us each Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. Childcare is available and a meal is served prior to each meeting. For more information call 304-618-9298. We are located at 27404 Seneca Trail North, Renick, WV.

Worship Services and other events at Lewisburg Baptist Church

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He was immediately promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

Sources: *Greenbrier Independent*, *The Kansas City Times*, *Sioux City Journal*, *Atchison Champion*, *WV Archive*, & *History*.

Having accomplished his mission, Rowan made his way back to the Cuban coast, sailed to Nassau and then to Key West. On his return to Washington, D.C., Rowan briefed the

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Carnegie Hall to host annual ‘Joy to Lewisburg’ concert with Bob Thompson and special guests

“Joy To Lewisburg with Bob Thompson and Friends” returns to the Greenbrier Valley on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at Carnegie Hall. The annual concert will feature Christmas classics and holiday favorites performed by West Virginia Music Hall of Fame member Thompson and his band, the Bob Thompson Unit, with special guests Zara Bode.

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

West Virginia music hall of fame pianist Bob Thompson is perhaps the state’s best-loved musician and ambassador of jazz. He has touched many people’s lives both as an entertainer and a teacher.

Born in New York in 1942, he moved to West Virginia in the mid-’60s to attend West Virginia State College. Growing up in NY, he sang in street corner doo-wop bands and originally attended WVSC on a scholarship to study trumpet and music education. After switching to piano, he quickly became a staple on the local scene with bands like the Modern Jazz Interpreters and Joi.

After some independent releases, he signed to Capitol Records subsidiary Intima and later to the Ichiban label. Two of his albums climbed into the Top 25 in Billboard’s contemporary jazz chart while four of his releases made their way into the Top 10 on the Radio and Records jazz chart. Those nationally released

works furthered his reputation significantly.

In the meantime, he performed in Brazil, South Africa, and Scandinavia. Appearances on BET, as the house pianist on the NPR show Mountain Stage, and several tours abroad have made Thompson a visible presence in the jazz world for more than 40 years. In addition, for the past decade Thompson’s annual holiday jazz show Joy to the World has become a regular feature of Public Radio International’s holiday programming.

Thompson will be joined on the Hamilton Auditorium Stage by Zara Bode, a seasoned starlet whose work with the Sweetback Sisters has given her a knack for whipping up holiday magic. Renowned for her enchanting voice and influenced by the great crooners of the 20th Century, Zara takes her exceptional rhythm, tone, and vivacious delivery to set her apart from the rest. A brilliant musician, and undeniable talent, to see her perform is a rare treat, not to be missed.

Tickets for the performance are \$25. Thanks to the Carnegie Cardinal Fund, Greenbrier County Students attend for free, but still must reserve a seat.

To purchase tickets, call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org), or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Joy To Lewisburg with Bob Thompson and Friends is made possible with support from the Casasanta Foundation.



Bob Thompson and Zara Bode

## Special film screening at GVT *Ambrosia! To be shown on November 23*

The Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT), 1038 Washington Street East, will present a special screening of the feature film *Ambrosia!* on Nov. 23 at 7 p.m.

*Ambrosia!* is a community funded project that was written, directed, cast and filmed in Beckley. Greenbrier Valley Theatre is excited to be hosting the premiere and multiple screenings in Beckley for all of our community to enjoy.

Grab your popcorn and get ready for a night of excitement and entertainment.

Be among the first to see this captivating comedy unfold on the big screen. Don’t miss out on this special event!

This celebration marks not only the film’s continued screenings throughout West Virginia but also the proud involvement of GVT House Manager, Kelsey Hofe, who plays a lead role in the film.

General Admission tickets are \$10 and are available at [gvtheatre.org](http://gvtheatre.org) or at the box office.

### 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!

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"You know what did it? I prepared a home-cooked meal for him ... in a \_\_\_\_\_."

TODAY'S WORD

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Cup is smaller. 2. Saucer is missing. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Tiles are different. 5. Stool is missing. 6. Mouth is open.

## 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

### ACROSS

1 Cheer shouts  
5 Specialty of Penn & Teller  
10 Meddles, with "in"  
15 Golfer Snead and politician  
26 Across  
19 On the ocean  
20 Port in Japan  
21 TV's Winfrey  
22 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"  
23 Start of a riddle  
26 Four-term Georgia senator  
27 Calf's meat  
28 Make a dining surface of  
29 Fastening bars with crosspieces  
31 Hog hangout  
33 Riddle, part 2  
38 Kotb of morning TV  
40 In this place  
41 Sun Yat- —  
42 Travel bags  
43 Nice scent  
45 Government bigwig  
47 Deer — (street sign)  
48 Riddle, part 3  
53 More tightly packed  
58 In the habit of  
59 Common origami birds  
61 Pass on  
62 Durance of "Smallville"  
66 Astronaut Buzz  
68 Own  
69 Riddle, part 4  
75 Shine  
76 Alleviation  
77 Worshiper of Jah, for short  
78 Bits of Viking script  
80 Decelerate  
82 Ultimatum ender  
87 Bonuses  
89 Riddle, part 5  
93 Robert of "The Sopranos"  
95 Twin brother of Jacob  
96 Clear mist from  
97 Sci-fi writer L. — de Camp  
101 Place to get a mud wrap  
104 To be, in Toulon  
106 Sahara-like

### DOWN

1 Coarse  
2 Campfire residue  
3 Large amount of medicine  
4 Surfeit  
5 Bread  
6 Horse relative  
7 Gun, slangily  
8 1950s prez  
9 Military pupil  
10 Infant's sock  
11 Northern part of an urban area  
12 Robbins of "underground comix"  
13 Tic- — -toe  
14 Kind of sheepdog  
15 Maalox's company  
16 Grown-ups  
17 Crème de —  
18 Feels  
24 Furry "hand"  
25 Slangy refusals  
30 Ray who portrayed the scarecrow in "The Wizard of Oz"  
31 Famed orca, once  
32 Bagel shape  
34 Faith faction  
35 Rice-shaped pasta  
36 On or about Caesar  
37 56, to  
39 In the hub of (brief drama)  
44 One- —  
46 Part of R&R, for short

### WAX SHOP

84 Rescue ropes  
85 Sleep noisily  
86 Goaded (on)  
88 Habitually lazy sort  
90 Tiny fraction of a min.  
91 Cat, in Spain  
92 Sound from a 91-Down  
94 Always, to poets  
97 Cracks  
98 Extreme fear  
99 Cello bow rub-ons  
100 Liqueur flavorings  
101 Cramps, e.g.  
102 Sentence structure  
103 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)  
105 1950s Fords  
108 C.S. Lewis lion  
109 Foe  
110 Chevy Tahoe, e.g.  
115 Web mag  
118 Grassy tract  
119 Spot  
120 Spots  
121 Actress Issa  
122 52-wk. spans  
123 Lav, in Leeds

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Christmas Tea at new location



Some goodies from a previous Christmas Tea.

For about ten years, it has become part of the holiday tradition for many to enjoy afternoon tea in Alderson. In recent years, the tea has been held at the Old Victorian Inn where host Doris Kasley and volunteer helpers from Alderson Main Street have made everyone feel so welcome. This year the tea will be held at the home of Sue Grizzard on Sunday, Dec. 8 with seatings at 1 and 3 p.m.

Sue is excited to welcome everyone into her newly renovated home at 1659 Riverview Avenue East. Beautifully decorated for the Christmas Season, the turreted Victorian home exudes charm and graciousness. Guests will be seated at tables throughout the house and Leah and Roger Trent will add their beautiful seasonal music to the occasion.

There are two seatings at 1 and 3 p.m., and tickets are limited. Guests must purchase tickets in advance for \$25 each at the Alderson Artisan’s Gallery (304-445-7952) by cash, check, or credit card. Proceeds support Alderson Main Street projects, particularly the “Gem of the Hills” Holiday celebration.

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

This is a private home, and it is not handicapped accessible.

### LEGAL

#### PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION

Fulton BSH LBVV, LLC/Secure Store - 135 Maple Carriage Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901, has a possessory lien on all of the goods stored in units 168, 297, 184. The auction will end on November 15, 2024 at 12 noon. All these items of personal property are being auctioned online through [lockerfox.com](https://www.lockerfox.com) This auction will run until November 15, 2024. Pictures of the units can be inspected online. Cash payments only. For more details visit [www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/](https://www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/)

### LEGAL

#### PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION

SecureStore Self Storage - 1367 Maplewood Ave., Ronceverte, WV 24970, has a possessory lien on all of the goods stored in units 395, 409. The auction will end on November 15, 2024 at 12 noon. All these items of personal property are being auctioned online through [lockerfox.com](https://www.lockerfox.com) This auction will run until November 15, 2024. Pictures of the units can be inspected online. Cash payments only. For more details visit [www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/](https://www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/)

### LEGAL

#### CITY OF LEWISBURG GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA Solicitation for Bids

**PROJECT OVERVIEW:** The City of Lewisburg is accepting sealed bids to paint the interior of the Greenbrier County Library located at 152 Robert W McCormick Drive, Lewisburg, West Virginia. The library is approximately 13,500 square feet.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING:** Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., at Greenbrier County Library at 152 Robert W McCormick Drive, Lewisburg, WV. Must attend to place a bid.

**DUE DATE OF BID:** Bids must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2024, to the City of Lewisburg, 942 Washington St. W, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

**SCOPE:**  
The contractor awarded the bid will be responsible for moving the furniture. Protecting the surrounding area and furniture from paint splash. The city will be responsible for supplying the paint. The contractor will be responsible for providing other supplies and include the cost in the bid.

Any vendor, agent or contractor submitting a quote for the hereby certifies, indicates, and acknowledges that he/she has or will obtain a valid West Virginia Contractor’s license and/or State of West Virginia Business Registration and a City of Lewisburg business license. Vendors must meet all qualifications required by the statutes of the State of West Virginia and subdivisions in which the work is to be performed. The City of Lewisburg reserves the right to reject any or all quotes. Please contact Susan Honaker, Treasurer, at 304-647-4587 with any questions.

### LEGAL

#### GREENBRIER COUNTY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITIONS FOR DEMOLITION ORDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbrier County Commission will conduct public hearings on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, in the Greenbrier County Commission Courtroom located at 912 Court Street N, Lewisburg, West Virginia beginning at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Under consideration during the hearings will be Petition by the Greenbrier County Building Code Official on the basis of the protection of public health and safety under W.Va. Code §7-1-3kk for the demolition of previously condemned structures on the following properties in Greenbrier County, West Virginia:

3380 and/or 3378 Coalfield Trail, Leslie, WV 25972 (Parcel Id# 11-31K-20); 3392 Coalfield Trail, Leslie, WV 25972 (Parcel Id# 11-31K-21); 3482 Coalfield Trail, Leslie, WV 25972 (Parcel Id# 11-31F-97); 137 Coalfield Trail, Charmco, WV 25958 (Parcel Id# 11-47H-74); 7996 Midland Trail west, Rupert, WV 25984 (Parcel Id#11-55-33); 11525 and/or 15053 Midland Trail West, Crawley, WV 24931 (Parcel Id# 11-77-62); 1652 and/or 5150 Midland Trail West, Charmco, WV, 25958 (Parcel Id# 11-47H-147); 1601 and/or 133 Riverside Drive, Rainelle, WV 25962 (Parcel Id# 11-54C-48; 552 and/or 688 Riverside Drive, Rainelle, WV 25962 (Parcel Id# 11-47R-76); 454 and/or 588 Riverside Drive, Rainelle, WV 25962 (Parcel Id# 11-47R-85); 613 and/or 751 Riverside Drive, Rainelle, WV 25962 (Parcel Id# 11-47R-26); 164 Old Pike Road, Smoot, WV 24931 (Parcel Id# 11-82-12); 502 and/or 366 10th street, Rainelle, WV 25962 (Parcel Id# 11-54P-66); 1971 Teaberry Road, Lewisburg, WV 24901 (Parcel Id# 6-10-64); 131 Harper Road, Lewisburg, WV 24901 (Parcel Id# 9-14-45); 3742 Anthony Road, Frankford, WV 24938 (Parcel Id# 7-20C-7); 587 Settlement Drive, Charmco, WV 25958 (Parcel Id# 11-40B-97); 291 Fullen Cemetery Road, Ronceverte, WV 24970 (Parcel Id #8-10N-4).

Each property has been inspected and notice of condemnation posted on site. The owners and/or lienholders associated with the above-listed properties may wish to appear and be heard at the hearing to protect their interests. The Petitions are available at the Greenbrier County Courthouse for inspection. For further information contact the Planning & Permits Office at: 304-647-6687.

### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SECTION 340 TOWN OF ALDERSON WATER SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROJECT SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this Notice of Availability (NOA), advises the public that the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Section 340 Alderson Water System Rehabilitation Project is complete and available for public review. The project is located in Summers County, West Virginia. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated for the proposed project. A Draft FONSI is included with the DEA for public review. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 40 CFR 1501.4, the DEA and draft FONSI must be available to the public in the affected area for thirty (30) days for review and comment. Final determination regarding the need for additional NEPA documentation will be made after the public review period, which begins on or about November 8, 2024. Copies of the documents may be viewed at the following location:

Alderson Public Library  
115 Walnut Ave  
Alderson, WV 24910  
Phone: (304) 445-7221

The documents may also be viewed at the following website:  
<https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Mission/Public-Review-Approved-Plans/>.

Copies of the DEA and draft FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers at (304) 399-5797. Comments pertaining to the documents may be submitted to:

Ms. Megan Wilburn  
Chief, Environmental Analysis Section, Planning Branch  
Huntington District Corps of Engineers  
502 Eighth Street  
Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070  
Email: [Megan.B.Wilburn@usace.army.mil](mailto:Megan.B.Wilburn@usace.army.mil)



The teapots are ready and waiting!

# ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

## November 15-24

### Friday, November 15

ATE & The Rolling Dough Co. Popup Colab, Primitive Goods, Ronceverte, 10:30 a.m.

Mom’s Night Out, Across the Board, White Sulphur Springs, 6 p.m.

Top Gun at Lewis Theatre, Lewisburg, 7 p.m.

### Monday, November 18

Herbal Infusions with Tommye Rafes, The Hub, Lewisburg, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Wednesday, November 20

Parenting Through All the Phases: Small Study Group, Rhema Christian Center, 6 p.m

### Thursday, November 21

Serial Killers-The Experience with Phil Chalmers, Old World Libations, Union, 7 p.m.

Shrek Trivia Night, Across the Board, White Sulphur Springs, 7 p.m.

Free Beginning Line Dance Lessons, Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall (enter on Foster St.), 6 - 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, November 22

The Greenbrier Football Tip-Off, White Sulphur Springs, 2:30 p.m.

The Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg, Downtown Square, 6 p.m.

### Saturday, November 23

Organ Cave Community Center Annual Holiday Vendor Expo, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Met Live in HD: Tosca, GVT, Lewisburg, 1 p.m.

Craig Karges, Pocahontas County Opera House, 7 p.m.

Special Screening of Ambrosia!, The Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg, 7 p.m.

To submit information to Mountain Messenger’s Entertainment Calendar, email [news@mountainmessenger.com](mailto:news@mountainmessenger.com). Information should be submitted two weeks in advance.

# The Met: Live in HD at the Greenbrier Valley Theatre

Puccini’s Tosca featured on Nov. 23

The Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT), 1038 Washington Street East, will present Puccini’s Tosca on Nov. 23 transmitted live from the Met stage in New York City. The performance begins at 1 p.m.

The Met: Live in HD, the Metropolitan Opera’s award- winning series of live high-definition cinema simulcasts is in its 18th season. The Nov. 23 showing features the first-ever Met Live in HD transmission of Puccini’s Tosca, featuring soprano Lise Davidsen as she continues to explore the full range of Italian and German dramatic repertoire.

Following a string of acclaimed Live in HD performances, renowned Norwegian soprano Lise Davidsen stars in the title role for the first time at the Met. Joining the distinguished cast is tenor Freddie De Tommaso in his highly anticipated company debut as Cavaradossi and baritone Quinn Kelsey, who makes a Met role debut as Scarpia. Bass-baritone Patrick Carfizzi returns as the

Sacristan, and Yannick Nézet-Séguin, the Met’s Jeanette Lerman-Neubauer Music Director, takes the podium to conduct Met veteran David McVicar’s production.

“From its beginnings, The Met: Live in HD was created to connect the Met to a global audi-ence,” says Peter Gelb, the Met’s Maria Manetti Shrem General Manager. “We’re glad to see au-diencies around the world beginning to return to cinemas in larger numbers since the end of the pandemic.”

The 2024-25 Live in HD season continues with Verdi’s Aida (Jan. 25), Beethoven’s Fidelio (Mar. 15), Mozart’s Le Nozze di Figaro (Apr. 26), Strauss’s Salome (May 17), and Rossini’s Il Barbiere di Siviglia (June 1). All performances will be Saturday matinees transmitted live from the Met stage.

Purchase a season subscription to this series or tickets for individual events at <https://www.gvtheatre.org/opera>.

**WVSO presents the Sounds of the Season on December 6**

A photograph of a male conductor in a red and white plaid jacket and a Santa hat, seen from the side as he leads an orchestra. He is holding a baton and gesturing with his other hand. The orchestra members, including violinists and a cellist, are visible in the foreground and background, seated at their instruments. The setting is a concert hall with a dark stage and a large, ornate chandelier hanging from the ceiling.

# Frankford Elementary wears cardigans for Kindness Day



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