

PUBLIC ISSUES

October 1 – December 31, 2019

Oct. 4 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks presents information on water shortage as result of drought in our area and where people could obtain water for themselves and their livestock. Also, information on the Community Meeting held September 30 was presented on various projects being worked on by the Meadow River Valley Group. The main Rupert School building will be kept at the present time while a section has been given to the Rupert Fire Depart for expansion and building of an airlift area and the kindergarten building will be used for a Day Care Center. Work is progressing with the Day Care Center and Rainelle Medical Center is working with the Center.

Oct. 11 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks presents information on Toot which is one of largest celebrations in W.Va. Downtown Lewisburg streets will be closed for the set-up of vendors and activities. Special area marked off for parking; and while all vendors can raise money for their projects, the festival was set up to fund Carnegie Hall activities. Information presented on all the various activities from Greenbrier Valley Theater down to Carnegie Hall at the other end of town. Another item discussed was a grant that was acquired by WVSOM that provided information on nutrition and healthy lifestyle, Medline-Plus, National Library of Medicine databases, blood pressure and provided actual blood pressure checks by the WVSOM students and staff at all the libraries in Greenbrier County.

Oct. 19 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks presents information on October designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Greenbrier Valley Domestic Violence Committee, the Family Refuse Center and Seneca Mental Health have programs to help with domestic violence. As we live in an area that has a lot of hunters, tips on gun safety and placement in a safe place were stressed

Oct. 25 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks presents information on activities for Halloween Trick or Treat activities including times in local communities for door to door trick or treating as well as churches, clubs, city halls, and Greenbrier Valley Hospital activities for kids.

Nov. 1 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks presents information on the importance of checking your batteries in your smoke alarms and a good time to do so is this Saturday when we fall back an hour. Safety tips provided for avoiding fires in the home, especially with many using wood and/or coal to heat in our area. Tips on use of heaters and generators was also provided.

Nov. 8 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks presents information on various activities honoring veterans on Veterans Day. A documentary, "HOMEMADE", will be shown in Lewisburg Theater free which highlights how we can help the veterans and their families. Many restaurants are inviting veterans stop in for a free meal. Veterans groups are have a celebration in several locations and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine is having a dinner at the school in Lewisburg. Governor announced state parks are providing 50 % discount until Nov. 15 at lodges or cabins.

Nov. 15 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks presented information on CDL training for those that would like to be employed in commercial driving. The local college conducts classes to provide training to people for various jobs in our area. And often Businesses contact the school to set up the classes for their employees. When the Greenbrier Hotel started the casino, they worked with the school to train the casino workers. And of course, New River Community and Technical College makes it possible for students to attend day and night college classes. Many young people are not able to go away to college so they can get their education while remaining at home.

Nov. 22 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks reminds people of the meeting days and time that are providing information and resources to people on the drug problem in our area. Also, Gods Way Home has been started by the Western Greenbrier Ministerial Association to provide housing in Rainelle for men that are in need of housing.

Nov. 29 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks presents information on the Mountain Challenge Academy for young people that need a residential school. It is provided by the government and provides students with skills for various jobs as well as providing schooling so they can get a diploma.

Dec. 6 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks provides information on First Fridays in Lewisburg and Christmas activities in the towns in Greenbrier during holiday season. Lots of free activities for children as well as all the activities for adults at the various businesses including free carriage rides and pictures with Santa. Free Breakfast with Santa at Honeys. Also, reminding folks that even if not a member of a church, it would be really nice to take the children to a church Christmas celebration. Many groups are active during Christmas rising money for Christmas presents and sometimes helping people with rent or electric. Shop with a Cop, Penny Pitch, Moose Lodge, Salvation Army and Churches are groups that are making Christmas for families with children.

Dec 13 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks presents information on the Memory Tree in Rupert sponsored by the Rupert Woman's Club. Lights can be purchased for \$10.00 each in memory or in honor of someone. The lighting of the tree is a celebration with refreshments and the town can enjoy the tree during the holiday season. The money raised goes towards a \$1000. Scholarship to a graduating senior at Greenbrier West High School. A program handout contains the names of those remember on the tree with their sponsors.

Dec 20 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks reminds people that the holidays can be a happy time for many, but it is also a time when some people become depressed. And it's a time when some drink while partying, others because of problems. So if we could find some way to help people, it would be a good time. Maybe even be a designated driver.

Dec 27 9:15-9:30am Betty Crookshanks presented tips on saving money on electric bill and provided information on energy efficiency programs provided by Appalachian Power Co. including rebates when purchasing new appliances and lighting.

