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AITTALA BRINGS DECADES OF ROCK AND METAL EVOLUTION TO LEWISBURG

By Aila Boyd

For more than three decades, Eric Aittala has re-

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Aug. 1 at The 3rd Floor at 860 N Court St, has built a reputation for blending

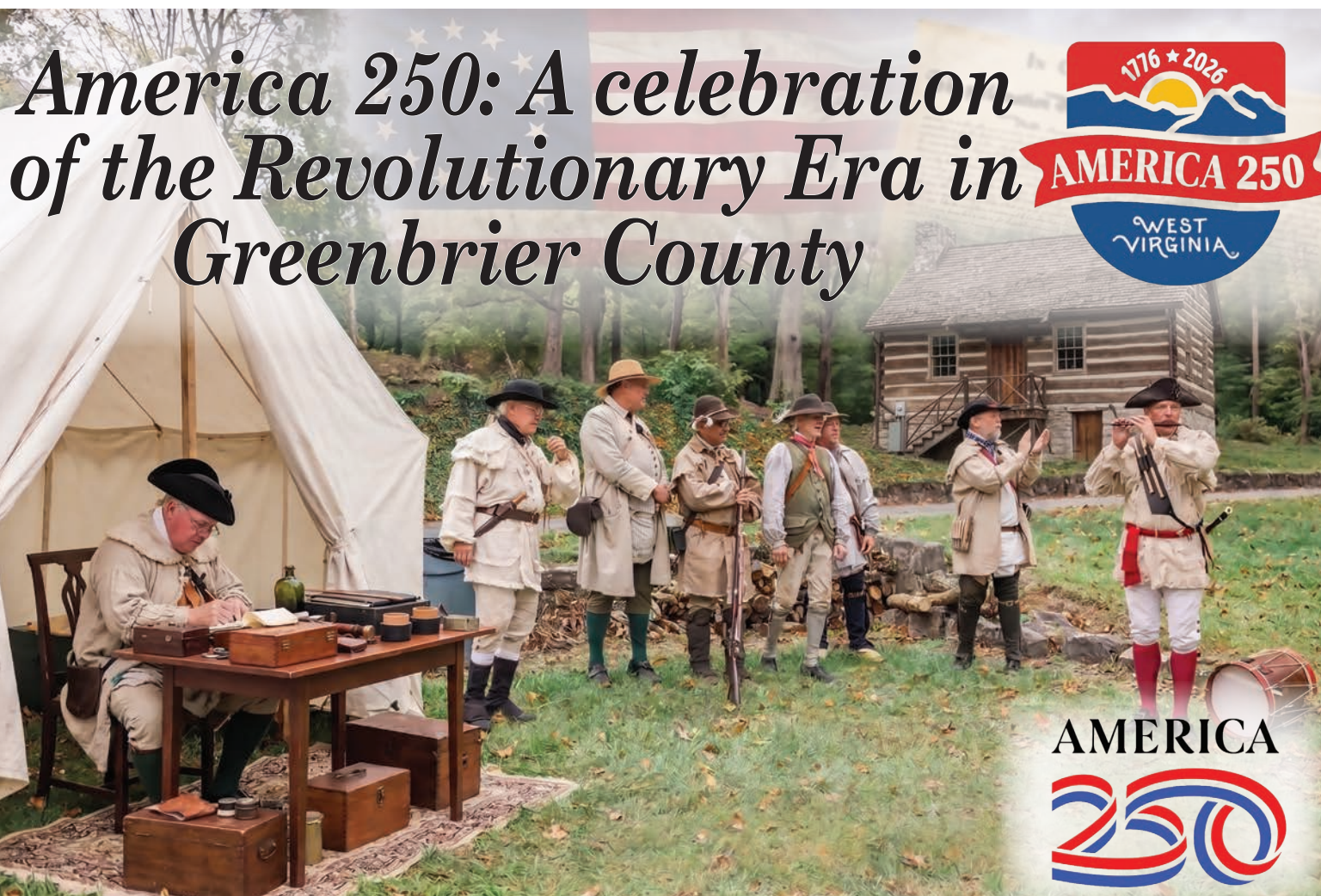
elements of traditional heavy metal, doom, progressive metal, power metal, hard rock, and other subgenres.

“Music is just organic,” Aittala said. “When I’m writing songs, whatever comes out comes out.”

That approach has helped define AITTALA since its formation in the Netherlands in 1991. At the time, Aittala was serving in the military overseas and had spent years writing original material while stationed in Japan and Europe.

Originally formed with an American vocalist and Dutch musicians, the group began by learning songs Aittala had already written. When the band needed a name, Aittala suggested using his surname because the group was performing his

America 250: A celebration of the Revolutionary Era in Greenbrier County



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Dining outdoors in the Greenbrier Valley Provided by **Experience Greenbrier Valley**



The Greenbrier Valley enjoys comfortable weather much of the year, extending the days of outdoor dining well into fall and early spring. Many locally-owned restaurants have fully embraced these more casual spaces, promising a breath of fresh air that easily complements a sit-down bite to eat or an evening cocktail.

While we've highlighted **eight** notable al fresco dining venues, there are many more, from urban casual to story-book settings. Be sure to check out the full list!

1. **The Humble Tomato** takes full advantage of its expansive garden setting to serve Italian fare and refreshing, seasonal beverages. Choose between patio seating under a canopy of umbrellas or sit back in one of the Adirondack chairs dotted about the tree-shaded lawn.

2. **The Rooftop** "tops" the list in scenic overlooks. Aptly named, it's located on the roof of **The Schoolhouse Hotel**, the original White Sulphur Springs high school-turned-boutique-hotel. The bar specializes in small plate delicacies and crafty cocktails coupled with a bird's eye view of downtown White Sulphur Springs and the surrounding mountains.

3. For old-fashioned car-side service, pull into **Jim's Drive-In**. It's been on the cutting edge of outdoor dining since its founding in the 1950s. In addition, Jim's offers covered picnic tables and benches for motorists who want to stretch their legs.

4. If you want to soak in Lewisburg's downtown vibe, we suggest an evening at **Briergarten**. It's a classic beer garden with indoor-outdoor space—and patio heaters for cooler nights. As for the menu, you'll find a generous selection of West Virginia and European brews, wines and cocktails, as well as pub food favorites such as bratwurst,



Hawk Knob Hard Cider and Mead. Photo courtesy Experience Greenbrier Valley.



Briergarten. Photo courtesy Experience Greenbrier Valley.

soft pretzels and the "Brier Dog."

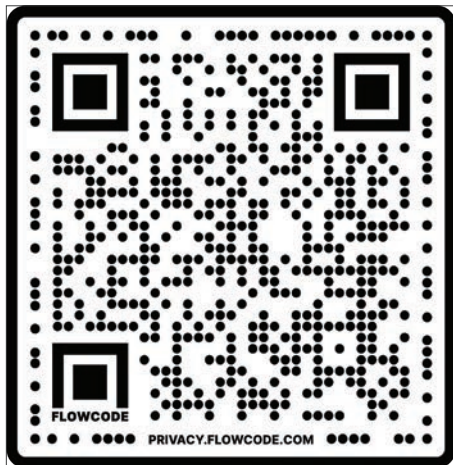
5. **Mi Tequila Mexican Restaurant** is located at the Greenbrier Valley Airport (LWB). It is "the" airport restaurant but also a very popular place where locals gather. The menu is classic American/Mexican. A spacious patio with four-tops and picnic tables faces east and commands a view of planes coming and going on the runway. In the late afternoon, the sun sets on the

opposite side of the airport, leaving the patio nicely shaded.

6. The **Historic General Lewis Inn** has taken full advantage of its spacious veranda and the lovely garden behind the inn. Overnight and day visitors are welcome to dine for breakfast (Sat/Sun) and dinner (Thu-Mon). Also worth noting, the inn's Thistle Lounge is highly regarded for its creative craft cocktails, the perfect



The Rooftop at the Schoolhouse Hotel. Photo courtesy Experience Greenbrier Valley.



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accompaniment to an evening porch side.

7. Although **Hill & Holler** doesn't have a dedicated outdoor patio, the full-length front windows accordion open in warm weather to give guests a sense of being outside without being outside. The tables by the windows provide a comfortable perch to watch passersby on Washington Street.

8. Late spring and into fall, the **Del Sol Cantina & Grille** patio is wrapped in a botanical profusion of color, while shade sails keep the heat of the day at bay. You'll regularly see diners fill the cozy space to partake in the restaurant's signature margaritas, chips and Latin-style dishes.

Outdoor Dining in the Greenbrier Valley FAQs

When is outdoor dining season in the Greenbrier Valley?

Unofficially, outdoor dining season runs from April through November. Although some restaurants "roll up" their outdoor seating during the winter months, most take full advantage of any pleasant day. Think Hill and Holler. The expansive front windows open wide anytime the weather warrants letting the outdoors in. Briergarten employs standing outdoor heaters to keep the chill away, and at Max on Main, the patio is always set to welcome outdoor diners.

Which restaurants are best for families?

All of our local restaurants welcome families, but some are better suited to the energy of little ones. **Mi Tequila Mexican Restaurant** and **Hawk Knob Hard Cider & Mead** both earn high marks for their kid-friendly outdoor spaces. Hawk Knob is set on a farm, so «free ranging» your kids is encouraged. There's s'mores making around the campfire and fishing in the pond. Just bring a pole and some lures. Mi Tequila is located at the Greenbrier Valley Airport, with fenced outdoor seating that faces the runway — a built-in show

for any plane-obsessed youngster at the table. For classic American fare, Jim's Drive-In delivers with a menu and car-hop experience that kids love. It's also worth noting that Jim's landed on Southern Living's 2025 list of 20 Legendary Burger Joints in the South... so the grown-ups won't be complaining either.

Which restaurants have the most scenic setting?

It depends on your definition of scenic, but several of our restaurants are appreciated for their unique surroundings. At **The Schoolhouse Hotel in White Sulphur Springs**, the rooftop dining area overlooks the town and surrounding ridgelines, which is a stunning backdrop for dinner in the valley. For something cozier, the patios at The Humble Tomato and Del Sol Cantina & Grille are both beautifully lush — each in its own way — overflowing with flowers throughout summer. The Historic General Lewis Inn sits at the east end of Lewisburg's downtown, where, whether you choose the front veranda overlooking Washington Street or the quiet patio tucked behind the inn, greenery and gardens envelop the property.

What Greenbrier Valley restaurants offer live music?

Most live music happens during the summer months, typically once or twice a month (sometimes more) at any one restaurant. **Briergarten, The Schoolhouse Hotel rooftop deck, Hawk Knob, Max on Main and Stuart's Smokehouse** all have a social atmosphere that pairs naturally with a live set. The Asylum puts its own spin on the concept with full-moon parties on the rooftop deck. At Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, live music and jam bands anchor the weekend lineup, while weeknights bring a mix of bingo, karaoke, paint-and-sips and DJ nights.

Which dining patios are dog-friendly?

For the furry family members who never want to be left behind, several

outdoor dining spots are happy to roll out the welcome mat. Reliable go-tos include The Humble Tomato (with a large grassy area), **Del Sol Cantina & Grille, Briergarten, Max on Main, Amy's Market, Hawk Knob Hard Cider & Mead (farm setting) and Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company**. One friendly request: keep your pup leashed so everyone, human and canine alike, can enjoy the experience.

And there's more! Here is a list of all dining with fresh air options:

The Humble Tomato
Briergarten
Jim's Drive-In
Del Sol Cantina
The Schoolhouse Hotel
General Lewis Inn
Amy's Market
The Asylum
Brier Patch Inn
Carlito's
Chico's Mexican Restaurant
Greenbrier Valley Brewing Co.
Gustard's Bistro
Hawk Knob Hard Cider & Mead
Hill and Holler
Hog Wild Bar-b-que
Max on Main
Pomona Salt Cave and Spa Café
Old Red Mill Taphouse Grille
The Sportsman Tavern
Stuart's Smokehouse & Seafood
Habaneros Mexican Grill

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AMERICA 250: A CELEBRATION OF REVOLUTIONARY ERA GREENBRIER VALLEY

Special event will feature a ceremonial reenactment of the first reading of the Declaration Of Independence

By Lisa Coburn, Community Outreach Liaison, Greenbrier Historical Society

As part of **America 250: A Celebration of Revolutionary Era Greenbrier Valley**, the Greenbrier Historical Society invites the public to journey back to a pivotal moment in our nation's history during a ceremonial reenactment of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in our area. The reading will take place in front of the Greenbrier County Courthouse in Lewisburg.

Beginning at **noon**, this free public event will recreate the historic readings that took place at county courthouses throughout Virginia following the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Through music, ceremony, and historical interpretation, attendees will experience a tradition that helped carry the news of American independence to communities across the Commonwealth 250 years ago.

Historical records show that after the Declaration was adopted, Virginia officials ordered sheriffs throughout the state to proclaim it publicly at their county courthouses and other gathering spots so citizens could hear its words firsthand. The Greenbrier

Historical Society's program commemorates that historic moment through a ceremonial reenactment inspired by those original public readings.

"This event gives us the chance to stand where generations before us stood and imagine what it must have been like to hear the news of independence for the very first time," said Al Emch, President of the Greenbrier Historical Society Board of Directors. "As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, we are proud to share this experience with

our community and highlight the Greenbrier Valley's place in our nation's story."

The celebration will begin with arrival music by the Augusta Militia Field Music Fife and Drum Corps, followed by welcoming remarks from the Mayor of Lewisburg and the Greenbrier Historical Society. The Daniel Boone Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will present and post the colors, accompanied by a performance of the National Anthem by the Lewisburg quartet, The Banner Boys.



**AMERICA 250: A
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SATURDAY, JULY 25

12 PM

In Front of the Greenbrier County Courthouse



Ceremonial Reenactment of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence

**Featuring presentations by the Daniel Boone Chapter of the SAR, music by Lewisburg quartet
The Banner Boys, Augusta Militia Field Music Fife & Drum Corps, Greenbrier East/West Choir,
and more!**

View the WV America 250 Mural Trail mural in the Greenbrier County Courthouse.

**Opening of "The Greenbrier Valley and the Revolutionary Era" exhibit at the North House
Museum, with refreshments courtesy of the Andrew Lewis Chapter of the DAR.**



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The centerpiece of the program will be a **public reading of the Declaration of Independence**, followed by a musket salute presented by the Daniel Boone Chapter SAR Honor Guard. The ceremony will conclude with the retiring of the colors, additional music by the Augusta Militia Field Music Fife and Drum Corps, and a performance of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" by the Greenbrier East/West Choir.

Following the ceremony, attendees are invited to continue the celebration by viewing the **WV America 250 Mural Trail** mural in the Greenbrier County Courthouse and visiting the North House Museum for the opening of The Greenbrier Valley and the American Revolutionary Era exhibit. This new exhibit explores the Greenbrier Valley's connections to the Revolutionary period and the local people whose lives were touched by the events that helped forge a new nation.

Refreshments at the exhibit opening will be provided courtesy of the Andrew Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

All events are free and open to the public.

America 250: A Celebration of Revolutionary Era Greenbrier Valley is presented by the Greenbrier Historical Society with support from the WV America 250 Commission, Greenbrier County, Historic Lewisburg West Virginia, and the West Virginia Department of Tourism, with additional support from the Daywood and Hamilton Family Foundations.

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UNPLUGGED: AITTALA

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material.

The band's early momentum was interrupted when Aittala's military service ended, and he returned to the United States. The project remained dormant for years before being revived in 2009.

Since then, AITTALA has released multiple albums and EPs while continuing to evolve musically.

The band's unwillingness to stay within a single genre has drawn both praise and criticism over the years.

"Some people will go, 'Cool, there's different things to listen to,' and some people will say the band doesn't know what it wants to be," he said. "I don't care. Whatever genre it comes out to be, that's what it is."

The current lineup includes Aittala on guitar and vocals, drummer Gary "Zeus" Smith, and new bassist Dane Taylor.

Smith, who has ties to Greenbrier County and began his musical journey in local school band programs, joined the group in 2012. Aittala said Smith's drumming style influenced the way he approached songwriting, particularly the rhythm sections of newer material.

"It changed the way I thought about drumming when I was writing songs," Aittala said.

For Smith, returning to perform in the area is especially meaningful.

"First off, going back to my hometown, in general, I always run into somebody that I remember from way back," he said.

Smith's connection to music began at an

early age. His father bought him a snare drum at a flea market when he was 6 years old, and a year later his parents purchased a drum set. He spent countless hours teaching himself to play and participated in marching and stage bands throughout his school years.

"I really believe it was born in me," Smith said.

Today, Smith hopes his own musical journey can serve as an example to aspiring mu-

sicians in the region. Through music, Smith has traveled extensively, including two European tours and a performance on the KISS Cruise.

"I've been all over the world just because of music," he said.

The band's two most recent releases, "Machines" and "Ill-Gotten Gains," showcase

different eras of AITTALA's musical development.

According to Aittala, "Machines" consists of songs originally written between 1990 and 1996 that were later re-recorded, offering listeners a glimpse into the band's early influences and progressive-metal roots.

By contrast, "Ill-Gotten Gains" features material written between 2022 and 2025 and reflects Aittala's current songwriting approach.

"If you listen to them back-to-back, besides me singing, somebody would go, 'Wow, those are completely different,'" he said.

While songs from "Machines" are unlikely to appear in the Lewisburg set because of their complexity and layered arrangements, attendees can expect selections spanning much of the band's catalog, including material from "Ill-Gotten Gains."

Lyrically, AITTALA's music often explores darker themes.

Aittala said earlier songs frequently centered on fictional characters and story-driven narratives, while newer material tends to be more conceptual and inspired by observations of modern life.

"I don't write happy songs," he said. "I write about things on the darker side of life."

Smith said joining AITTALA also pushed him outside his comfort zone as a musician. Although the band's style was not initially his preferred genre, he said the experience expanded his skills and perspective.

"It grows on you," Smith said. "It taught



me a lot of different things that I never learned playing the general music that I used to play.”

As the band prepares for its Lewisburg performance, Aittala said his primary goal is simple: for audience members to enjoy the experience and connect with the music.

The show also carries added significance as the first public performance at The 3rd Floor - an intimate, boutique rock room with pit-energy (minus the safety risks of moshing and crowd surfing), owned and envisioned by Tammy Showell. The 3rd Floor was designed to fill what Showell sees as a hard rock void in the local area, offering an intense, high energy live-music experience built for connection, movement, and raw sound.

Beyond hosting national and regional acts, her long-term vision for The 3rd Floor includes supporting and spotlighting young local rock musicians. As part of that mission, the opening act for Aittala will be UH, a local rock group led by Xian Montgomery and featuring young musicians from the area.

“It’s an honor that Tammy asked us to be the band christening the official opening of the venue,” Aittala said.

Smith also expressed support for Showell’s efforts to bring live rock music to the region.

“I’m hoping what Tammy’s doing with The 3rd Floor there, it’s going to open that up to people getting to have more experiences, with national acts coming through and everything,” he said.

Smith said he is excited to

share the stage with young local musicians and hopes to encourage them as they pursue their own musical goals. “It’s very exciting,” he said. “To see the energy and everything from the younger generations and their passion with the same thing.”

He added that he enjoys talking with younger performers about their aspirations and reminding them that success is possible regardless of where they start.

“Keep pushing and keep driving if it’s your dream, because you can still reach them no matter what,” Smith said.

Beyond promoting the upcoming performance, Aittala hopes music fans will continue supporting independent artists and local venues.

“Every famous band was once a local band playing local shows,” he said. “If you’re a fan of music, support local bands. Discover new music, support your local scene and help those bands grow.”

This 18+ ages show is Saturday, August 1 and doors open at 7 PM with music starting at 7:30 PM. Cost to attend is \$25 plus taxes/fees.

An extremely limited number of tickets will be available for this exclusive show. Do not hit snooze and miss out when they sell out early! Online ticket sales will be via Eventbrite and advertised on social media via Facebook and Instagram. You can also request tickets via email at email@tammyshowell.com

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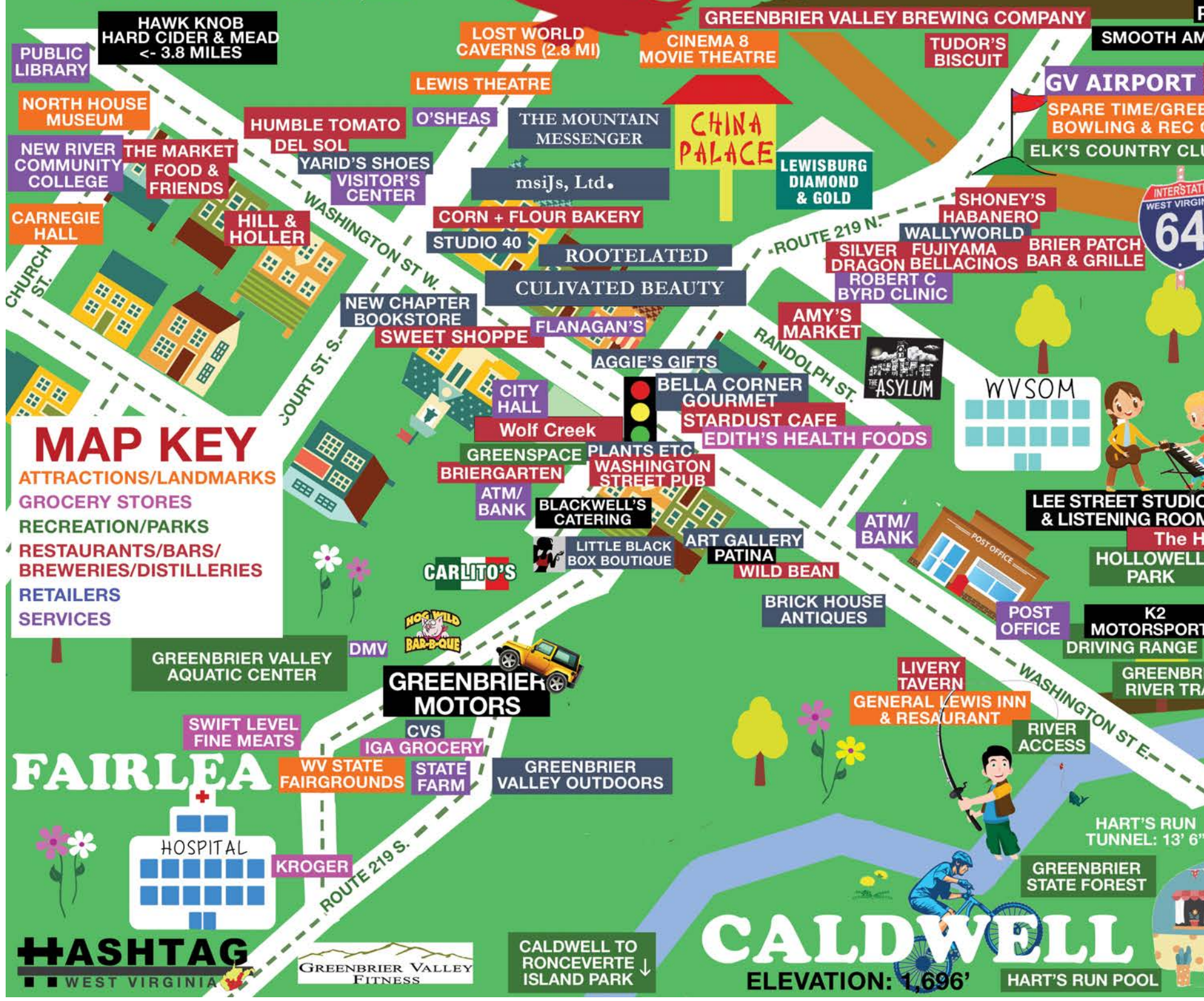
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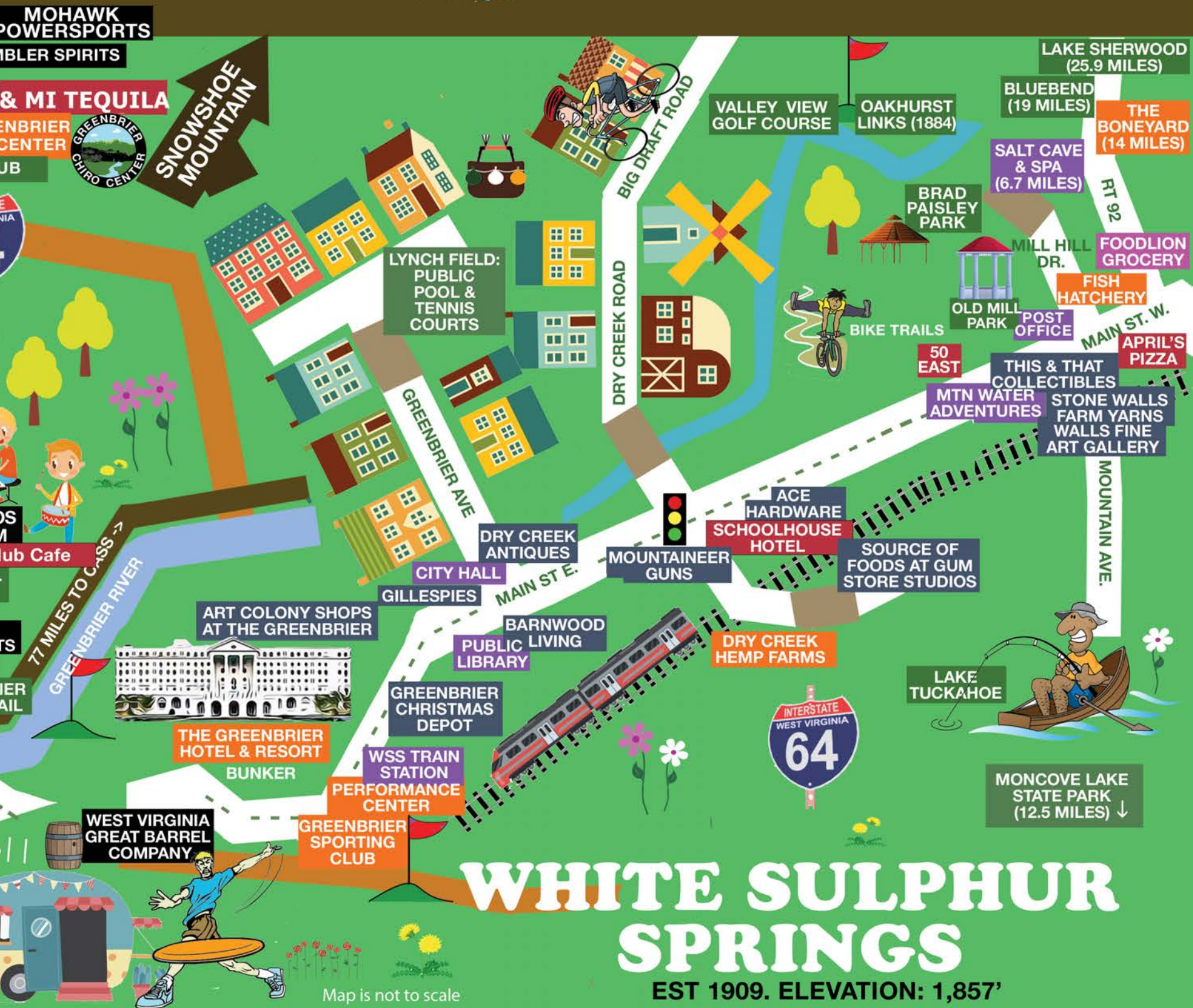
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Gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 12 to 5 p.m.

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CARNEGIE HALL ANNOUNCES 2026 IVY TERRACE CONCERT SERIES SCHEDULE

Carnegie Hall is pleased to announce the 2026 Ivy Terrace Outdoor Music Series, returning July 9 through August 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and continuing a beloved Lewisburg summer tradition that brings the community together for free live music on the picturesque Carnegie Hall/New River Community and Technical College lawn.

Ivy Terrace concerts are a major part of why Lewisburg is celebrated as one of the “coolest small towns in America,” offering relaxed, family-friendly evenings where attendees can bring a lawn chair or blanket, pack a picnic, and enjoy performances by musical groups set up on the Ivy Terrace. Due to the Ivy Terrace Restoration Project, the August concerts will take place at different locations.

2026 Ivy Terrace Series Lineup

Thursday, July 9 – Strings of Green

Location: Carnegie Hall Ivy Terrace

Strings of Green blends contemporary folk, roots, and Celtic-inspired melodies with warm harmonies and acoustic instrumentation. Their upbeat, earthy sound creates the perfect soundtrack for a summer evening outdoors.

Thursday, July 23 – Deni Bonet

Location: Carnegie Hall Ivy Terrace

Internationally acclaimed violinist, singer, and songwriter Deni Bonet brings high-energy pop-rock flair to the stage. Known for her electric performances and collaborations with artists ranging from Cyndi Lauper to R.E.M., Bonet delivers a vibrant, genre-bending show.

Thursday, July 30 – St. Marks Steel Drums

Location: Carnegie Hall Ivy Terrace

St. Marks Steel Drums brings the bright,

joyful rhythms of the Caribbean to Lewisburg. Their steel pan ensemble creates an irresistible island atmosphere filled with upbeat grooves and feel-good melodies.

Thursday, August 13 – Mindy Murray and the Lobelians

Location: WVSOM Student Center Outdoor Amphitheater

Singer-songwriter Mindy Murray leads this eclectic Americana group known for heartfelt storytelling, rich vocal blends, and a mix of folk, bluegrass, and roots influences. Their warm, intimate sound resonates beautifully in a summer setting. She will be joined by Bob and Ginger Must, Paolo and Erica Marks, Zach Yocum, and more.

Thursday, August 23 – The Bing Brothers

Location: To be announced.

A West Virginia treasure, The Bing Brothers deliver driving old-time music steeped in Appalachian tradition. With lightning-fast fiddle tunes, banjo breakdowns, and infectious energy, they bring the spirit of mountain music to life.

All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, alcohol-free, and generously sponsored by City National Bank. In case of inclement weather, concerts will move indoors, and attendees are encouraged to follow Carnegie Hall's Facebook page for updates. For more information, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org or call 304-645-7917.

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.



GREENBRIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S **APPALACHIAN INGENUITY SERIES** BRINGS HANDS-ON ARTS AND HERITAGE WORKSHOPS TO LEWISBURG

By Lisa Coburn, GHS Community Outreach Liaison

Throughout Appalachian history, people have relied on creativity, resourcefulness, and a strong tradition of sharing knowledge to adapt, create, and thrive. The Greenbrier Historical Society is celebrating that spirit through its new Appalachian Ingenuity Series, a free monthly workshop series taking place June through September at the North House Museum.

Held one Saturday each month, the series will feature local artists, makers, and educators sharing skills rooted in Appalachian heritage, craftsmanship, and creative expression. From fiber arts and paper marbling to herbalism and calligraphy, participants will have the opportunity to learn new techniques, create something by hand, and connect with others in a welcoming environment.

All workshops are free and open to the public, and all materials will be provided.

Saturday, June 27, 12 to 2 p.m. Yarn Tassel Hangings with Shara Harel

Participants will create decorative yarn tassel hangings while exploring the Appalachian tradition of making beautiful and practical items from readily available materials.

Saturday, July 18, 12 to 2 p.m. Paper Marbling with Toni Ogden

Learn the centuries-old art of paper mar-

bling and create unique, colorful patterns while discovering how traditional artistic techniques continue to inspire modern makers.

Saturday, August 22, 12 to 2 p.m. Herbalist Workshop with Shannon Murphy

Explore the rich tradition of Appalachian herbalism through a hands-on workshop focused on native medicinal and culinary plants, sustainable harvesting practices, and the region's deep connection to the natural world.

Saturday, September 5, 12 to 2 p.m. Calligraphy Workshop with Robin Skillern

Learn the art of beautiful writing using

inks made from foraged natural materials. Skillern, a Greenbrier County artist and educator, draws inspiration from Appalachia's diverse landscape and incorporates sustainable practices into her work across multiple artistic mediums.

All workshops will take place at the North House Museum and are suitable for a variety of ages and skill levels.

For more information, visit the Greenbrier Historical Society on Facebook (@greenbrierhistorical), Instagram (@greenbrierhistoricalsociety), greenbrierhistorical.org, email info@greenbrierhistorical.org, or call 304-645-3398.



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July 18 - Paper Marbling with Toni Ogden

August 22 - Herbalist Workshop with Shannon Murphy

September 5 - Calligraphy Workshop with Robin Skillern

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July 1

Wednesday, July 1:
Painting Class, 12:30 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Montwell Community Market, 3 to 6 p.m., Montwell Commons, Lewisburg

July 2

Thursday, July 2:
White Sulphur Springs Farmers Market, 2 p.m., Veteran's Memorial Park, White Sulphur Springs
Intro to Ceramics Class, 3 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Beeswax Cloth Making Cass, 6 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Alderson's 4th of July Fireman's Rodeo, 7 p.m., Alderson Memorial Field, Alderson
American History Trivia, 7 p.m., Across the Board Game Café, White Sulphur Springs

July 3

Friday, July 3:
4th Annual Cass to Briergarten Bike Ride, 6:30 a.m., call Hammercycles for info
Antique Sidewalk Sale (weather permitting), 11 a.m., 625 Edgar Avenue, Ronceverte
Alderson 4th of July - The Scavenger Hunt, 12 noon, Alderson Memorial Field, Alderson
Intro to Ceramics Class, 3 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
First Fridays After 5, downtown Lewisburg
First Friday Lecture Series: Michelle Myers - Irregular Warfare During the Civil War, 5 p.m., Greenbrier Historical Society and North House Museum, 814 W. Washington Street, Lewisburg
Meet the Artist: Jo Perez, 4 p.m., Plants Etc., downtown Lewisburg
Sound Bath – Cosmic Journey, 6:30 p.m., Bodies in Motion, 259 Lafayette Street, Lewisburg
Alderson 4th of July – Rewind the Walkman, 8 p.m., Alderson Memorial Field, Alderson

July 4

Saturday, July 4:
Montwell Community Market, 8 a.m., Montwell Commons, Lewisburg
Lewisburg Farmer's Market, 8 a.m., Robert C. Byrd Clinic parking lot, Lewisburg
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman, 10 a.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson St N, Lewisburg
Alderson's 4th of July Grand Parade, 10:30 a.m., downtown Alderson
Alderson Train Depot Tour, 11 a.m., 1 Railroad Avenue, Alderson
Fourth of July Fest, 1 p.m. Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Maxwelton
Free Public Tour Day, 1 p.m., Three Rivers Avian Center, Hinton
Alderson's 4th of July Car Show, 1 p.m., City Park, Alderson
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman, 1 p.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson St N, Lewisburg
Alderson's 4th of July – Tupelo Drive, 7:45 p.m., Alderson Memorial Field, Alderson
Alderson's 4th of July Fireworks Show, 10 p.m., Alderson Memorial Field, Alderson

July 7

Tuesday, July 7:
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman, 2 p.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson St N, Lewisburg
Alderson Farmer's Market, 3 p.m., 1447 E. Riverview Avenue, Alderson
Intro to 3D Printing Class, 5 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Knit Night, 5 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Tuesday Women's Mountain Bike Ride, 6 p.m., Greenbrier State Forest
Tuesday Teachings (Natural Health Workshop), 6 p.m., 7 Notes Natural Health, 298 Randolph Street, Lewisburg

July 8

Wednesday, July 8:
Montwell Community Market, 3 to 6 p.m., Montwell Commons, Lewisburg

July 9

Thursday, July 9:
Appalachian 1,000: Dueling Banjos, Overland Endurance Rally, Rainelle
White Sulphur Springs Farmers Market, 2 p.m., Veteran's Memorial Park, White Sulphur Springs
Intro to Ceramics Class, 3 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Intro to 3D Printing-Designing, 6 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Open Mic with Ben Luckett, 6 p.m. Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Maxwelton
Ivy Terrace Concert, 6:30 p.m., Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg
The Greenbrier Ghost, 7:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg

July 10

Friday, July 10:
Intro to Ceramics Class, 3 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
The Carpenter Ants, 6 p.m. Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Maxwelton
The Greenbrier Ghost, 7:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg
Bat and Moth Night, 9 p.m., WSS Fish Hatchery, White Sulphur Springs

Ju 11

Saturday, July 11:
Lewisburg Farmer's Market, 8 a.m., Robert C. Byrd Clinic parking lot, Lewisburg
Montwell Community Market, 8 a.m., Montwell Commons, Lewisburg
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman, 10 a.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson St N, Lewisburg
Alderson Train Depot Tour, 11 a.m., 1 Railroad Avenue, Alderson
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman, 1 p.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson St N, Lewisburg

July 12

The Greenbrier Ghost, 2:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg
Intro to Ceramics Class, 4:30 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Bronco Junction, 6 p.m. Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Maxwelton
The Greenbrier Ghost, 7:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg

July 13

Sunday, July 12:
The Greenbrier Ghost, 2:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg

July 14

Monday, July 13:
Waldo Day Camp – Water Water Everywhere!, 9 a.m., Wood Thrush Park, 334 Richlands Lane, Lewisburg
Tuesday, July 14:
Waldo Day Camp – Water Water Everywhere!, 9 a.m., Wood Thrush Park, 334 Richlands Lane, Lewisburg
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman, 2 p.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson St N, Lewisburg
Alderson Farmer's Market, 3 p.m., 1447 E. Riverview Avenue, Alderson
Intro to 3D Printing Class, 5 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Knit Night, 5 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Tuesday Women's Mountain Bike Ride, 6 p.m., Greenbrier State Forest

July 15

Wednesday, July 15:
Waldo Day Camp – Water Water Everywhere!, 9 a.m., Wood Thrush Park, 334 Richlands Lane, Lewisburg
Luminosity Morning South Bath, 11 a.m., 7 Notes Natural Health, 298 Randolph Street, Lewisburg
Painting Class, 12:30 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Adult Origami Class, 1 p.m., Alderson Public Library, Alderson
Montwell Community Market, 3 to 6 p.m., Montwell Commons, Lewisburg
Tie-dyeing Class, 6 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
The Greenbrier Ghost, 7:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg

July 16

Thursday, July 16:
Waldo Day Camp – Water Water Everywhere!, 9 a.m., Wood Thrush Park, 334 Richlands Lane, Lewisburg
White Sulphur Springs Farmers Market, 2 p.m., Veteran's Memorial Park, White Sulphur Springs

Tech Help at the Library, 2 p.m., Alderson Public Library, Alderson
Intro to Ceramics Class, 3 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
The Greenbrier Ghost, 7:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg

July 17

Friday, July 17:
Waldo Day Camp – Water Water Everywhere!, 9 a.m., Wood Thrush Park, 334 Richlands Lane, Lewisburg
“For the Love of Trees” Acrylic Painting Class with Wendy Reagor, 10 a.m., 365 ART, 1347 Jefferson St. N., Lewisburg
Intro to Ceramics Class, 3 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Untrained Professionals, 6 p.m. Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Maxwelton
The Greenbrier Ghost, 7:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg
Deep State and Nathan Seldomridge and Co., 8 p.m., The Wild Bean, Lewisburg

July 18

Saturday, July 18:
Montwell Community Market, 8 a.m., Montwell Commons, Lewisburg
Lewisburg Farmer’s Market, 8 a.m., Robert C. Byrd Clinic parking lot, Lewisburg
Springs Smoke Fest: BBQ and Maker’s Market, 9 a.m., 362 Mountain Avenue, White Sulphur Springs
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman, 10 a.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson St N, Lewisburg
Alderson Train Depot Tour, 11 a.m., 1 Railroad Avenue, Alderson
Skyline Bluegrass Festival on the River, 1 p.m., 258 Island Park Road, Ronceverte
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman, 1 p.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson St N, Lewisburg
The Greenbrier Ghost, 2:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg
Intro to Ceramics Class, 4:30 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Member Open Night – Found Object Challenge, 6 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
The Greenbrier Ghost, 7:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg

July 19

Sunday, July 19:
The Greenbrier Ghost, 2:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg

July 20

Tuesday, July 21:
Waldo Day Camp – Little Explorers, 9 a.m., Wood Thrush Park, 334 Richlands Lane, Lewisburg
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman, 2 p.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson St N, Lewisburg
Alderson Farmer’s Market, 3 p.m., 1447 E. Riverview Avenue, Alderson
Intro to 3D Printing Class, 5 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Knit Night, 5 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Tuesday Women’s Mountain Bike Ride, 6 p.m., Greenbrier State Forest

July 22

Wednesday, July 22:
Waldo Day Camp – Little Explorers, 9 a.m., Wood Thrush Park, 334 Richlands Lane, Lewisburg
Storytime and Big Table Coloring with Linda Zimmer, her puppets, and Jeanne Brenneman, 10 a.m., for ages 5-10 with an adult. 365ART, 1347 Jefferson Street N., Lewisburg
Montwell Community Market, 3 to 6 p.m., Montwell Commons, Lewisburg
Pressed Flower Art Part I, 6 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
The Greenbrier Ghost, 7:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg

July 23

Thursday, July 23:
Waldo Day Camp – Little Explorers, 9 a.m., Wood Thrush Park, 334 Richlands Lane, Lewisburg
Resonant Relaxation Daytime Sound Bath, 1 p.m., 7 Notes Natural Health, 298 Randolph Street, Lewisburg
White Sulphur Springs Farmers Market, 2 p.m., Veteran’s Memorial Park, White Sulphur Springs
Intro to Ceramics Class, 3 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Ivy Terrace Concert, 6:30 p.m., Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg
The Greenbrier Ghost, 7:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg

July 24

Friday, July 24:
Intro to Ceramics Class, 3 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Richard Hefner, 6 p.m. Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Maxwelton
Spongebob Trivia, 7 p.m., Across the Board Game Café, White Sulphur Springs
The Greenbrier Ghost, 7:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg

July 25

Saturday, July 25:
Lewisburg Farmer’s Market, 8 a.m., Robert C. Byrd Clinic parking lot, Lewisburg
Montwell Community Market, 8 a.m., Montwell Commons, Lewisburg
Day of Caring, 8 a.m., United Way, Greenbrier, Monroe, and Pocahontas Counties
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman, 10 a.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson St N, Lewisburg
Pocket Tapestry with Susan Ernst, 10 a.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson Street N., Lewisburg
Sixth annual Adopt A Cop Car Show, 10 a.m., State Fair of West Virginia Fairgrounds, Fairlea
Alderson Train Depot Tour, 11 a.m., 1 Railroad Avenue, Alderson
America 250 Ceremonial Reenactment of the First Public Reading of the Declaration of Independence, 12 noon, Greenbrier County Courthouse, Lewisburg
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman, 1 p.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson St N, Lewisburg
The Greenbrier Ghost, 2:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg
Intro to Ceramics Class, 4:30 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs

July 27

Jonah Carden, 6 p.m. Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Maxwelton
Ellis Mansion Paranormal Investigation, 7 p.m., Ellis Mansion, 126 Pocahontas Avenue, Ronceverte
The Greenbrier Ghost, 7:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg

July 28

Monday, July 27:
Waldo Day Camp – Adventures in the Forest, 9 a.m., Wood Thrush Park, 334 Richlands Lane, Lewisburg
Tuesday, July 28:
Waldo Day Camp – Adventures in the Forest, 9 a.m., Wood Thrush Park, 334 Richlands Lane, Lewisburg
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman, 2 p.m., 365ART, 1347 Jefferson St N, Lewisburg
Alderson Farmer’s Market, 3 p.m., 1447 E. Riverview Avenue, Alderson
Intro to 3D Printing Class, 5 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Knit Night, 5 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Tuesday Women’s Mountain Bike Ride, 6 p.m., Greenbrier State Forest

July 29

Wednesday, July 29:
Waldo Day Camp – Adventures in the Forest, 9 a.m., Wood Thrush Park, 334 Richlands Lane, Lewisburg
Painting Class, 12:30 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Montwell Community Market, 3 to 6 p.m., Montwell Commons, Lewisburg
Pressed Flower Art Part II, 6 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Bingo Night with Annie, 6 p.m. Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Maxwelton

July 30

Thursday, July 30:
Waldo Day Camp – Adventures in the Forest, 9 a.m., Wood Thrush Park, 334 Richlands Lane, Lewisburg
White Sulphur Springs Farmers Market, 2 p.m., Veteran’s Memorial Park, White Sulphur Springs
Intro to Ceramics Class, 3 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Green Drinks July – Insights into the Movements of American Robins, 6 p.m. Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Maxwelton
Ivy Terrace Concert, 6:30 p.m., Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg

July 31

Friday, July 31:
Intro to Ceramics Class, 3 p.m., Creekside Foundry, White Sulphur Springs
Archibald Johnson, 6 p.m. Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Maxwelton

SKYLINE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL RETURNS TO THE RIVER FOR A DAY OF MUSIC AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Bluegrass fans from across the region are invited to gather at the Island Park Amphitheater in Ronceverte for the **Skyline Bluegrass Festival on the River**, a special one-day event celebrating the legacy of the original Skyline Bluegrass Festival, which was held from 1976 to 1985 on a mountaintop farm overlooking a river.

Set against the scenic backdrop of the Greenbrier Valley, the festival will feature a full day of live bluegrass performances on both the Main Stage and Side Stage, showcasing a mix of established performers and regional favorites. Organizers hope to

honor the rich musical tradition of the historic Skyline Festival while creating a welcoming atmosphere for a new generation of bluegrass enthusiasts.

"We're excited to bring the spirit of the original Skyline Bluegrass Festival back to life," organizers said. "This event celebrates the music, community, and traditions that made the festival such a beloved gathering for so many years."

Main Stage Schedule

Mud Hole Control — 1:30 p.m.

Richard Hefner & The Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys — 3:00 p.m.

Chandler Beavers & Friends —

4:30 p.m.

Strings of Green — 6:00 p.m.

Tessa McCoy & The State

Birds — 7:30 p.m.

The Kevin Prater Band — 9:00 p.m.

Side Stage Schedule

Tavern Dwellers — 1:00 p.m.

Allan Dale Sizemore — 2:30 p.m.

Tavern Dwellers — 4:00 p.m.

Allan Dale Sizemore — 5:30 p.m.

The festival will take place on **Saturday, July 18, 2026**, at the **Island Park Amphitheater in Ronceverte, West Virginia**. Admission is **\$10**, and **children ages 12 and under are admitted**

free. Food and beverage concessions will be available for purchase throughout the day.

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ALDERSON ANNOUNCES ACTION-PACKED SCHEDULE FOR THE 2026 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION



The town of Alderson is thrilled to announce the return of its annual 4th of July Celebration. Running from Saturday, June 27 through Sunday, July 5, 2026, this multi-day festival promises a spectacular lineup of family-friendly events, traditional contests, live music, and community spirit.

Brought to you by the Alderson 4th of July Committee, the Town of Alderson, and local emergency services, this year's festivities showcase the very best of the region.

Celebration Highlights:

Kickoff Weekend (Saturday, June 27): The fun begins early with a Youth Bicycle Race, the 2nd Annual Silas Brown Memorial Poker Run, the 10th Annual Horse Show, and an evening Kids Fishing Derby.

Mid-Week Traditions (July 1 – 2): Watch the town transform during the Home and Business

Decorating Contest on Wednesday, followed by the thrilling, free-admission Fireman's Rodeo at the Alderson Memorial Football Field on Thursday night. Craft and food vendors open at 6:30 p.m.

The Weekend Excitement (Friday, July 3): Lace up for the Run for Snacks 5K or join "The Hunt"—a massive 3-day scavenger hunt featuring \$2,000 in prizes. Friday night heats up at the football field with kid-friendly inflatables and 80's music from *Rewind the Walkman* (\$5 admission, children 10 and under are free).

The Big Day (Saturday, July 4): Don't miss the historic 2026 Grand Parade at 10:30 a.m., showcasing stunning floats, fire engines, and horses. The afternoon features a Car Show, an Ice Cream Social and Open Mic Night at the historic 1896 Train Depot, and field events for all

ages.

Fireworks Spectacular (Saturday Night): Caps off the 4th with live music from *Tupelo Drive*, the introduction of Miss Fireworks 2026 (Brooke Patterson), and a Grand Fireworks Display. Admission to the field for the evening entertainment and fireworks is \$5 (children 10 and under are free).

Grand Finale (Sunday, July 5): Head to the Alderson Mini Park for the famous River Events—featuring "anything that floats" races—and the thrilling "Ducks on the Greenbrier" Rubber Duck Race, where one lucky winner will take home a **\$5,000 cash grand prize!** Cap off the weekend with a free community Gospel Sing at the football field.

Important Attendee Information:

Delicious food and unique craft vendors will be open at the Alderson Memorial Football Field during scheduled events throughout the celebration. Please note that **no smoking and no pets** are permitted on the football field.

Because the schedule is packed with so many events, competitions, and specific registration times, organizers

advise everyone to check the official website for full information, contact details, and weather updates.

For more details, vendor information, or to purchase rubber duck tickets, please visit www.alderson4th.com or follow the @Alderson 4th of July Celebration page on Facebook.



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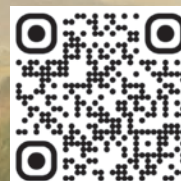
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