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## West Virginia Renaissance Festival opening for third season June 5

Opening weekend honoring veterans, active-duty service members and first responders with tribute and free admission

By WV Press News Sharing

The West Virginia Renaissance Festival will be honoring veterans, active-duty service members, and first responders during its opening weekend, June 5-6.

The festival is providing free admission to those groups as part of the tribute.

"We thank you for your service and look forward to seeing you during our opening Pirate's Landing theme weekend," Renaissance Festival spokesperson Dawna Smith said.

The Renaissance Festival is opening for its third season on June 5 and will be open every weekend in June. Tickets are available online.

Located less than a mile and a half off

Exit 161 on I-64 near scenic Lewisburg, this outdoor family friendly festival has plenty of space to enjoy live music, great food, along with six stages featuring continuous live entertainment, including a "death-defying aerial show."

"With acres to roam, it's the perfect place to spend a fun and safe day outdoors, as you step back in time to experience live jousting where armored knights on horseback compete to be champion or listen to bagpipes and drums resonate through the valley, and harpists play in quiet wooded corners," Smith said.

According to organizers, Renaissance See "Renaissance" Page 2



Visitors can enjoy live jousting shows where armored knights on horseback thunder toward each other before the festival crowd.

(Photos courtesy of Jim Cook)



James "Jim" Carter, Herbert Burdette, and Carl Bowyer walk the VFW flag to its new home

## Tri-County Veterans of Foreign Wars moves into Alderson Town Hall

By Bobby Bordelon

City Hall is now the home base for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of West Virginia - 6723 Tri-County Memorial Post.

With the recent announcement from Greenbrier County Schools that the Alderson Community Center would become the Alderson Elementary School and limits their space in the building, the VFW decided to relocate after an offer from Mayor Travis Copenhaver.

Joined by James (Jim) Carter and Carl Bowyer,

Herbert Burdette walked the VFW's flag from its former home at the Alderson Community Center to its new base of operations in Town Hall on Saturday, May 15. The flag was then walked inside by the VFW commander Jack Gadd, a 28-year-veteran.

"We had to move over here because there's not enough room at the Community Center," explained Gadd. "We had to move anyway, so we just decided to go ahead and get it done. The mayor offered to let us come back in here and I said that's fantastic."

Burdette is taking over the post from 28-year veteran Jack Gadd, with plans to expand the organization.

"My father was in the Tri-county post," Burdette explained. "At first it was Alderson VFW, that was established in 1934. I have the charters. The second charter was incorporated in 1967 to include Summers, Monroe, and Greenbrier counties, making it a tri-county post."

Gadd also plans to remain involved with the organization, but not in a leadership role.

"I've done it for fifteen years, I'm getting old," Gadd said with a laugh. "It's been such an honor. At the time, we had so many old members that just weren't able to do anything. I was a new kid on the block when I got

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## City Council purchases 33+ acres adjacent to water plant

By Sarah Richardson

The Lewisburg City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 18 both in-person and via ZOOM. "I'm just so happy to be back in city council chambers," said Mayor Beverly White. "I appreciate everybody's patience with doing the ZOOM meetings. I'm very grateful for all of council's hard work in doing these meetings."

The council voted on amendments to city code, approved funding for pickleball court lighting, approved gear purchases for the fire department, bought property in Caldwell, and more.

The city motioned to purchase property located adjacent to the Lewisburg Water Plant in Caldwell along Stonehouse Road. The "Morgan, Dietz and Dodd property purchase" was approved by all councilmembers. Spanning over 33 acres, this property is split into several plats and totaled \$1.5 million.

"It's a lot of money," said Councilmember Mark Etten. "It took us 10 years

to find land to replace the firehouse on Foster Street. We had the opportunity to purchase property that's adjacent to our water plant which would support the expansion of a water plant project that we have been working on for 10 years, as well. Also we heard from the finance committee that public works having additional property down by the water plant may provide, and I say may, provide an opportunity to alleviate some concerns and issues raised by Greenworks, and also have other uses not necessarily associated with the water department in the future. For the record, these are some of the considerations of what went into the purchase of this property. The city wasn't searching for property, but we were approached by the landowners with a right of first refusal and we couldn't refuse."

"It's a beautiful piece of property," added Mayor White, "and the possibilities for the future are amazing. I really appreciate council taking time to go look

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## Alderson B&O tax implementation delayed, council to reconsider

By Bobby Bordelon

The implementation of a one percent business and occupation tax in Alderson was delayed by Town Council during the regular meeting on May 13. Mayor Travis Copenhaver placed the item on the agenda after councilmembers received more feedback from the community, allowing them to once again consider the tax. However, if it will be rescinded completely remains unclear.

Copenhaver noted, similarly to when it was enacted, that new budget deficits totaling approximately \$37,000 were related to changes enacted by the West Virginia Legislature. Rather than cutting police or services, the city enacted the new tax in April.

"I full well feel your pain as you, as a business person, feel your pain," Copenhaver said in April. "... I'll turn it around

- I can't raise my prices. The municipality's prices are regulated by the public service commission. If I raise your water rate right now, it does not fix this black hole because [we manage three budgets], water, sewer, and the general fund. ... I'm asking you, if we don't do this, what do we do?"

Several possibilities were discussed to make up for the lost revenue, such as splitting the tax into a tiered system to omit some businesses. Another possibility would be to change to ordinance to reflect net profits, rather than gross expenditure.

"We've been open for 36 months at the Corner Store across the bridge," explained Bobby Ortman. "Between COVID and being sick, I've been closed for 20 months. I haven't turned a profit

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The candidates seated for the debate, including Morgan (left), Mercer, Pack, Mengel, Sills Beasley, King, Ransom, and Hazelwood

## Second candidate forum in Ronceverte brings in City Council candidates

By Bobby Bordelon

Candidates in Ronceverte gathered once again to debate the issues and shed light on what the city faces in the future. Hosted by the Ronceverte Women's Club in the Ronceverte Fire Station on Tuesday, May 18, the event was moderated by The West Virginia Daily News editors Jaine Schmidt Wyatt and Matt Young

In the last municipal election only around 70 people voted, mayoral candidate Barbara Morgan noted, and she hopes to see an increase this time around. In addition to the mayorship, one four-year seat and two two-year

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### Renaissance

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Festivals have a rich and varied history, with many dedicated followers, and have been held nationwide for more than 50 years, but this is the first to be located permanently in West Virginia. The festival founders have spent their extensive careers being featured and working at similar events around the United States

"They have brought home the best for the enjoyment of West Virginians, knowing our rich mountain heritage is the perfect place to showcase a historical way of life."

Animals play a big role in the festival, with a petting farm for up close interactions for children of all ages, and a live jousting show where armored knights on horseback thunder toward each other before the festival crowd.

"There will be lots of medieval games of skill for all to enjoy, like climbing a rope ladder. Everyone wins a prize."

There will be several demonstrations provided

throughout the festival:

- glass blowing
- Knight Wings demonstration with Master Falconer Ash Cary
- death defying aerial shows
- comedy acts
- sword swallowing
- juggling

"All the entertainment is fit for a King's court and sure to please. Costumed characters interact with the audience, and mermaids, dragons and unicorns step out of medieval tapestries to come to life before your eyes," Smith said.

"The festival proudly features local West Virginia brews, ciders and meads, and has food to suit any palate. Don't miss the vendor artisans selling and demonstrating handmade crafts, so come prepared to buy a souvenir for your sweetheart or a beautiful handmade

piece for your home.

"The West Virginia Renaissance is here to stay and is looking forward to working with West Virginia vendors, such as actors, artists, crafters, specialty farm producers, musicians, and others to help showcase the amazing skills and high-quality products produced by its residents. If you are interested in being a vendor, please apply online."

The Festival will be open every weekend in June - Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. - and is located less than a mile and a half off Exit 161 on I-64 near scenic Lewisburg.

Information, schedules, and tickets can be found on Facebook and at [wvrenfest.com](http://wvrenfest.com). It is handicap accessible for the most part, with some inclines requiring assistance. Whether you come as costumed or just comfortable, be prepared to have fun!

### Alderson VFW

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out of service and came back. ... We're here if you need help or assistance. It's not just giving out money, it's giving our work to help people. If you've got a problem, we can tell you where to go for help.

We need to be somebody that just listens. ... Whatever comes up to get taken care of, we'll do it. Don't worry about the position, it's the post. It's the veterans."

Gadd also left Burdette some advice. "Hang in there, ignore the ones that want to complain about everything," Gadd said. "I told him that the ones that want to complain, you give them a job, they'll shut up. It's really great, I'm glad to see new veterans coming in."

Each of the four served for over 10 years: Burdette served 20 years in the U.S. Army, Bowyer 11 years in the U.S. Army, Carter served 13 years in the U.S. Airforce, and Gadd served in the U.S. Navy for 28-and-a-half years.

The VFW currently meets every second Saturday of the month at 1 p.m., with 30 some members currently enrolled.



Jack Gadd brings the flag inside

### Citizens Party Meet & Greet

The Citizens Party candidates invite you to a Meet & Greet. Join Valerie Pritt, Arron Seams, Frank Johnson, and John Little for a Meet & Greet at the Briergarten, 121 Stratton Alley, Lewisburg, Monday, May 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.

They are excited to be running for City Council for the City of Lewisburg. See you there!

## Gov. Justice to lift face covering requirement June 20, vaccines inderway for 12-15 olds

Gov. Jim Justice and members of the West Virginia COVID-19 pandemic response leadership team held another news briefing last Friday to update the public on the State's latest pandemic response efforts.

During Friday's briefing, Gov. Justice outlined the CDC's recent announcement that anyone who is fully vaccinated can participate in indoor and outdoor activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, regardless of crowd size.

The Governor went on to announce that he would be signing an executive order to immediately modify West Virginia's face covering requirement to follow the updated CDC guidance for fully vaccinated West Virginians.

"Our face covering requirement no longer applies to you if you are fully vaccinated," Gov. Justice said.

The Governor emphasized that the lifting of the face covering requirement only applies to those who have been fully vaccinated; meaning that at least two weeks have elapsed since the administration of a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or that at least two weeks have elapsed since the administration of a first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

The Statewide Indoor Face Covering Requirement is still in effect for all West Virginians who are not yet fully vaccinated, and will remain in effect for these individuals until June 20, 2021.

Additionally, any private business or school system can still require individuals to wear a mask, regardless of the CDC's new guidelines.

"It's a great day, from the standpoint of us that are fully vaccinated, to be able to walk around and not worry about this crazy mask stuff, even though they have saved so many lives," Gov. Justice said. "I don't know if there's a motivator out there that could possibly be any better than those for those that have not been vaccinated. For crying out loud, if you don't like the masks, go get vaccinated as quickly as you can so you can share in this enjoyment."

"We have got to continue to work toward getting more and more folks vaccinated," Gov. Justice said. "We're going to continue to do that, and we're on a pathway to have a whale of a celebration on June the 20th."

As part of the Governor's recently announced "Call to Arms" vaccine initiative, State COVID-19 pandemic response leaders have set goals of vaccinating 65% of all eligible West Virginians, 75% of West Virginians age 50 and older, and 85% of West Virginians age 65 and older with at least one dose by West Virginia's 158th birthday on June 20, 2021; the same day that the Governor plans to lift the Statewide Indoor Face Covering Requirement.

Also on Friday, Gov. Justice announced that West Virginia will end its participation in all federally funded pandemic unemployment compensation programs, effective June 19, 2021, at midnight.

"West Virginians have access to thousands of jobs right now," Gov. Justice said. "We need everyone back to work. Our small businesses and West Virginia's economy depend on it."

This change includes the additional \$300 weekly payment as well as benefits for self-employed.

Any weeks filed before June 19 that are eligible under federal program requirements will continue to be processed.

"We've got to have you back to work," Gov. Justice said. "America is all about work. That's what has made this great country. For us to not be back to work, if you're just taking advantage of these programs, that time is over. It needs to end and we need to move forward."

Additionally Friday, Gov. Justice announced that after the U.S. FDA and the U.S. CDC both authorized the Pfizer vaccine for emergency use in children ages 12-15 earlier this week, West Virginia vaccine distribution officials have now begun administering vaccinations to children in this age range.

Boone, Brooke, and Putnam counties are holding clinics this week in schools for children ages 12-15.

"We have 15 counties that are scheduled to hold clinics next week. The Department of Education estimates that there are 78,000 kids that are eligible in our schools," Gov. Justice said. "We will offer vaccines to all students 12-15 years of age with permission of their guardians, and all of these will also offer vaccines to all eligible West Virginians as they come in, whether they be other students, parents, educators, whomever they may be."

### WVSOM memorial service honors 92 Human Gift Registry donors

In a virtual ceremony, the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) paid tribute to the 92 individuals who donated their bodies through the Human Gift Registry (HGR) program in 2019 and 2020 so that medical students could supplement their classroom learning with the firsthand observation of human anatomy.

The ceremony was made available to the public on the school's website on May 14.

The donations play an essential role in educating physicians, helping students understand concepts that can't be taught in textbooks or through lectures. Jacob Neumann, Ph.D., director of the HGR program at WVSOM, said during the ceremony that each donation to the HGR helps students at the osteopathic medical school learn to treat the mind, body and spirit of their future patients.

"This ceremony is to honor the selfless act that your loved one has made to the education of our medical students," Neumann said. "Their invaluable gift is something we truly cherish, and while we do not know your loved ones like you do, their kindness and generosity are clearly evident. Together with you on this day, we share your goodbye, we share the pain of your loss and we celebrate the life and humanity of those you have loved."

WVSOM Class of 2024 students Ashika Chaluvadi, Minh Nguyen, Josephine Rodgers, Sumeet Salvi, Nicole Santos, Benjamin VanTassel and Braden Zimmerman,

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### Yard Sale Reminder

The City of Lewisburg would like to remind city residents of the following rules that govern yard sales and garage sales within the city limits. Each sale is restricted to be no more than 48 hours on the same lot and may be held no more than four (4) times per year. A temporary ground sign advertising the sale is permitted only on the lot where the sale is being held, and can be displayed up to three (3) days before the sale. Signs need to be removed within three (3) days after sale has ended. If you have any questions, please call Marsha Cunningham or Tammy Ramey at 304-645-2080.

## PICK OF THE LITTER

### COWBOY

Cowboy is a three-year-old male mixed breed and weighs 46 pounds. This smilin' guy needs a home to call his own!



### CASEY

Casey is a five-month-old female mixed breed and weighs 30 pounds.



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.

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

## American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

Open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Door open 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte. Jam & Dance every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 22 Dance will feature Lilly Mountaineers 7 to 10:30 p.m. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

## AA meetings

are held Saturdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom meeting. (Contact 304-647-0677 for Zoom details.) Find listings for other meetings in West Virginia at aawv.org.

## Addiction Screenings available

If you or a loved one is struggling with substance abuse, take the first step towards overcoming addiction. Call 1-800-431-1754 for free addiction screenings or referrals. For more information visit <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/strange-side-effects-of-covid-19.html>

## Alderson B&O

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in three years. When I spend \$1,000, I have to make \$3,000 back. ... When you're talking gross, that's actually 3 percent. ... I can't afford three or four percent. ... If it's not on gross, it would be easier to swallow, but if there's a tiered way to do it, [it would help]. It wouldn't be easy, none of this is easy."

Copenhaver noted that City Attorney Grady Ford was looking into gross/net distinction and making sure it would be legal to do so. Recorder Betty Thomas pushed back, noting the final bill on a \$3,000 expense at one percent.

"With one percent, if you spend \$3,000, how much are you giving the town?" Thomas asked. "\$30 dollars. That's it. ... If you do \$100,000 worth of business in a month, that's \$1,000."

Sarah Alderson, manager of The Alderson Store, returned this month as well, noting that "this last year about killed us."

Council unanimously approved a motion from Lobban to pause the implementation of the tax. Lobban explained he "voted no then and would vote no now" on its implementation. Whether this means the tax will be changed, implemented as is, or with a tier system remains to be seen.

"I know that you guys are here because you don't like the idea of the one percent," Copenhaver said to business owners present. "We, as a group, did not want to go down this route."

In other business:

- The Alderson water project is actually two projects, Copenhaver noted after receiving questions from residents. One is a \$6.3 million project, paid for through loans and a rate increase, and another is an \$8 million project paid for by hazard mitigation grants to move the water plant from outside of the flood zone. In addition, the \$470,000 in expected funds from the American Rescue Plan are going to be saved for a future project, due to funding for the \$6.3 million project already being in place.

- Despite some changes to the ordinance approved on Thursday, ATVs and UTVs will still be allowed on city roads if they are properly tagged and registered with the city. After the first set of 50 tags are now in use or soon will be, the city had to order the next set.

- A vote on forming a review board for the Alderson Police Department was delayed to get more specific language for the ordinance. Chief J.R. Rusty Byer noted the board would be formed from a representative from the Fraternal Order of Police, a representative of the business community, and another representative, each considered by Town Council. The board is expected to be further considered next month.

## WVSOM Memorial

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along with Class of 2023 student Anne Reis, performed musical selections during the ceremony. Sharon Howard, pastor of Main Street United Methodist Church in Ronceverte, spoke of the memories the donors left behind.

Students from the WVSOM chapter of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons acknowledged the 28 veterans who were among the year's HGR donors. And members of WVSOM's student body read tributes prepared by family members of those who bestowed their final gift through the registry.

Wendy Wismer, a student in WVSOM's Class of 2024, said that those who donated their bodies gave her more than medical knowledge; they also helped her understand the value of altruism, respect and compassion.

"It is because of your loved ones' incredible gift that I was able to learn more than I ever thought possible. It is because of your loved ones' selflessness that I discovered the human body is sacred, and holds secrets that opened my eyes to a world outside the classroom," Wismer said. "I may never have met them, but I already know what kind of person they were: one that believed in the power of teaching, of healing and of putting others before themselves. They have made such a difference in my life that I can only imagine the difference they made in yours."

The ceremony can be viewed at [www.wvsom.edu](http://www.wvsom.edu). For more information on the Human Gift Registry, call 304-647-6208.

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## City Council

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at it and see what we are talking about."

"It is remarkably flat for the size in West Virginia, particularly when you consider vacant properties of this size and flatness," said Councilmember Josh Edwards. "Really offers a lot of possibilities."

The council also voted to approve an amendment to a section of Lewisburg City Code "to clarify that race discrimination includes discrimination based on certain hair textures and styles."

Councilmember Aaron Seams stated, "Lewisburg has historically been an innovator in anti-discrimination. I believe it is one of the reasons the city was chosen for the Ascend WV program, and we continue to attract positive attention in the state of West Virginia. I never think that it's not a good time to make it harder to discriminate."

This section of city code now reads, "Discriminate or discrimination means to exclude from, or fail or refuse to extend to, a person equal opportunities because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, blindness, disability, familial status, or sexual orientation and gender identity and includes 'to separate' or segregate. 1) For purposes of this ordinance, discrimination based on race includes, but is not limited to, discrimination based on hair textures and protective hairstyles historically associated with a particular race; and 2) The term 'protective hairstyles' includes but is not limited to, hairstyles such as braids, five locks and twists."

The amendment passed with all yeas votes from the council.

Etten reported that the finance committee approved a grant request for \$3,000 to Lewisburg Elks Club to help cover the costs of filling their pool for the season, as well as pay for the necessary startup chemicals. They

## Public Meetings

### Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at 804 Industrial Drive, Suite 5, in Maxwelton. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

### Rainelle Town Council

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

### Greenbrier Co. Planning Commission

will meet Tuesday, May 25, at 11 a.m. Attend in person (please follow all health and safety protocols) at Greenbrier County Courthouse, 912 Court Street N., Lewisburg OR by "Virtual Meeting Option" Meeting will be hosted on Zoom. Public can access meeting via Internet Access: <https://wvu.zoom.us/j/93452842921> (Meeting ID: 934 5284 2921) OR Phone Access: (dial) 1 (646) 558 8656 or 877-853-5257 or 888-475-4499 (Meeting ID: 934 5284 2921) The public may participate in the meeting in person, by phone or Internet. If you have trouble accessing the meeting or clearly hearing or seeing participants, please call 724-366-9076 immediately for assistance. Please be courteous and place your sound on mute while not speaking. On the agenda:

- Approval of Mar. 4, 2021 meeting Minutes
- Discussion with Carl Perrin regarding Crane Property
- BZA Discussion with Planning Commission on Proposed Zoning Ordinance
- Continue to review, consider and discuss changes to the draft zoning ordinance and draft zoning map, including but not limited to:
  - a. Telecommunications
  - b. Small Wireless Facilities
  - c. Consider appropriate locations for factory built homes
- Review and Discuss amendments to the Comprehensive Plan
- Review and discuss comprehensive plan amendment schedule
- Take action on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan
- Review Study and Report on Zoning
- Review and Discuss Enactment Process & Schedule
- Public Comment
- Schedule meeting with WVU Land Use Clinic

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hope to have the pool up and operational by Memorial Day weekend. Council seconded using funds from the video lottery revenues for the pool. Councilmember Sarah Elkins noted that she believes the Elk's Club only "weakly" qualifies for the grant, as it applies to those looking to fund "youth programs, educational activities, and senior projects." She added if the club added programs for youth or senior citizens it would strengthen their position in the community.

Etten also said that the fire chief approached the finance committee to consider replacing firefighting gear that is being phased out at nearly 10 years old. This light duty firefighting apparel is \$98,430. The council voted to approve the purchase.

The city voted to purchase a water shut-off valve to be installed at the corner of Stratton Alley and Foster Street. Public Works Director Roger Pence said this will limit the number of businesses that will have water cut off in the event of maintenance being done downtown.

Additionally, the finance committee and council both voted in favor of installing lighting at the pickleball field at Hollowell Park, which is located next to the skate park.

Councilmember Seams reported that the Public Safety Committee met May 5 to consider filling the vacant lieutenant position for the Lewisburg Police Department. The Committee selected Sgt. Jonathan Hughes to fill this position, and the council agreed.

Police Chief Chris Teubert said, "Hughes is an asset to our department, and I believe he will continue to be in this position."

Hughes added, "It is an honor to serve the city of Lewisburg, and I thank you for your support."

The Public Safety Committee also considered 10 bids for requests from architectural firms wanting to design and build the new Lewisburg fire station. Three were chosen as finalists after much discussion, and they will be interviewed at a later date.

## For the Record

### Deeds

Dennis Lee Pauley Estate By Executrix to Emily Jane Holswade, 19 and 1/2 Acres M/L, Irish Corner District Barbara Alderman and Charles D Alderman to Jeffrey D Alderman, Lot 9 or 9.385 Acres / Village of Alvon, Anthony Creek District

Robert Higginbotham to David W Neely and Linda L Wylie, 3.00 Acres M/L, Lewisburg District

Sandra C Dawson and Gerald H Dawson By Attorney In Fact, to Ryan L Lockhart, 2 Tracts, White Sulphur Corp

Betty S Gillespie and George E Gillespie to Richard J Gillespie, 1.17 Ac M/L, White Sulphur District

Nina F Emmerling and Kurt J Emmerling to Felix Baker and Opal Baker, 0.916 Ac M/L, Williamsburg District Catherine Rose Rich to Mikeel Don Rich and Connie S Hilton, 4 Tracts, White Sulphur District

Craig Dale Hiser, Robyn Mitchell Butler, and Estel Frank Hiser to Robyn Mitchell Butler, 4 AC M/L, Meadow Bluff District

Delbert Clarence Wickline to Joshua R Fogus and Heather N Fogus, 22.51 AC M/L, White Sulphur Dist.

Hayes H Beard to Robert E Pollard and Christine E Pollard, 1.32 Acre M/L, Lewisburg Corp

Paul R Bittinger and Eugenia L Bittinger to Paula Kay Bittinger and Randy L Bittinger, 5.89 Acres, White Sulphur District

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# OPINION

## Commentary

### Capito and others praise Senate passage of National Public Works Week

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito, Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, along with her colleagues on the committee, Senators Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Ben Cardin (D-Md.), and Tom Carper (D-Del.), praised the passage of S. Res. 217, a bipartisan resolution designating the week of May 16 through May 22, 2021, as National Public Works Week. The resolution encourages the public to recognize and celebrate the important contributions that public works officials make every day to improve public infrastructure in the United States.

“Rebuilding our nation’s infrastructure is impossible without the men and women who work daily to maintain it,” Ranking Member Capito said. “These public works professionals serve their communities tirelessly and keep our country’s infrastructure strong and safe. We are grateful for their work and dedication.”

“National Public Works Week is a time to recognize the importance of making certain America’s infrastructure will last us for years to come,” Senator Inhofe said. “We saw just how important our infrastructure was during the COVID-19 public health crisis and the importance of essential workers who maintain and build it. As we celebrate our past accomplishments in public works, we also have to turn to the future—and prioritize responsible, bipartisan investment in real infrastructure.”

“This National Public Works Week, we thank the men and women who keep our country running and acknowledge the urgency of investing in our nation’s aging infrastructure,” Chairman Carper said. “In Washington, we are working together to pass bipartisan infrastructure legislation that creates good-paying jobs in communities across the country and addresses the climate crisis. Our public works personnel will be an invaluable part of building the resilient infrastructure that will allow our country to thrive in the future.”

“Many of us take for granted work that goes into the public services we rely on every day. National Public Works Week is an opportunity to recognize the hard-working professionals that keep our communities safe and healthy, especially during the most challenging times,” Senator Cardin said. “As we seek to make major new investments in our infrastructure this year, it is even more imperative that we recognize the critical human component behind the building, operation, and maintenance of our essential systems that support our daily lives.”



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## Commentary

### It’s a new day in WV for solar powered energy

By PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane

There is good news for electric customers who are interested in installing solar panels at their homes. Up until now, many customers who have been interested in using solar power in their homes have been dissuaded from installing solar panels by the upfront cost of purchasing the panels, which can range from \$15,000-\$50,000. The West Virginia Legislature recently passed House Bill 3310, providing an opportunity for retail electric customers to purchase solar power from panels installed on their property without paying the full upfront costs of purchasing the panels.

Customers have previously been able to own their own solar panels and generate electricity for their own personal use, but prior to HB 3310, customers could not allow a third party to own panels that would provide the customer with electricity because selling electricity to other customers has been considered a function of a public utility. Customers will now be able to enter into a power purchase agreement (PPA) with a third party that will install solar panels at the customer’s property. The customer will then be able to purchase the power from the third party for use in their personal home or business.

The solar panels must be designed to meet only the electrical needs of the individual customer and should not exceed 25kW for residential customers, which is more than adequate to meet the needs of an average residential customer. The limit for commercial customers is 500 kW, and the limit for industrial customers is 2,000 kW.

The amount of electricity that can be produced by third-party owners of solar panels will be subject to the current net metering limitation of three percent of the electric utility’s aggregate customer peak demand during the previous year. A new customer wishing to enter into a PPA with a third-party owner of solar panels will be required to notify the electric utility of its intent to enter into the PPA. Then the electric utility will have 30 days to notify the customer whether the caps have been reached. Unless the electric utility notifies the customer that the cap has been reached, the customer is free to enter into a PPA.

Customers interested in pursuing a PPA and having solar panels installed at their homes should contact a solar panel installation company to see if it is participating in PPAs. So, welcome spring and let the sun shine.

## Candidates

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seats on council are up for election. Candidates include:

- Mayor - Eric Mercer, Barbara Morgan, current recorder Deena Pack, Mark Mengel
- four-year council - Leah Sills, Richard Beasley
- two-year council - Kathy King, Aaron Ransom, Tanya Hazelwood

The debate focused primarily on the mayoral candidates, while alternating which City Council candidates were allowed to answer. Council candidates could also go back and answer a question that passed them up as well.

Many of the questions looked at the same issues as the first debate, such as the four ongoing municipal water projects. Of the council candidates, however, King specifically requested to answer the question. Water loss is one large reason for the city’s current water rates, and sewer rates are also partially determined by water rates. Although the current water projects are only working on 25 percent of lines, a project from approximately ten years ago also replaced and upgraded lines in some parts of the city. The current projects look to tackle the over 60 percent water loss from city lines.

King highlighted the years-long efforts of current Mayor David Smith, former City Administrator Reba Mohler, and current City Administrator Pam Mentz. Their efforts on grant and loan applications resulted in the four currently-running water projects and the new wastewater treatment plant on the river. Because of two major delays, projects that were supposed to run one after the other are now running at the same time. King also asked voters to allow her to see the project “through to the end.”

One of these delays was a petition to the Public Service Commission from Ronceverte residents. Organized to stop the rate increase, the Public Service Commission agreed to the increase due to the necessity of major waterline work. This rate increase originally was set considering water rates before Lewisburg enacted their own rate increase to pay for a \$37 million water project – with Lewisburg rates increased, Ronceverte had to increase rates in order to remain eligible for funding. Soon after this was March 2020, the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns.

An interesting question asked each of the mayoral candidates if they could not vote for themselves, who would they vote for?

Morgan picked Pack due to her education and youth.

Although Mercer initially objected to the question, he explained Morgan would be his pick due to her experience, willingness to stand up for what’s right, and she has lived in Ronceverte for her whole life.

Pack explained Mengel would be her pick because of his willingness to admit when he doesn’t know a lot about a topic and his persistence in researching when he does not know, pointing to his research into City Council

minutes and documents about the ongoing water projects.

Mengel said there was not a “bad candidate at the table,” all with a love for the city, but Pack would be his pick because of her experience, ability to research, and her willingness to work as a team.

One audience member spoke up to ask about residents of the city making and using drugs, asking what the candidates would do to combat this issue.

Mercer stated he has spoken with Chief of Police Jerry Hopkins and wants to get a K9 unit to accompany officers that are trained to work with the dog. He said that the police have to have the backing of the city and said there were issues with the 911 dispatching in the county in Ronceverte, but did not specify what the issues were.

Pack also spoke with the chief and confirmed the department is currently looking at getting a K9 unit. However, she also noted that once someone is arrested, the case is no longer in the city’s or police’s hands, it goes to the court system. Sills agreed, noting that “overhauling the criminal justice system is not within the power of the municipality of Ronceverte.” Ransom and Sills agreed that by making improvements, allowing for family activities, and bringing in “the good” would drive out “the bad.” Ransom later noted that he was originally from Rainelle and didn’t want to see what was happening there happen in Ronceverte.

Hazelwood highlighted West Virginia Helping Hands’ efforts to reduce homelessness in the city, and the overlap between homelessness and drug addiction.

“We need to get people help,” said Hazelwood. “They have families and problems and need help. They are people too. We can’t just shun them.”

King also pointed out the responsibility of landlords in the situation. Before COVID, the council was working with WVU to “put more teeth” in the city’s ordinances to make improvements both to buildings downtown and to enforce home standards in city limits.

After a question from local youth Gregory Guet, the conversation turned to accessibility issues for Ronceverte residents with communication disorders. Guet noted that his “sister has nonverbal autism, so I was wondering what all the candidates were going to do, if you won, ... to make kids with special needs feel more included?”

Pack recently helped two nonverbal communication boards move forward for Island Park and is working with the administration to make other accessibility improvements. She also thanked Gregory and his mother, Ashley Guet, for helping his sister Winter. Mercer noted that he and his son were special needs students, and knows what it’s like to need help from teachers. He said the best thing to do is to listen to what the individuals need to succeed, then help and encourage them to do whatever they want to do. Mengel said he has previ-

ous experience working with these individuals through Gateway Industries and would be willing to help with whatever they needed.

Ransom noted that he had previously worked with a child with autism and explained he and the student “had to overcome what society calls a learning disability. I don’t think it’s a learning disability. I think we need to learn, as a culture, that there is not a single person in this room that is exactly the same. Every one of us had to overcome something to exist.”

Each of the council candidates introduced themselves in their opening statements, explaining how they came to Ronceverte and what they hope to accomplish.

Sills grew up in Lewisburg, but has been a resident of Ronceverte for the past 15 years. Noting that if someone has “the energy and the talents to do things” they should do them, she explained that she joined council last year after the departure of then Councilmember Barbara Morgan. She works as an attorney for Legal Aid, helping people who need it. Although quiet by nature, she explained she wants to use her experience to help the city improve.

Beasley came to Ronceverte approximately three years ago and he explained he’s seen some “deep seated” issues in the city, but the current council is addressing these issues. His goals would be to bring jobs into the community and make the community look whole once again, pointing to the deteriorating buildings throughout the city.

King has worked at the bank for 42 years now and owns two businesses in town. Her parents and her kids were born in the city. King is the executive director of the Ronceverte Development Corporation. She also noted that, working with the now-passed Doug Hylton, the RDC has gotten grant awards to restore and sell five buildings in the community. She also noted that progress can sometimes be slow, pointing to the ten-year struggle to get the depo, owned by CSX, in shape.

Ransom grew up in Rainelle, but has been in Ronceverte for five years now. He said the city has a “family” feeling to it and he wants it to “to be a home” for his three children “for as long as they want it to be a home.” He explained he wanted to bring new blood and new perspective to ongoing efforts to improve the city.

Tonya Hazelwood is the owner of Wild Child and one of the founders of Friends of Ronceverte, a local nonprofit dedicated to city improvements. She moved to Ronceverte years before with her husband, buying a house she was told should probably be demolished, but she disagreed, saying it just needed “some love.” In 2018, she approached the city looking to paint murals in public spaces and since, has gotten several painted throughout downtown. Recently, Friends of Ronceverte helped with this year’s Make It Shine event.

# CLUB

## American Legion Midland Seneca Post 69 to pay respects at area cemeteries

On Sunday, May 30, American Legion Midland Seneca Post 69 will again visit the following cemeteries and pay our respects to those comrades who served our country and have passed from this life. The following schedule will be adhered to as close as possible. Family and friends of the departed, are invited to join in at the cemeteries for this Memorial Service.

All participating Veterans and volunteers wishing to assist in the placing of the flags will meet at the Emory E. Sweet Memorial Hall, 816 South Jefferson Street, at 8:15 a.m.; the first Cemetery will be Calvary Church Cemetery at Richlands 8:45 a.m.; Roach Cemetery 9:15 a.m.; Falls Cemetery 9:45 a.m.; Coffman Cemetery 10:30 a.m.; Confederate Cemetery 10:45 a.m.; Memorial Gardens 11 a.m.; Lewisburg Cemetery 11:15 a.m. Flags

will be placed on graves in the Rosewood cemetery before lunch, then there will be a break for lunch at Shoney's.

Services at Rosewood Cemetery will be at 1 p.m.; Clifton Cemetery 1 p.m.; Neal Chapel 1:45 p.m.; Lewis Chapel 2:15 p.m.; Henning Church of God 2:35 p.m.; Enon Baptist Church 2:50 p.m.; the last site being the Frankford Cemetery 3:15 p.m.

Should a service person's burial site in these cemeteries be missed, please contact the American Legion Post 69 and a flag will be provided for that fallen soldier. All Veterans who wish to help show their respects are invited to join in and assist in this Memorial Day Service. For information concerning this event please contact Ralph Campbell, Commander at 304-520-4225 or Joe Hendricks, Adjutant at 304-497-3212.

## Great Greenbrier River Race held

On Apr. 24, the premier triathlon race highlighting the best of the Greenbrier River Trail and the Greenbrier River welcomed 107 participants who ran 3 miles, paddled 4 miles, and biked 10 miles. Choosing to participate in person on Race Day or virtually by completing legs of the race and self-reporting the times allowed everyone to compete comfortably and safely. The Race began and ended in Marlinton. Winners included William Blake of Scott's Depot, West Virginia with the fastest overall time and second place finisher Andrew Rose of Glen Allen, Virginia.

Race Director Brenda Cochran said, "For 35 years we have held an event dear to the hearts of people who love the outdoors and important to the community in protect-

ing the Greenbrier River Trail and Greenbrier River environment. I thank all the volunteers who helped make the Race a success and we are especially grateful to the WV State Park Service, Jody Spencer, Sam Parker and their staff, for their hard work and cooperation."

The Race is a fundraiser for the Greenbrier River Trail Association (GRTA), a group of volunteers who are dedicated to the preservation of the Trail and its benefits to the public. Past proceeds from the Race have helped build shelters and toilets, repair damage caused by storms and floods and lay new gravel on the Trail.

Racers benefited from the new resurfacing of the Trail, made possible through a Recreational Trail Program grant awarded to the Greenbri-

er River Trail Association and WV Department of Natural Resources. The US Department of Highways paid \$120,000 matched by \$30,000 from the Greenbrier River Trail Association. This spring, Faulkner Enterprises resurfaced 60 miles of the Trail with limestone sand from Cass south to Mile Post 16 near Anthony Creek. The WV Department of Highways administered the grant.

"It's a privilege to be involved in protecting a resource so critical to the health and wellbeing of West Virginians and visitors from out of state," said Maggie Hutchison, Board Chairperson of GRTA. "We have seen an enormous increase in Trail usage over the past year and encourage many more people to enjoy the Trail. Come out on the Trail for a great experience."

## WVSOM Chronic Pain Self-Management Workshop begins May 25

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's (WVSOM) Center for Rural and Community Health (CRCH) will host a seven-week workshop for individuals living with chronic pain as well as their caregivers and loved ones. The workshop will take place virtually on Tuesdays from May 25 to July 6, with a daytime option of 12:30 to 3 p.m. and an evening option of 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The workshop will be taught by employees of WVSOM's CRCH.

Attendees will learn coping skills, gentle movement exercises, how to manage emotions and stress, how to improve communication with health care providers and relaxation practices to improve sleep, among other techniques. Participants in previous workshops have reported less pain, more energy and improved independence, according to the CRCH.

There is no cost to participate, and attendees will receive a book to accompany the course. Jenna Hin-

kle, a CRCH education specialist, said the workshop is open to anyone who is interested in discovering new approaches to dealing with chronic pain.

"We look forward to welcoming individuals from across West Virginia for this evidence-based workshop," Hinkle said. "The program is an excellent resource for the state's recovery community, including those who have family and loved ones in recovery. From learning mindfulness strategies and

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## OBITUARIES

### Russell Wilson Hunter



**Alderson**-Russell "Rusty" Wilson Hunter, 83, passed away Sunday, May 9, 2021, at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born Oct. 2, 1937, in Alderson, a son of the late Roy Wilson and Elinor "Wessie" Louise (McCallister) Hunter.

After graduating from Alderson High School, Rusty attended West Virginia University and the University of Chicago. He proudly retired from the Department of Highways, where he worked in the Engineering Department. He was a devout member

of the Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, where he enjoyed teaching Sunday School in the nursery and was a member of the Men's Fellowship.

Rusty cared deeply for his community. He was a member of the Alderson Lion's Club, a former member and Trustee of Alderson Memorial Bridge Fund and devoted his time to the Alderson Fourth of July Celebrations, as well as coaching Little League baseball. He also served as a trustee for the Johnson United Methodist Church, and was a member of various committees.

He loved to spend time with his friends and was devoted to his family. He will be deeply missed.

Rusty is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Patricia "Patty" Lee (Bryant) Hunter. He is also survived by son, Donald Roy Hunter and wife Beth, of Perkaspie, PA; daughter, Juli Anna Hunter Dolan and husband Scotty, of Goochland, VA; broth-

er, Leslie "Jack" Lloyd Hunter and wife Willa (Lemons), of Alderson; five grandchildren; Ashley Paige Phillips, Chelsie Dolan Meacham and husband John, Cassi Lauren Hughes and husband Carter, of Goochland, VA and Jessica Murray Hunter, and Dereck, Murray Hunter, of Perkaspie, PA; three great-grandchildren; Taylor Anna Phillips, Aubrey Wehking Hughes, and John Leroy Meacham III "Jack"; as well as several loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, James Melvin Hunter.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, 104 N Monroe Street, Alderson, WV 24910.

In keeping with his wishes, Rusty will be cremated. A graveside service will be held at the Old Greenbrier Memorial

Cemetery on Saturday, June 12 at 1 p.m., with Pastor Jeffrey Kanode and Reverend Sam Groves officiating.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at [www.lobbanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.lobbanfuneralhomes.com)

### Harold L. Johnson



Harold L. Johnson, 82, a kindhearted and gentle giant of a man, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

He is survived by his beloved Bessie "Beth," being married for almost 50 years. He was born in West Virginia to Dave and Nellie Johnson. Harold served his country in the U.S. military. He enjoyed working on race cars in his youth and made a career at Phillip Morris in Richmond, VA, as a well-respected electrician. Harold worked side by side with his wife, Beth, for over 10 years, volunteering with Meals on Wheels. They attended and supported Ettrick United Methodist Church in Chesterfield, VA.

Other surviving family members include his brothers, Edward Johnson of West Virginia and Ronald Johnson of Texas; his sister-in-law, Crystal Alfred; his nephew, Jeff Alfred; and many nieces and nephews in West Virginia and Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please

make donations to Ettrick United Methodist Church, 21302 Chesterfield Avenue, S. Chesterfield, VA 23803.

Services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, May 28, at Bliley's-Chippenham Funeral Home, 6900 Hull Street Rd., Richmond, where the family will receive friends from 9 to 10 a.m. Service will be streamed for out-of-town family members by visiting [www.Blileys.com](http://www.Blileys.com).

### Mary Sue Cooke



**Ronceverte**-Mary Sue Cooke, 88, passed away peacefully Sunday, May 16, 2021, at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea.

Sue was born Dec. 29, 1932, in Ronceverte, to the late Earl Elbert and Lena Mary Midkiff Taylor.

For many years, Sue worked as a cook at Greenbrier Junior High School. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte and later became a part of the Rhema Christian Center family in Lewisburg.

Sue was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was extremely witty and always knew how to put a smile on someone's face. She had a big heart and welcomed everyone she met with open arms. She always stood up against

injustice and worked hard to make sure everyone felt included. Sue created community everywhere she went, and was a blessing to all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stephen St. George Cooke; brothers, Earl Thomas Taylor and Fred Compton Taylor; and grandson, Joshua Stephen Cooke.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Stephen Brent Cooke and wife Sheila, and Timothy Cosby Cooke and wife Tonya; sister-in-law, Libby Taylor; grandchildren, Rachel Nicole Van Buren and husband Rodney, Taylor Griffin Baumgardner, Tommi Jean Robson and husband David, Tia Alise Cooke, and Evan Rigg Cooke; great-grandchildren, Alba Leto Baumgardner, Ava Grace Van Buren, Arley Griffin Grubbs, and Bea Lorraine Robson.

Graveside services will be held Friday, May 21, at 11 a.m. at Riverview Cemetery in Ronceverte with Pastor Sam McClung officiating.

Visitation for friends and family was held on Thursday evening, May 20, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Steve Cooke and Bob Baker Scholarship c/o The Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation at P.O. Box 1682 Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte is in charge of arrangements.

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# A Look Back



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**By William "Skip" Deegans**  
 Built in 1929 in East Rainelle at a cost of \$50,000, the 50-room Maple Oaks Hotel was one of the largest hotels on U. S. Route 60 between Staunton and Charleston.  
 The hotel closed during the depres-

sion, and in 1935 it was bought by Coleman Core, a Virginian, who renamed it the King Coal Hotel. In front of the hotel, Core put a 3-ton lump of coal with a gold crown on it. The hotel suffered a fire in 1953 but was substantially remodeled afterwards. Room

rates were \$2-5 for a single and \$3-8 for a double. The hotel advertised that rooms had North Star all wool blankets and Southern Cross box springs. As the timber and coal industries declined in the 1950s, the hotel fell on hard times. The death knell came when Interstate

64 by-passed Rainelle. The hotel sat vacant for many years and was demolished in 2014.

Sources: Beckley Post-Herald, Raleigh Register, Greenbrier Historical Society.

## Dear Recycle Lady,



**Kudos and many thanks to everyone who brought pesticides to the Recycle Center Saturday for proper disposal. It was a highly successful day, with nearly 1,400 pounds of pesticides collected. Personnel from WV Department of Agriculture and ECOFLO, the collection contractor, were extremely pleased with the turnout. All collected pesticides were taken to North Carolina where they will be properly disposed of by incineration. Eliminating this amount of pesticides from the environment will definitely help the bees, butterflies, birds, and insects survive, and will also be beneficial for us humans.**

**Can paint cans be recycled? Must they be empty before being recycled?**  
 Painter

let the paint dry out. If there is large amount of paint left, add kitty litter to the paint to harden it or purchase a commercial paint hardener to help dry out the paint. These cans cannot be recycled, but can be sent to the landfill.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
**Howdy! Do you take window mount air conditioners? Thank you.**

**Cooling off**

Dear Cooling Off,

Dear Painter,  
 If your paint cans are empty, and the paint is completely dried, the cans can be recycled with steel cans. Be sure the cans are steel; test them with a magnet if in doubt. Some cans today are made of plastic, and they are not acceptable for recycling. Non-empty paint cans can be sent to the landfill with some preparation. If there is a small amount of paint left, remove the lids, and

## Workshop from Page 5

breathing techniques to connecting and networking with peers, participants will leave with tools to better manage chronic pain."

The Chronic Pain Self-Management Workshop was originally developed by Stanford University through the Self-Management Resource Center and is currently in use worldwide. WVSOM's implementation of the program is funded by a State Opioid Response grant through the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

Those interested in attending the WVSOM workshop should register by May 31 by calling 304-793-6851 or emailing self-management@osteo.wvsom.edu and indicating an interest in either the daytime or evening option. The initial May 25 session will be dedicated to technical instruction such as how to navigate the workshop's virtual platform.

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# SCHOOL

## WSS teacher recognized as Environmental Teacher of the Year

**Two teachers were selected to receive a \$500 personal award and \$1,000 award to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education in the classroom**

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is recognizing two educators as "Environmental Teachers of the Year."

The awards will be presented later this month at ceremonies of the recipient's choosing.

The Environmental Teachers of the Year are:

Elementary: Sarah Hann, White Sulphur Springs Elementary, Greenbrier County

High School: Robert Miller, Boone Career and Technical Center, Boone County

In 2016, Hann recognized a need for a recycling program at her school and, without a funding source, started a program with recycling bins made from cardboard boxes. She recruited two fifth-grade students, who agreed to become part of a "recycling crew." Hann drove materials the school collected to a

recycling center herself. Today, the school's recycling program is still going strong. Hann was able to reach an agreement with Lewisburg's Greenworks Recycling, which hauls away the school's recyclables, and students are lining up to join the effort. Currently, paper, cardboard, aluminum cans and plastic are being recycled at White Sulphur Springs Elementary.

"Although we are a humble, little recycling program, it is still worthwhile," Hann said. "Small gestures of intention and responsibility for our actions can lead to larger gestures, just as small, elementary students eventually become the adults making those larger gestures of 'good' for our state and our planet."

Miller is an instructor for the Adventure Tourism Management Program at the Boone Career and Technical Center, where he is instilling a sense of pride for southern West Virginia into his students. Miller, along with his students' help, has spearheaded multiple cleanups of roads and streams in Boone County for the past several years.

He also works with local and state agencies, as well as private citizens, on projects that benefit the environment.

Miller's students volunteer at the Forks of Coal State Natural Area in Boone County, raise trout in the classroom and help educate grade school students in the county on water quality issues.

"His Adventure and Tourism program is a favorite among my students," Scott High School Principal Jacob Messer said of Miller. "They love what they learn and experience

in his classes, which are filled with hands-on, real-world activities and field trips. He also organizes annual community clean-up projects with his students, which incorporates community service into his curriculum."

Each award winner will receive a \$500 personal award and a \$1,000 award to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education in the classroom.

## Local student named 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholar

Three West Virginia students are among the 57th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars, U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona announced this week. The national program recognizes 161 high school seniors from across the country for their accomplishments in academics, the arts and career and technical education fields.

The West Virginia scholars include:

- Kendra S. Goeddert, Greenbrier East High School, Lewisburg
- Nicholas G. Murphy, Parkersburg South High School, Parkersburg
- Zara Zervos, John Marshall High School, Glen Dale, (U.S. Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education)

"The 2021 Presidential Scholars represent extraordinary achievements for our extraordinary times," said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona in the U.S. Department of Education press release. "I am delighted to join President Biden in saluting these outstanding young people for their achievements, ser-

vice, character and continued pursuit of excellence. Their examples make me proud and hopeful about the future. Honoring them can remind us all of the great potential in each new generation and renew our commitment to helping them achieve their dreams."

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic and technical excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership and demonstrated commitment to high ideals.

"It is inspiring to see our students continue to pursue excellence during these difficult times," State Superintendent of Schools W. Clayton Burch said. "I commend Kendra, Nicholas and Zara for their hard work and dedication. This accomplishment will open many doors to educational opportunities for each



Kendra Goeddert

of these successful scholars." Of the 3.6 million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 6,000 candidates qualified. The Presidential Scholars Class of 2021 will be recognized for their outstanding achievement this summer. To learn more about the 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars, visit the U.S. Department of Education website.

## Ronceverte Elementary students are EmPowered



Students with their water bottles from the Rethink Your Drink program

Students at Ronceverte Elementary and schools around the county have had the opportunity to participate in the 21st Century EmPower afterschool program. The program offers tutoring, enrichment, STEM, and fitness activities to keep students motivated and engaged.

The culminating activity this year was the creation of a Lego City of Ronceverte. The students did a fantastic job building landmarks such as the skate park, concession stand, and several downtown businesses.

As one fifth grader stated, "It was fun to build the town with my friends. It is good to build teamwork in life for the

future." Another student wrote, "In the city of Ronceverte we have the arcade full of games and a skate park. We built all of that."

Mrs. Dixon provided several STEM projects for students from mining chocolate chip cookies to designing a vehicle to prevent an egg from breaking when launched down a zipline. The WVU Extension also visited weekly bringing a variety of activities for students. We even participated in the Rethink Your Drink program. We hope to continue this great program next year and look forward to many creative activities for our students.

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**GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
GREENBRIER COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with Code §11-8-12, as amended, the Greenbrier County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the 2018 fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

**GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND**

Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 9,627,630
Other local sources	346,000
State Sources:	
State aid to schools	22,592,790
Other unrestricted	6,433,990
Federal Sources:	
Unrestricted	250,000
Miscellaneous Sources:	
Total estimated revenues	39,467,320
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	
Estimated beginning balance	1,800,000
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources and beginning balance	\$ 41,267,320
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ 24,319,120
Supporting services:	
Students	655,676
Instructional staff	393,507
Central administration	1,011,981
School administration	3,053,690
Central services	401,689
Operation and maintenance of facilities	4,482,230
Student transportation	3,469,616
Food services	-
Community services	57,980
Capital outlay	480,000
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	225,000
Interest and fiscal charges	70,000
Total estimated expenditures	38,620,490
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	1,406,090
Estimated budgetary reserves	1,240,740
Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses, and reserves	\$ 41,267,320

**GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

**EXCESS LEVY FUND**

Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 6,741,270
Other local sources	100,000
State Sources:	
State aid to schools	-
Other unrestricted	-
Federal Sources:	
Unrestricted	-
Miscellaneous Sources:	
Total estimated revenues	6,841,270
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	-
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources and beginning balance	\$ 6,841,270
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ 3,124,915
Supporting services:	
Students	50,000
Instructional staff	398,614
Central administration	-
School administration	-
Central services	-
Operation and maintenance of facilities	2,675,132
Student transportation	592,609
Food services	-
Community services	-
Capital outlay	-
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
Total estimated expenditures	6,841,270
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	-
Estimated budgetary reserves	-
Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses, and reserves	\$ 6,841,270

**GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources:	
	\$ 32,600
State Sources:	
State aid to schools	203,350
Other	601,427
Federal Sources:	
	7,690,764
Miscellaneous Sources:	
Total estimated revenues	8,528,141
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	1,184,184
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources and beginning balance	\$ 9,712,325
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ 5,612,830
Supporting services:	
Students	-
Instructional staff	283,370
Central administration	-
School administration	-
Business	-
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-
Student transportation	-
Food services	3,816,124
Community services	-
Capital outlay	-

Debt service:	
Principal retirement	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
Total estimated expenditures	9,712,325
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	-
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 9,712,325

**GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
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**DEBT SERVICE FUND**

Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 3,468,300
Other local sources	-
Miscellaneous Sources:	
Total estimated revenues	3,468,300
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	-
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources and beginning balance	\$ 3,463,300
Estimated expenditures:	
Debt service	\$ 3,463,300
Total estimated expenditures	3,463,300
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	-
Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses	\$ 3,463,300

**GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources:	
	\$ -
State Sources:	
State aid to schools	-
Other	740,750
Federal Sources:	
	-
Miscellaneous Sources:	
Total estimated revenues	740,750
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	200,000
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources and beginning balance	\$ 940,750
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ -
Supporting services:	
Students	-
Instructional staff	-
Central administration	-
School administration	-
Business	-
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-
Student transportation	-
Food services	-
Community services	-
Capital outlay	940,750
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
Total estimated expenditures	940,750
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	-
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 940,750

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

**FUND 71 - ESSERF**

Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources:	
	\$ -
State Sources:	
State aid to schools	-
Other	-
Federal Sources:	
	5,322,830
Miscellaneous Sources:	
Total estimated revenues	5,322,830
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	-
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources and beginning balance	\$ 5,322,830
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ 4,194,412
Supporting services:	
Students	189,530
Instructional staff	-
Central administration	-
School administration	-
Business	-
Operation and maintenance of facilities	600,000
Student transportation	-
Food services	250,000
Community services	-
Capital outlay	-
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
Total estimated expenditures	5,233,942
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	88,888
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 5,322,830

**GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
Greenbrier County, to wit:  
I, Jeffrey Bryant, Secretary of the Greenbrier County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget being considered for adoption by the Board of Education on the 27th day of May 2021.

*Jeffrey Bryant*  
Secretary of the Board of Education

Please note: The preliminary operating budget FY 22 is available at [www.greenbriercountyschools.org](http://www.greenbriercountyschools.org). The Board will meet on May 27, 2021, for a public hearing on the proposed budget.

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**NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS**

The Greenbrier County Board of Education, 391 Judyville Road, Lewisburg, WV, will accept sealed bids for the provision of school bus seat repair/replacement, installed. Request as follows:

- Furnish & Install for International & Thomas Buses
- Furnish & Install High Back Covers; Furnish & Install High Back Foam;
- Furnish & Install 39" Cushion Cover; Furnish & Install CE White Cover & Foam as Needed;
- Weld & Repair Seat Frame; Replace Seat Board as Needed;
- Refasten Loose Back Covers; Furnish & Install Driver Seat Back;
- Furnish & Install Driver Seat Cushion, Driver Seat Belt Inspection (replace as needed)
- Remove old cover, replace with new cover, NO DOUBLE COVERS

PRICES QUOTED REQUIRE AND SHALL INCLUDE:

- A. All work performed at our facility, Judyville Road, Lewisburg, WV and/or Greenbrier East High School.
- B. Vendor provision of all tools and equipment needed.
- C. A work list for each bus before work begins and updated as completed.
- D. Work must be completed July 26 - August 13, 2021; once work starts it must be completed.
- E. Use of only state and federal approved materials.
- F. Materials matched to manufacturer's colors for all models 2001-2022.
- G. Invoice submitted upon completion of work with billing net thirty (30) days from invoice. Preferred method of payment by VISA.
- H. Bus interiors and work areas will be left clean (as found) condition.
- I. Seat bottoms must be secured properly.

Mail bids to: Greenbrier County Schools  
Attention: George Brooks II, Office of Operations  
391 Judyville Road  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

DEADLINE FOR BIDS: 10:00 a.m. June 2, 2021

George Brooks II, Director of Operations, Maintenance/Transportation  
Greenbrier County Schools

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**NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS**

**FOR**

**MOTOR FUEL, HEATING FUEL, MOTOR OIL AND ANTI-FREEZE**

The Greenbrier County Board of Education, 391 Judyville Road, Lewisburg, W.Va., will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on June 2, 2021 on the following products:

- Approximately 20,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline
- Approximately 45,000 gallons of #2 heating fuel\*\*
- Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel Fuel 140,000 gallons

\*estimated 60,000 gals. with winter additive (time period October 1 - March 30)  
\*estimated 80,000 gal. without additive  
Pre-mix Nitrite free OAT Extended Life Coolant (ELC) - approx. - 500 gallons. To be delivered in 55 gal. drums as needed. Successful bidder must furnish pump FREE OF CHARGE.  
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\*Motor Oil and Anti-Freeze to be delivered to the school bus garage on Judyville Road. Products are for Greenbrier County Schools, vehicles and buildings for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Fuel for vehicles will be delivered to tanks ranging in size from 1,000 to 4,000 gallons at three (3) locations. \*\*Heating fuel shall be delivered to our three (3) tank locations, four (4) tanks. Preferred method of payment by VISA.

All bids must be sealed and will be competitive. Bid instructions and requirements are available at the Greenbrier County Board of Education, Transportation Department, Lewisburg, West Virginia. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on June 2, 2021. The board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids presented.

All bids should be forwarded to: Greenbrier County Schools  
Attention: George Brooks II  
Director of Operations, Maintenance/Transportation  
391 Judyville Road  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

George Brooks II, Director of Operations, Maintenance/Transportation  
Greenbrier County School  
4/2021

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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Division of Highways  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until July 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
005	2021000054	S399-STR/IP-21 01	NHPP-2021(430)DTC PAVEMENT MARKINGS APD COR STRIPING ASPHALT SECTIONS / STATEWIDE COUNTY: FAYETTE, GREENBRIER, MONROE, NICHOLAS, SUMMERS

**DBE GOAL:** 5% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL

**REMARKS:**  
Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

\*These are projects on which any contractor with a Category "W" Prequalification Rating may be eligible to bid.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Division of Highways  
Ryland W. Musick, Jr., P.E., Ph.D.  
Deputy State Highway Engineer  
Chief Engineer of Programs

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Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
004	2021000055	S399-STR/IP-21 02	NHPP-2021(431)DTC PAVEMENT MARKINGS INTERSTATE STRIP ASPHALT SECTIONS / STATEWIDE COUNTY: FAYETTE, GREENBRIER, MONROE, NICHOLAS, SUMMERS

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**Notice of Public Hearing Board of Zoning and Appeal  
June 24, 2021**

Lewisburg Board of Zoning Appeal will meet on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 5 p.m. in regular session in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, located in Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, to hear the following application.

1. Call to Order;
2. Approval of the minutes;
3. Comments from the public;
4. Notice of Public Hearing: Greenbrier Premier Rentals & Property LLC, Lots 10, 12, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 33 Hill Top Drive set back variance request.
5. Comments from the Commissioners;
6. Comments from the Zoning Officer;
7. Adjournment;

The next scheduled meeting for the Lewisburg Board of Zoning Appeal will be held on Thursday, July 29, 2021, with a deadline of Friday June 18, 2021.

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**PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION**

Secure Store - 135 Maple Carriage Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901, has a possessory lien on all of the goods stored in units 289 and 322. The auction will end on 5/26/2021 at 12 noon. All these items of personal property are being auctioned online through [lockerfox.com](http://lockerfox.com). These auctions will run until May 26, 2021. Pictures of the units can be inspected online. Cash payments only. For more details visit [www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/](http://www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/)

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The West Virginia Legislature is considering taking Greenbrier County legal ads and public notices out of the Mountain Messenger and onto a state government-controlled website in Charleston.

- Delinquent tax lists
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- Voting changes
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# STEPPIN' OUT

## State Fair announces 2021 Concert Series

Officials at the State Fair of West Virginia are happy to announce the concert series for the 96th annual event set for Aug. 12-21, 2021, featuring Nelly (Aug. 12), Whiskey Myers with special guest the Steel Woods (Aug. 13), for KING & COUNTRY with special guest Rebecca St. James (Aug. 14), STYX (Aug. 15), Tracy Lawrence and Tracy Byrd (Aug. 19), Brantley Gilbert (Aug. 20), and the Buckin' B Bull Ride (Aug. 21).

Mac Powell & The Family Reunion and Shenandoah will play as free shows on Aug. 16 and 17, respectively.

"We are extremely excited to announce the lineup for the 96th Annual State Fair of West Virginia," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "It's been a long two years since we've had our gates open, but we are more than ready to get back to business."

Tickets for all shows will go on sale Friday, May 21, at 10 a.m. and may be purchased by calling 1-800-514-ETIX (3849) or by visiting [www.statefairfwp.com](http://www.statefairfwp.com). The State Fair of West Virginia is not responsible for tickets bought from third party vendors.

Attendees may be asked to wear masks or follow other social distancing guidelines if mandated by the state at that time.

"We've learned over the last several months that the situation with COVID-19 can change quickly," Collins stated. "We will continue to work with the state and our local health department on any and all guidelines that we need to follow."

More information and bios for all artist may be found at [www.statefairfwp.com](http://www.statefairfwp.com).

The 96th State Fair is scheduled Aug. 12-21. The State Fair of West Virginia has a \$13.8 million economic impact on the state of West Virginia and is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation committed to the traditions of agriculture, family entertainment, and education. For more information, please visit [www.statefairfwp.com](http://www.statefairfwp.com), or follow fair events on Facebook and Twitter.



## Crawfish Boil set May 30 at Hill & Holler

On Sunday, May 30, there will be a pre-memorial day Crawfish Boil at Hill and Holler! This event will encompass all the great things about life along the Gulf Coast including the food, quintessential New Orleans' cocktails, a Bloody Mary Bar, music, and merriment.

This is an all-day event, held from 12 to 9 p.m., celebrating Louisiana crawfish along with great entertainment for all ages.

Music will be provided by Beth Patterson.

## White Sulphur Springs Public Library to Hold Book Sale

Calling all bargain book lovers! The White Sulphur Springs Public Library will be hosting a book sale, made possible through generous contributions from our community, on Saturday, May 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a bag sale from 3 to 4 p.m.

Discover children's books, vintage books, barely used best sellers, and more. We have books on history, cooking, religion and so much more! If fiction is more to your liking come find mysteries, romances, best sellers,

and classics. Hardbacks will sell at \$2 and paperbacks for \$1. All proceeds will go to support the library.

If the weather is fine, the book sale will be held in downtown White Sulphur Springs in the heart of the West Virginia Dandelion Festival. Please call the library at 304-536-1171 the week of the festival for the exact book sale location. If the weather is rainy, then the book sale

will take place inside the library at 344 Main Street West in White Sulphur.

Remember, if you're looking for something specific and can't find it at the book sale; make sure to check out the library's circulating collection. We lend materials for free and are happy to loan you that perfect book.

Please call us at 304-536-1171 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

### DINING & entertainment guide

### Dutch Haus Restaurant

Lewisburg Elks Country Club at 368 Brush Rd., Lewisburg

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### SCRAMBLERS

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

Measurement: CHIN  
Delight: TATER  
Disfigure: FECADE  
Magma: STABAL

It was a very educational evening, Stanley. I certainly learned a lot about \_\_\_\_\_.

TODAY'S WORD

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

### 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

**BOTH SIDES**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Having lasting import
- 9 Enzyme name ending
- 12 Directory no.
- 15 Toasty
- 19 In a busy way
- 20 Wacky
- 22 86-Across star Nastase
- 23 \* Earth's layers of rock strata
- 25 Met VIP
- 26 Reaping mo.
- 27 Partner
- 28 "Keystone" officer
- 29 Revolting one
- 30 Sit in on, as a class
- 32 \* Top-end
- 35 Accompany
- 39 - um (gnat)
- 41 Delicious
- 42 \* Taking baby steps, perhaps
- 45 Cause to take notice
- 49 Touch-related
- 50 Away from home
- 51 - en-Provence
- 53 Altercation

**DOWN**

- 100 Driving around in a Winnebago, e.g.
- 101 Mourned loudly
- 102 \* Not on a leash
- 106 Dying fire feature
- 108 Go wide of
- 109 Apple apps use it
- 110 Norwegian port
- 111 Kin of -trix
- 115 Axel relative
- 116 Repeatedly (or a hint to both halves of the answers to the starred clues)
- 121 Ballet dip
- 122 Hauled
- 123 Rendered unnecessary
- 124 With 83-Across, gave spoonfuls to directly
- 125 Plane domain
- 126 Paper crew, for short
- 127 Proximity

**ACROSS**

- 54 Spanish for "these"
- 55 Bank account amt.
- 57 Tick off
- 59 Indigo dye
- 60 Japanese religion
- 62 \* Criterion applied unequally
- 66 Brainchild
- 68 Boosting drink
- 69 Prefix with dynamics
- 70 \* Football receiver's success
- 76 Swab analysis site
- 81 Everyone, to Germans
- 82 Dust specks
- 83 See 124-Across
- 85 Ballplayer Lefty
- 86 Tennis site
- 88 Org. for an air marshal
- 89 August hrs.
- 91 13th-century king of England
- 93 Final stops
- 95 \* Classic coaster at Disney parks

**DOWN**

- 37 Mojave plants
- 38 Dramatist Joe
- 40 Dallas coll.
- 43 Kan. neighbor
- 44 Narrow way
- 46 Big Sicilian volcano
- 47 Ruckus
- 48 Auction cry
- 52 Wacky
- 56 Gets used (to)
- 57 Jai —
- 58 Unit of 36"
- 61 Lakers great
- 63 Beehive State athletes
- 64 Exacta, e.g.
- 65 Titleless one
- 67 Being hammy
- 70 War ender
- 71 Salve plant
- 72 Put-down
- 73 Preached
- 74 Grassy fields
- 75 Most regularly
- 77 "It's —!" ("You're on!")
- 78 Old ship-locating system
- 79 World War II hero Murphy
- 80 Sightless
- 84 "In excelsis —"
- 87 Demure
- 89 Jazz great
- 90 — -fi flick
- 92 "Valley of the Dolls" co-star
- 94 Flatbread of India
- 96 Foretell
- 97 Film studio roarer
- 99 "Excuse me, but ..."
- 102 Actor Finneas
- 103 Palate dangler
- 104 Away from home
- 105 "Walkabout" director
- 106 Nicolas
- 107 Frozen, dome-shaped dessert
- 110 Likelihood
- 111 Actor Richard
- 112 "Valley of the Dolls" co-star
- 113 Links
- 114 Halts
- 116 NFL coups
- 117 Tick off
- 118 Flanders of Springfield
- 119 LaRue of "CSI: Miami"
- 120 Plane domain



# Girl Scout Troop 37400 meets



Pictured with their Easter eggs are (front row, left to right) Iris Huffman, Ember Huffman, Quinn Sears, (back row) Maddie Sears, Alexandra Desmond, Jessalyn Desmond, Luna Huffman, and Tonya Martin.

In April Girl Scout Troop 37400 attended their council's virtual annual meeting and had an Easter themed party. During the Easter party the girls learned about the biblical Easter story and they hunted eggs.

# House and Garden Club delivers sunflower seeds to students



The Lewisburg House and Garden Club packaged and delivered Mammoth Sunflower seeds to Ronceverte and Lewisburg Elementary schools. Garden club members were unable to visit with the classrooms and discuss planting the seeds and feeding the birds, but trust, like last year, the students will plant their seeds and return in the fall for the friendly Biggest Sunflower Contest- a tradition spanning several decades. Teachers will distribute the packets to students before the school year ends. Lewisburg House & Garden wishes students and teachers a joyful summer.

# Kid's Day scheduled for May 25 at Alderson Market



Carrot Club activities will be held at the Alderson Market on May 25.

Kid's Day at the Alderson Community Market is Tuesday, May 25. Every child coming to the market receives \$4 in tokens and a special market tote bag. Kids use the tokens to shop for their own fruit and vegetables, and carry them home in their new reusable bag. This one-day-only event is sponsored by WVU Extension Service with Elizabeth Reynolds, Health Educator, at the market from 3 to 6 p.m. on May 25 with tokens, tote bags, and more. Kid's Day is also the very first day of Read Aloud at the Market. Come to the reading tent and follow the adventures of Humphrey the classroom hamster. *Summer According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney is the Read Aloud book. Elizabeth Spangler brings a change of pace, a new children's activity, and a place to sit and enjoy storytelling at the Alderson Community

Market. Every Tuesday kids will find Carrot Club at the sign of the Big Carrot. Letha Heatherly leads fun and adventure with Carrot Club activities. Kids earn \$3 in Carrot Club Dollars for participating, to buy fruits and vegetables at the market. Carrot Club is sponsored by the Greenbrier County Health Alliance. There's live music at Alderson Community Market every week, too, with picnic tables for you to relax, enjoy the music, and visit with friends. Live music at the market is sponsored by the Greenbrier County Commission's Arts & Recreation Fund. Alderson Community Market happens every Tuesday afternoon, 3 to 6 p.m., on Riverview Avenue, at the Visitor Center parking lot and adjacent green space, now through October.

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