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## GCS brings students back to Bolling School

By Sarah Richardson

After over a year of construction, dedication, and hard work, the Bolling School in Lewisburg once again has students walking down the hallways and learning in the classrooms. Now the new home of the Greenbrier Community School (GCS), the building has seen an extensive renovation since GCS acquired it in 2018.

Rece Nester, the Head of GCS, said that it's been great to finally have students back in the space after all the effort they have put into the renovations.

Over the fall and winter months, the school has been a space for tutoring, learning pods, and small group sessions. They hosted an open house for the community last May where they gave tours, held a silent auction, and answered questions. They plan to host another open house in the near future, and are currently offering tours for those interested in new student enrollment.

"Our curriculum is innovative and student centered with an emphasis on independent thinking and problem solving," states their website. "Our students mature into confident, self-directed learners who recognize the value of collaboration and cooperation in the learning environment. We prepare our students for later education and for life by giving them an appreciation for beauty, a desire for truth and the capacity to love themselves and those around them."

The first Bolling School building was actually destroyed by a fire in 1936. The current structure was then



The newly-renovated classrooms kept original features such as the lighting fixtures, while upgrading the space to make it welcoming and functional.

## Humane Society reopens for volunteer opportunities

By Sarah Richardson

After COVID-19 forced the Greenbrier Humane Society to close their doors to volunteer help, they are now scheduling volunteer appointment times for those who want to spend time with our four-legged friends housed at the facility.

Appointment times for existing volunteers (those that have already completed volunteer orientation prior to March 2020) are Saturdays in July from noon to 4 p.m. in 30 to 90 minute increments.

GHS plans to begin new volunteer orientations and training sessions this August, and anyone 18 or older is welcome to sign up.

"We are just so excited to be opening up again," said Office Administrator Garrett Wren. "We really appreciate everyone's patience."

Volunteers are able to walk and socialize the dogs, as well as socialize the cats.

Existing volunteers may send their preferred

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## Nature's Way

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The gym floor has been meticulously refinished and pays homage to the school's original origins.

built, and completed in 1940. The school operated there through 1963, where, after integration, it became Lewisburg Middle School, and later a community center. Greenbrier Community School purchased the building in 2018, and will begin their first semester of classes this fall. However, students have already been using the space while they hosted a two-week summer camp at the end of June and into July.

"The hum of the sound of children in the school building has been really remarkable," said Nester. "It was pretty monumental for the school as a property to be a school again for the new generation. It was a pretty important day, and it was very emotional. We are so lucky and honored to be the ones to reopen the property."

A press release from the January 8, 2015 edition

of the *Mountain Messenger* provides a bit of information about Professor Edward A. Bolling, for whom the school is named:

From Apr. 7, 1869, when the Board of Education for the township of Lewisburg acquired a building for the purpose of a free school for African American children, to the rocky course of actual integration in the 1950s this struggle was all too true.

And in the end, it was people who made the difference. People such as Professor Edward A. Bolling who, in a biography posted on the WV Archives and History site, was noted to have been an educator in this area for over 40 years. He was born in Greenbrier County on Nov. 28, 1860, on the eve of the Civil War. He grew up in Richmond and was graduated from Morgan College in Baltimore, MD. In 1877, after teaching in Richmond for four years, he returned to Greenbrier County where he was appointed principal and teacher at the Lewisburg Colored School.

The WV Archives and History site indicates that, "For five consecutive summers, 1910-14, Prof. Bolling was one of the instructors in the State Summer School for

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## Last weekend to catch 20th Century Circus at Hollow Hills Farm

By Sarah Richardson

Now that the month of June has passed, so has the West Virginia Renaissance Festival at Hollow Hills Farm in Lewisburg. However, just because the Renaissance Festival has come and gone, that doesn't mean there is no fun to be had at the grounds.

In July, the 20th Century Circus followed up the Ren

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## July Yard of the Month named

The Greenbrier Gardeners congratulate Gwyn and Roger Wolfe at 154 Court Street for winning the Lewisburg July Yard of the Month. Check out the garden behind the house located on 2nd Street between Court and Bell.

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## Captain Roger White recognized for service

Captain Roger White was recognized for his service and retirement from the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department on Friday, July 2. Sheriff Bruce Sloan presented Captain White with a shadow box commemorating his 29 years of service. Friends, family and co-workers gathered at the Greenbrier County Courthouse to celebrate this milestone and wish him well. Sheriff Sloan said, "We appreciate the many years of service that Roger has given to the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Greenbrier County. He was a faithful member and the department will certainly miss his experience and knowledge. We wish Roger and his family the very best in the years ahead as he pursues those activities that bring him enjoyment."

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Fest with their high-flying acrobatic show on July 2 and 3. That means your last chance to see them perform live under the hightop is this weekend, July 9, 10, and 11.

Touted as one of the last touring tented circuses in the United States today, the show is set in the era of the 1920s with lots of glitz and glam. As a family-friendly event, their aim is to have some fun for everyone. Second-generation circus performers bring a variety of acrobatic performances and acts from the Vegas strip itself right here to the Greenbrier Valley.

The show runs approximately an hour and a half, and general admission tickets start at \$12 per child and \$25 per adult (17+). Visit <https://www.20thcenturycircus.com/tour> to purchase tickets in advance.

Hollow Hills Farm is located eight miles outside of Lewisburg at 23439 Midland Trail E.

## Bolling School

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Students got to enjoy the new facilities during the school's summer camp program earlier this month. (Photo GCS Facebook page)

colored teachers at the West Virginia Collegiate Institute. In 1915, he was granted a State Life Certificate by the West Virginia State Board of Education. This Board is composed entirely of white men who are among the leading educators of the State. This high honor has been conferred on only a comparatively few white persons and on only about ten colored men of the entire State. In Mr. Bolling's own county of Greenbrier only two white and no other colored persons have been awarded this honor."

Professor Bolling was so well respected that, in 1933, Earl Charles Clay, then principal, renamed Lewisburg Colored Junior High School as Bolling Junior High and Elementary School, after its original principal. The original building was destroyed by fire in 1939 and rebuilt and opened again in the fall of 1941. In 1935, Bolling became a full 12 grade high school and was one of only four African American high schools in the entire State of West Virginia.

For more information on the Greenbrier Community School, visit <https://www.greenbriercommunityschool.org/>.

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Office of the West Virginia Attorney General

## Youth Opioid Awareness PSA Contest



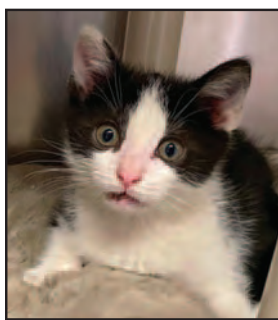
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Rivesville Elementary/Middle School

## PICK OF THE LITTER

**SCREECH**  
 Screech is a two-month-old domestic shorthair. He came to the shelter at just over a pound with his lower lip injured and unthrifty health status. After supportive care to improve his health, he is doing great post surgery. Screech would do best in a home that loves snuggles and cuddles because he purrs nonstop and loves everyone. Mr. Personality right here!



**STEELE**  
 Steele is a three-year-old Catahoula Leopard/hound mix and weighs 67 pounds. He is truly a handsome boy with a unique coat!



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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## American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

Located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte. Open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday dance, July 10 features New River Jack Band; Saturday dance, July 24 features Ivan Combs & The Outlaws. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852. The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties.

## WV for Life to meet

The July meeting of West Virginians for Life Greenbrier County will be held Thursday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel Community Church in Caldwell. For more information call Paula McLaughlin at 304-661-9866.

## Carnegie Hall

will hold its annual membership meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, July 19, via video/ phone conference. The agenda includes introduction of newly-elected officers and an overview of 2020-21 year-end financials. Individuals or families who made a contribution of at least \$50 to the Hall during the last fiscal year are considered members of the Hall and are invited to attend the annual meeting. Please email ceo@carnegiehallwv.org for information about how to join the meeting by video conference or phone.

## Thanks extended for Fun Day help

Thanks to all the businesses and people that sponsored and donated to Fun Day for the Youth in the community, including Officer Grimm with the White Sulphur Springs Police Department, IGA, Food Lion, Ray Ferguson, Little General, Godfather's Pizza, April's Pizzeria, Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, Gillispie's Flowers, and Zoom Task. Special thanks to all the members of House of Prayer for coming out and helping!

## AA meetings

are held Saturdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom meeting. (Contact 304-647-0677 for Zoom details.) Also, meetings are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at noon at St. James Episcopal Church in Lewisburg. 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>

## 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.

### Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, July 12, at 5 p.m. in regular session in the Paul R. Cooley Chambers at Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, or by teleconference via Zoom. For more information on how to attend by Zoom Conference, please contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 no later than Monday July 12, by 4 p.m. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - June 14, 2021
  - Comments from the public (5 minute limit)
  - Election of Officers
  - Mary Essig, 237 Lee Street - install 6 foot high privacy fence and replace back deck with composite decking with a black metal handrail
  - The French Goat, 290 Lafayette Street - extend existing deck by 8' x 12'
  - Sheena Pendley (Sheena Pendley Design and Photography), 846 Court Street North - install hanging sign 24" x 15.5" high
  - Appalachian Headwaters, 122 Courtney Drive - paint exterior of the house Alabaster White and install solar panels on the roof top
  - Comments from the Commissioners
  - Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer
- The next scheduled meeting for the Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission will be Monday, Aug. 9, at 5 p.m. with a deadline of Friday July 23.

### Renick Town Council

will meet Monday, July 12, at 7 p.m. at the Renick Town Hall. Agenda items include:

- Community comments
- Approval of minutes and financial reports
- Committee reports
- Swearing in of council members
- Building permits
- Other Business

### Greenbrier Co. Planning Commission

will meet Tuesday, July 13, at 11 a.m. Attend in person (please follow all health and safety protocols) at Greenbrier County Courthouse, 912 Court Street N., Lewisburg OR Virtual Meeting Option - meeting will be hosted on Zoom. Public can access meeting via: Internet Access: <https://wvu.zoom.us/j/91330370810> (Meeting ID: 913 3037 0810) OR Phone Access: (dial) 1 (646) 558 8656 or 877-853-5257 or 888-475-4499 (Meeting ID: 913 3037 0810)

On the agenda:

- Approval of May 25, 2021 meeting Minutes
- Election of Officers
- Discuss / take action on Appalachian

- Headwaters building permit application
- Continue to review, consider and discuss changes to draft zoning ordinance and draft zoning map, including but not limited to:
  - a. Discuss and review new residential zoning district
  - b. Determine uses allowed in new residential district
  - c. Determine dimensional requirements for new residential zoning district
- Review & discuss amendments to Comprehensive Plan
- Review & discuss Enactment Process and Schedule
- Public Comment
- Schedule meeting with WVU Land Use Clinic

### Council Organizational Meeting

will meet Tuesday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber, Lewisburg City Hall. Also available via teleconference. For information on how to participate, contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13. The following topics are scheduled for discussion:

- Oath of office
- Adoption, re-adoption and amendment of rules governing the official conduct of City Council and rules governing the transactions of City Council business
- Appointment of City Officers and Council Committees

### Lewisburg Finance Committee

will meet in regular session Tuesday, July 13, at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber, Lewisburg City Hall. Please contact City Hall by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, to request the zoom link. The following topics are scheduled for discussion:

- Chapman Technical Group LLC - Water System Upgrade update
- Sidewalk Project US 219 North Phase II pay application 4
- Sidewalk Project US 219 North Phase III pay application 6
- Fire Department Testing of Fire Hose and Ladder bid approval
- Coal Severance Budget Revision Number 1 - Fiscal Year 2022
- Mills Group LLC Contract renewal
- Authority of City Manager for the American Rescue Plan application & funds
- Signature Authority on City Bank Accounts
- Communication from members
- Approval of Minutes - June 8, 2021

## For the Record

### Deeds

Alma Osborne to Pamela Osborne, 1 Acre M/L, Meadow Bluff District

Mark Grim to Greenbrier Premier Rentals & Property LLC, Lots 97, 99, and 101 - Lots 96, 98, 100, 102 - Patton Heights Sbdv, Lewisburg Corp  
Shelby L Salisbury to Donald L Bostic and Sarah Bostic, 10 Acres, Meadow Bluff District

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Stephen J. Kressley, Ronceverte, domestic assault, NCP, fine \$50, jail 30 days credit for 11 hours served - remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation  
Robin M. Farmer, Alderson, failure to appear, NCP, jail 12 days credit for 4 days served  
Elizabeth Jane Justice, Lewisburg, driving revoked DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 45 days - suspended and placed on Home Confinement 45 days  
James Eugene Russell, Richwood, prohibitions - solid waste disposal, GP, fine \$100  
Joey Stuart Odell, consumption of alcoholic beverage in passenger area, GP, fine \$50  
Delbert A. Deline, Rainelle, driving too fast for road conditions, fine \$30  
Dakota W. ODell, shooting within 500 feet of a dwelling, NCP, fine \$50  
Cody Dean Rhodes, reckless driving, NCP, fine \$100  
Jared Wesley Biggs, speeding, GP, fine \$42  
Cole S. Price, speed limitations generally; penalty (10 mph or less above), NCP, fine \$5

Brian Keith Martin, Renick, driving suspended, NCP, fine \$100

Justin Eric Shaffer, Meadow Bridge, driving too fast for roadway conditions, GP, fine \$22

Brian J. Francis, Richmond, VA, driving too fast for roadway conditions, NCP, fine \$22

Christina Lovette Hopkins, Lewisburg, domestic battery, NCP, fine \$50; jail 45 days credit 6 days served - remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, Day Report 45 days

Michael D. Lewis, Havelock, NC, driving while license suspended or revoked, GP, fine \$100

Michael D. Lewis, Havelock, NC, no vehicle insurance, GP, fine \$200

Michael D. Lewis, Havelock, NC, improper use of evidences of registration, GP, fine \$50

Amanda Harvey, Renick, possession of controlled substance without valid prescription, NCP, fine \$100

Cortland Dwayne Sheppard, Renick, battery, NCP, jail 21 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen  
Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### Taught by Thirst

Many years ago, I worked at an organic farm managing their retail shop and deliveries. I was also privileged to head into the fields and greenhouses with my boss when things got slow in the store. From him I learned about raising healthy seedlings, planting from the back of a tractor, and weeding carrot sprouts on my hands and knees.

Watering was a task I loved to do, just to be in the presence of so many green little beings. But watering correctly was something I had to be taught, if you can believe that. Everybody thinks you just give a little sprinkle around the plants and you're done. WRONG.

Growing inside a greenhouse or out in a garden will determine how much water your plants need to grow, whether they be flowers or veggies. Inside a greenhouse, temperatures rise quickly in the sunshine. Greenhouses need a way to "vent" out the hot air with a fan, ideally temperature controlled. Out in the garden, YOU are the controller of when plants get a cool drink of water.

#### Tips:

- Water in the morning before 10 a.m., or late in the evening around sunset. Watering during a very hot sunny day will cause the water to evaporate quickly from the soil before it fully sinks down into the soil.

- Water deeply, not a sprinkle. Water needs to seep down to the roots to benefit the plant. Surface watering is not helpful and can be harmful because the roots stay near the ground surface. You want to encourage your plant roots to go deep instead of drinking from the top of the ground. Deep roots keep them strong and somewhat wind resistant.

- There is no need to water every day. That may be hard to obey during these hot days.

Basil, lettuces, and even tomato plants start to keel over in the heat. Plants require about one inch of water per week during cool weather and two inches of water per week when it is above 80 and near 90's. You will notice plants will spring back up when the sun goes down so just keep the hose handy for the next morning instead of watering daily.

-Soak your soil, not your plants. Overhead watering by hose or an oscillating hose sprinkler may seem like a time saver and big help BUT you may end up with fungal issues on your plants, especially tomatoes. Aim your water spray from a hose around the base of each plant where it is needed. Plants don't need a bath. You won't waste much water at all.



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**SIDE NOTE:** If your garden soil has not been amended by compost or other organic matter, it can get very dry in hot spells. It may even crack open when extremely dry. You can remedy this by topping the ground around the plants with either grass clippings, straw mulch, brown compostable shopping bags and I have seen sawdust used as mulch. Covering the ground will allow moisture to stay below and plants will stay cooler. Spread mulch around the ground and about 5 inches away from each plant so water and rain can still sink into the ground.

And while you are hydrating your garden, don't forget to take some sips from the hose for yourself. Stay hydrated!

Email for comments and gardening tips: [nature-swaykaren@gmail.com](mailto:nature-swaykaren@gmail.com).

## Commentary

### Is West Virginia prepared 5 years after devastating floods?

By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

Deadly flooding five years ago continues to haunt many West Virginia communities, and advocates called on the state to update its flood-resilience plan to ensure as stronger and more frequent storms happen, counties are prepared.

The 2016 floods cost the state an estimated \$300 million in damages.

Angie Rosser, executive director of the West Virginia Rivers Coalition, said the impact of the event hasn't left the minds of residents.

"Our rugged terrain and the fact that so many communities are located along our rivers and streams make us especially vulnerable," Rosser explained. "So it's certainly on the forefront of our minds."

Some lawmakers called on the state to use surplus funds toward mitigation efforts.

The West Virginia Conservation Agency has a list of more than 100 "high-hazard" dams, meaning dam failure could result in loss of life and property.

Mathew Sanders, senior manager of the Flood Prepared Communities Initiative for The Pew Charitable Trusts, said development laden with concrete and asphalt increases West Virginia's flood risk.

"The state has done a fantastic job over the last five years effectuating long-term recovery from that event in 2016," Sanders acknowledged. "And now they really have an opportunity to pivot in a more forward-thinking fashion."

Rosser argued there is untapped potential in looking at natural solutions to help minimize the worst effects of flooding, strategies that use nature's ability to detain and retain water.

"We've got a lot of wetlands and floodplains that we can look at with new eyes and see nature as an ally of restoring natural functions of floodplains," Rosser contended.

Research shows heavy rain over the state's rugged topography is the costliest and most severe natural hazard for the state.

Since 2005, West Virginia has received more than 16 FEMA disaster declarations, the majority of which were related to severe storms and flooding events.

## Fishing License

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- Before 10th birthday: \$172.50
- Before 15th birthday: \$207

To purchase a resident lifetime license or trout stamp for a child age 15 or younger, contact the WVDNR licensing section by calling 304-558-2758, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. A certified copy of the child's birth certificate is required to apply.

## Humane Society

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Saturday, timings, and cat or dog side preference in an email to [ghs.assist@gmail.com](mailto:ghs.assist@gmail.com). Please let them know if you have attended the volunteer training prior to March 2020. Social distancing will be enforced inside the facility, and masks will be at the discretion of each volunteer.

"It's very important to email to express interest in attending our orientation," Garrett added.

At this time, adoptions and surrenders will remain on the appointment system.

The facility is also in need of both bleach and high efficiency (HE) laundry detergent. Donations may be left in the red wagon on the front porch.

## Capito, Manchin announce funding for infectious disease prevention and control in WV

U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Joe Manchin (D-WV), members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, this week announced \$1,070,880 for a STD prevention and control program through the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). This funding was made available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

"With STDs at an all-time high across the country, providing the resources our health departments need to treat and prevent infectious diseases is incredibly important, and this funding will contribute to those efforts," Senator Capito said. "As a leader on the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue to advocate for the support our medical professionals in West Virginia need to keep West Virginians healthy."

"West Virginia communities must be equipped to handle any public health crisis that our state faces. Due to the drug epidemic which continues to ravage West

Virginia, we have seen a rise in sexually transmitted diseases, such as viral hepatitis and HIV in our communities. This investment from HHS will help local health departments strengthen STD prevention, detection and control. I will continue to advocate for resources to help West Virginia address any public health crisis," Senator Manchin said.

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## Gov. Justice announces over 1million have now received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine

During Tuesday's briefing, Gov. Justice announced that more than 1 million West Virginians have now received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

To date, 1,005,135 West Virginians have received at least one dose of vaccine, while 836,954 West Virginians have been fully vaccinated.

"This is a huge milestone that we've hit," Gov. Justice said. "You have done a whale of a job, West Virginia, and it's because all of us have been pulling the rope together."

"I congratulate everyone who has played a role in getting us to this point," Gov. Justice said. "But we still have more work to do to get all of our residents vaccinated."

The Governor went on to announce that, due to the success of statewide vaccination efforts - especially among residents ages 50 and older - surpassing the original goals established by medical experts, West Virginia's COVID-19 pandemic response leadership team is establishing new vaccination goals for the state's wisest populations.

These new goals include vaccinating at least 90% of all West Virginians ages 65 and older with at least one dose and vaccinating at least 85% of all West Virginians ages 50 and

older with at least one dose.

"There's a thing in athletics where you always want to raise the bar," Gov. Justice said. "That's exactly what we're doing."

Currently, 87.3% of West Virginians ages 65 and older have received at least one dose of the vaccine, while 79.4% of West Virginians ages 50 and older have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

"At first, we hoped like crazy we could get to 70% of our 65 and older population," Gov. Justice said. "Then, all of a sudden, 75% became attainable, then 80%, then even 85%. It's unbelievable. No one would have thought originally that would have been possible."

"Now we need to keep going," Gov. Justice continued.

### Vaccine Doses Administered Into Arms of West Virginia Residents

Key Metric	Doses	Population	Percentage
At Least One Dose	1,005,135	1,792,147	56.1%
Fully Vaccinated	836,954	1,792,147	46.7%
12+ At Least One Dose	1,005,135	1,557,837	64.5%
12+ Fully Vaccinated	836,954	1,557,837	53.7%
65+ At Least One Dose	320,269	367,011	87.3%
65+ Fully Vaccinated	284,077	367,011	77.4%

This is based on a total 1,791,762 doses administered into arms of WV Residents

Data Source: CDC Updated 10:00 AM 7/6/2021

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# CLUB



Members of the Alderson Police Department load debris for a family who was unable to get it to the dumpster.

## Alderson abatement process explained

The Alderson Police Department recently began issuing abatement and ordinance violation notices to town residents, homeowners, property owners, and business owners. These notices were issued for many different violations, and, therefore, have many different remedies. The individual notice stated the nature of the problem and gave the recipient a date by which the problem needed to be corrected. The notices also informed the recipient to contact the issuing officer for more information or if they had any questions. If recipients choose to ignore these initial notices, the complaint may proceed to the next step, which can be criminal sanctions which may require an appearance before a judge.

Mayor Travis Copenhaver said, "Before any notices were issued, the Town authorized members of

both the maintenance staff and the police department to participate in a town wide clean-up day on May 26. In connection with the clean-up day the Town arranged for two dumpsters to be placed at the water plant and any town resident, with proper proof of residency, could bring items to the dumpster at no charge. The services of the Town's employees were offered to residents that were not able to get items to the dumpster themselves. This was a Town wide effort to assist residents in cleaning their property before any notices were issued. Keeping property clean helps everyone with many issues including reduced insects, reduced vermin, and increased property values."

The recent abatement and ordinance violation notices were issued because of direct complaints, or visible violations noted by the code

enforcement officer, town staff, or police patrol. Once a complaint is received either the Town Code Enforcement Officer or a Town Police Officer checks the complaint to verify there is an actual violation of a Town ordinance. After a complaint is verified, the Officer can either speak directly with the responsible party or may choose to issue an abatement or ordinance violation notice giving the Town Ordinance number and a time to remedy the violation.

Chief Rusty Beyer said, "In the month of June, there were approximately 50 notices sent to responsible parties throughout the Town. Please note the Officers are equal enforcement officers and do not discriminate for race, color, religion, national origin, sex, physical or mental disability, age, sexual orientations, or gender identities."

## Gold Star Mothers speak to Richland Ruritans

The featured speakers for the June 9 dinner meeting of the Richland Ruritans were Shirley White, the past President of the West Virginia Gold Star Mothers, and Belinda Jividan, the current president of the WV Gold Star Mothers.

The American Gold Star Mothers were organized in 1928 and chartered by Congress in 1984. The organization is made up of ladies who have suffered the loss of a son or daughter in the service to our country. It is a support group offering companionship and comfort to

other families who have suffered the loss of a family member in the service. The Gold Star Mothers work to keep the memory of their sons and daughter alive by working to help veterans, those currently serving in the military, their families and our communities.

The speakers displayed for the Ruritans the National Remembrance Flag that was created by the Honor and Remember organization. The H & R organization is dedicated to the perpetual recognition of our military fallen heroes and their families.

The Remembrance flag flies at the West Virginia state capital and at national cemeteries.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Richland Ruritans voted to make a donation to the Gold Star Mothers and to purchase a National Remembrance Flag to fly at their meeting location.

Other Ruritan business conducted at the meeting was to recognize Frank Tuckwiller, the Zone 2 governor. Frank was awarded a Certificate of Honor for services to the Lower West Virginia District of the Ruritans. The

club also voted a donation to fund a scholarship to the Greenbrier Youth Camp.

The July meeting will be the annual picnic for members and their families at the Calvary Methodist Church on July 14.

The Richlands Ruritans club meets on the second Wednesday of each month for a dinner meeting at the Calvary Methodist Church on Route 60W. The Ruritan Civic organization is a national network of clubs working together for a stronger America. The Ruritans' focus is to support community services in small towns and rural communities across America. The Ruritans were founded in 1928 in Holland, Virginia and celebrated their 93rd year last May. The Richlands Ruritans Club provides scholarships to local college students and 4-H campers and maintains Tuckwiller Park.

## Church Bulletin

### Ronceverte Baptist Church

invites children of all ages to a summer event called "Alpine Ascent - Find Strength in God's Word" The lessons are: students will always be ready to serve the Lord, will follow Christ who lives in them, will live faithfully for Christ despite difficulties, will share Christ with their unsaved family and friends, and will stand with Christ against evil and danger. Each day the kids will enjoy delicious snacks, play games, learn upbeat songs and work on different crafts. VBS will be Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Classes for nursery age children through those who have completed 6th grade. We also have an adult class. (Children 3 and under must be accompanied by parent or guardian.) Come join us and bring a friend. Ronceverte Baptist Church is located at 437 W. Main Street. If you have any questions please call 304-647-4067 - if no answer leave a message and someone will return your call.

### Alvon Living Word Church

and Pastor Robert McClintic will present The Hoppers at July 17 6 p.m. Multi-award winning family group, The Hoppers, have been singing to global audiences for over 60 years with appearances ranging from presidential religious inaugural ceremonies and New York's Carnegie Hall to singing conventions and church platforms. They have performed throughout the United States as well as in Israel, Europe and Africa. Their unique blend of harmonies and song choices have created a legacy of musical excellence embraced by leading pastors and event organizers. Known as America's Favorite Family of Gospel Music, they are favorites on the Gaither Homecoming videos and tours, and their recordings frequently land at the top of the BILLBOARD sales charts and The Singing News radio charts. Comprised today of family members Claude and Connie, son Dean and his wife, Kim, and son Mike Hopper, The Hoppers were formed in 1957 in the rural-farm town of Madison, NC, and have grown continuously for decades, touching countless lives around the world. A cancer survivor, Connie has been honored with the prestigious Marvin Norcross Award, in addition to numerous industry and fan honors; and she has been inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Sons Dean and Mike have continued the family legacy with their musical talents and business abilities; and Kim, Dean's wife, hails from her own nationally acclaimed musical family, The Greens. She is noted for the excitement she brings to any live performance, and her unmistakable, rafter-ringing soprano vocals have taken The Hoppers to new heights for many years. Find more information at thehoppers.com

### Annual Ketron Church and Community Homecoming 1902-2011

The annual Ketron Church Homecoming is resuming this year! Please join us Sunday, Aug. 1 at 11 a.m. to celebrate the legacy of the Ketron Church, worship, and reunite with old friends. Masks will be available. The speaker this year will be Mayford Witt of Charleston. Following the worship service we will gather at the Frank Whanger Picnic Shelter for a Carry-in lunch and a brief business meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. Paper products and utensils will be provided. Please notify Karen West of any persons you would like added to the memorial list. Because the Homecoming was cancelled last year, very few donations were received. Your donations for the upkeep of the church located on Rockland Road, Ronceverte, and the cemetery are more important now than ever before. If you have loved ones buried in the Ketron cemetery and cannot attend, please consider mailing a generous donation to Ketron Church in care of the Ketron Treasurer, Karen West, P.O. Box 251, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

## Reunions

### Johnston / Johnson

The Johnston/Johnson Family invite you to attend their Family Reunion, Sunday, July 11, at McMillion United Methodist Church Picnic Shelter, Friars Hill, in Greenbrier County, beginning at 12:30 p.m. You are also welcome to attend the church services at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there! We will share a covered dish lunch.



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# OBITUARIES

## Constance Manchester



**Lewisburg**-On Tuesday morning, June 29, 2021, the world lost a shimmering light. Constance (Connie) Manchester of Lewisburg died peacefully in her sleep beside her husband, John, at their home after a courageous, six-month struggle with breast and spinal cancer.

Born Mar. 27, 1944, in Lima, Ohio, Connie was the daughter of the late Catherine Ferguson Palmer and Lester Eugene Palmer. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her son, Nathan Palmer Manchester.

Connie grew up in Vandalia, OH, graduated from Earlham College with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology in 1966 and earned her Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy from Columbia University in 1973.

She and John met in Morgantown. They were married Aug. 4, 1979 and moved to Greenbrier County in July 1982 where she helped John build their house in Renick. She worked with children with disabilities as an OT for the Braxton, Preston, Greenbrier and Monroe County school systems, worked several years for the Seneca Mental Health Early Intervention Birth to Three Program, and worked for Home Care Plus as an OT from 1990-2010 when she retired.

From an early age she loved photography. Her parents gave her a Kodak Instamatic camera as a college graduation gift, and she never lost her passion for taking photographs. She won many ribbons at the West Virginia State Fair for her photography and was featured in the 2013 Art Class in Greenbrier Valley Quarterly. She regularly donated her photos for fundraisers for local organizations.

From 2005-2020 she took photo tours to: the Galapagos Islands; Iceland; Greenland; Ireland; Hawaii; Tanzania; Churchill (Manitoba) to photograph polar bears; Lake Baikal in Siberia and Yellowstone National Park in the winter; Utah; Oregon; Montana; and Oaxaca, Mexico for a weaving/photography workshop, but she especially loved taking photographs throughout West Virginia.

She was a 16-year member of Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners where she was the unofficial photographer. She sang for many years with Greenbrier Valley Chorale, was a five year volunteer for CASA, was a member, Elder and substitute pianist

of Spring Creek Presbyterian Church and was an active member of Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley where she taught photography classes and made travel presentations.

Connie will be remembered for her love of her family (in particular her granddaughters), her photographic talent, her kind, nurturing and patient nature, her adventurous spirit, her inquisitive mind and her boundless energy.

Left to cherish her memory are: her husband of 41 years, John of Lewisburg; her daughter, Johnna Barlowe, husband Chris Barlowe and granddaughters Gemma and Arianna of Henrico, VA; her in-laws, Paula and Robin Barlowe of Richmond, VA, Margaret (Peggy) Clark of Pinehurst, NC, Judi Manchester of Shelburne, VT, and Joan Slaney of Dracut, MA; and numerous wonderful cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank all her physicians and medical staff who provided excellent care to her. She was particularly appreciative of the nurturing care she received from Belinda Smith, Lesley Thwaites and Joseph Lutz.

Memorial gifts may be sent to: Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners, P.O. Box 278, Frankford WV 24938 or Greenbrier Valley Chorale, P.O. Box 1413, Lewisburg WV 24901.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held on the lawn at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow.

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

## Cristie Beth Dawson



**White Sulphur Springs**-Cristie Beth Dawson, 65, passed away Friday, July 2, 2021, at her residence.

Born June 20, 1955, at Ronceverte, she was a daughter of the late Lawrence S. Windon, Sr. and the late Edna June Holley Windon.

She was a housekeeper and formerly worked for Hanover Shoe Co. in Marlinton.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Windon, Jr.

Survivors include daughter, Judi Spinks (Marcus); son, Michael

Dawson, Jr., all of White Sulphur Springs; two sisters, Betsy Falls (Billy) of Ronceverte and Judy Arzua (Ralph) of Roanoke, VA; also surviving are eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A visitation was held on Wednesday evening, July 7, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs. Cremation followed the visitation.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg WV 24901.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com)

## Danny Jay Whitt



**Lewisburg**-Danny Jay Whitt passed away Friday, July 2, 2021, at Peyton Hospice House following a long illness. He was surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 1, 1948, to Olbert and Beulah (Cornwell) Whitt.

Mr. Whitt was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Donny, Doyle, and Doug.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Vicki (Hoover) Whitt; two daughters, Tammy Barnett (Kevin) of Frankford, and Heather Whitt of Roanoke, VA. He was blessed with two beloved grandchildren, Danielle Dyckman (Jordan), of Roanoke, VA, and Zachary Barnett of Frankford. He was also blessed with a great-grandson, Daniel Owen (Big O) of Roanoke, VA. Other survivors are two brothers, Duane (Melissa), and Dale (Debbie); and five sisters, Dona Lilly (Paul), Danetta Whitt, Danita Moore (Dave), Donna Shortridge (James) and Deanna Whitt; and sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Whitt.

Mr. Whitt, along with his wife, owned and operated Whitt Family Furniture for more than 30 years. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict. He was a member of the Renick VFW Post 6737. He loved Farmall tractors and WVU Mountaineers, but mostly he loved spending time with his family.

Visitation was Monday

evening, July 5, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 6, at the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Carroll Hill Road, Lewisburg. Private family burial followed.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Online guestbook may be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net).

## Harold Dolan, Jr.



**Ronceverte**-Harold "Mack" Dolan, Jr., 71, passed away Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA.

Mack was born July 8, 1949, in Ronceverte, the son of the late Harold Mack and Mary Frances Kellison Dolan, Sr.

He held a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Education Leadership, Mack has been a second grade teacher at Alderson Elementary School for 50 years. Mack held memberships in the Shriner's, Lions Club, WVEA, GCEA as Treasurer and member of the GCEA Executive Committee.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Stephen Dolan and a nephew, Lance Cpl. James F. B. Dolan.

Surviving Mack are his son, Jason Dolan and wife Susan; sister, C. K. Dolan (Sarah); step-grandchildren, James, DeWayne and Bobby Lee Vaughan; nephews, Martin Bowling (Mandi), Trevor and Chase Dolan; great-nephew, Roamin Bowling; and special friends, Virginia Boone, Sharon Hughes, Sarah McFerrin and Denise LaRosa.

Visitation for Mack will be Friday, July 9, from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

Private graveside services will be held Saturday, July 10, at his farm with Pastor Donnie Weikle officiating.

A Celebration of Life for all will be on Saturday, July 10, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Shelter # 2 on Island Park in Ronceverte.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes memorial contributions be made to Alderson Elementary School, 305 Elmwood

Avenue, Alderson, WV 24910 (Memo: H. Mack Dolan Memorial Fund).

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

## Ronald Benjamin Snyder



**Fairlea**-A good man has died. Ronald Benjamin Snyder passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at Greenbrier Valley Hospital, in Fairlea on Thursday, July 1, 2021.

Ron, as he was known to family, numerous friends, RBS family, church family, business associates and classmates, was born on Oct. 4 in Harrisonburg, VA, to Bennie and Bernice Snyder of White Sulphur Springs.

He graduated from Greenbrier Military School, where he played football and was a member of The Owls Club. Ron Snyder also graduated from Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, PA, with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1962. While attending Carnegie, he played intramural sports, sang with Greek Sing, and served as Grand Master of his Fraternity, Kappa Sigma. He served as a Commissioned officer in the United States Army with the Second Engineer Battalion, Second Infantry Division during which he participated in Swift Strike III. In 1964, he returned to White Sulphur Springs and the family business, RBS Incorporated. He served as President of the West Virginia Contractors Association, President of the Builders Supply Association of West Virginia and Chairman of the Board, First National Bank in Ronceverte.

Ron was always expanding his knowledge, shown by his many hobbies and interests which included reading, walking, traveling and playing golf. A hobby he took great pleasure in was aviation. Early in life, he earned his single engine, multi-engine and instrument ratings and was an avid flyer in his free time. Ron also loved singing with the Old Stone Church Choir and with Treble and Bass. He was a faithful member of the Old Stone Church for over 50 years. Ron loved and

cherished spending time with his grandchildren. He was a strong patriarch of his family, a good friend to all, and had a strong work ethic. Ron was a man of honor and integrity and always had a warm smile or hug for everyone.

Ron Snyder is survived by his loving wife, Suzanne; sons, William Benjamin Snyder and wife Anita of White Sulphur Springs, and David Bradford Snyder and wife Kathryn of Lewisburg; loved and cherished grandchildren, Madison, Adam, Gillian, and Benjamin; brothers, Dr. Mathew Dennis Snyder and wife Sophia of Philomath, Oregon and Stephen Douglas Snyder of Gig Harbor, Washington; a niece and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie and Bernice Snyder of White Sulphur Springs and sister, Janice Sharon Butler.

A Celebration of Life will be held, Saturday, July 17, at 11:30 a.m. at Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, with a reception following. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be given in his name to Old Stone Presbyterian Church or the Greenbrier Valley Theater, Lewisburg, WV.

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

## Charles Oden Fink

**Ronceverte**-Charles Oden Fink, 73, passed away Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born Feb. 4, 1948, in Beckley, he was the son of the late Elmer and Frances Hodge Fink.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Sherry Ann Fink; sister, Oney Hughes; and a granddaughter, Dixie June Harper.

Survivors include his wife, Stephanie Cooper Fink; three sons, Charles Fink Jr. and Johnny Bruce Fink both of Ronceverte, and David Fink (Anna) of Alderson; daughters, Della Elizabeth Crawford (Daniel Adkins) of Renick, and Nicole Louise Fink of Ronceverte; sister, Rebecca Cantrell of Tennessee; grandchildren, Sherry Crawford, Mary Crawford, Riley Fink, Bridget Crawford, Brynley Crawford, David Harper, Rose Winfrey, Evan Plott, Justin Talbert and Tara Talbert; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Friday, July 2, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg. Funeral service will be held Saturday, July 3, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Carroll Hill Road, Lewisburg. Private family burial followed. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Online guestbook may be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net).

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## Obituaries

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day evening, July 2, at the Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg. A Celebration of life service followed where Pastor Bill Ballard officiated.

Online guestbook may be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net).

### Geraldine L. Jacobs



**Hurricane**-Geraldine L. "Gerry" Jacobs, 83, went to her heavenly home Saturday, July 3, 2021, after a short illness.

She was born Mar. 24, 1938, in Lewisburg to the late Charles and Gladys Hedrick.

Gerry was also preceded in death by her loving husband, Jerry, and her sisters, Carol Gibson and Sandy Walkup, both of Rupert, and her brother-in-law, Larry Decker of Wabash, IN.

Gerry had a strong work ethic and was employed by, and retired from, Thomas Memorial Hospital, in South Charleston, having worked there for 35 years.

Throughout her life, Gerry was known to those who loved her for making the best holiday meals and "Sunday Dinners," an art learned from her mother, but perfected over many years of spoiling her family with her delicious cooking. She will be lovingly remembered for her homemade bread, noodles, strawberry freezer jam, fudge, cookies, cakes, pies and so much more. Gerry loved spending time at their Greenbrier County family camp with all of her loved ones, she loved to fish, she loved to read a good book or watch a good movie and she enjoyed going to estate sales, but her greatest joy was her family. She was a strong, reserved lady, not especially social or talkative, but a good listener, and wasn't one to give unwanted advice. Gerry deeply loved, and was so loved by, her children, grandchildren, and great-

grandchildren. While we mourn that her time on earth has ended, we take comfort in knowing that she is finally at peace and once again with her beloved Jerry, and that, together, they will continue to watch over their growing family, having left us with cherished memories and strong, family traditions.

Gerry is survived by her daughters, Kathy Means of Hurricane and Vicki Lyons of Huntington; her sons, Richard Jacobs and wife Jackie of Hurricane, Randy Jacobs and wife Natalie of Ashland, KY, and Ronnie Jacobs and wife Amy of Hurricane; grandchildren, Debra (Morrello) Durham, Dennis Morrello and wife Melinda, Lindsey Jacobs and husband Brennan Williams, Megan (Jacobs) Hill and husband Trevor, Katelyn (Jacobs) Coiner, Jonathan and Cody Means, Morgan Jacobs, and Brooklyn and Lacey Jacobs; and, great-grandchildren, RJ and Victoria Durham, Dennis and Daniel Morrello, Kaleigh Mayo, Aubrey and Jacob Coiner, and Harper and Charlotte Hill; and her loving dog, Dixie, who never left her side. In addition, Gerry is survived by her sister-in-law, Judy (Jacobs) Decker of Wabash, IN; her brother, Buddy Hedrick and wife Teresa of Rupert; her sister, Ruth Hanson and husband, Dwight, of Crawley; her sister, Debbie Deitz of Rupert; and her special nieces, Leigh Ann "Annie" (Hanson) Hudson and spouse Jason, and their children, Logan and Emily, of Alderson; and her niece, Kim Gangstad, of Indianapolis, IN; along with many other nieces, nephews and extended families.

The family received friends Wednesday evening, July 7, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, WV. There was a private, family service at Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane on Thursday, July 8.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in memory of Gerry be made to ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) at [aspca.org](http://aspca.org).

The family would like to extend a special thank you to her Hospice Care

Nurses. You may visit her tribute page at [Chapman-FuneralHomes.com](http://Chapman-FuneralHomes.com) to share memories and offer condolences to the family.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, is honored to serve the Jacobs family.

### Sarah Louise Clonche

**White Sulphur Springs**-Sarah Louise Clonche, 82 went home to be with the Lord at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV, on Monday July 5, 2021.

Born Nov. 6, 1938, she was a daughter of the late Joe and Frances Campbell.

Sarah was a member of Wild Meadow Baptist Church, White Sulphur Springs, and was retired from The Greenbrier as a waitress after 20 years of service.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Clonche; two brothers, Joseph Campbell, and Lonnie Campbell; sister, Helen Knighton; and nephew, Justin Baker.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Billy Joe Clonche of White Sulphur Springs; three sisters, Jo Ann Baker of White Sulphur Springs, Geneva Thomas of Fayetteville, and Ella Mae Graham (Donald) of Covington, VA; nephews, Donnie Graham, Delmas Graham, and Michael Baker; and two great-nephews, Chase Graham, and Jacob Graham.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, July 8, at the chapel of Wallace & Wallace in White Sulphur Springs where Rev. Roger "Wahoo" McDaniel officiated. Burial followed in Whatcoat Cemetery in White Sulphur Springs.

Visitation was at the church before the service.

Pallbearers were: Donnie Graham, Delmas Graham, Michael Baker, Chase Graham, Ernest Wade, and Curtis Reaser.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com)

# WV celebrates 50th anniversary of passage of 25th Amendment

On July 5th, the nation celebrated the 50th anniversary of the passage of the 26th Amendment to the United States Constitution. That amendment would have never been possible without the continued leadership of the late U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia.

In 1971, the 26th Amendment was ratified by 38 states in just 100 days - making it the quickest ratification of any of the Constitution's 27 Amendments. But it took nearly three decades for the idea of reducing the legal voting age to make its way through the halls of the United States Congress.

On November 11, 1942, then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an Executive Order reducing the mandatory draft age from 21 to 18 in order to provide troop support for America and our allies in World War II. Just days later, it was a young congressman from West Virginia who stood on the floor of the House of Representatives and said, "Mr. President, if you're old enough to serve and die for your country, then you're certainly old enough to vote".

Then-Congressman Jennings Randolph was born and raised in Harrison County. He was just 31 years old when he was first elected to Congress. He was proud to have taken his oath of office on the same day as President Roosevelt but he was disappointed in the President's refusal to support reducing the voting age to match the new draft age of 18.

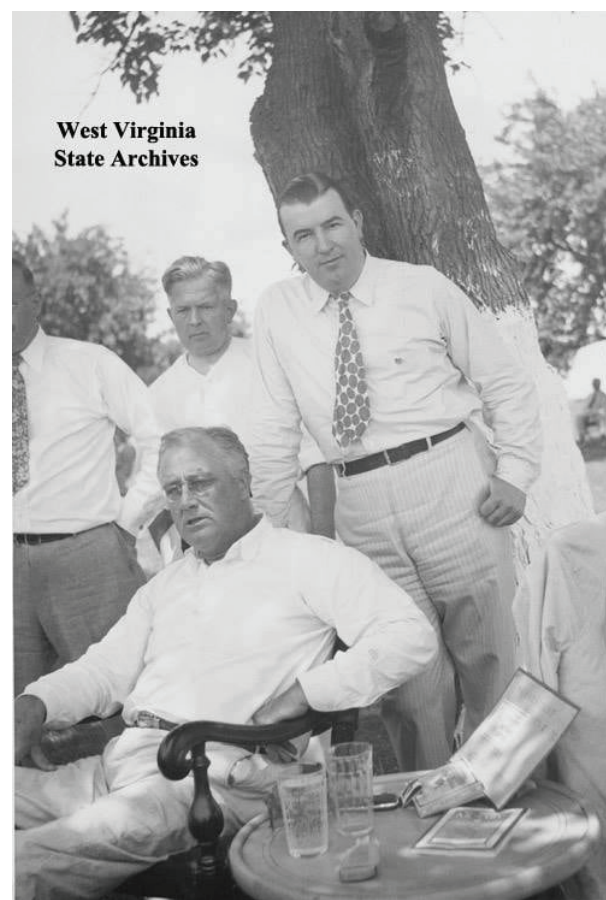
In fact, reducing the voting age from 21 to 18 wasn't popular with either of the major political parties of the time. Democrats and Republicans in Congress refused to support Randolph's desire to seek an amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing every citizen of at least 18 years of age the right to vote. While 18, 19 and 20-year-olds were being drafted to fight for the United States in wars and conflicts all over the world, they did so without the right to vote for or against the leaders who decided on our involvement.

In 1958, Congressman Randolph was elected to represent West Virginia in the United States Senate. In the much smaller but more powerful U.S. Senate, Senator Randolph continued his fight for the passage of the 26th Amendment.

The fight wasn't easy and it certainly wasn't quick. In fact, it wasn't until the height of the Vietnam War with national television news outlets on a nightly basis showing young soldiers being carried from the battlefield that public sentiment for reducing the voting age turned towards support for Randolph's initiative.

It took Randolph 29 years to get the idea of reducing the voting age to 18 passed by Congress and then to the states for ratification. What took Randolph nearly three decades to get through Congress took only 100 days to get ratified by the required 38 states. The ratification took place on July 1, 1971. The West Virginia legislature ratified the 26th Amendment on April 29, 1971.

On July 5, 1971, then-President Richard Nixon made it official and signed the 26th Amendment into law. With the stroke of a pen, more than 11 million new voters (ages 18, 19 and 20) were made eligible to vote.



U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph standing behind President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Through Senator Randolph's leadership, West Virginia played a significant role in reducing the voting age to 18 in the United States. Because of that leadership, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office has helped to lead the nation in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the passage of the 26th Amendment.

The centerpiece to the West Virginia effort is the Jennings Randolph Award for civic engagement in high schools. The award is given to any public or private high school with a student-led effort that successfully registers at least 85% of their eligible students to vote. Four years ago, Secretary of State Mac Warner reconnected the award and its objective with more than 220 West Virginia high schools.

In just 54 months, Warner's office worked with West Virginia's county clerks to register more than 67,000 eligible high school students to vote.

"One of our accomplishments that I'm most proud of is encouraging an incredible number of our young people to register to vote while still in high school," Secretary Warner said. "Eligible citizens who are registered to vote can be engaged to participate in our election process. If we can register citizens early, I believe that we can keep them engaged their entire lives."

In addition to registering voters, Warner and his team are promoting the personal leadership of Jennings Randolph. Character actor Lee Dean of Huntington is also a Field Representative for the Secretary of State's Office. Dean has been traveling the state with Warner portraying Senator Randolph. The two men also use online streaming, Facebook, Zoom and Teams to meet and talk with groups and organizations throughout the state.

Using Randolph's own words, Dean is bringing the history of the 26th Amendment alive. Clad in young Randolph's trademark white suit, Dean's portrayal of the congressman, then-senator, who never gave up on young people is fun and fact-filled for every audience.

Warner is a member of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS). His office has shared West Virginia's history, award programs, and 50th-anniversary strategy with election officials throughout the country.

Under Warner's leadership, it is now easier than ever in West Virginia to register to vote online anytime at [www.GoVoteWV.com](http://www.GoVoteWV.com).

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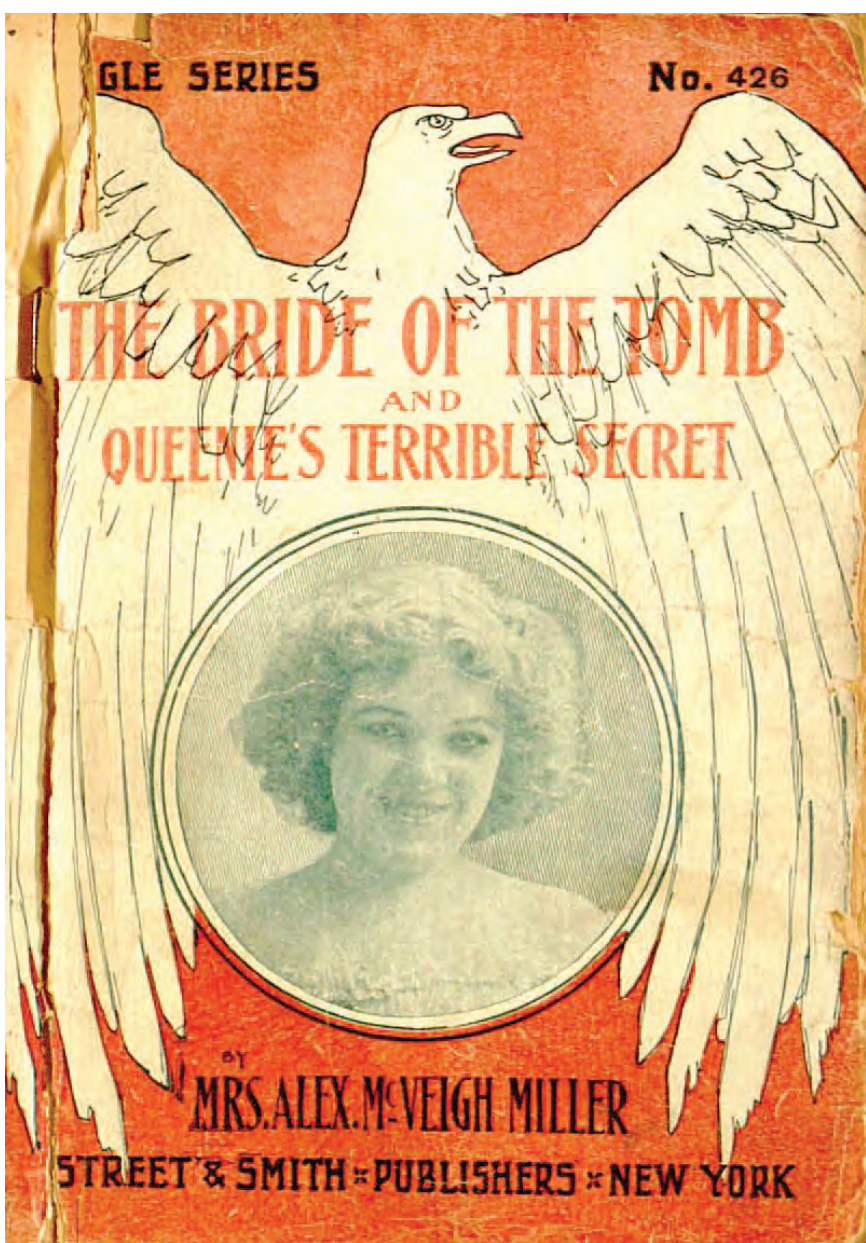
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# A Look Back



**By William "Skip" Deegans**  
 Shown in this week's photo is the original cover of the mystery romance novel that brought fame and fortune to Alderson writer, Mrs. Alexander McVeigh Miller. Born Mittie Francis Clarke Point near Richmond in 1850, she attended the Richmond Female Institute and began writing for local magazines. Her writing career was interrupted when she married Confederate veteran Thomas Jefferson Davis, gave birth to a daughter, and moved to Washing-

ton, DC. Tragically, both her husband and daughter died. Miller returned to Richmond where she resumed writing romance stories for a magazine. On a trip to West Virginia, she met Alexander (Alex) McVeigh Miller, a Fayette County school teacher. They married, and she moved to a small log cabin near the New River. Later, she and Alex moved in with his family on a farm in Nicholas County. Once again, she stopped writing except for a poem published by The Greenbrier In-

dependent. While trying to build their own house, the Millers ran out of money. Out of desperation, Miller penned The Bride of The Tomb in 1883, and sold it for \$220, enough to finish their house.

Her first novel, published as an inexpensive "dime novel," was a hit that propelled Miller to keep writing. As their finances improved, the Millers moved to Alderson. The Greenbrier Independent, in 1890, described Miller as "a Southern brunette, with large deep blue eyes..." The Millers built The Cedars (historic home now on the National Register of Historic Places), had three children, and traveled internationally. Alex, tired of teaching, became a country squire and then a state senator. His extramarital affairs lead to a divorce in 1908. Between legal wrangling with Alex and bad investments on his part, Miller took a financial hit. She went to live with her daughters, first in Boston and then in St. Petersburg, Florida,

where she died in 1937 and was returned to Alderson to be buried. Over the course of her career, Miller wrote 80 novels, numerous short stories, and over 100 poems. Some of her novels continue to be published and are available at booksellers and public libraries.

Sources: West Virginia Regional History Center Newsletter, The Times Dispatch (Richmond), Greenbrier Independent.

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

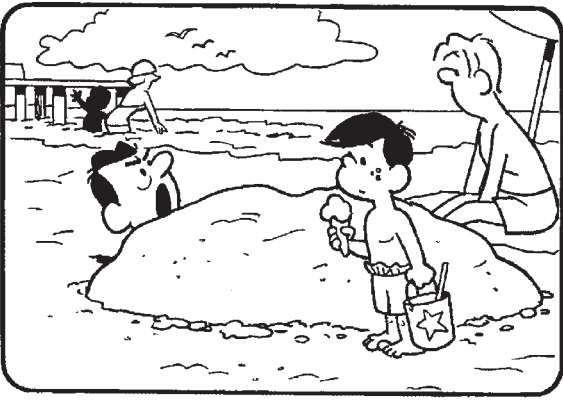
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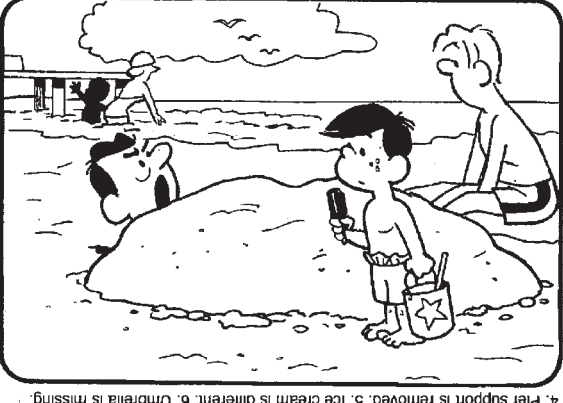
*"Husbands love it - it's \_\_\_\_\_!"*

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Birds are moved. 2. Cloud is smaller. 3. Trunks are different. 4. Pier support is removed. 5. Ice cream is different. 6. Umbrella is missing. 7. Trunks are different.

## Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Trapped
  - 8 Moderately slow tempo
  - 15 Hot coal
  - 20 Left over
  - 21 Velvet Underground singer
  - 22 Myanmar, previously
  - 23 "Chicago" poet who worked for a rival of Revlon?
  - 25 Vital liquid
  - 26 Pitcher - Nomo
  - 27 Big joint
  - 28 Antique auto
  - 30 Furry Oz visitor
  - 31 More like baking bread's smell
  - 34 2003 "American Idol" runner-up from Alberta?
  - 39 Like Hindi or Urdu
  - 41 Many a youth
  - 42 Soup sample
  - 43 Reply when the crooner of "Honey" asked how he should criticize people?
  - 48 The Fate who cut the thread of destiny
  - 52 Pitti Palace's river
  - 53 Gladys Knight & the Pips' "I've Got to Be Imaginative"
  - 54 Like an obsessed mind
  - 55 A whole lot
  - 57 "Go take a nap, you Bolshevik leader?"
  - 61 Dig up
  - 63 Range ropes
  - 64 Emmy winner Michaels
  - 65 What each guy who's an answer to a starred clue is? [hint: skip over the even letters in his first name]
  - 69 "— diem!"
  - 74 Ate into
  - 75 "180 illegal" road sign
  - 77 Gets hold of the singer of "Sittin' on The Dock of the Bay"?
  - 85 Got closer to
  - 86 Pungent red roots
  - 87 Din
  - 89 Spanish body of water
  - 90 Many private planes
  - 91 "Novelist of 'Humboldt's Gift' imitating a beach bird?"
  - 95 Chaney of "The Trap"
  - 96 Certain peer
  - 97 "McSorley's Bar" painter John
  - 98 "Co-star of 'Neighbors' with a Seussian Star-Belly?"
  - 103 Conjecturer's words
  - 108 Is unwell
  - 109 Anvil setting
  - 110 401(k) kin
  - 112 Many a youth
  - 113 Flood control
  - 115 "20-season Houston Astros player who was a hot rodder?"
  - 121 Big blue expanse
  - 122 Worked, as dough
  - 123 Garage door gadgets
  - 124 Aeries, e.g.
  - 125 Veterans
  - 126 Co-star of HBO's "Insecure"
- DOWN**
- 1 Restless
  - 2 "I'm serious!"
  - 3 Came — (burrito fill)
  - 4 Is like a mole
  - 5 Like salivary glands near ears
  - 6 Gold, to Luis
  - 7 — Aviv
  - 8 Jai —
  - 9 Like Macs
  - 10 Film bomb
  - 11 Wall St. operator
  - 12 Not old, in Ulm
  - 13 Earthling, in sci-fi
  - 14 Lawn tidier
  - 15 Dwindle
  - 16 Like PCs with several peripheral hookup points
  - 17 Small stream
  - 18 Overact
  - 19 Cellar gas
  - 24 Dwindle
  - 29 Pearl holders
  - 32 Smitten erotically
  - 33 Big name in ice cream
  - 35 121-Across off Va.
  - 36 Spike in film
  - 37 "Is that so!"
  - 38 — surface missile
  - 40 Short negligee, for short
  - 43 Duty of art
  - 44 University city in Maine
  - 45 Fewer than
  - 46 Actor Lloyd
  - 47 Soap slyuff
  - 48 Basketballer Jamison
  - 49 Faux —
  - 50 Doc — (foe of Spidey)
  - 51 Big blue expanse
  - 54 Savvy about
  - 56 Prior to
  - 58 "Judge —" (1995 film)
  - 59 Crude fluid
  - 60 Retail store starter?
  - 62 Stable group
  - 66 Diana of "West 11"
  - 67 Ike's initials
  - 68 Grazed (on)
  - 69 Acting nudge
  - 70 The tiniest bit
  - 71 Pastoral
  - 72 Rival of Ragú
  - 73 Bequeath
  - 74 Embellish
  - 76 Barely there phone signal
  - 77 Frodo foe
  - 78 Sweetie, in modern lingo
  - 79 Eagles' stats
  - 80 Non-window flight request
  - 81 Ain't correct?
  - 82 Gerund suffix
  - 83 We, to Henri
  - 84 Anderson of "The X-Files"
  - 88 Trough food
  - 91 — Paulo
  - 92 Unit of work
  - 93 London beer
  - 94 Foes
  - 96 Wayward
  - 98 Beauty shop
  - 99 Family girl
  - 100 Santas' aides
  - 101 Taxi drivers
  - 102 Not as nasty
  - 104 — petition
  - 105 Felix played by Randall
  - 106 Kelly of "One Tree Hill"
  - 107 Irregularly notched
  - 111 Clears (of)
  - 114 USN off.
  - 116 "Citizen X" co-star
  - 117 Sleazy paper
  - 118 Lemon drink
  - 119 "... grace of God —"
  - 120 Med. stats. taken with arm cuffs

## 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.

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## WVSOM accepting registrations for annual Resource Fair

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) is accepting registrations from local organizations and businesses for its annual Resource Fair, intended to introduce incoming Class of 2025 students and their families to the services available in Lewisburg and surrounding areas.

The event will take place from 3 to

4:30 p.m., July 27, in the Conference Center on the second floor of WVSOM's Student Center as part of orientation for first-year students. Tables and chairs will be provided, and participants may begin setting up at 2 p.m. on the day of the event.

Organizations interested in welcoming students to Lewisburg by participating in

the Resource Fair can request a registration form by contacting Georgette Morton at 304-647-6422 or gmorton@osteo.wvsom.edu. Forms must be returned by July 23.

Nonprofit organizations can register at no cost. Registration for for-profit businesses costs \$25, payable by a check made out to the WVSOM Foundation.

Tables and chairs will be provided, and space is limited.

In previous years, Resource Fair participants have included retail establishments, banks, insurance companies, healthcare providers, childcare centers, churches and nonprofit organizations, as well as individual departments within WVSOM.

## CISGC receives Hollowell Dawkins Foundation Grant

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) is the proud recipient of the Hollowell Dawkins Foundation's 2021 grant award.

The grant award will assist in the continuation of free services CISGC provides to Greenbrier County's at-

risk and disadvantaged youth in addition to whole school supports. More than 4,400 students benefited from services CISGC provided county-wide last school year and the number of students needing individualized services are expected to rise this fall.

## New River CTC holds fall registration events

Registration is underway at New River Community and Technical College for fall classes starting Aug. 16, and campus events are planned to help students register for classes.

"With the fall semester quickly approaching, the Campus Connect events give both our current and new students an opportunity to come to campus, talk to our faculty and staff and register for fall classes," explained Executive Director for Institutional Advancement and the New River CTC Foundation Michael Green.

Campus Connect events are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nicholas County Campus in Summersville on Aug. 2; the Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg on Aug. 4; the Mercer County Campus in Princeton on Aug. 5 and the Raleigh County Campus in Beaver on Aug. 6.

Those interested in attending can register for the events online at [www.newriver.edu/campus-connect/](http://www.newriver.edu/campus-connect/).

Registration for the fall semester will continue through Aug. 13. Visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu) or call 1-866-349-3739 for more information about New River CTC.

## Signup for 2022 gypsy moth suppression program

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is urging landowners to sign up for the 2022 Cooperative State-County-Landowner (CSCL) Gypsy Moth Suppression program. The program is focused on protecting the landowners' forested acreage from devastating effects caused by the invasive gypsy moth. The sign-up period runs from July 1 until Aug. 31, 2021.

a forest health protection specialist will visit the landowner's property to determine if the level of gypsy moth infestation meets program guidelines. A final decision to participate in the program will be made in early December 2021.

"The gypsy moth is a non-native, invasive insect that feeds on hundreds of species of trees and shrubs, including West Virginia hardwoods," said WVDA Plant Industries Assistant Director Butch Sayers. "Defoliation by gypsy moth caterpillars can weaken trees, making them more susceptible to other pests and diseases. This treatment program helps safeguard our forests from further damage."

Application forms and brochures are available at <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/plant-industries/forest-health-protection/>. Landowners may also obtain applications at local WVU Extension offices and WVDA field offices in Charleston (304-558-2212) or New Creek (304-788-1066). A non-refundable survey deposit of one dollar (\$1) per acre, not to exceed \$500, must be submitted with the application. This deposit will be applied toward payment for treatment if the landowner qualifies.

For more information, contact Quentin "Butch" Sayers at [qsayers@wvda.us](mailto:qsayers@wvda.us) or G. Scott Hoffman at [ghoffman@wvda.us](mailto:ghoffman@wvda.us).

## Dear Recycle Lady,



**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
I have accumulated many photos over the years and lately I have been sorting and organizing them. Can unwanted photographs be recycled? Does it matter whether they are black and white or colored photos? Thanks for your help.

**Organizer**  
**Dear Organizer,**  
Unfortunately, photographs are not recyclable. Chemical coatings that are used in the photo developing process make them non-recyclable. Have you considered making a collage of them and sending it to family members? An interesting collection of relatives, young and old, could make a great Christmas gift.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
What is considered "excess food?" It has been mentioned in several articles lately.

**Concerned Shopper**  
**Dear Shopper,**  
Excess food is food that is considered safe to eat, but because it is not perfect, is mislabeled or looks ugly, supermarkets and grocery stores are putting it in the trash. Nearly 40% of all food in the United States is wasted. Believe it or not, supermarkets and grocery stores throw away 43 billion pounds of imperfect food each year. Wasting food can be reduced in several ways. Find creative ways to use leftovers instead of throwing them out. For example, freeze leftovers, make soup and freeze it to use later. Make a shopping list, particularly when buying fresh fruits and vegetables, as they spoil quickly. Plan your meals and purchase accordingly. Try not to over buy when grocery shopping. Check out [www.misfitmarket.com](http://www.misfitmarket.com) to purchase "ugly" food at a substantial discount.

Kudos to New York for passing an Excess Food Law which will help feed people and reduce food waste. According to <https://news.thehungersite.gretergood.com/excess-food-law>, New York grocery stores and supermarkets will be required to donate their excess food to food banks, charities and soup kitchens that provide free food to the hungry. France has a similar law and 90% of their supermarkets now donate unwanted food. Israel is working toward getting restaurants and hotels to donate their surplus food to hungry people.

**RECYCLE WORKSHOP** - On Friday, July 16, visit anytime from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for information, discussion, and demonstrations on recycling at the Greenbrier Recycling Center located on Monroe Avenue in Roncoveerte. Come join us. We would love to see you!

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or information to [recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com](mailto:recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com). Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

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## PUZZLE ANSWERS

**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution  
1. Pistol 2. Cater;  
3. Throne; 4. Endear  
Today's Word  
**CHEAP**



# Turnpike holiday traffic heaviest since 2010

Traffic on the West Virginia Turnpike over the 2021 Fourth of July holiday season was the heaviest it's been since 2010. "It was a huge Fourth of July period," said Jeff Miller, executive director of the West Virginia Parkways Authority. "People are just ready to get out and travel." Between Thursday, July 1, 2021 and Monday, July 5, the Turnpike saw

668,004 vehicles pass through Turnpike toll booths. Since the Fourth of July falls on different days of the week, Parkways typically looks at the five days surrounding the holiday in determining traffic counts. "The fourth fell on a weekend, and a lot of people had Monday off," Miller said. Despite the Fourth falling on a Saturday last year, overall

travel numbers for the five-day holiday travel period were more than 28 percent higher than for July 4, 2020. "Last year's travel was severely affected by the pandemic," Miller said. Miller said many travelers went on vacation the weekend before the Fourth of July, and came home the weekend after. Between Sunday, June 27 and Monday, July 5,

more than 1.12 million vehicles used the Turnpike. With such high traffic volumes, travelers only experienced scattered, minor delays, Miller said.

Parkways officials posted flaggers in toll areas to help direct traffic, put on extra shifts, and coordinated with West Virginia State Police and the state Courtesy Patrol to provide the safest, fastest experience possible.

"Everyone was ready for it," Miller said. "We didn't really have any significant backups."

## Secretary of State Mac Warner reports 1,347 new business registrations for June 2021

The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office registered 1,347 new businesses statewide during the month of June 2021 according to Secretary of State Mac Warner. Pendleton County led the state in the percentage of new business registration growth for the month with a total of nine new businesses, a 1.97% increase. The Secretary of State's Business & Licensing Division reported that Summers, Hampshire, Greenbrier and Tucker counties also had notable growth during the month. A total of 13 new business entities registered in Summers County in June 2021. In Hampshire County, 21 businesses registered. Greenbrier County saw 40 new business registrations and Tucker County registered 10 new businesses with the Secretary of State's Office.

Kanawha County successfully registered 123 businesses in June 2021. Berkeley County had 87 business registrations. In Monongalia County, 78 businesses registered. Cabell County saw 58 new businesses register with Jefferson County totaling 48 registrations for the month.

Statewide, West Virginia registered 15,655 new businesses in the previous 12-month period, from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. Summers County led all 55 counties with a 17.92% growth rate for the year. To review county-by-county growth, visit our Business Statistics Database.

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6. Comments from the Commissioners;
7. Comments from the Zoning Officer;
8. Adjournment;

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The original Fantasy fundraisers were themed parties held from 1999 through 2009 at multiple locations in the Greenbrier Valley. Past Fantasies included Fantasy in White, Fantasy in the Jungle, Fantasy on the Farm, and Rock and Roll Fantasy. The theme for 2021 is Fantasy in Black and White. Be creative or be conservative - just make sure you dress in black and white.

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We are located approximately 14 miles outside of White Sulphur Springs on Rt. 92. There is no cell service, WiFi, or electricity available. Vendors will be responsible for their own tents, tables, and chairs. All vendor fees, along with Neola Baptist's Youth concession and yard sale table, will go toward helping families in our local community during Christmas.

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## MOUNTAIN STATE SPOTLIGHT

### Facing tough restrictions, WV harm reduction programs wait for federal lawsuit ruling

By Lauren Peace  
for Mountain State Spotlight

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Health providers across West Virginia are awaiting a decision in a federal lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a new state law that places tighter restrictions on programs that distribute needles in the state.

Faced with the new law, passed during the last legislative session over the objections of health experts, some harm reduction programs - like the one operated by the Cabell-Huntington Health Department - are figuring out a way to comply. But others, like a program in Marion County, have said the law is unworkable for them.

The lawsuit, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of West Virginia in U.S. District Court for the state's Southern District, will determine whether the law is allowed to go into effect. But for now, U.S. District Judge Robert C. Chambers has blocked the law with a temporary restraining order while he reviews the case.

Laura Jones oversees the harm reduction program operated by the Milan Puskar Health Right clinic in Morgantown, which is one of the plaintiffs in the case. She said the past few months have been "incredibly stressful" and she's worried for the people who rely on the clinic's program for access to sterile needles. She said that the new rules have resulted in a lot of questions about what does and doesn't violate the law.

West Virginia has a high prevalence of injection drug use and high rates of transmissible diseases like

hepatitis C and HIV. The combination makes the state extremely susceptible to outbreaks of disease, but health experts say that providing people who inject drugs with clean needles is an inexpensive and effective way to prevent spread. Doing so keeps disease down and does not increase the likelihood of drug use, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The lawmakers who advocated for the bill restricting needle services argued that the state was overrun by syringe litter and that certification guidelines were necessary.

"What the bill was trying to address was syringe litter, and there are ways to do that and we are happy to do that. But it went way beyond that," Jones said. "We have an opportunity now to keep our levels [of disease] in check. We know it will be harder to do that if the law goes into effect."

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Secretary Bill Crouch, who is listed as a defendant in the lawsuit, did not respond to a request for comment. But in a response to the lawsuit, filed on July 2, he argued that the plaintiffs "are needle-exchange program operators who are unhappy that the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 334," and asked that the judge dissolve the restraining order and drop the case.



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