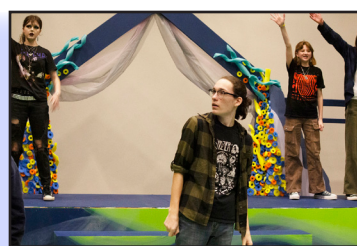




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Lewisburg Chocolate Festival tickets on sale now

The 16th annual Lewisburg Chocolate Festival will be held this year on Apr. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Lewisburg. Tickets are available for purchase now at www.unitedwaygreenbrier.org/LCF.

Tastings are one to two tickets each, and attendees usually purchase 15 to 25 tickets per person. Tickets come in packs of five for \$5. Festival organizers strongly encourage pre-ordering tickets as there is only a very small amount on hand to sell at will-call. Last year will-call tickets sold out in less than 40 minutes.

According to their Facebook page, over 3,000 tickets were sold in the first five minutes of sales opening, so make sure to secure yours as soon as possible.

Some offerings this year include milk chocolate dried blueberries, s'mores bars, moscato in chocolate cup, star tavern spiced chocolate, chocolate avalanche cookies, chocolate covered shoestrings, espresso brownies, and more.

Some events scheduled during the festival on Apr. 6 include a Chef Demo by Desiree Bittle at 11:30 a.m., a Chef Demo by Jean-Francois at 1 p.m., The Horse Guy performing at 11:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m., live music all day, Willy Wonka the movie at Greenbrier Valley Theatre at 12 noon, a Cookie Stacking Contest by New York Life Insurance Agent Christina Edwards, Candyland Photo-booth at Sheena Pendley Studio, Face Painting at Sheena Pendley Studio for \$5 to 15, and the annual Chocolate Chase 5K and 10K.

Ronceverte City Council discusses Farmer's Market details, budget revisions, and more

By Dakota Baker

Ronceverte City Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, Mar. 4 at 7 p.m. The meeting began with the approval of minutes for the Feb. 5 meeting before the citizen comment period.

Reverend Robert "Bob" Daniels of the Ronceverte First Church of God addressed the council. He is also president of the Ronceverte Ministerial Association, which gave over \$4,000 to help needy families in the city of Ronceverte last year, and wanted to inform the public that any families in need can apply for utility/financial assistance at the Ronceverte library. Applicants can complete the application process at the library and the treasurer of the Ministerial Association will immediately be contacted and will do their best to assist those in need. The Ronceverte Ministerial Association will help a family or individual one time per year. Reverend Dan-

iels also happens to be a chairperson of the Ronceverte Food Pantry, which serves approximately 80 households a month. The food pantry operates on the second and fourth Saturday of every month from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

The council approved Resolution #3, which relates to the design and construction of the water upgrade project; an environmental report from E.L. Robinson related to the project; and also approved a second budget revision for the 2023-24 calendar year. Funding was moved from the contingency account to the law enforcement account for the hiring of staff and the cost of the police academy in Charleston, as well as additional equipment and uniforms. The council also went over the budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025, which was reduced by \$40,000 compared to last year's budget; this budget was approved. There is a vacant position in the parks

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Lewisburg woman celebrates 106th birthday

Long time Lewisburg resident Mildred Rutledge turned 106 years old last week on Mar. 7, and was paid a birthday visit by Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White and City Manager Misty Hill to celebrate the occasion. Mildred was born in Charleston on March 7, 1918. Pictured are Mildred (left) and Mayor White during the visit.



New Sheriff's Deputy sworn in

Colton VanDyke took his oath of office as the newest member of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday, Mar. 12. The oath was administered by Chief Circuit Judge Robert E. Richardson.

Colton has served as a Deputy Sheriff with the Anderson County, TN, Sheriff's Department for the past few years.

Colton stated, "I am thankful for the opportunity to return to my home county to raise my family and serve the citizens of Greenbrier County." Deputy VanDyke is eager to begin his new career with the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department.



Chief Circuit Judge Robert Richardson swears Colton VanDyke into the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department.

Chief Deputy Bart Baker commented, "Colton is going to be a tremendous asset to our department and the county. We look forward to his ser-

vice with the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office and his continued commitment to public service for the citizens of Greenbrier County."

Lewisburg frontrunner for Best Small Town Food Scene Award

By Sarah Richardson

Lewisburg is once again in the lineup to win a USA Today's 10Best Reader's Choice award, and as of this week has bumped from the second to the first place spot in the competition for Best Small Town Food Scene. Nominees for the 10Best awards are submitted by a panel of experts before 10Best editors narrow the field to a final selection of nominees to be voted on by the public. Readers can vote once per category, per day.

Lewisburg's description reads: "There's a lot to eat in downtown Lewisburg at morning, noon, and night. Grab a sweet treat from Amy's Market, pick up some baked goods and soups from Corn + Flour, tuck into a steak at Food & Friends, or enjoy brick oven pizza in a relaxed atmosphere at Hill and Holler."

Other towns in the lineup include Thomasville, GA; Abingdon, VA, Traverse City, MI; Oxford, MS, Mount Dora, FL; and others. In 2023, Lewisburg competed in the same category and won first place. To vote, visit <https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-small-town-food-scene-2024/>.



House adopts budget, adjourns Sine Die

The West Virginia House of Delegates adjourned Saturday, Mar. 9 at midnight after having completed 280 bills, including Senate Bill 200, the budget bill.

The bill, which goes next to the governor for action, covers Fiscal Year 2025: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. It totals \$4.996 billion in General Revenue funds and includes pay raises for state workers whose pay scales are in state code. State Police personnel would receive a \$2,900 annual salary increase, teachers will

receive a \$2,460 annual pay increase, and school service personnel would receive an additional \$140 a month. The budget bill also empowers state agencies with the authority to give all other state employees raises if funds are available to do so.

The full Legislature unanimously passed a bill to eliminate the state income tax on Social Security benefits through a three-year phase-out. Under this proposal, like the one enacted in 2019, all the taxable Social Security benefits received in 2026

and beyond would be exempt from tax. Members of the House of Delegates stopped to applaud after taking the vote to pass it on to the governor just after 10 p.m. Saturday.

Finance Committee Chairman Vernon Criss, R-Wood, had told members of his committee to think of the budget adopted during the 60-day regular legislative session as "act one." Senate Bill 200 listed nine items in Section 9, what commonly gets referred to as "back of the budget" directives for surplus money gener-

ally allotted for one-time spending.

Criss reiterated Saturday to the full House that additional budget adjustments would be made once the executive receives clarity from the federal government about education spending levels.

"We're still working with a shortened situation because of the federal situation," he said, indicating an extraordinary session is expected to coincide with already-scheduled May interim committee meetings. "We'll have another two-and-a-half months of

revenues in front of us and we can take these items and adjust them upward."

The Legislature also passed a bill to hold stable the state's unemployment trust fund, which has been paying out between \$2 million and \$3 million than it's been bringing in. The measure that advanced to the governor for action would freeze employer contributions to the fund, keeps the maximum weekly benefit at \$662 and holds the maximum number of weeks a person could receive benefits to 26 weeks.

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Local teams to compete in 2024 WV Bridge Design and Build contest finals

Finalists have been announced for the 2024 West Virginia Bridge Design and Build contest.

Twenty-two high school teams and nine middle school teams will participate in the finals at the WVU Institute of Technology Campus in Beckley on Friday, Apr. 5, and Saturday, Apr. 6.

The event, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) for over 20 years, focuses on engineering, by using real world design principles in the software with which students design their bridges. There were 138 teams, an individual or team of two students, from schools all over the state submitting a total of 650 designs in this year's contest.

"West Virginia Division of Highways has hosted the competition for 25 years and counting," said Jennifer Dooley, WVDOT Public Relations Director. "We've witnessed students go to college and go into engineering because of the competition, and it's really rewarding."

The high school finalists include 12 teams from Pikeview High School in Mercer County, three teams from Greenbrier East High School in Greenbrier County, three teams from Morgantown High School in Monongalia County, two teams from Winfield High School in Putnam County, one team from East Fairmont High School in Marion County, and one team from Princeton Senior High School in Mercer County.



Three teams from Greenbrier East High School and five teams from Eastern Greenbrier Middle School will be competing in the annual Bridge Design and Build contest in Charleston this April.

The middle school finalists include five teams from Eastern Greenbrier Middle School in Greenbrier County, one team from Pikeview Middle School in Mercer County, one team Suncrest Middle School in Monongalia County, one team from Andrew Jackson Middle School in Kanawha County, and one team from Barboersville Middle School in Cabell County.

The balsa wood building kits will be mailed out to the finalists within the next two weeks.

"This competition brings out the best in West Virginia's students," said Dooley. "Not only the students, but parents, siblings, teachers. Everyone rallies together around the student teams and it's something we at West Virginia Department of Transportation are proud to be part of."

On Sunday, Apr. 7, students will be rewarded with a tour of the New River Gorge Bridge catwalk, courtesy of BridgeWalk. All students who entered the competition earned a free tour for themselves and their families.

WVDOT hopes this competition can interest students in a career with the agency. Numerous students who have

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The WSS Public Library Book sale starts Mar. 16 and ends Mar. 21, with hardbacks selling for \$2 and paperbacks for \$1.

White Sulphur Springs Public Library Book Sale begins this weekend

Calling all bargain book lovers! The White Sulphur Springs Public Library will host a used book sale, made possible through generous contributions from our community, starting on Saturday, Mar. 16, and lasting until close of business Thursday, Mar. 21. The sale will be held during normal Library hours.

Hardbacks will sell at \$2 and paperbacks for \$1. Books on CD and DVDs will go for a dollar. All proceeds will go to support the White Sulphur Springs Public Library. There is a wide assortment of nonfiction books including craft and art books, as well as an exciting assortment of novels by best-selling fiction authors. 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.

The White Sulphur Springs Public Library is located at 344 W Main Street in White Sulphur Springs. Please call 304-536-1171, if you have any questions.

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and recreation board as well as the planning and zoning commission; anyone interested can submit a letter of interest to the city if wishing to apply. Letters of interest need to be submitted by Mar. 22.

The summer farmers market has an anticipated start date of Friday, May 31, from 5 p.m. to dark on Edgar Avenue. The street will remain open as vendors will set up on the sidewalks in front of businesses that are agreeable. The events and planning committee has proposed vendors for the farmers market to pay a one-time \$5 fee to set up, or if they want an unlimited amount for the year, it would be a \$25 fee. The farmer's market is anticipated to be set up every Friday from May 31 until the end of summer. The council tabled this proposal until further review.

In other news, the Ronceverte River Festival will be bringing back its 5K run, and the Splash Pad plans to open around the middle of May.

Trail maintenance day scheduled April 7

The Greenbrier Valley Off-Road Biking Association will be holding a trail maintenance day in conjunction with their launch party on Sunday, Apr. 7, starting at 1 p.m. in the Greenbrier State Forest. We will begin constructing a new trail that will become part of the Figure 8 system already in place. This additional trail is being created to increase the inventory of beginner trails in the state forest.

1. The Greenbrier State Forest requires volunteers working in the forest to complete volunteer forms. We will have those available on Apr. 7 for all volunteers to complete.

2. Equipment to bring if you are able: hard rakes, pruners, hand saws and weed eaters.

3. This is not a NICA-sanctioned event. This trail work day is intended for adult members of GVORBA or any adult wishing to help improve our local trails. High-school-age youth may participate, but this work will not be appropriate for younger kids.

4. Bring plenty of water to drink. We also recommend wearing long pants, long sleeves and gloves given the materials and foliage we will be working in.

If you have any questions, please call or text 843-737-1199.

Man arrested for fentanyl in Greenbrier County

On Monday, Mar. 11, a traffic stop was conducted by Deputy Herman Rodriguez of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department.

Controlled substances were found inside the vehicle during a subsequent search and the substance would test positive for fentanyl. Follow up investigation would indicate the individual responsible for the delivery of that controlled substance.

A warrant for delivery of a controlled substance was obtained for James Matthew Walkup, 47, of Greenbrier

County. He was arrested pursuant to the warrant on Tuesday, Mar. 12, and transported to the Southern Regional Jail in Beaver, WV.

Walkup had previously been arrested for delivery of a controlled substance in January of 2024 and was out on bond for that offense at the time of his arrest on Mar. 12.

Deputy Rodriguez is the investigating officer.

PICK OF THE LITTER



STAR

Star is a six-year-old female domestic shorthair

MIKA

Mika is an 8-month-old female terrier mix and weighs 40 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.

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

They also offer donation-based spay/neuter vouchers, and clinics are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. They use a lot of vets in the area but the clinics fill up fast! Fill out an application to help prevent animal overpopulation! Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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United Way of the Greenbrier Valley is seeking candidates for a full-time Executive Director to lead, under the direction of the Board of Directors, an effective organization focused on implementing strategies to impact Greenbrier, Monroe and Pocahontas County residents in the areas of health, education and basic needs.

Candidates should possess commitment to mission, a high degree of energy and integrity, strong community-based background with demonstrated participation in social service nonprofit organizations, significant experience in fiscal management, grant writing, a successful record of fund-raising and proven ability to work with staff and volunteers to develop and implement successful strategic plans. Bachelor's degree and previous non-profit experience preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. For additional information about United Way visit UnitedWayGreenbrier.org

To apply, submit cover letter and resume to info@unitedwaygbv.org.

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Saturday 3/23 Kids "Jump Into Easter" @ Southern Elite Gymnastics Center from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Register at fbcfairlea.com.

EASTER SUNDAY, 3/31

- Son-rise Service at The Greenbrier's Chapel at 7 a.m. (Shuttle provided)
- Breakfast at the church at 9 a.m.
- Combined Bible Study Class at 10 a.m.
- Resurrection Service at 11 a.m.

Briefly

Williamsburg Shooting Match

Hope you are staying warm. Come join us for the Williamsburg Shooting Match on Mar. 16 beginning at 7 p.m. Match will be eight rounds, 12-gauge guns only. Full choke, .660 inch minimum. Screw in chokes must be from a recognized supplier (patented) and extend no more than 3 inches beyond original barrel. Barrel length 34" maximum. First Seven rounds @ \$2.50 per shot, eighth round 50/50 @\$7.50 per shot. Shooters must compete in the first 7 rounds in order to compete in the 8th round. 50/50 splatter match is \$1 per chance between rounds - Cash prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be a shooter to win! Come early! Come Hungry! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 5 p.m. Families welcomed; you don't have to shoot to come get a meal! The match will be held at the Community Building, 6571 Shoestring, Trail, Williamsburg, WV. We hope to see you all there. Sponsored by a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action. For more information and directions visit our website: www.williamsburgwv.com or call Bill Jarvis at 304-645-3690.

Spring Craft and Vendor Show

The American Heritage Music Hall presents their third annual Spring Craft and Vendor Show at the State Fair of West Virginia Cecil H. Underwood Youth Center. The show runs Friday, Mar. 15, from 12 noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Mar. 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be over 40 vendors and crafters, pictures with the Easter bunny, Easter eggs for children, and a concession stand. The Easter bunny will be there on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner set for March 16

Join us for a Corned beef and Cabbage Dinner featuring Williamsburg's famous cornpone. The dinner will benefit the Williamsburg Food Pantry and will be held on Mar. 16 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Center. The menu includes corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rolls or cornpone, a variety of desserts, and drinks. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 6 years of age. Call 304-392-5537 with questions. This event is sponsored by the Williamsburg Food Pantry. The Williamsburg Community Center is located at 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg.

Launch party set

for local off-road biking chapter

The Greenbrier Valley Off-Road Biking Association (GVORBA) is up and running! We are your local IMBA (International Mountain Bicycling Association) Chapter, and we'd love to invite you to a launch party to share what we've been up to and our goals for the future. You'll have an opportunity to meet our board and founding members and learn more about how you can get involved. Save the date: Friday, May 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Greenbrier Valley Visitor's Center, Lewisburg.

Senior Prom - a prom for all ages

The community is invited to the Senior Prom Apr. 5 presented by the Greenbrier County Committee on Aging in partnership with the WVSOM Geriatrics Club from 6 to 9 p.m. at the WVSOM Alumni Building. There will be music and dancing, snacks, and a cash bar. Tickets may be purchased at the Fairlea or Rupert Senior Centers - \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Call 304-645-7842 for more information and for sponsorship opportunities. Donations to benefit the Greenbrier County Committee on Aging may be sent to GCCA, 1003 Greenbrier Street, Rupert, WV 25984.

Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council

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

Greenbrier County Farmland Protection Board

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

Greenbrier Public Service District #1

will meet Friday, Mar. 22 at 8 a.m. at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Feb. 23, 2024
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Phase B extension project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other Phase B project-related business brought before the Board
- Phase C extension project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other Phase C project-related business brought before the Board
- Meadowbrook Estates wastewater system project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other Phase B project-related business brought before the Board
- Other business brought before the Board

Marriages

Sarah Jane Boone and Christopher Stanley Fletcher
Robin Lee Crisp and Bruce Allen Martin, Jr.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Tina V. Gwinn-Forren, Meadow Bridge, 1) speeding, fine \$30; 2) Driving left of center, fine \$15, NCP
Charles L. Allen III, Glen Burnie, MA, speeding, fine \$30, GP
Willie Jones, Columbus, OH, speeding, fine \$38, NCP
Shayla F. Tincher, Rupert, speeding, Fine \$40, NCP
Luis Hernandez, Alderson, 1) no operators, fine \$50; 2) speeding, fine \$34, NCP
Linda K. Barker, Rainelle, seatbelt violation, fine \$25, GP
Randolph A. Mitchell, Lortan, VA, speeding, fine \$18, NCP
Shivani U. Patel, Severn, MD, speeding, fine \$34, GP
Mason Breech, McDermott, OH, speeding, fine \$36, GP
Tiffanie R. Truitt, Union, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, fine \$25, NCP
Augustus P. Matthews IV, Tatum, TX, reckless driving, fine \$25, NCP
Brett Wayne Altizer, Quinwood, 1) illegal possession (wildlife), fine \$75; 2) failure to check game electronically, fine \$40

WVSOM anatomy camp for high school students set for June 24-28



High schoolers can apply for WVSOM's second annual Clinical Anatomy Summer Experience (CASE) camp, which will be held this June.

Area high-schoolers will have a chance to experience a gross anatomy lab in person when the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) hosts its second annual Clinical Anatomy Summer Experience (C.A.S.E.) camp.

Applications are open now for the 2024 camp, which will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 24 to 28, on the school's campus in Lewisburg.

C.A.S.E. is free for campers and provides hands-on clinical anatomy education in the classroom and WVSOM's gross anatomy lab. Participants will learn about anatomical structures and their clinical importance through a weeklong series of interactive activities. Materials and lunchtime meals will be provided.

Karen Wines, a WVSOM anatomy instructor who leads the camp, said the experience will allow attendees to understand the human body's complexities in a new way and teach them about the different options available to people who want to work in the health care industry.

"We're excited to be able to offer this camp for the second year," Wines said. "The program has proven to be an unforgettable experience for campers, who explore medical education through hands-on activities. We will spend time working in small groups in the classroom and the gross anatomy lab, where campers will interact with medical students and faculty to discover a greater appreciation for the human form and learn about clinical correlations resulting from findings during lab dissection."

Wines said three medical student interns will work with WVSOM faculty to deliver content at this year's camp, which will be expanded to accommodate 15 students. Last year's inaugural camp accepted 10 campers.

For the Record

Deeds

Ronald R. Anderson to Luz Marina Silva: lots 75 -76, Lewisburg District, Map 5 Parcel 124. Filed Feb 29, 2024.

Fred J. Wells (by administrator Stuart Wells) to George T. Norris and Aptil L. Norris: 3,035 White Sulphur District, Map 24J Parcel 0004. Filed Feb. 29, 2024.

Roland Willis to Lenora Jackson: 0.217 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 0081 Parcel 0000. Filed Feb. 29, 2024.

Romie C. Hughart and Sherry P. Hughart to Romie C. Hughart Jr., Virginia Johnson, and Deeanne Snead: 6.643 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 1 Parcel 17. Filed Feb. 29, 2024.

Haven N. Wall Jr. to Brown Road LLC: 1.58 acres plus right-of-way, Fort Spring District, Map 14 Parcel 8.2. Filed Feb. 29, 2024.

Roger L. Knight and Brittany C. Knight to Mask S. Braskey II: 0.17 acres & 0.34 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 31E 31E Parcel 0007, 0008. Filed March 1, 2024.

Loretta A. Young to Julian D. Young: lot 78, Ronceverte District, Map 10 Parcel 295. Filed March 1, 2024.

Robert L. Andres to William F. Brinkley and Nanette S. Brinkley: 1.69 acres & 9.88 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 1, 24 Parcel 0014, 0038. Filed March 1, 2024.

Alma J. Fernandez to Norma G. Camp: lot 7 and part of lot 6, White Sulphur District, Map 8 Parcel 10. Filed March 5, 2024.

James G. Morgan Jr. to David J. Gibson and Suzanne E. Gibson: 0.39 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 19 Parcel 48. Filed March 5, 2024.

Skipper Zickafoose to Lynn Lagrange and Benetta Lagrange: 1.00 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 40A Parcel 1. Filed March 5, 2024.

Rochelle Joy to Trestle WV LLC: 22.53 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 17 Parcel 27.1. Filed March 5, 2024.

Kala D. Dunbar to Tyler B. Smith and Ryan C. Smith: lot 2, Lewisburg District, Map 20K Parcel 5. Filed March 6, 2024.

Sharon J. Lightner to Carol A. Groves and Cynthia K. Lightner: 2 tracts, Lewisburg District, Map 8 Parcel 12. Filed March 7, 2024.

Mary E. Casey to Jessica M. Surface: 3 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 0100. Filed March 7, 2024.

Mary E. Casey to Jonathan E. Tilley: 3 acres more or less, Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 0100. Filed March 7, 2024.

Mary E. Casey to James B. Tilley: 3 acres more or less, Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 0100. Filed March 7, 2024.

Mary E. Casey to Chadwick E. Casey 3 acres more or less, Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 0100. Filed March 7, 2024.

Shannon F. Vance to BGRS Relocation Inc.: 0.742 acres more or less, Irish Corner District, Map 17 Parcel 43.1. Filed March 7, 2024.

Shannon V. Rose to Juanita N. McCormick: 0.24 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 12 Parcel 225. Filed March 7, 2024.

Joe B. Hayes Jr. and Linda Kaye Hayes to Vinh Nguyen: lot 1 and half of lot 2, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 0234. Filed March 7, 2024.

Edward L. Carter to Tina L. Carter: 80.631 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 25 Parcel 0004, corrective deed. Filed March 7, 2024.

Elizabeth H. Bower and James F. Bower to Elizabeth H. Bower and James F. Bower: 60 X 180, Lewisburg District, Map 28 Parcel 0026. Filed March 8, 2024.

WV Trustee Services LLC to Rocket Mortgage LLC Quicken Loans: lot 88 - 90, Lewisburg District, Map 18N Parcel 0041. Filed March 11, 2024.

Stephen Acerbi to Stephen Acerbi and Iris Acerbi: 32,445 square feet, Anthony Creek District, Map 400 Parcel 0003. Filed March 11, 2024.

Jay P. Sullivan (by attorney-in-fact) to Aidan Sullivan and Benjamin Sullivan: lot 2, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60K Parcel 9. Filed March 11, 2024.

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New River Conservancy receives One Foundation grant

New River Conservancy (NRC) is honored to be the recipient of a \$50,000 One Foundation grant to support the research, development, and planning towards a comprehensive, Three-State Water Trail for the New River. The comprehensive water trail will be a critical tool for economic development, creating new and expanding existing ecotourism in a manner inclusive of all areas and populations along the watershed. The plan will identify the infrastructure needs such as boat ramps, roads, and access parks. Signage and communicative elements will be created, which provides both safety measures as well as educational opportunities.

The One Foundation was founded by Marz Attar on the principle of Rahm, the experience that compels us to give. The One Foundation is both regionally and internationally minded, dedicating resources and mentorship to helping grassroots organizations working throughout central Appalachia and beyond to nurture transformation from the ground up by helping regenerate community, the planet and self. Attar has noted, "The world is in crisis. We need one another to vision together, to creatively imagine, to collaboratively strategize and to take action to heal our communities. To achieve this unity of thought and action, we need love, sacrifice and to share our gifts with those who seek."

NRC Executive Director Elizabeth Underwood says, "At the core of this comprehensive water trail is the creation of partnerships; this project would bring together leaders from the municipalities of 15 counties, including leaders who are elected and appointed, paid staff and volunteers, national park and state parks, representing governments, nonprofit organizations, universities and local businesses. It is these relationships that connect and restore the communities of the New River watershed."

A primary opportunity of this project is the ability to create comprehensiveness and consistency throughout the watershed. Because of the expansiveness of the New River - 360 miles flowing through three states and 15 counties - there are dozens of self-governing municipalities throughout the region. Creating consistent messaging throughout the water trail, including signage and outreach materials, is an opportunity that would impact the entire watershed. An analogy would be to compare the river to an interstate of a geographical equivalent. Because interstates have consistent signage, the traveler is made aware of when they are crossing state lines, where to stop for fuel



Signage along the New River Water Trail in Giles County will expand throughout the New River Watershed.

(Photo courtesy New River Water Trail)

and lodging, and important geologic features. Not only are there signs, but those signs are identifiable with a consistent and recognizable appearance. This knowledge allows one to travel with more confidence, and thus increases travel, tourism and economic development. Currently if one were traveling by river, there is a dearth of signage, messaging, and understanding of the geology. The New River crosses state lines four times (due to a "horseshoe bend" between North Carolina and Virginia) without any signage. There are low water bridges and dams, which can be dangerous safety hazards. Mileage markers, educational signs, and a comprehensive map that identifies access points on the river would increase safety and users to the river, thus increasing tourism and economic development to the various municipalities.

It is important to note that this project will be building off of the success of Giles County, VA, whose leaders developed the New River Water Trail. The creators of this registered and trade-marked project had the wisdom to start their county's water trail as if milepost zero was positioned at the river's headwaters, which allows other counties and municipalities to seamlessly continue the project across state and county lines. Giles County has expressed their full support for NRC to pursue building upon their efforts to continue this project from North Carolina through West Virginia.

New River Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations to this project are tax deductible. For more information, please contact Lisa Stansell-Galitz at lisa@newriversconservancy.org, or you may call 304-661-0947.

WV Department of Education seeks organization partners to feed children this summer

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is seeking partnerships with organizations across the state to help feed children and provide supervised activities this summer. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) helps to bridge the hunger gap for thousands of children. When school is out of session during the summer months, community programs and organizations are vital to ensuring children in West Virginia are still receiving the nutrition they need, especially in low-income areas.

County boards of education, local government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations can participate SFSP, which ensures children ages 18 and under in lower-income areas continue to receive free, nutritious meals during the summer when they do not have access to the programs available during the school year, like the School Breakfast Program or National School Lunch Program. Feeding sites often include schools, churches, community centers, pools, parks, libraries, housing complexes, and summer camps.

"Supporting summer feeding sites in your community is one of the most important things we can do to ensure no child goes hungry this summer," said State Superintendent of

Schools Michele L. Blatt. "Children require consistent, good-quality nutrition for the development of their minds and bodies. We want to make certain every child returns to the classroom in the fall ready to learn."

According to state-level data, an average of 204,555 children in West Virginia - about 82% of school children - depend on free and reduced-price meals at school. This is why it is vitally important to continue to offer meals in the summer months when children are at the highest risk for food insecurity.

"In 2023, 563 Summer Food Program sites provided nutritious meals to children in West Virginia, and we believe many organizations will renew their commitment for 2024," said Amanda Harrison, Director of the Office of Child Nutrition. "We encourage new organizations in communities all across the Mountain State to join us so the number of sites can grow and more children have access to healthy meals."

Organizations interested in becoming a 2024 summer sponsor should contact Cybele Boehm at cboehm@k12.wv.us or Samantha Reeves at snuffer@k12.wv.us or by calling the Office of Child Nutrition at 304-558-3396. Summer sites will be announced in June 2024.

For media inquiries, contact Christy Day at the West Virginia Department of Education Office of Communications at 304-558-2699 or christy.day@k12.wv.us.

Thelma Grace McMillion



Thelma Grace McMillion, 70, of Williamsburg, WV, passed away Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024, with family members by her side. Born June 12, 1953, in Ronceverte, she was the daughter of the late Paul Walker and Lorene Irene Zahn McMillion.

Thelma attended Williamsburg High School and graduated from Greenbrier East High School Class of 1971. She attended McMillion United Methodist Church, was a member of the Williamsburg Volunteer Rescue Squad serving 22 years as secretary/treasurer. Thelma was a charter member of the GFWV Williamsburg Junior Women's Club, later serving all offices in that club and GFWCWV Rupert Women's Club. She served two years as GFWCWV Southern District President. Thelma also served as GFWCWV International Chairman. She enjoyed genealogy, scrapbooking and attending square dances.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandparents, Kenna W. and Rachel Jackson McMillion and John W. and Emellia Depner Zahn.

Survivors include her lifelong partner of 49 years, James "Jimmy" Spencer, foster son, Clyde Lyons all of Williamsburg, WV, several cousins and many friends.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 29, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, with Pastor Jesse Pope officiating. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday,

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Feb. 28, at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service, Thursday, in the Wallace Memorial Cemetery.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Lynn Aaron



Lynn Aaron, a third-generation West Virginian, passed away on January 9, 2024, in Lewisburg, WV, at the age of 80. She was the oldest child of Herbert Gottlieb of Welch, WV, and Betty Lee Schuchat of Lewisburg, WV.

Lynn and her brothers Steven Gottlieb (Laura Penny) and Dr. Frederick Gottlieb (Cynthia Godsey), spent their childhood in Parkersburg and Clarksburg, where Herbert was a pharmacist and Betty was a social worker, both serving the needs of West Virginians throughout their lives.

After graduating from High School in Clarksburg, Lynn attended the University of Indiana in Bloomington, where she met and married Theodore Steiner of Los Angeles. Together, they moved to the San Francisco Bay area, where Theodore became a professor of psychology at San Francisco State University, and Lynn pursued a career in fine arts gallery management.

They have two children, Michael (Laura Murphy) of Portland, Oregon, and Rachel (Yonah Bookstein) of Los Angeles, California.

After two decades in California, and despite her flourishing career, Lynn's heart yearned for West Virginia, prompting her move to Lewisburg, a place she had always loved dearly. It was a town full of memories of her grandparents' store on Washington Street, their home on Church Street, the beautiful Greenbrier River, and the kindness of neighbors.

Lynn continued to work in gallery management, in town, and at The Greenbrier Resort, celebrating the talents of local artists and artisans. Everywhere she went, she made a family of friends and neighbors. Lynn was a lifelong seeker and embraced alternative and energetic healing, becoming a Reiki master in a circle of local practitioners.

Lynn's abiding love of and connection with animals was renowned, and she devoted years of service to the West Virginia SPCA. In her retirement, she became a "pet whisperer" to Greenbrier County's most beloved and most spoiled pets. Lynn avidly tended and watched her bird feeders and had a small colony of birds, squirrels, and deer gathered outside her home daily. She fed them with love and care even when her health required her to have help with this and many physical tasks.

Lynn took immense pride in her Lewisburg home, adorned with an extensive art collection. From local artists to pre-Columbian and African art,

her residence resembled a small museum, a testament to her refined taste.

A lifelong San Francisco Giants fan, Lynn's passion for baseball persisted in Lewisburg, attending minor league games and following her team loyally.

A devoted and beloved grandmother to Moshe, Tzofiya, Shlomo, and Naftali, she never missed a family celebration and never missed sending her legendary birthday cards. During the pandemic years, she let her grandchildren teach her how to use technology to join video calls and Zoom into family gatherings. She enjoyed them "dropping in" to Grandma Lynn's Kitchen from their linked devices wherever they were.

Despite the challenges posed by her condition, Lynn faced her diagnosis with unwavering strength, tirelessly working to maintain her health. Her determination allowed her to stay in the home she loved, filled with laughter, art, and memories.

Lynn approached life with humor and an indomitable spirit, staying true to her vision until the end. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, brothers, cousins, and friends. She left a legacy of resilience and independence and was an example of a woman steadfast in pursuing her passions. Lynn Aaron will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A memorial service will be held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Parkersburg, on a date to be announced.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

OPINION

Letter to the Editor

Thank you

Dear Recycle Lady,

I read your articles every week in the Mountain Messenger and have for over 15 years when I lost my parents. They were born in West Virginia, as I was growing up in Springcreek. I love reading the paper about Greenbrier. If it wasn't for you I wouldn't know about the VA Medical Center in Beckley and them using cards and notepads. I mailed them a box of cards and notepads. I am sending you one of the letters they sent. Thank you very much.

Michael L. Brenner
Newark, OH

Beckley VA Medical Center (517)
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Dear Mr. Brenner:

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Variety of grant programs available for application to artists, art organizations

Applications are now open for 11 arts grants through the West Virginia Commission on the Arts of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. These grant programs are available for application by artists, local governments, and not-for-profit organizations with an arts-related mission. Funding for these programs is made possible by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, West Virginia State Legislature, and Volunteer West Virginia.

The deadline for submission through the State Arts Office's online grants portal, GOapply, is Monday, Apr. 1, at 11:59 p.m. A description of each available grant is listed below.

Arts in Education - Arts Exposure Projects grant provides support for schools and nonprofit organizations, as well as individual artists and artist collectives, to present professional performing,

literary, and visual artists to students in grades K-12.

Arts in Education - School-Based and Out-of-School-Based Projects grant provides support to schools and nonprofit organizations for curriculum-based, hands-on projects that involve K-12 students and teachers in the arts during daily instruction or outside of regular school hours.

Community Arts Project Support grant provides support for nonprofit organizations and local governments to provide arts programming in all disciplines to the public. Categories include presenting artists, performing artists, visual arts, media arts and folk and traditional arts.

Creative Aging for Lifelong Learning grant provides support for individual artists, schools, local governments, and nonprofit organizations to carry out projects that teach a new skill in the arts to a group of adults.

Cultural Facilities and

Capital Resources grant provides support for building and renovation projects at arts facilities and history museums.

Living Traditions: Folk Art - Project Support for Artists grant provides support for individual artists to improve their skills in an area specifically related to folk and traditional arts.

Living Traditions: Folk Arts - Organizations grant provides support to schools, governments, and nonprofit organizations to host workshops, activities, or training in the folk and traditional arts.

Professional Development for Artists grant provides support for individual artists to expand or improve their work or share their expertise with others.

Public Art - Sept. 11 Day of Service grant provides support for visual two- and three-dimensional public art projects that honor local veterans, engage community volunteers, and are celebrated on Sept. 11.

Funding for this program is provided by Volunteer West Virginia.

STEAM Power WV grant provides support to schools and non-profit organizations for projects that integrate the arts with STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) disciplines for K-12 students. Funding for this program is provided by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

Youth Engagement through Public Art grant provides support to schools, local governments, and 501(c)3 organizations for public art projects that engage local youth in the planning and/or implementation of the project.

Access to the grants portal GOapply and sample grant applications, including eligible project expenses and evaluation criteria, are available at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>. Contact the State Arts Office staff at 304-558-0240 with any questions.

West Virginia Hive, WVU Tech launch lab seeking entries for 2024 Pitch Southern WV Business Idea Competition

Deadline for entrepreneurs to submit proposals is March 23

The West Virginia Hive, in partnership with the West Virginia University Institute of Technology (WVU Tech) Launch Lab, will host their next Pitch Southern West Virginia Business Idea Competition on Apr. 23, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the WVU Tech campus in Beckley. The deadline for entrepreneurs to apply is Mar. 23.

Diana Woods, director of the WVU Tech Launch Lab who is serving as coordinator of the event, said, "The Pitch Southern West Virginia competition will look a little different this spring. The format has been restructured from 'community' and 'student' divisions to 'incubation' and 'ideation' divisions." She said the incubation division is for entrepreneurs who have already registered their business and have made their first sales. The ideation division is for those who have not yet registered their business or who have registered but have not made their first sales.

"We felt these changes were needed in order to group competitors in their respective stages of start-up, so they compete with others at the same level, as well as, to encourage new innovators to participate in the competition," said Woods. "The ideation division is ideal for students and individuals who want to get early feedback on their ideas and to gain valuable pitch experience but are not yet ready to launch their business."

Woods said a panel of judges will select the winners and award \$5,000 in prizes. The funding for the awards is from private contributors. Woods said the upcoming pitch competition is open to residents and businesses located in Raleigh, Fayette, Nicholas, Summers, Webster, Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe, Mercer, Wyoming, McDowell, Logan and Mingo Counties and WVU Tech students, faculty and staff. Entries to the business idea competition are limited to entrepreneurs of new startups and businesses in operation for less than three years.

Woods said the deadline to submit an application is 11:59 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 23. Apply online at <https://wvhive.com/business-idea-competition/>

Judy Moore, executive director of the WV Hive and deputy director of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority, said a panel of judges will evaluate the entries to the Pitch Southern West Virginia Business Idea Competition and select finalists to present in-person on Apr. 23. She said all finalists will be provided with additional details and afforded opportunities for coaching on how to create a winning pitch presentation.

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During the in-person competition, each entrepreneur will have five minutes to present their business idea to a panel of judges and explain why it is innovative and how it will make a difference to residents of southern West Virginia. Each presentation will be followed by a brief question and answer period with the judges. Prizes awarded include:

Incubation Division: First place: \$2,000; Second place: \$1,000; Third place: \$750

Ideation Division: One prize: \$1,000

Audience Favorite: \$250

Prize money must be used to further the business idea. WVU Tech students also have the option of using it toward their education.

Woods said a popular element of the competition is the "audience favorite" award. Everyone in attendance will have an opportunity to vote and the entrepreneur who receives the most votes will win \$250. Those interested in sponsoring should contact Beth Epperson at bepperson@nrgda.org or 304-460-4483. All sponsorship funds are provided to the contestants as winnings.

"The Hive and Launch Lab have been amazed by entrants in past competitions," said Moore. "We have seen the winners go on to do remarkable things and the winnings helped them grow and refine their business plans. We are honored to offer these opportunities for entrepreneurial growth throughout southern West Virginia."

Bridge Design

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participated in this competition are current employees of WVDOT.

"West Virginia Department of Transportation has careers available all over West Virginia," said Dooley. "Not only in engineering, but whatever your skillset or career interest, there's a place for you here."

Partners this year include the WVDOT, West Virginia Department of Education, West Virginia University Institute of Technology, and BridgeWalk. For more information on the contest, visit WV Bridge Design & Build Contest (wvbridgedesignandbuildcontest.com)

Anatomy Camp

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"In the program's second year, we're looking to increase enrollment and reach students who are looking to learn more about the path to healthcare careers and provide support for their educational choices," she said.

Applicants should submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher and an essay outlining their experience in learning anatomy and what they hope to gain from attending the camp. Students may apply by May 15 at www.wvsom.edu/summer-camps.

The C.A.S.E. camp is funded by the Jeanne G. Hamilton and Lawson W. Hamilton Jr. Family Foundation, FirstEnergy Corporation, the WVSOM Foundation and the WVSOM Alumni Association.



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Lenten Tilapia Dinners continue in White Sulphur Springs

The traditional Lenten Tilapia Fish dinners, sponsored by the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus, will be served Friday, Mar. 15 in the White Sulphur Springs Center behind the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in downtown White Sulphur Springs.

The menu is tilapia, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, hard rolls, dessert, and drinks, all for only \$15 a plate with an extra piece of fish \$5. Children under 5 years old are served free and those aged between 5 to 12 may get the tilapia for \$5 or the complete meal for \$15.

"We are again offering eat in or to go between the hours of 4:30 and 7 p.m.," reports Mike Williams, financial secretary for Council 8689 and noted that the dinners are being held to raise funds for community, youth, church and council projects serving the Pocahontas, Monroe, Greenbrier and eastern Fayette Counties area. For further information, contact the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or the Knights of Columbus 304-645-1373. The dinners will be offered also on Mar. 22.

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First Baptist Church Of Fairlea

Saturday, Mar. 23, Kids "Jump Into Easter" at Southern Elite Gymnastics Center from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Register at fbcfairlea.com. Easter Sunday, Mar. 31, Son-rise Service at The Greenbrier's chapel at 7 a.m. (shuttle provided). Breakfast at the church at 9 a.m. Combined Bible Study Class at 10 a.m. Resurrection Service at 11 a.m.

Application period open for Greenbrier County Arts & Recreation grant allocations

Applications are available now for the Greenbrier County Arts & Recreation Grant Allocations. Applications can be picked up at the County Commission office, Greenbrier County Courthouse, downloaded at www.greenbriercounty.net or by calling the Greenbrier County Commission office at 304-647-6689. The applications are due back at closing (4 p.m.) on Friday, Apr. 19, 2024.

Uses of Arts & Recreation Funds must be in compliance with WV State Code §7-18-14. Also under the guidance and recommendations of the County Commission. Funds may not be used for salaries/wages.



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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,
Where do white paper bags recycle? Colored paper bags? Red bags?

Bag Lady
Dear Bag Lady,
White paper bags are recycled with white office paper. However, before putting them in the recycle bin be sure they are not wax-coated or plastic coated, and that they are clean and dry. Check to see there are no receipts left in the bag. Colored paper bags need to pass the same test as some colored papers. Make a tear in it. If the inside of the tear shows white, the bag recycles with white paper. If the bag is colored all the way through, it recycles with magazines. Brown paper bags are recycled with cardboard and red bags are not recyclable. Not only are red, chartreuse, and black bags not recyclable, red, chartreuse, and black paper is not recyclable either.

Dear Recycle Lady,
Should the metal fastener be removed from a brown paper mailer before recycling it with cardboard? My guess is that it should be.

Good Guesser
Dear Good Guesser,
You are correct. Before recycling it with cardboard, the metal prongs should be removed from the back of the envelope. The ring part on the flap of the envelope may or may not need to be removed. If it is metal, remove it. If the hole is just backed with a small piece of paper glued on, removal is not necessary.

Dear Recycle Lady,
Are there any size restrictions on items to be recycled?

Too Large or Too Small
Dear Too Large or Too Small,
Great question. Large items are generally not a problem, but there definitely are size restrictions on small items. As a general rule, don't recycle anything smaller than a credit card. Small items, such as bottle caps, paper

clips, and coffee pods are so small that they can jam the recycling equipment. They become a contaminant. Bottles or cans smaller than 3 inches high are not recyclable for the same reason. Before items are shipped out of the Recycling Center, they go down a conveyor belt and into a machine where they are compacted into a tight bale. It is during this process that small items fall out or fall into parts of the machinery that bring it to a halt. The search is on then to determine the cause or to find the small item that has created a big problem, which is time consuming and wasteful. A Montgomery County, Maryland Recycling Center reported that these small contaminants can shut down machines 10-15 times a day.

Dear Readers,
According to a study published in Nature, human-made materials now outweigh living things for the first time ever. Humans have added approximately 1.1 teratonnes (1.1 teratonnes = 1,212,542,442,016.8 tons) of concrete, metal, plastic, buildings, machines, etc. to the Earth's biomass. In 2020, Earth was at the crossover point. We have now exceeded it. Please protect our Earth. Recycle everything you can. Reuse what you have. Reduce purchases and waste. Every tiny step will have a big impact over time.

Good News: The Boy Scout/Montwell project has far exceeded all expectations! The Scouts have been collecting plastic film in five locations for less than a month and they now have over 700 of the required 1,000 pounds of plastic film. Thanks to the outpouring of participation from the citizens of the Greenbrier Valley, Montwell Commons will soon have a new eco-friendly, sustainable Trexbench!

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to greecycle450@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

A Look Back

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By William "Skip" Deegans
To promote Ford cars and trucks, the Lewisburg Motor Company offered aerial tours for \$1 in 1935 at Boone Field in a Ford airplane. The plane in the photo is a Ford Trimotor that was sometimes called the "tin goose." In 1925, Henry Ford bought the Stout Metal Aircraft Company and produced airplanes primarily for civil aviation until 1935. As the campaign season heats up, it may be interesting to note that Franklin Roosevelt, traveling in a Ford Trimotor in 1932, was the first presidential candidate to campaign by air.

Boone Field was located in Fairlea along old U.S. 219 near the Eastern Greenbrier Middle School and Greenbrier Valley Medical Center. It was named for the William Franic Boone family that owned the farm where it was built. Boone was a pioneer coal opera-

tor who was born in a coal camp in Sewell, WV, on New River in 1856. He and his family moved to Greenbrier County in 1907, bought the Creigh House, and named their farm Montescena.

Wheeler Weikle who was taught to fly by Jim Tolley at the Pence Springs Airport became a manager of Boone Field. The field closed during World War II when Weikle left to serve as an Army flight instructor. After the war, Weikle returned and conducted an aviation training school. Many of his students went on to enjoy successful flying careers. In 1947, Greenbrier Air Service received approval by the West Virginia Public Service Commission to provide non-scheduled commercial flights. Older readers may recall when the field was a base for fights over the state fair.

Free art event for kids this month in Alderson

For families looking for something to do during spring break, here's a great opportunity! School-aged kids including tots, tweens, and teens are invited to come to Alderson on Tuesday, Mar. 26, to participate in a free art event where each child will have the opportunity to paint their very own lion mural.

This event will begin at 2 p.m. and will be held at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, 104 N Monroe Street, in Alderson. All art materials will be provided free of charge by Alderson Main Street.

Before beginning to paint, Cheryl Mansley will tell the fascinating story of French, the lion cub adopted by a woman in Alderson in the 1890s that became the first African lion at the "then new" National Zoo in Washington, D.C. and ended

up as part of the Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Interested families must contact Cheryl at cherylmansley@gmail.com or 304-702-0554 to sign their children up. All children must be signed up ahead of time.

This free art event is part of Alderson Main Street's Lion Days, which will begin on Mar. 18 and culminate on Saturday, Mar. 30, with a gathering at the Alderson Train Depot at 2 p.m. where the lion's story will be told, singer-songwriter Molly Sutter will debut her new song about the Alderson lion, and the young artists will display their paintings for all to see before taking them home. Anyone unable to pick up their mural on Mar. 30 may make other arrangements with Cheryl Mansley.

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(2022-C-000004 - Greenbrier County - WVTA LLC)

To: VERNON RICHMOND, CAROLYN RICHMOND, WEST VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT ALDERSON CORP MAP 5 PARCEL 0250 0000 0000
You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000004, located in ALDERSON CORP District, LOT 111, G.S. & J.M. ALDERSON ADD. FR KEADLE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of RICHMOND VERNON & CAROLYN, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of GREENBRIER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 10, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after August 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before July 31, 2024, will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description of taxes and charges, Amount. Includes items like 'Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 460.' Total amount due is \$1,691.99.

You may redeem at any time before July 31, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand February 29, 2024

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

The above named county board of education, having ascertained that the amount to be raised by a levy of taxes for the purposes and within the limits prescribed by statute or authorized by voters, does hereby propose to adopt the following levy rates to be laid on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of each class of property:

Table with 4 columns: Class, Assessed Value for Tax Purposes, Current Expense Levy Rate/\$100, Taxes Levied. Includes classes I, II, III, and IV with various property types and their respective values and levies.

Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Amount. Shows tax collections of \$2,346,558.917 and projected net taxes to be collected of \$10,804.189.

SIGNED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2024 BY Jeffrey Bryant COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Table with 7 columns: Class, Levy Rate/\$100, Excess Levy Taxes, Permanent Improvement Levy Rate/\$100, Taxes, Bond Levy Rate/\$100, Taxes. Shows detailed levy rates for different classes and types of levies.

Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Amount. Shows total tax collections of \$9,850,790 and projected net taxes of \$20,215,141.

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES ALLOWANCE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Table with 4 columns: Class, Roll Back Value Form, Current Expense Levy Rate/\$100, Taxes Levied. Shows levy rates for tax increment financing across different classes.

Total Value & Projected Revenue

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Amount. Shows total projected revenue of \$450,297,419 and allowance for tax increment financing of \$2,234,031.

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In the Circuit Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., Plaintiff,

v. William Richer Montgomery, Jr., Betty Lou Montgomery, Unknown Defendants, Defendants

Case No. CC-13-2024-C-41 Judge Jennifer P. Dent

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

To the above named Defendants: Unknown Defendants 123 Sandpiper Lane Alderson, WV 244910

The object of the above-entitled civil action is to obtain possession of a 2018 Mobile Home located at 123 Sandpiper Lane, Alderson, West Virginia.

It appearing by Affidavit filed in this civil action that there are or may be persons, other than those named in the Complaint, interested in the subject matter of this civil action, whose names are unknown to Plaintiff and who are made Defendants by the general description of Unknown Defendants, it is hereby ordered that Unknown Defendants serve upon Marc B. Lazenby, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Lazenby Law Office, P. O. Box 4968, Princeton, West Virginia 24740, an Answer, including any related Counterclaim or defense which Unknown Defendants may have to the Complaint filed in this civil action, on or before thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this Order of Publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. If Unknown Defendants fail to do so, judgment may be taken against them for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the office of the Greenbrier County, West Virginia Circuit Court Clerk.



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PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION

Fulton BSH LBWV, LLC/Secure Store - 135 Maple Carriage Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901, has a possessory lien on all of the goods stored in units 217, 251. The auction will end on March 21, 2024 at 12 noon. All these items of personal property are being auctioned online through lockerfox.com This auction will run until March 21, 2024. Pictures of the units can be inspected online. Cash payments only. For more details visit www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/

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(2022-C-000679 - Greenbrier County - WVTA LLC)

To: SARAH PERKINS, J. MICHAEL ANDERSON, J. MICHAEL ANDERSON., THELMA POMEROY, THE RECTOR & VISITORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA A CORP T/A THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA MEDICAL CENTER AN AGENCY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA AND D AND A VON MOLL, COMPTRROLLER C/O DANIEL GROUP, SARAH PERKINS, SARAH PERKINS, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT RUPERT MAP 2 PARCEL 0063 0000 0000
You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000679, located in RUPERT District, LOT 104 STADIUM DRIVE FROM POMEROY, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of PERKINS SARAH, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of GREENBRIER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 10, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after August 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before July 31, 2024, will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description of taxes and charges, Amount. Includes items like 'Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 29134.' Total amount due is \$2,223.83.

You may redeem at any time before July 31, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand February 29, 2024

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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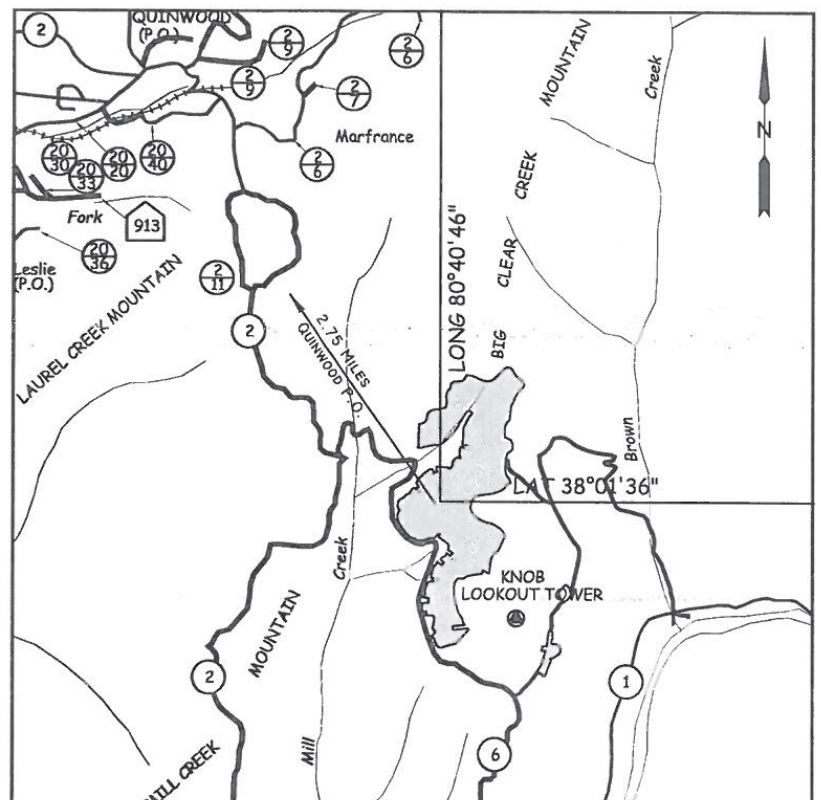
Notice is hereby given that PRINCESS POLLY ANNA & JCT ENTERPRISES, LLC, PO BOX 207, 160 Ruffner Drive, LEWISBURG, WV 24901 has submitted an application for the reissuance of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV 1026623 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840 in order to operate and maintain a surface, auger and highwall mine in the Sewell and splits there of, Castle and Hughes Ferry seam/mineral bed. The operation will discharge Treated Storm water into unnamed tributaries of Big Clear Creek and Big Clear Creek of Meadow River of Gauley River and is located 2.75 (miles), southeast of Quinwood, in Meadow Bluff District of Greenbrier County, Longitude 80° 40' 46" and Latitude 38° 01' 36" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name; phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.

An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, a full Tier 2 anti-degradation review has been conducted.

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by 4/15/24, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application draft permit, rationale page, and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone No. 304-574-4465 Article 11/NPDES Permit No. WV1026623 NPR2



PERMIT S-3002-12 NPDES WV1026623 GENERAL LOCATION MAP QUINWOOD QUADRANGLE WEST VIRGINIA GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP GREENBRIER COUNTY 7.5 MIN. SERIES SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE RECEIVING STREAM: UNNAMED TRIBUTARIES OF/AND MILL CREEK AND BIG CLEAR CREEK OF MEADOW RIVER OF GAULEY RIVER

Crichton Elementary School celebrates Read Across America Week

Crichton Elementary recently helped celebrate Read Across America Week, also known as Dr. Seuss Week. Reading is so important, especially to a young learner. With so much importance being focused on the Ready, Read, Write West Virginia initiative through the West Virginia Department of Education, staff at Crichton took this opportunity to dive further into reading. The Ready, Read, Write, West Virginia initiative focuses to increase literacy proficiency for all students.

Crichton took time during Read Across America Week to focus on letting students fall “in love” with reading. Books that rhyme always catch a young reader’s attention, so there is no better way to do that than reading a fun tongue twisting Dr. Seuss book!

Parents joined students on Friday for a family engagement activity to celebrate the last day of Read Across America



Parents joined their children at school for a family engagement activity.

week with their Dr. Seuss and Donuts reading event. Students had a blast participating in all the fun activities this week. Crichton Faculty and staff hope to keep the love of reading alive all year long.



Crichton Elementary School recently celebrated Read Across America Week with Dr. Seuss books.

James Monroe High School represents a WV Women’s and Girls’ Day



Participants in 2024 West Virginia Women’s and Girls’ Day in the House of Delegates.



JMHS students Clara Snedegar (left), Danni Dunbar, Billie Dicken, Madison Noonkester, and Katherine Viars in front of the WV Woman Veteran’s Memorial.

James Monroe High School (JMHS) students Madison Noonkester, Katherine Viars, Billie Dicken, Clara Snedegar, and Danni Dunbar ably represented Monroe County at the annual West Virginia Women’s and Girl’s Day at the State Capitol on Mar. 5. They joined over 100 other young women from across the state in a day focused on women’s issues in the Mountain State. The West Virginia Women’s Commission sponsored the event with the theme, “Girls who dream become women with vision.”

The Mavericks started the day by meeting with Secretary of State Mac Warner and Delegate Roy Cooper

and observing debate in the House of Delegates. In the afternoon the participants listened to inspiring and challenging speakers including Miss West Virginia USA Neveah Harmon and Miss Black West Virginia Dwedee Kobbah. At the end of the session, they participated in a discussion seminar on topics relevant to girls and women.

Of the four breakout groups the small JMHS delegation served as moderators and spokespersons for three of them: a testament to their leadership. The discussion topics resulted in spirited conversation and started with the “pink tax” - higher prices for items marketed to women that are similar to cheaper ones sold to men. Other issues they discussed were effective communication, dress codes at school, availability and affordability of feminine hygiene products, drafting women into the military in time of war, and

the small percentage of female elected officials serving over 100 years after earning the right to vote.

All agreed that active participation in the political process by voting, organizing, and running for office would help address these challenges.

– HELP WANTED – POOL LIFEGUARDS

The City of White Sulphur Springs is currently accepting applications for lifeguards. Applicants must be able to pass a drug test and have completed a lifeguard course or are currently enrolled in a course. Applications can be picked up at White Sulphur Springs City Hall at 589 Main Street West, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. 24986. For more information call WSS City Hall at 304-536-1454 or by emailing Linda at linda@whitesulphurspringswv.org or the Mayor, Kathy Glover at mayor@whitesulphurspringswv.org .

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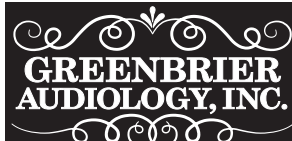
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