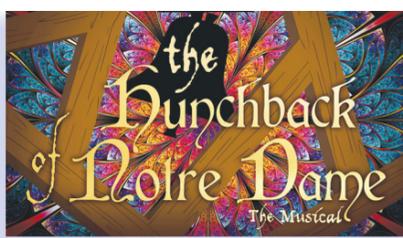




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## County Commission appoints Dailey to Phillips' seat, approves funding for MTA and Meadow River Rail Trail

By Chelsea Blair

On Friday, Apr. 5, the Greenbrier County Commission appointed Nicholas "Nick" Dailey to the Commission following the passing of Commissioner Blaine Phillips on Mar. 20. Dailey is Phillips' son-in-law, and said he "greatly appreciates the opportunity to serve my community," as a County Commissioner. Commissioner Tammy Shifflett-Tincher said that while Phillips can never be replaced, she hopes that Dailey's appointment would be what Phillips would want, and that they believe Dailey will do a "tremendous" job.

At their regularly-scheduled meeting earlier this week on Tuesday, Apr. 9, Dailey got to attend his first meeting as a commissioner alongside Tincher and Lowell Rose. Items on the agenda included supporting the MTA bus lines, reorganizing within the 911 Center, and declaring Public Safety Telecommunication week.

The meeting began with the approval of a total of \$21,914.20 in Arts and Recreation transfers, which included \$3,408.75 for E.L. Robinson Engineering services for the Meadow River Rail Trail, \$2,894.25 for consulting with Greenbrier Environmental Group for the Trail, and \$1,400 for board fencing at the Sportplex site on Harper Road.

The Commission signed a proclamation declaring April 14 through April 20, 2024 as National Public Safety Telecommunication week to honor public safety telecommunicators. The proclamation stated that police, fire, and emergency medical services are critical to the protection of life and preservation of property, and acknowledged the quality and accuracy

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## Chilly Chocolate Festival still draws crowds

The 16th annual Lewisburg Chocolate Festival was a heavily-attended event despite cold weather conditions last Saturday. Tickets were sold out as usual as crowds gathered downtown to sample a variety of chocolate goodies from area vendors. This festival is a fundraiser for the United Way of Greenbrier Valley, which responds to the needs of Greenbrier, Monroe, and Pocahontas Counties in the areas of health, education, and basic needs.

"Thank you to everyone who attended, all of our volunteers, the city of Lewisburg, our generous sponsors, our downtown merchants who always work so hard to offer delicious tastings, all of our performers and media, the list goes on," said the United Way in a social media post. "Each of you graciously helped us raise money for the United Way of the Greenbrier Valley. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank YOU for making the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival a sweet success!!"



(Photo courtesy of the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival)

## Lewisburg nabs USA TODAY's Best Small Town Food Scene

Following a month-long voting process, Lewisburg, WV secured the 2024 USA TODAY 10 Best Readers' Choice for Best Small Town Food Scene. It is the second year in a row that Lewisburg has garnered top billing.

"Ten years ago, we moved to Lewisburg to become part of its thriving and eclectic food scene. Since then, Lewisburg has only grown bigger and better, with new cafes, coffee shops, artisan bread makers, growers, farmers, and just about everything a foodie would want," Arthur Forgette and Deborah

Porter, proprietors of The French Goat, shared. "We are proud to be part of this award-winning community."

For the past two decades, the restaurant landscape in Lewisburg has grown exponentially. With more than 15 locally owned restaurants in Lewisburg, it's easy to find a delicious meal full of flavor. The area's restaurants' unique culinary collective ranges from farm-to-table fresh, vibrant Latin flavors and Italian influences to bold Southern fare.

"To see Lewisburg recognized for the second year in a row is wonderful," Kara D. Dense, president and CEO of Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), said. "It's impressive for a town of less than

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Two dinner guests on the patio of The French Goat

(Photo by Havenbrook Media/Courtesy Greenbrier County CVB)



The French Goat's Duck Confit (Photo by Havenbrook Media/Courtesy Greenbrier County CVB)

## White Sulphur to receive \$2.6M for bike park

By Sarah Richardson

White Sulphur Springs City Council met last Tuesday to discuss money awarded to the City for a bike park, supporting the Mountain Transit Authority, an overview of the annual spring cleanup, progress with the dilapidated structure removal project, and more.

Mayor Kathy Glover read a letter sent to the City by U.S. Senator Joe Manchin last month stating that they will be receiving \$2.6 million for the construction of a bike park.

"I am pleased to report that Congress recently passed, and the President signed into law, an appropriations package that included your fiscal year 2024 congressionally-directed spending project. As a result of your hard work, the City of White Sulphur Springs will receive \$2,688,000 for construction of a bike park," states the letter. "This was a highly competitive process with over 660 submissions and only 231 approved awards. Your project proved to be one of the best in the state."

Mayor Glover said that the project started with Clay Elkins, Sarah Elkins, and Max Hammer, and was supported by Region IV along with other entities. Glover learned at a recent training she learned this will be only the second bike park in the state of West Virginia and will be the largest. "They are all excited to help us do whatever they can to move this project forward," said Glover. "And we are excited to have it."

The bike park will be located on City property adjacent to Hope Village and will have something for all

ages. A skills bike park is an environment where children, teens, or adults can learn essential bicycle riding skills in a safe and fun environment. They are purposefully designed areas with a gravel or dirt surface and various technical and challenging elements. Skills bike parks can be built as unique bike parks in urban areas, or as additions to existing bike parks. This type of park offers a great option to spend time with family and friends in an engaging way while improving riding skills. Areas within the proposed skills park include a pump track, push bike track, a track with progressive jump lines, and shaded areas for spectators.

The Mountain Transit Authority (MTA) requested a commitment of \$2,300 to support the bus route, with the Council voting unanimously to do so. "They are a great service to White Sulphur Springs," added a councilmember.

Interim Maintenance Supervisor Bo Belshee said that the city-wide spring cleanup was a success, with a good amount of trash being hauled off. "We picked up a lot of stuff. We usually pick up a lot of things at the end of the month and the first of the month from move-outs, vacated properties or whatever, but we picked up a lot of things that hopefully were from people cleaning up their yards and getting stuff out of the way that they just didn't need," said Belshee.

Councilmember Taylor reported that the dilapidated structure board had a meeting, and they are currently

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## West Virginians look to the heavens for once in a lifetime event

By Vanta Coda III  
RealWV, www.therealwv.com

Voices whisper and cheer at 3:18 p.m. as the peak of the partial eclipse at the Great Cacapon Overlook, at Great Cacapon State Park, as the moon reaches its full 91 percent eclipse coverage of the sun in West Virginia.

Even though West Virginians were not able to see totality like other states, this event for some, is a once in a lifetime occasion.

The Great Cacapon Overlook comes after a somewhat steep and rugged ride near Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. Here, families and friends gathered to gaze up at the sky together, as many did across the parts of North America in the eclipse's path.

Our natural world is one of the few common-held joys we have the opportunity to celebrate with all people, no matter the differences of age, language spoken, or lives lived between us.

West Virginia will see many more partial eclipses in the coming decades, but not as close to a totality as what was witnessed in our state this week. However, in 2099, West Virginia will be in the path of totality of an eclipse.



(Photo by Vanta Coda III for TheRealWV)

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# Watershed Celebration and rain barrel workshop to be held at Lost World



The annual Watershed Celebration is set for Saturday, Apr. 20, at Lost World Caverns in Lewisburg from 3 to 7 p.m.

The Greenbrier River Watershed Association is hosting our annual watershed celebration at Lost World Caverns on Saturday, Apr. 20 from 3 to 7 p.m. Admission is a suggested \$10 donation per person or \$25 for families,

which gets you in the cave for free!

Learn about our water quality project in the watershed in collaboration with WVSOM, stream ecology, and karst geology. Greenbrier Grotto will be present with their

Squeeze Box activity to demonstrate what it's like for spelunkers inside tight spaces. We have lots of kid's activities, music, and a fiddler inside the cave. Fairway Fork Food Truck will have great food available, plus our beautiful



The rain barrel workshop starts at 3:30 p.m., and pre-registration is required.

T-shirts, hats and maps of our watershed are for sale, which further supports our projects.

The rain barrel workshop starts at 3:30 p.m. with a free rain barrel and attachment kit to take home by registered participants. The rain barrels were sponsored through a grant from Mountain Resource Conservation Development. There is a limit on the numbers of barrels available so register here: <https://forms.gle/eb9wTeSFDdNKJip1A> to save your spot and take

home a free rain barrel. Additionally, at 4:30 p.m., beautifully painted rain barrels decorated by local students will be raffled.

Please join us to celebrate Earth Day and support our ongoing proj-

ects to keep our beautiful Greenbrier River clean and healthy! Stay up to date on all of our activities as well as this event at [www.facebook.com/greenbrier.watershed](http://www.facebook.com/greenbrier.watershed).

# Work begins on Law Library and Rhoda's House

Restoration work on the 1834 Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia Law Library and adjacent 1835 Rhoda's House (enslaved quarters) buildings located across from the North House Museum in downtown Lewisburg has begun! These historic buildings are owned by the City of Lewisburg and entrusted to the Greenbrier Historical Society under a long-term lease. The Society has embarked upon a three-year project to bring them back to their original condition and configurations so that they may join the other historic properties that the Society is proud to maintain and present to the public (which include the Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion, the Barracks, and the North House Museum and Archives).

Al Emch, President of the Greenbrier Historical Society, said, "We are be-



Al Emch, President of the Greenbrier Historical Society, stands in the doorway of the 1834 Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia Law Library while conferring with a worker from Buckeye Construction.

yond excited to have this work begin. We are one step closer to being able to tell the story of these important buildings and have them reflect the times in which they were so significant."

Some initial work has already been done on the interior of both buildings, but the dramatic and transformative exterior renovation has just started. It is

being done by Buckeye Construction & Restoration of Waterford, Ohio. This work involves removing the notable pink (or salmon colored) paint from the Law Library building to reveal the underlying original brick. Once that is accomplished, damaged areas will be repaired and the brick will be completely repointed with period-correct mor-



A detail showing the removal of the exterior paint from the 1834 Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia Law Library and Study Building.

tar; finally, the windows will be refurbished and new shutters installed on both buildings. All of this work is expected to be completed by the end of July and will bring these historic structures back to mid-19th century life.

The Law Library building was used from 1834 until 1864 to house the library and personal studies for the five judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia when it met in Lewisburg for 90 days See "Law Library" Page 3

# Truck belonging to missing Covington man found on Kate's Mountain Road

On Saturday, Apr. 6, Lieutenant D.W. Hedrick of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office responded to an abandoned vehicle complaint on Kate's Mountain Road on the White Sulphur Springs side of the mountain.

Lt. Hedrick located a white Dodge Ram 1500 parked in a wooded area located off the main roadway. An investigation of that vehicle revealed it to be registered to Benjamin Baker of Covington, VA.

Baker had been reported as a missing person to the Alleghany County Sheriff's Office in Virginia, and was last seen on Jan. 25 and had been reported as a missing person on Jan. 29, 2024.

Further investigation revealed this truck had been seen parked in the exact location two weeks earlier by an individual. A search of the area was conducted which resulted in negative findings of any individuals associated with the truck.

If you saw this vehicle or Baker in this area between Jan. 29, and Apr. 6, or have any other information regarding this investigation, please contact Lieutenant G.R. Workman with the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office



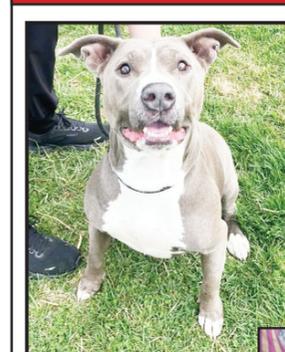
Benjamin Baker was last seen on Jan. 25, 2024.



His truck was found on Kate's Mountain Road earlier this month.

at 304-647-6634 or Greenbrier County 911 Non-Emergency number at 304-647-7911 with any information. Information can also be sent by private message to the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department Facebook page.

## PICK OF THE LITTER



### BABY TUCK

Baby Tuck is a five-year-old female pit bull mix and weighs 69 pounds. \*Can have no cats in the home\*



### STELLA

Stella is a four-month-old female coonhound mix and weighs 26 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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## Williamsburg Spaghetti Dinner

Spring is here, get out and join Williamsburg for a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Apr. 13, from 4 to 7 p.m., \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. The dinner will include spaghetti with meat sauce, or meatless sauce, salad, garlic bread, drink and dessert. This dinner is a fundraiser to aid the funding of the Williamsburg Fair fireworks. Come eat in or take out!

## Williamsburg Shooting Match

Come join us for the Williamsburg Shooting Match that will be held Apr. 20 for the last shooting match of the spring season 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](http://www.williamsburgwv.com) or call Bill Jarvis at 304-645-3690.

## Marriages

Katlynn Dixie Queen and Blake Colby Scarles

## West Virginia DMV offers several convenient ways to renew vehicle registrations

It's that time again. It's time to renew your West Virginia vehicle registration. The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles will send you a registration renewal reminder postcard 60 days before your registration expires.

You can renew your registration in several ways. Make sure to have your current registration card, proof of vehicle insurance, and proof of your personal property tax payment before trying to renew your registration.

You can visit one of the West Virginia DMV's 26 regional offices, your local county sheriff's office, or go to a WV DMV Now kiosk. You can also visit the DMV website or scan the reminder postcard to renew your registration online.

The added benefit of renewing your registration online is getting a free digital registration card. The card can be stored in your smartphone wallet. Once you renew your registration online, you will receive a confirmation e-mail message with a link showing you how to download the digital registration card to your phone. You will also get a registration card in a PDF format. A paper copy and decal will be mailed to you.

More than 8,000 West Virginians have already downloaded digital registration cards.

"This is just another option for people and another step forward in modernizing the West Virginia DMV," said West Virginia DMV Commissioner Everett Frazier. "We are striving daily to be the best West Virginia DMV that we can possibly be."

West Virginia requires every motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, pole trailer, and recreational vehicle to be titled and registered. Motorboats with an output of at least 3 hp/70lb thrust must also be registered.

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Timothy Wayne Trout, Quinwood, 1) brandishing deadly weapon, jail 90 days to run concurrent with other cases, unsupervised probation 12 months, possession of a controlled substance, jail 90 days to run concurrent with other cases, unsupervised probation 12 months; 2) shooting across road or near building, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on unsupervised probation 12 months and must enroll, participate, and complete Mountaineer Rehab, NCP Logan M. Statton, Danese, speeding, fine \$5, NCP Tyler M. Kreiger, Alderson, 1) driving too fast for road conditions, fine \$44; 2) possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, NCP Gary L. Jarrell, Man, worthless check, fine \$5, restitution \$60, NCP Sherry Lynn Carpenter, Marlinton, stalking, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation, GP

## USA 10 Best

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4,000 to have such a wide variety of restaurants."

Lewisburg was one of 20 small towns across the United States nominated by a panel of experts, USA TODAY editors and contributors. But it came down to the support of Lewisburg's dedicated foodie fans, locals, and visitors alike to help secure the win again. 10Best.com showcases travel content, including attractions, restaurants and destinations and is promoted by USA TODAY.

About the Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau:

The Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official destination marketing organization for the Greenbrier Valley. The mission of the CVB is to strive each day to positively impact the area's economy by marketing the region as a premier tourist destination. A vital industry, tourism yields an economic impact of \$382 million per year. For more information or details about visiting the Greenbrier Valley, WV, go to [GreenbrierWV.com](http://GreenbrierWV.com).

## For the Record

### Deeds

White Rock Land Ventures LLC to White Rock Mountain Retreat Property Owners Association Inc: transfer of roads encompassing many parcels to HOA, Irish Corner District, White Sulphur District. Filed March 28, 2024.

Kevin M. Kincaid to Brandon S. Roberts: 0.50 acres, Frankford District, Map 10M Parcel 1. Filed March 28, 2024.

Daniel C. Ream to Thurman L. McQuaid: Greenbrier Pines, Lewisburg District, Map 26 Parcel 122. Filed March 28, 2024.

R and J Real Estate LLC to Matthew B. Lewis and Kimberly M. Lewis: 0.145 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 11 Parcel 259. Filed March 28, 2024.

Mark S. Gedden to Sarah E. Gedden-Balli: lot 11 Half lot 10, Graham Addition, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 0238. Filed March 28, 2024.

Ray N. Hamrick (by heir Benjamin R. Helmick) to Samantha C. Brown: lot 211, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60R Parcel 51. Filed March 28, 2024.

David D. Fuchs and Melinda K. Fuchs to David V. Fuchs, Derek J. Fuchs, Lesley T. Kirzeder, Lucas D. Fuchs, Meghan A. Phillips: Tod deed, Frankford District, Map 22 Parcel 22. Filed March 28, 2024.

James F. Tuckwiller to Anne M. Bowling: lots 139 & 140, Drewery Meadow Addition, White Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 0362, 0363. Filed March 29, 2024.

Christiana M. Boothe to Millie Crookshanks and Adam S. Groves: lots 39 & 40, and half of 41, Alderson District, Map 5 Parcel 0046. Filed March 29, 2024.

Hayes Beard and Kelly N. Beard to Emery V. Beard and Bryer R. Beard: 6.862 acres more or less, Lewisburg District, Map 27 Parcel 58. Filed March 29, 2024.

Hayes H. Beard to Beard Children's Trust: 1.32 acres more or less, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 33. Filed March 29, 2024.

Terry Simpkins, Leon Loveloace, and Greenbrier Valley Church of the Nazarene of Ronceverte (by trustee Lonnie Spencer) to Nathan R. Wilmer: lots 33 & 35, Ronceverte District, Map 9 Parcel 10, 578. Filed April 1, 2024.

Thomas P. Jones Jr. to Thomas P. Jones Jr. Living Trust by Trustees: tract one 20 acres, tract two 66 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 47, 48 Parcel 0048, 0053. Filed April 1, 2024.

Georgia G. Hayes estate (by heirs) to Carrie A. Lilly: 2.00 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 20 Parcel 0060 0000 6002. Filed April 1, 2024.

Georgia G. Hayes estate (by heirs) to Roger D. Childers: 2.00 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 20 Parcel 0060 0000 6001. Filed April 1, 2024.

Harold L. Harrison to Clyde D. Harrison: 29 acres, Frankford District, Map 2 Parcel 0004. Filed April 1, 2024.

## Waldo Day Camp comes to Greenbrier County

*Appalachian Headwaters announces a new, affordable day camp near Lewisburg starting in July*

Starting July 1, children age 8-12 will have a new opportunity to participate in Waldo Day Camp, six miles west of Lewisburg. This fun and educational camp will feature a full-day program, Monday through Friday, with before and aftercare available for working families. The camp will run for seven weeks throughout the summer.

Day campers will work with experienced outdoor educators, an ecologist, a plant specialist, and others in an environment rich in opportunity for learning about the natural world. A certified low ropes course, archery, games, gardens, arts activities, and yoga will make for a well-rounded experience for children.

"We want kids to have fun, make friends, and learn something along the way," says Erica Marks, Waldo Day Camp Director. "Being active outdoors is a great way to spend the summer. We plan to provide an engaging environment with a variety of activities so campers can try new things and develop skills they already have."

Kevin Johnson, Education Director, adds, "Like at Camp Waldo, our overnight camp in Summers County, we want to bring fun, adventure and personal growth to spending time in the outdoors this summer!"

The camp will operate on a sliding scale fee system based on income with additional financial aid available - making the camp available to all eligible youth regardless of ability to pay. Waldo Day Camp is a project of Appalachian Headwaters, a local nonprofit focused on environmental education and ecological restoration.

Headwaters is also recruiting high school students to work on the summer crew, including opportunities to work with the day camp. Visit an informative open house on Apr. 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The priority deadline for applications is May 5. To learn more and to apply to Waldo Day Camp, visit [www.appheadwaters.org](http://www.appheadwaters.org).

## Law Library

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each year. It is one of only two buildings used for this purpose before the Civil War - the other is the Capitol Building in Richmond - and has preserved within it graffiti written upon the wall by soldiers when it was used as a hospital after the Battle of Lewisburg in May of 1862. Rhoda's House, originally located on Chestnut Street, was the home of Rhoda and four other enslaved persons during much of this same period. The two buildings thus provide a broad platform upon which the Society can and will present the full spectrum of our history during the first half of the 19th century.

The Greenbrier Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the James F.B. Peyton Fund and the First Energy Foundation for their generous contributions in support of this project.

Founded in 1963, the Greenbrier Historical Society is dedicated to community enrichment through education and preservation of the history and culture of the Greenbrier Valley. The Greenbrier Historical Society is a regional organization that serves the West Virginia counties of Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers, and Pocahontas.

## 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.

### Lewisburg Building Commission

will meet Tuesday, Apr. 16, at 5 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber in Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. The items for discussion are:

- Resolution 548, Public Works Building Pay Requests 12 and 13
- Approval of Minutes - Feb. 20, 2024

### Greenbrier County Commission

will meet Tuesday, Apr. 16, at 9 a.m. in the Greenbrier County Courthouse, Room 203 (new addition). LIVE STREAM FROM <https://www.facebook.com/gbrcourthouse/> On the agenda:

- Consider setting the levy rate for the county
- Open and consider bids for Demolition of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties (WV GRANT NUMBER DLAP24-14/GBC-01 & 02)

### Greenbrier Co. Board of Education Statutory Meeting & Student Hearings

will meet Tuesday, Apr. 16, at 1 p.m., at the Kyle & Ann Fort Arts & Science Building (NRCTC), 653 Church St., Lewisburg, WV 24970. On the agenda:

- Greenbrier County Board of Education
- Fiscal Year 2024 Levy Rates & Levy Order Approval is requested from CSBO David McClure to lay the FY 2025 levy rates for local property tax collections.
- **Recommendation:** The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the request as presented.
- Consent Agenda Item
- Out-Of-State Travel Requests:
  - Paul Laird & Caleb Thomas, Assistant Baseball Coaches, GEHS/April 25-28, 2024/Cooperstown, NY/Baseball Games & Tour of Hall of Fame
- Executive Session - Student Hearings Per WV Code § 18a-5-1A
  - Student A - EGMS
  - Student B - GEHS
  - Student C - EGMS
  - Student D - EGMS

### Lewisburg City Council

will meet Tuesday, Apr. 16 at 7 p.m. in Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington St. W. Also available via teleconference. For information on how to participate via ZOOM call 304-645-2080 by 3 p.m. On the agenda:

- Communication from the Mayor - harm reduction
- Resolution
  - Resolution 546, City of Lewisburg Stormwater Study (CDBG-MIT) pay request 7
  - Resolution 547, Water System Improvement Project pay request 23
  - Resolution 548, Public Works pay request 12 & 13, DCI/Shires
- Proclamations
  - Arbor Day
  - Children's Memorial Flag Day
  - Celebrate Osteopathic Medicine Week & National Osteopathic Medicine Week
- Communications from City Manager
- Communication from Boards and Commissions
- Communications from City Council Members
- Communication from Police Department
- Communication from Fire Department
- Communication from Council Committees
  - Finance Committee Report
  - Public Works Department Report
- Approval of Minutes - Mar. 19, 2024 regular session
- Visitors' Reports (3-minute limit per subject not on the agenda)

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# WV Governor's Highway Safety Program reminds motorcyclists to have proper training before hitting the open road

Springtime is a great time to explore West Virginia's country roads by motorcycle. Gov. Jim Justice made it even easier for motorcycle and car riders to experience West Virginia's natural beauty by unveiling four tourist routes in 2022.

The West Virginia Mountain Rides program is a partnership between the West Virginia Department of Transportation and the West Virginia Department of Tourism. The four designated Mountain Rides routes are the Seneca Skyway, Capitol Circle, Cranberry Corridor, and Birdeye Bend. They offer breathtaking scenery and a smooth ride.

As part of the West Virginia Department of Transportation's "One DOT" vision where DOT agencies work together to provide the best service to the public, West Virginia Division of Highways crews cleared canopies, patched and paved road surfaces, and fixed drainage issues along the Mountain Rides routes.

Spring is also a good time to highlight motorcycle safety and the importance of operating a motorcycle properly. The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is urging riders to make sure they have proper training.

West Virginia law requires riders to get a motorcycle endorsement (F) on their driver's license or have a Class F motorcycle only driver's license.

The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offers a Basic or Experienced Rider Course through the West Virginia Motorcycle Safety Program (MSP). The on-cycle skills test is waived if a rider successfully completes a Motorcycle Safety Course.

Motorcycle safety classes for the 2024 season will begin this month in five locations throughout West Virginia. They will be held every weekend through the end of October, with the exception of holiday weekends. The dates and locations are as follows:

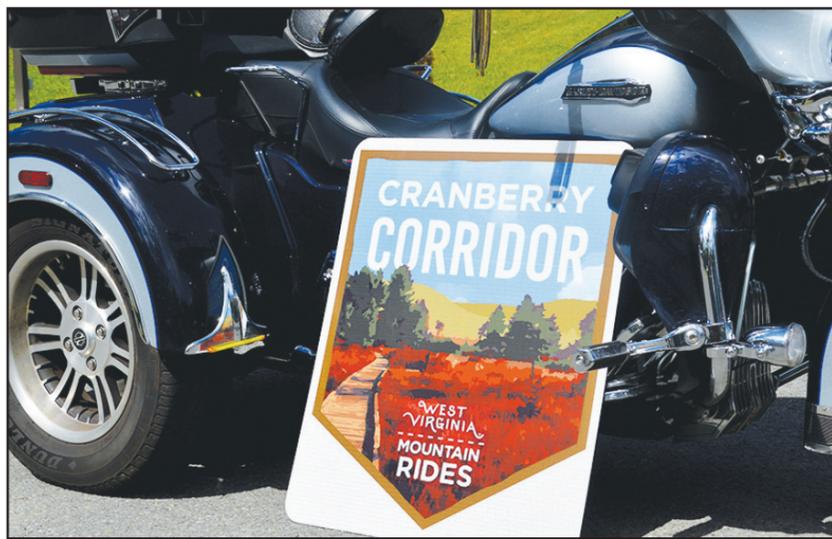
- Apr. 13: Morgantown
- Apr. 20: Charleston, Martinsburg
- Apr. 27: Princeton

The GHSP says 41 people were killed in crashes involving motorcycles in West Virginia in 2023. Twenty of the victims were riding without a motorcycle endorsement.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said 36 percent of motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in the United States in 2021 didn't have a valid motorcycle license.

"As the season begins you need to make sure that you have your endorsement to ride," said GHSP Motorcycle Safety Training Coordinator Mary Jarrell.

NHTSA said 5,932 motorcyclists were killed in the United States in 2021.



That's 14 percent of all traffic fatalities. An additional 82,686 motorcyclists were injured in 2021.

The numbers are not getting better. The number of motorcyclists killed in 2021 is the highest since NHTSA started collecting data in 1975.

"Riding a motorcycle across our beautiful state is one of life's pleasures. Obtaining an endorsement and appropriate training is not a sign of weakness, but rather a sign of accountability and responsibility," said GHSP Director Jack McNeely. "I would be remiss not to re-

mind four-wheeled motorists to be cognizant of our two and three-wheeled friends on West Virginia's highways and backroads. Let's all be safe out there."

Drivers should always be aware of motorcycles and look twice before turning onto a road.

"As a fellow rider, I know the importance of proper training," Jarrell said. "Make sure your gear is good, your tires are good, and take an advanced training course if you need a refresher," Jarrell said. "Ride safe. No alcohol. No drugs. And watch for distracted drivers in other vehicles."

## OPINION

### Commentary

## Statement released by Interim Superintendent Clemons regarding racist graffiti at GWHS

Greenbrier County Schools Interim Superintendent Doug Clemons has released the following statement regarding the incident involving racist graffiti at Greenbrier West High School:

The Greenbrier County Board of Education would like to thank Loretta Young, President of the Greenbrier County NAACP, for her leadership in organizing respectful and informative delegations at the Apr. 9, 2024 regularly scheduled board meeting. We look forward to continuing to work with Ms. Young and others in the community. This unfortunate incident will be a learning opportunity for staff, students, and the community.

The racist graffiti that was discovered at Greenbrier West High School is repulsive. This unfortunate incident does not reflect the amazing staff and overall wonderful student body at Greenbrier West High School. Board office staff have met with the teachers and groups of students. All are committed to working together for the unity of this great school. Greenbrier County Schools stands united against racism and fully supports efforts to make all our schools safe, anti-racist places of learning and support for all. This incident is being thoroughly investigated so appropriate action can be taken. The investigation includes a private investigator and a professional handwriting analyst. While we look forward to a resolution, we appreciate your understanding that due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), we will be unable to release the investi-

gation results. Board members have asked for and will receive an update on the investigation at a statutory meeting on Apr. 16, 2024.

We care deeply about the well-being of our students and staff and have mental health support services available at each school. We strive to provide every student with specific academic, behavioral, social-emotional, mental, and physical health supports to meet their individual needs so that all students can remain fully engaged in school and access core instruction.

We are providing support to the students impacted in this situation by offering virtual instruction through the school system per the family's wishes, as well as frequent contact with student support specialists Nancy Osborne and Monica Bowyer to communicate any other needs the students and family may have. We will continue to support the students and the family throughout our work on this issue.

Greenbrier County Schools is working to combat any form of bullying and harassment in our school system. We will be providing specialized professional development for all staff as well as unifying support for the students at Greenbrier West. We have been working to implement social justice and restorative practices to support the district's efforts to address racism and improve equity, diversity, belonging, and inclusion for all. On Apr. 22, 2024, at Greenbrier West High School, we will have a remote learning day for Greenbrier West stu-

dents. Tanya Dallas-Lewis with Think Dignity Consulting will present Rethinking Diversity to all Greenbrier West Staff, administrators, and counselors county-wide. On Apr. 23, 2024, she will have small group trainings for students. The sessions will focus on introducing staff and students to core principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. The training will cultivate a learning environment where each member of the school community feels included and feels they belong.

Additionally, Monica Bowyer and Nancy Osborne have implemented a support group for females at GWHS with five girls per lunch period to focus on esteem, friendship, and coping strategies. During all lunches, they will set up a table to explain their services to students and will have make-and-take activities such as bracelet-making and mindfulness activities. Nancy and Monica are working with Seneca Health Services to add an additional mental health counselor at the school if needed. The Seneca Health Services Crisis Team will be available to students. For the 2024-2025 school year, they will implement Heroes Among Us at GWHS, which is a peer mediation/support group modeled after a program in Fayette County Schools. This will expand to other secondary schools the following year.

It takes real effort from all community members to combat racism and any form of bullying. We encourage parents to speak to their children about not using racist language and refraining from any type of bullying.

## OBITUARIES

### Charles Robert Bee



Charles Robert "Bob" Bee, 81, of Centerville, passed away Tuesday, February 27, 2024, in his home surrounded by family. He was born July 17, 1942, in Richland Center, Wisconsin, the son of the late Francis and Helen Bee. Bob served his Country in the United States Army in the NATO Forces during the Vietnam War and later was a member of the American Legion. He worked as a chemical engineer instructor for ABB International for 25 years and for NCR for 22 years. Bob was an expert spatial problem solver and loved building, creating and designing innovative solutions to all things. He was a true wanderer and adventurer and en-

joyed traveling. Bob was an avid motorcyclist and had 100,000 miles on his bike. He loved spending time outdoors especially mushroom hunting where he was the Morel Hunter Extraordinaire. He loved telling stories and had a great sense of humor. What made him happiest in life was being a Husband, Father, and Grandfather. His guide through life was the Golden Rule. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Charles is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sandy Bee; daughters, Shiloh Graham, and September (Heidi Crisler) Bee; son, Thane (Meghan) Bee; grandchildren, Nick (Amanda) Bee, Dylan McGuffey (Kristy), Sierra (Haas) Ali, Matt (Megan) Graham, and Will Graham; great-grandchild, Nova Ali; brother, Dave Bee; brothers-in-law, Nick (Cheri) Bristol, and Greg Bristol; sisters-in-law, Sherry (Doug) Anthony, and Kathy (Lyle) Rosenbaum. He is also survived by numerous family and friends.

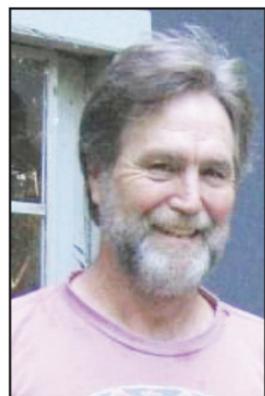
He is preceded in death by his parents; his brother,

Jim Bee; and his sister, Michelle (Mike) Goebel.

If wished, condolences may be sent to their family home, 7687 Normandy Lane, Centerville, OH 45459.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Hospice of Dayton. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later summer date at his Centerville, Ohio, home and in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

### Robert Carl Allder



Robert Carl (Bob) Allder of Hillsboro, WV, died suddenly at home on Friday, October 27, 2024 at the age of 74.

Bob loved many things during his life: his family, MANY rescued fur babies, building things (though

not always at the fastest pace), good music, helping others, couch-coaching Washington even when they seemed to be trying to "snatch defeat from the jaws of victory," baking delicious goodies, living in the country, growing a garden, yelling about politics...the list could go on and on. He was a big man with a big heart who made a big impact on the lives of so many over the years. He was even-tempered, perpetually late, never forgot a birthday, and took care of those he loved to the best of his ability. Bob was often a quiet thinker, but was always ready to offer advice and ideas. He taught his sons the skills of DIY home repair, chopping wood, and car maintenance, the value of hard work, and offering help to others in need. Never was his love more visible than

when he was spending time with his grandchildren.

Bob's family was such an important part of his world. He was preceded in death by his father, James Allder, his mother, Gloria Akers, his stepfather Carl DeMarsh, and his siblings, Tom Allder and Judy Allder.

Bob is survived by his wife, Shay Huffman, his sons, Jim Allder (Tasha Allder) and Corey Allder (Katie Shreve) from his marriage to Betsy Scott, his stepchildren Aracoma Smith (Chris), Tate Huffman (Faith Levine), Aaron Huffman (Sparrow), and Gavin Huffman (Bekah). He also leaves behind 4 grandchildren, Ceili, Cedric, Clementine, and Zaiyah and 4 step grandchildren, Kendal, Byram, Mason, and Vivienne.

Bob is also survived by his siblings, Paul De-

Marsh (Lisa Beck-DeMarsh), Debbie DeMarsh, and Kim Lesniak (Rob Lesniak), along with many others including nieces and nephews. Bob had many other friends and loved ones who shared parts of his journey with him. While there are too many to name, he cherished each of these friendships.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held on June 2 at Blue Bend Recreation Area beginning at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to WV Healing Home, 1500 Maplewood Ave., Ronceverte, WV 24970 in Bob's memory.



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## Club

## Local DAR Chapter sends delegates to state conference



Those attending the convention were: Barbara Holt (left), Chaplain, WVDAR; Karen Lee McClung, Chapter Corresponding Secretary; Suzanne Cronquist, Chapter Regent; Jane Jacob Larke, WVDAR Regent; Judy Deegans, Chapter Vice Regent; and Deborah McClung former Chapter Regent.

The Gen. Andrew Lewis Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution sent four delegates to the 119th WV state conference in Martinsburg. Elected to be delegates were Regent Suzanne Cronquist, Vice Regent Judy Deegans, former Regent Deborah Phillips and former Registrar Karen Lee McClung. Also attending from Gen. Andrew Lewis Chapter was Barbara Holt, WVDAR State Chaplain.

The four-day conference covered workshops ranging from Enabling Literacy to Researching Genealogy.

There was a visit to the cabin of Morgan Morgan and the Chapel at the Morgan Cemetery. Morgan is considered to be one of West Virginia's earliest settlers, but that is disputed among historians. The German settlement at Shepherdstown is thought to have been the first settlement.

The guest speaker at the banquet celebrating the 125th year of the WVDAR was Will Anderson, Executive Director of the Hindman Settlement School, which was established in 1902 in Hindman, Knott County, KY. Their website cites their mission as: "The Settlement's major work today includes education and service programs that address critical educational needs of the region's youth, promote cultural awareness, and address emerging issues

of health and food insecurity through increased access to nutritious, locally-grown foods." The school has an outstanding program working with children with dyslexia. The WVDAR made a substantial contribution to Mr. Anderson following his speech.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political women's service organization whose main objectives are historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Revolutionary War back in 1776.

If you are interested in the Daughters of the American Revolution, call Registrar Sandra Cowan at 681-215-5303 during the afternoon hours.

## Seneca Rocks Discovery Center seeks Appalachian artists and artisans for 2024 season

Seneca Rocks Discovery Center, in cooperation with the Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association, seeks artists and artisans to exhibit their traditional Appalachian crafts or contemporary artwork related to Monongahela National Forest during the 2024 season. Also, in addition to visual artists, the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center seeks individuals or groups who demonstrate performative arts, like traditional dance, spoken word or short theatrical performances.

"We love showcasing the talents of local artists and artisans at the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Artists

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of the Greenbrier County Emergency Communications Center. Commissioner Tincher thanked Don Havens, director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the agency in which he represents, for their hard work.

County Attorney Britt Ludwig presented the commission with details on prospected reorganization within the Greenbrier County 911 Center. The change would pertain to promoting Carla Blankenship to the Manager of the Center, effective Apr. 9. Ludwig stated the agency has been contemplating the reorganization of the positions, and added that this would present some fiscal savings to the county. One of the elements of the proposed would eliminate the position of director of the 911 Center and replace the position with a 911 manager. The last aspect of the reorganization would be changing the name of the 911 Center to the Emergency Communications Center, which is the current signage at the facility. The changes would allow for one supervisor reporting to the manager, eight full-time dispatchers, and four part-time dispatchers.

Britt went on to state the position in which is currently filled by Jordan Clendenin is proposed to be updated to reflect his current responsibilities as well the responsibility of implementing the system upgrade. His title would be upgraded to 911 Systems Administrator.

Director Havens noted that Carla has been "nothing but exemplary in performing her duties and routing everybody around her and giving them her support. She has been a huge asset to me and the county and she more than deserves to be recognized for her efforts and her continued efforts."

He went on to praise Jordan, stating, "Jordan, there is not enough words I can use to describe Jordan. He is another right-hand man of mine. [...] again, I would echo what Britt said. I think these two individuals more than deserve your consideration." Both position changes were approved unanimously by the Commission.

The Commission also considered a cost estimate and engagement of services for the Meadow River Rail Trail Phase Three. Commissioner Tincher discussed how one of the major funding sources for the work of the Meadow River Rail Trail is an Abandoned Mine Land Grant, with all projects within the Abandoned Mine Land Grant that have property requiring appraisal. Tincher moved to approve \$7,500 for an appraisal by the Upshur Agency, which has been used to approve Farmland Protection properties in the past, and which is reimbursable and covered by grants. The motion was approved unanimously.

In other business, the commission considered a request to help fund the Mountain Transit Authority for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Tim Thomas, director of the MTA, stated that they have continued to expand in Greenbrier County. The last three years they have worked with WVSOM to improve connections in western Greenbrier County through grants. He was excited to inform the Commission that MTA is now running five days a week in the Rainelle/Rupert area to Lewisburg every day, twice a day. The focus of expanding MTA coverage on the western end of the county is providing transportation for those in recovery to work, trainings, or appointments. Thomas moved on to say this year's trips have increased to 20,500 as of March, compared to 16,740 trips in the fiscal year 2019 and 26,677 trips in the full year of 2023. Rose moved to approve \$12,000, up from \$10,000 last year. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Commission also approved a bid submission for the City of White Sulphur Springs Route 60 East Sanitary Sewer replacement project for TIF (Tax Increment Funding) as presented. Bids were opened on Feb. 6, 2024, with the lowest bid being made by VIRCO Contractors in the amount of \$1,844,172.50. Approval of the bid is now required by White Sulphur Springs.

The next County Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, Apr. 23, at 10 a.m.

have a special way of connecting visitors to the landscape and cultural heritage of the Appalachians," said Mandy Harmon, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center Assistant Director.

All artists are asked to submit a small portfolio of their work with up to five attached images or a link to an online portfolio. For more information or to submit your portfolio, contact Mandy Harmon at mary-amanda.harmon@usda.gov.

The Seneca Rocks Discovery Center is open Apr. 5 through May 12, Friday through Sunday. The center will be open daily May 17 to Oct. 27. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seneca Rocks Discover Center is located at 13 Roy Gap Road. Entrance to the main parking lot is off U.S. 33, just south of the U.S. 33/State Route 28 intersection in Seneca Rocks.

For more information about Monongahela National Forest visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> or <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>.

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"looking at dilapidated structures that are on our list throughout the City," adding that they will start moving forward on getting these properties "taken care of." There was \$234,000 received from the state to help with the expense of tearing down these properties, "which is a wonderful, wonderful thing," said Taylor. Mayor Glover specified that these funds come from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies, and she states that means there is more flexibility with helping out individual property owners.

Taylor added that as warmer weather settles in for spring, to please be on top of lawn care and maintenance, and to be a good neighbor. He reminded attendees about the City's leash law, saying all dogs in city limits can't be "running at large" and must be leashed or kept on their own property. "We all have to abide by this," he said.

The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District presented a flood control operation request, with an annual funding amount of \$2,750 requested to operate and maintain the Howard's Creek Channel Flood Control structure in the 2025 budget. It was approved unanimously.

Council moved into executive session to discuss the encroachment of 50 East onto City property, which had been tabled at a previous meeting. No decisions were made in the session, and Mayor Glover made a motion to provide the property owner with information regarding the encroachment.

Councilmember Mark Gillespie said that he recently attended a Convention and Visitor's Bureau summit, and reported that when speaking with a variety of people from the Charleston area, "they are so much in support of our city, of White Sulphur." He said that he made a special note to invite businesses to move into White Sulphur, saying they are welcomed.

A separate checking account for "The Ridges project" was approved. These funds do not come from the City, but are provided by Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds.

In other news:

- Mayor Glover read a resolution proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness month for White Sulphur.

- A Youth Recreation Funding Application request for Spa City Soccer in the amount of \$1,000 was approved as in previous years. A request for \$1,000 for Pee Wee Basketball was approved, as well.

- Mayor Glover said that the City is still seeking a site to install a water tank on Route 92. "If you know anybody that's got some property that's at least 2,250 feet [elevated] that we could talk to about placing that tank, send their names our way so we can get in touch with them," she said. She reports that the City has already reached out "to a lot of people up through there," but are still looking.

- Councilmember Audrey VanBuren said that soccer and softball seasons have already started for the year, and she has contacted the teams to get schedules for the teams so they can make sure the lights on the fields are on at the correct times.

- A meeting to lay the levy was set for Apr. 16 at 8 a.m. in Council chambers.

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# Dear Recycle Lady,

# A Look Back

## Dear Recycle Lady,

Can Ziplock baggies be recycled? Must the top part of the Ziplock baggie be removed before recycling it? Some say yes and some say no.

### True or Not True

#### Dear True or Not True,

Yes, Ziplock baggies, as well as other brands of baggies, can be recycled. However, it is not necessary to cut off the top part of the baggie, called a plastic zipper, before recycling as this top part will melt during processing. Just be sure the baggie is clean and dry. Baggies are made from polyethylene or polypropylene, both of which are regarded as safe for food packaging. Ziplock baggies were first made in 1973 by S.C. Johnson & Son, although they were invented in 1968 by a team of engineers with Dow Chemical Co. looking for a way to keep food fresh. However, it was the revolutionary plastic zipper, originally called Flexigrip, invented in 1951, that changed the packaging of food products to zipper bags now known as baggies.

The downside of Ziplock baggies and all baggies, is that they are made of plastic, which is made from petroleum, a non-renewable resource. As they age, baggies break down into inorganic matter and microplastics, and can leach chemicals into the environment. According to theguardian.com, most

plastic sandwich baggies contain toxic PFAS or "forever chemicals." The PFAS are added to the baggies to prevent foods from sticking to the baggies. PFAS are also used to prevent plastics from sticking to equipment during manufacturing, which, according to EDF researcher Maricel Maffini, is probably why PFAS are found in baggies. Fortunately, there are now non-toxic, sustainable, and eco-friendly alternatives available for plastic baggies. This includes Stasher Silicone food bags, Beeswax sandwich bags, plant-based food wraps, If You Care Sandwich bags, and stainless-steel sandwich boxes. All of these are eco-friendly, plastic free, reusable, compostable and most can be purchased at Earthhero.com.

#### Dear Recycle Lady,

What are ecosystems?

#### Need Information

#### Dear Need Information,

According to Khan Academy, ecosystems - whether marine, aquatic, or land-based terrestrial - are made up of communities of different species that live together in a particular area in combination with their physical environment. The community is the biotic or living, component of the ecosystem (for example, plants, animals, soil bacteria, and predators), while the physical environment is the abiotic, or non-living, com-

ponent of the ecosystem (for example, sunlight, climate, water, and soil chemistry). Ecosystems are complex systems of completion and cooperation, where the actions of every life form can affect all the others, and abiotic factors impact all the associated biotic factors. This explanation only scratches the surface of Ecosystems and there are many websites available. See <https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/ecosystem/> for a more detailed explanation.

Good News! Non-compostable single-use coffee cups are now banned throughout Western Australia. Cafes can use compostable cups, and customers can bring in their own. With 500 billion disposable coffee cups used worldwide every year, this is a move in the right direction! (fto.com)

Please join us for our Earth Day Open House to be held on Earth Day, Monday, Apr. 22 at the Recycle Center on Monroe Avenue, in Ronceverte from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free hotdogs, chips, and drinks will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to [recyclelady7@gmail.com](mailto:recyclelady7@gmail.com). Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.



Photos courtesy of The National Portrait Gallery (London) and Wikimedia. Sources: The West Virginia News, The Wheeling Intelligencer, Charleston Daily Mail, St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### By William "Skip" Deegans

The Greenbrier has the unique history of having hosted two young and single British princes who, at least in the eyes of many American women, were eligible bachelors.

The first visit was in 1860 when 19-year-old Albert Edward VII Prince of Wales came to the Old White. A great ball was given in his honor, and it was reported, "...he met some of the South's

most charming daughters and danced with them." During his tour of the United States he was guarded by the United States Cavalry. While he was in Richmond, the Cavalry had to surround his hotel. One of his guards said, "Though the southern girls were supposed to be more restrained than the northern girls of that time, it was the belles the south that made the strongest play for Albert Edward, Prince of Wales." The prince returned to England and married the Princess Alexandra of Denmark in 1863. Upon the death of Queen Victoria in 1901, Albert became King of England. His reign was short as he died in 1910.

In 1919, Albert Edward VIII visited Canada and the United States when he was 25. Exhausted from many official receptions and entertainment, he retreated to The Greenbrier which was 59 years after his grandfather's visit. The

West Virginia News reported that the prince, "...spent the first of his three days of rest here by walking ten miles, spending an hour in the swimming pool, golfing for three hours and dancing for three more." Among the many debutantes who flocked to White Sulphur Springs was Millicent Rogers, heir to the Standard Oil fortune. A jazz band was brought to the hotel from New York, and Ms. Rogers was reported to have taught the prince how to dance the "jazz." The prince danced right up until the time his train departed.

Albert Edward VIII became King of England in 1936. His reign was even shorter than his grandfather as he abdicated that same year in order to marry the twice-divorced American, Wallis Simpson. He was given the title of Duke of Windsor, and would later return to The Greenbrier with his bride, The Duchess of Windsor.

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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Pursue; 2. Portal;  
3. Inhale; 4. Obtuse

Today's Word

## OPPOSITE

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# Business

## City National Bank honored by J.D. Power with customer satisfaction award for fifth time in seven years

City National Bank ranked #1 in customer satisfaction for consumer banking in the North Central Region in the J.D. Power 2024 U.S. Retail Banking Satisfaction Study, claiming the top honor in its region for the fifth time in seven years. City scored higher than all other banks in West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

"This award is about more than providing excellent service. It is about the way all City employees interact with and support their customers, communities, and each other every day," said President and CEO Skip Hageboeck. "We are honored to once again be recognized by our cus-

tomers." The U.S. Retail Banking Satisfaction Study measures satisfaction across seven factors: trust; people; account offerings; allowing customers to bank how and when they want; saving time and money; digital channels; and resolving problems or complaints.

In addition to ranking highest overall in its region, City also fared best in the factors of trust, people, allowing customers to bank how and when they want, and saving time and money.

The study is based on responses from 105,355 retail customers of the largest banks in the United

States regarding their experiences with their retail bank. It was fielded from January 2023 through January 2024. View the full J.D. Power 2024 U.S. Retail Banking Satisfaction Study here: <https://www.jdpower.com/business/retail-banking-study-1>.

About City National Bank: Headquartered in Charleston, WV, City National Bank operates 97 branches in West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia and Ohio. With \$6.2 billion in assets, City offers a variety of financial products and services for both consumer and business customers.

## PSC probes how utilities notify public of outages

State regulators have opened a general investigation into notifications by utilities and cable providers regarding service outages. The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has notified 14 regulated utilities that they should explain how they notify their individual customers when they are affected by service outages.

The companies named in the investigation are Mountaineer Gas Company, Hope Gas Inc., Consumers Gas Utility Company, Union Oil & Gas, Inc., Cardinal Natural Gas Company, West Virginia-American Water Company, Beckley Water Company, Appalachian Power Company

and Wheeling Power Company, Monongahela Power and The Potomac Edison Power Company, Morgantown Utility Board, Frontier West Virginia Inc., and Optimum.

The utilities have 20 days to respond to the order. They should provide an explanation of how they notify their individual affected customers of service outages; what plans they have, if any, to add, expand, modify, or improve notification systems; describe any technical or physical barriers that exist to providing electronic notifications by email or text message; and describe procedures in place to notify mass communica-

tion media of outages. West Virginia Rural Water Association, West Virginia Municipal League, and the West Virginia Internet and Television Association were provided with a copy of the order so they can inform their members of the general investigation. The Commission says it will welcome responses from the associations' members, but members are not required to respond. More information on this case can be found on the PSC website: [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us). Click on "Case Information" and access Case No. 24-0338-G-W-E-CTV-GI

### 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 gap!

Persist  
CURER

Betray  
ADMILES

Slight  
BUSTLE

Breach  
VAINED

TODAY'S WORD

"But you always said you LIKE to wake up to \_\_\_\_\_"

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Rainfall is different. 2. Rainfall is added to tank. 3. Sleeve is rolled up. 4. Leak is moved. 5. Pipe is thinner. 6. Bite is missing from sandwich.

## Super Crossword

### CROSSWORD DIVERSION

**ACROSS**

1 Extreme self-deniers  
9 Common proof of age  
15 Plotting band  
20 Cousins of croci  
21 Worker whose job is fitting  
22 Nice smell  
23 Stylized bow that's a token of affection  
24 Godly  
25 Fragment  
26 Unwrap  
27 Put on fancy duds, with "up"  
29 Many Punjabi believers  
30 Take forcibly  
31 Marry  
32 Cultural  
35 Many August babies  
36 Ford bomb  
37 Writer Elinor or Philip  
39 Praise highly  
41 Toad feature  
43 Toppings for nachos  
45 "The King —"  
46 Shakes up

51 Entertainer Falana  
52 Nutrition std.  
54 "— Kapital"  
55 Tapering off  
56 Flying hooters  
57 They have depots: Abbr.  
58 Father of Beau Bridges  
60 Most bizarre  
61 Rugged truck, in brief  
62 Sandy islets  
63 Napoleon's isle of exile  
64 News anchor  
65 Hebrew holy scroll  
67 Plus others: Abbr.  
69 "Noah" actress  
71 Chewed  
75 Title for a fictional Southern rabbit  
77 Cowboys' city, informally  
79 Writer Dinesen

81 Suffix with Seattle  
82 Behind bars  
85 Bruno — (shoe brand)  
86 Moo — pork  
87 Be boastful  
88 Hurting from hiking, say  
90 Color tone  
91 Gridiron stats  
92 Pale brown  
93 Legume-family plant  
94 Incline  
96 "Not so!"  
98 PC memory units  
99 19th-century Shakespeare editor  
100 Chevy muscle car  
101 Farfalle, e.g.  
105 A8 carmaker  
107 Paige of "Evita"  
109 Gene-splicing need  
112 Trellis plants  
113 Current style  
115 Finale  
116 Colorado ski mecca  
117 Vetoed  
118 Early online protocol

120 Rip apart  
123 Justice Kagan  
124 Distinctive film director  
125 Ripped apart  
126 Impertinent  
127 Meager  
128 Jewel box holders ... or eight features of this puzzle?

14 Equestrian training  
15 Bit of outdated hi-fi equipment  
16 Traveled in a curved path  
17 Tennis' Becker  
18 Astonish  
19 Suit coat flap  
28 — monster (large lizard)  
32 Lofty trains  
33 — del Fuego  
34 Romantic evening meal  
38 In-favor votes  
40 Longtime politico Mo  
42 Rival of Xerox or Canon  
43 Political pull  
44 DIYer's book  
47 Build upon  
48 Deadlock  
49 Mil. officer  
50 Mil. officer  
53 Mgr.'s aide  
59 Tasty tuber  
62 December 25  
64 Periodic payment to a stockholder  
66 Taper off  
68 Judges' org.  
70 Very fine rain

72 Hora or hokeypokey  
73 Classic arcade name  
74 Smooth transition  
76 31-Across on the sly  
78 Viscous  
80 Novelist Jane  
82 Possibilities  
83 This moment  
84 Java  
85 Fulfill expectations  
87 Really tired  
89 Sailing races  
95 "Take it out" mark  
97 Beatified Fr. woman  
101 Really years  
102 Teresa of —  
103 "Boxcars" roll  
104 Cold temps  
106 River mouth  
108 Silly prank  
110 Constituent of gunpowder  
111 At — for words  
114 — ex machina  
116 Observe  
119 Ill, to Italians  
121 Inclined  
122 '16 Olympics host

**DOWN**

1 Radiant  
2 Incline  
3 Neanderthal, e.g.  
4 Eve's garden  
5 "— Tok" (Keshia hit)  
6 Electrojet bit  
7 Laundromat machine  
8 Make a chair of  
9 "— be an honor"  
10 Speaking stand  
11 Passive resistance to laws  
12 Quite similar  
13 "Apollo 13" director

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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**PUZZLE ANSWERS PAGE 7**

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# SCHOOL

## Student winners announced in WV Bridge Design & Build Contest

Teams from PikeView Middle School and PikeView High School in Mercer County took home the most honors at the West Virginia Bridge Design & Build Contest, held Saturday, Apr. 6, at WVU Tech

in Beckley.

First place in the software design competition went to students from Eastern Greenbrier Middle School in the middle school division, and to students from PikeView High

School in the high school division.

First place in the balsa wood bridge competition went to Eastern Greenbrier Middle School in the middle school division, and to PikeView High School in the high school division. In all, PikeView Middle School or High School students took home five awards, while students from Eastern Greenbrier Middle School took home three.

Thirty-eight teams from 21 counties participated in the competition in 2024, which pits middle school and high school students against one another in both computer software and balsa wood model contests to see who can come up with the most cost-effective and sturdiest bridge designs. The contest is sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT), BridgeWalk, West Virginia Department of Education, and WVU Tech.

Thirty-five teams made it to the finals, with 30 present at the WV Tech campus. The contest is designed to encourage STEM education and inspire tomorrow's engineers, today. Students can win cash prizes, and every student who participates in the contest gets a free BridgeWalk tour for themselves and their families.

### WINNERS:

Software competition, middle school:

- Third place, Ben Kelso and Saja Huggi, team Scheming, Eastern Greenbrier Middle School.

- Second place, Laura Du and Riya Zenn, team In it for the money, Suncrest Middle School.

- First place, Emma Vincent and Ellie Burns, team DumbleDores

Army, Eastern Greenbrier Middle School.

Software competition, high school:

- Third place, Larry Du and Max Chen, team LarryMax, Morgantown High School.

- Second place, Landon Palmer and Landon Lester, team Landon Squared, PikeView High School.

- First place, Ben Williams and Jacob Lafferty, team Infinity+2, PikeView High School.

Balsa wood bridge competition, middle school:

- Third place, Carley Coleman, team Tinker Belles, Andrew Jackson Middle School.

- Second place, Laura Du and Riya Zenn, team In it for the money, Suncrest Middle School.

- First place, Arabella Webb, team The Strawberries, Eastern Greenbrier Middle School.

- Most creative, John Williams, team Johniscool1000000000.

Balsa wood bridge competition, high school:

- Third place, Janie Gilchrist and Alex Gilchrist, team AsianInvasion, Morgantown High School.

- Second place, Parker Worline and Ethan Coleman, team PandE, Winfield High School.

- First place, Johnathon Scott Meadows, team UNcivil engineering, PikeView High School.

- Most creative, Madelyn Cole and Parker Shrewsbury, team Iha-vethehighground, PikeView High School.

- Most creative, Connor Atkins and Lucas Messenger, team Negative Zero, East Fairmont High School.

## LEGAL

### FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025 LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
MUNICIPALITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

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

#### REVENUE SOURCE

Unassigned Fund Balance	102,500	
Property Taxes - Current Expense	269,337	
Tax Loss Restoration	550	
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	25,000	
Excise Tax on Utilities	150,000	
Business and Occupation Tax	275,000	
Wine & Liquor Tax	160,000	
Animal Control Tax	400	
Hotel Occupancy Tax	35,000	
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	40,575	
Parking Violations	100	
Licenses	12,500	
Building Permit Fees	6,900	
Franchise Fees	40,000	
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	40,000	
Private Liquor Club Fee	7,500	
Parks & Recreation	45,000	
Municipal Service Fees	223,000	
Rents, Royalties and Concessions	180,000	
Refuse Collection	373,500	
Police Protection Fees	113,000	
Fire Protection Fees	137,700	
Federal Government Grants	20,000	
State Government Grants	20,000	
Other Grants	20,000	
Contributions from Other Entities	2,500	
Contributions from other Funds	2,500	
Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,200	
Gaming Income	100,000	
Interest Earned on Investments	50	
Reimbursements	20,000	
Insurance Claims	1,500	
Accident Reports	17,350	
Video Lottery (LVL)	3,000	
Miscellaneous Revenues (provide details on 'Explanations' tab)	20,000	
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)</b>	<b>\$ 2,465,662</b>	

#### COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 3,000
Coal Severance Tax	3,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
<b>ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>		
Mayor's Office	7,875	-
City Council	5,025	-
Recorder's Office	3,450	-
City Clerk's Office	30,750	-
Police Judge's Office	23,150	-
City Attorney	42,750	-
City Auditor	19,500	-
Contributions to Comms/Authorities	5,000	-
Regional Development Authority	1,000	-
Planning & Zoning	28,650	-
Elections	20,550	-
Data Processing	2,900	-
City Hall	56,650	-
Police Department	734,137	-
Fire Department	162,650	-
Flood Control/Soil Conservation	2,750	-
Streets and Highways	308,300	-
Street Lights	65,000	-
Central Garage	122,100	-
Garbage Department	464,150	-
Parks & Recreation	224,400	-
Visitors Bureau	17,550	-
Swimming Pools	96,875	-
Library	12,000	3,000
Beautification Programs	8,500	1,500
Capital Projects - Culture and Recreation	-	1,500
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 2,465,662</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>

### MUNICIPALITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA

#### Regular Current Expense Levy

### FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

CLASS I	Certificate of Valuation		
	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
<b>Total Class I</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>CLASS II</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 39,121,260	25.00	\$ 97,803
Personal Property	26,994		67
<b>Total Class II</b>	<b>\$ 39,148,254</b>		<b>\$ 97,870</b>
<b>CLASS IV</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 34,740,170	50.00	\$ 173,701
Personal Property	27,936,533		139,683
Public Utility	7,423,853		37,119
<b>Total Class IV</b>	<b>\$ 70,100,556</b>		<b>\$ 350,503</b>
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 109,248,810</b>		<b>\$ 448,373</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	22,419
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	8,519
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			142,601
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection</b>			<b>\$ 274,834</b>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	5,497
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes</b>			<b>\$ 269,337</b>

### MUNICIPALITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA

#### ALLOWANCE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

#### REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY

### 2024 - 2025

CLASS I	Column C		
	Roll Back Value Form	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
<b>Total Class I</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>CLASS II</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 21,193,230	25.00	\$ 52,983
Personal Property	0		0
<b>Total Class II</b>	<b>\$ 21,193,230</b>		<b>\$ 52,983</b>
<b>CLASS IV</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 19,709,700	50.00	\$ 98,549
Personal Property	327,429		1,637
Public Utility	0		0
<b>Total Class IV</b>	<b>\$ 20,037,129</b>		<b>\$ 100,186</b>
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 41,230,359</b>		<b>\$ 153,169</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	7,658
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	2,910
<b>Allowance For Tax Increment Financing</b>			<b>\$ 142,601</b>
(This amount carries to the worksheet above)			

### STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

### COUNTY OF GREENBRIER

### MUNICIPALITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

I, Mark D. Gillespie, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 20th day of March, 2024.

  
(Signature)

Recorder

(Official Title of Recording Officer)

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## LEGAL

### NOTICE

Any individual or entity believing that may have ownership of funds deposited in the Trust Account of Attorney William D. Goodwin, who died on August 18, 2022, should contact Robert B. Allen, Esq., counsel for the William Goodwin Estate, prior to July 1, 2024. Mr. Allen may be contacted at P.O. Box 2031, Charleston, WV 25327, or by phone (304) 342-7592. If no one asserts a claim or there are funds remaining in the Trust Account after July 1, 2024, the West Virginia Supreme Court will be asked to have the remaining funds transferred to the West Virginia State Bar.

## LEGAL

CITY OF LEWISBURG  
Greenbrier County, West Virginia  
City Street Paving  
April 2024

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Lewisburg is seeking bids for City Street Paving from all interested, licensed, insured, and bonded paving contractors.

The purpose of this advertisement is to solicit bids from responsive and responsible bidders to furnish labor, materials and supplies required to pave City Streets within the corporate limits of the City of Lewisburg. There will be a **mandatory** pre-bid meeting **Tuesday, April 23, 2024**, at 9:00 a.m. at the Lewisburg Public Works office located at 296 Feamster Road. The purpose of the mandatory pre-bid meeting is to discuss the project and tour the streets to outline the proposed paving. All prospective bidders are required to attend.

Each bid must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope. All bidding documents shall be submitted in a single envelope addressed to the Owner marked with the following information in the lower left-hand corner.

"Name and address of bidder"  
City of Lewisburg  
Attn: Public Works Director  
396 Feamster Road  
Lewisburg, WV 24901  
Bid for City Street Paving

To be opened at 2:00 p.m., **April 30, 2024**

Any contractor submitting a bid on this project hereby certifies, indicates, and acknowledges that he/she has a valid WV Contractor's license, a City of Lewisburg business license and meets the qualifications required by the statutes of the State and subdivision in which the work is to be performed. The City of Lewisburg reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

## Pocahontas Producers

### Spring Sale Schedule 2024

Friday April 12th • 7:00pm

Special Spring Calf Sale

Saturday April 13th • 2:00pm

Regular Sale

Saturday May 11th • 2:00pm

Regular Sale

Saturday June 15th • 2:00pm

Regular Sale

Saturday July 20th • 2:00pm

Regular Sale

For more info call PPCA Manager Sherry Sullenberger 540-499-2718 or Extension Office at 304-799-4852

## LEGAL

### PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION

SecureStore Self Storage - 1367 Maplewood Ave., Ronceverte, WV 24970, has a possessory lien on all of the goods stored in unit 355. The auction will end on April 18, 2024 at 12 noon. All these items of personal property are being auctioned online through [lockerfox.com](http://lockerfox.com). This auction will run until April 18, 2024. Pictures of the units can be inspected online. Cash payments only. For more details visit [www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/](http://www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/)

# STEPPIN' OUT

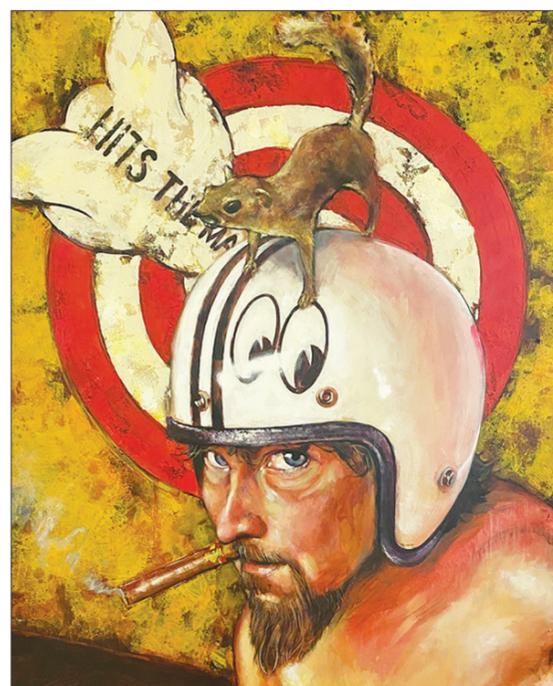
## Carnegie Hall's Museum Gallery features Richard Shrewsbury



Chicken Hawk (monoprint)



Looking Back (Sculpture)



Hits The Mark (acrylic)

Carnegie Hall's March/April Exhibits continue with three galleries showcasing the works of regional artists. The Museum Gallery (adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium) features "Spirits" by Richard Shrewsbury.

Artist Richard Shrewsbury's life has been far different from anything he could have imagined as a boy growing up in southern West Virginia. When he was not outside enjoying nature and playing cowboys and Indians with his friends, he was inside making drawings of his imaginary adventures.

With encouragement from his high school art teacher and others, Shrewsbury attended the prestigious Cleveland Institute of Art. After switching from commercial to fine art, he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a major in drawing and minors in illustration and ceramics. Shrewsbury found ceramics during his last two years of art school when he began drawing on clay slabs. It didn't take long for sculpture to become his primary interest.

With a love for clay and a new-found interest in sculpture, Shrewsbury applied and was accepted into the

ceramics program of Arizona State University, where he received his master's degree. During his time in the Southwest, Shrewsbury's interest in Native American culture grew as he experienced ancient places and ceremonies, nature, and man's relationship with it.

After graduation, Shrewsbury began working full-time as a designer and teaching adjunct classes in drawing at South Mountain Community College and ceramic sculpture at the Mesa Art Center. During this time, Shrewsbury's work matured, and gallery interest increased, with representation in Scottsdale, AZ; Santa Fe, NM; Atlanta, GA; and New York City.

Today, back in his native West Virginia, his interests and work continue to develop. "My work results from an intuitive reaction to human forms and emotions," said Shrewsbury. "With each piece, I strive to evoke a sense of ritual, ceremony and spirit. My personal experiences and

spirituality are subtly impressed in each piece, leaving the viewer to find individual meaning."

Shrewsbury has recently become the director of Holler Gallery in Princeton, WV. Here, he showcases other Appalachian artists and offers an exhibition space for the interpretation of historical and regional concerns.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and run through the end of February. For more information, please visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

## Women's Night Out fundraiser set for April 27

Family Refuge is excited to announce their annual Women's Night Out fundraising event. This special evening will feature both silent and live auctions, offering a variety of items and experiences for bidding. The event is scheduled for Apr. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. and will take place at the Greenbrier Community School, located at 413 Oak Street, Lewisburg.

FRC continues to be a beacon of hope and this event is more than just an auction; it's a celebration of community and support for the vital services provided by the Family Refuge Center. In a powerful move to educate and inspire the community, each year we invite a survivor speaker who will highlight the harsh realities of domestic violence and/or

sexual abuse. This is also a platform for survivors to voice their lived experiences so they can be acknowledged and celebrated for their courage and resilience.

We warmly invite everyone to join us for an evening of food, fun and philanthropy. Your participation and support can make a real difference. All proceeds will directly support the services provided by the Family Refuge Center, whose mission is dedicated to offering assistance and protection to families in need.

Tickets can be purchased on the Family Refuge Center's Facebook page or by mail. The mailing address is P.O. Box 249, Lewisburg, WV 24901. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tyranda Martin at 304-645-6324.

## Rupert Public Library Art Show upcoming

The Rupert Public Library will hold their Art Show on Friday, Apr. 19, and Saturday, Apr. 20. There will be a reception on Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. The Hidden Mountain Treasures music group will perform while patrons view the art entries and enjoy food prepared by the Board of Trustees and staff.

All artists working in oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, and drawing are invited to submit up to three items to be displayed and judged. You may enter all three of your items in one category if you wish. First, second, and third place ribbons,

as well as best of show, will be awarded. There will be monetary awards for the blue ribbon winner in each category, the best of show winner, and the people's choice.

If you wish to show your artwork you can pick up an entry form at the library. All entries are to be framed with a wire hanger. Please no alligator or zigzag hangers. Bring your entry form and release of liability form. There will be a \$5 fee for each art entry.

The library staff and board of trustees invite the public to enjoy the festivities.

**JULY 25-27**

**the Hunchback of Notre Dame**  
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The Hunchback of Notre Dame

## The Hunchback of Notre Dame tickets now on sale

The Hunchback of Notre Dame, a collaborative production by Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT), Carnegie Hall, and Greenbrier Valley Chorale (GVC), will be presented on July 25, 26, and 27, at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased online at [www.carnegiehallwv.org/the-hunchback-of-notre-dame](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org/the-hunchback-of-notre-dame).

In a first-ever collaboration of the three pre-eminent Greenbrier Valley performing arts organizations, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Carnegie Hall, and the Greenbrier Valley Chorale, proudly present a staged concert version of Disney's The Hunchback of Notre Dame - the Musical. Based on the classic Vic-

tor Hugo novel and including songs from the Disney animated feature plus new songs by composers Alan Menken (Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, Aladdin) and Stephen Swartz (Wicked, Godspell).

Tickets are \$35/adult and \$20/student and may be purchased online at [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org). Tickets may also be purchased by visiting the Carnegie Hall Box Office at 611 Church St., Lewisburg, or by calling 304-645-7917.

For more information, please contact Greenbrier Valley Theatre at 304-645-3838, Carnegie Hall at 304-645-7917, or Greenbrier Valley Chorale at [greenbriervalleychorale@gmail.com](mailto:greenbriervalleychorale@gmail.com).

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