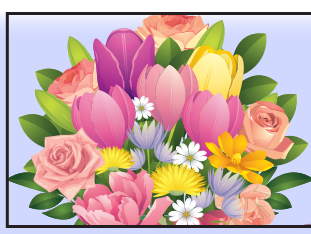




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**The Romano Law Office at 860 Court Street N. in Lewisburg is serving the public as a voting location due to extensive construction at the Greenbrier County Courthouse.**

## Early Voting continues, Election Day is May 14

By Sarah Richardson

Early voting for the May 14 Primary Election continues this week in Greenbrier County with two early voting locations open to serve the public. In Lewisburg, the Romano Law Office at 860 Court Street N. (across from the Lewis Theatre) is one site, and in Rupert, the Rupert Community Center is another.

Candidates that voters will see on their ballot will vary depending on their registered political party. However, nonpartisan races will appear on every ballot and will be decided during the May primary, not in the November general election.

This means that county-level positions including Board of Education members and the Conservation District Supervisor will be determined by the primary election only, along with judicial candidates including the WV Supreme Court of Appeals, the WV Intermediate Court of Appeals, circuit court judges, family court judges, and magistrate judges.

See inside this edition of the Mountain Messenger for a personal biography from local candidates in their own words.

Early voting runs now through May 11, on the following dates and times at the Lewisburg location:

- Saturday, May 4: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Monday, May 5 through Friday, May 10: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  - Saturday, May 11: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- At the Rupert location, dates and times are:
- Saturday, May 4: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Monday, May 5 through Friday, May 10: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  - Saturday, May 11: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Election Day is Tuesday, May 14, at the Romano Law Office (due to ongoing construction at the Greenbrier County Courthouse) with polls opening at 6:30 a.m. and closing at 7:30 p.m.

## Lewisburg City Council discusses parks plans, Pickleball youth program, and more

By Sarah Richardson

At the last meeting of the Lewisburg City Council, councilmembers laid the levy, discussed a new Pickleball Summer Youth Program, approved several pay requests, and addressed other agenda items.

Councilmember Sarah Elkins reports that the Parks Commission held their first meeting of 2024, and that there will be a new Pickleball Summer Youth Program at Hollowell Park on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. in the months of June and July. It's anticipated that only two of the pickleball courts will be reserved for this program. Sports league leaders attended the Parks meeting to discuss the upcoming seasons and present various requests to the Commissioners.

"This meeting is always good one where leaders of the different leagues come and visit us," Elkins said. Representatives with the softball league reported that 400 girls between the ages of four and 18 will be participating in softball this summer. There are also roughly 350-400 players in the Little League teams, with a large chunk of players being Lewisburg residents. More batting cages and a sound system were requested, along with several other items, which will be discussed further at a later time.

Elkins said that they wish to develop a five and a 10 year plan for the parks system, "which works out wonderfully since we have a comprehensive plan coming up." She plans to record wishlist requests in these plans so they don't get lost from year to year

with potential changes to city administration and Parks Committee members.

City Manager Misty Hill noted that there does need to be a strong plan in place for the parks properties, especially considering the new land on Stonehouse Road that will be used in part for parks and public works property, adjacent to the water plant. "From what I gathered, the Parks Commissioners would like to work with Planning and Zoning Commission as we develop this comprehensive plan to make sure what we are developing in that plan is what the Parks Commission is wanting to see," said Hill.

In other news, Resolution 546: Stormwater Assessment and Management Study in the amount of \$13,950 was read and approved, along with Resolution 547: Water System Improvement Project Pay Request 23 in the amount of \$1,572,383.45. A pay request for the Dogwood Heights Stormwater Project in the amount of \$121,050 was approved, along with Pay Requests 12 and 13 to The Thrasher Group for Fire Station One in the amount of \$133,875.

City Manager Hill announced the following levy rates: Regular current levy rates - Class I .12.5/\$100 valuation, Class II .25.000/\$100 valuation and Class IV .50.000/\$100 valuation. Excess current levy rates - Class I .6.25/\$100 valuation, Class II .12.500 /\$100 valuation and Class IV .25.000/\$100 valuation. There were no public comments on the layout of the levy, which was then passed unanimously.

## Smooth Ambler's Old Scout 7 earns Gold Medal at San Francisco World Spirits Competition

By Chelsea Blair

The San Francisco World Spirits Competition has released the list of winners for their 2024 contest, which was held this April. The international competition had over 3,600 entries this year, and since starting in 2022 has made its name as the largest spirits competition the world. Each year, medal winners range from some of the most renowned international distillers to small-batch producers across the globe.

Among the award winners were three West Virginia distilleries, including Greenbrier County's very own Smooth Ambler Spirits, which is located in Maxwelton. This year, their Old Scout 7 Bourbon Whiskey earned a gold medal. Described as having "bold, sweet and spicy flavors with subtle apple, leather, and cherry pipe tobacco," Old Scout 7 is a high-rye, 99 proof spirit that has been aged for seven years.

Overall, Smooth Ambler has won over 30 awards for their spirits, including Best in the World single bar-



**Smooth Ambler Spirit's Old Scout 7 Bourbon Whiskey won a gold medal at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition.**

rel whiskey at The World Whiskies Awards by Whisky Magazine in 2016. The company stated, "We didn't just

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## Flavor Mutt: a small-batch bakery with a big heart

By Stephen Baldwin  
RealWV, [www.therealwv.com](http://www.therealwv.com)

Chef Chad Jones arrives at his bakery around 4 a.m. to begin baking each day. In a week's time, he uses hundreds of pounds of flour and makes more than 500 pieces of bread.

"Last year just exploded for us," says Chef Chad Jones.

He and his wife, Jen, reopened Flavor Mutt in Ronceverte beside The Sportsman Tavern. They served prepared food as well as baked items, in addition to providing bread for numerous local restaurants. Demand for their products grew quickly, but their goal was never to be a large-batch bakery. Their goal was to offer high-quality breads and vegetables directly from their kitchen to their customer's kitchen tables.

That meant they had to recalibrate Flavor Mutt. So they moved locations from Ronceverte to Fairlea, where they bake breads for local restaurants Monday through Wednesday and bake their fan favorites breads and foods for retail customers Thursday through Saturday.

"We've really hit our stride as a small-batch bakery," Chad reflects. "I love baking bread, pulling it out of the oven, and handing it directly to our friends."

Over the last few months, Flavor Mutt was

closed while they recalibrated and remodeled their new space (located across from the WV State Fair and beside Swift Level Fine Meats on Rt. 219 South in Fairlea).

"I missed our friends!" Jen says with a smile. "It's been so nice to reopen and give everybody hugs."

"She's really good at making people feel welcome," Chad says of his wife. "Then I can come behind her hospitality with a plate of good food."

"I consider all of our customers friends," Jen says. "It's really a beautiful thing to be a part of this community and see my big, extended family every day."

Flavor Mutt's extended family includes local and traveling customers. "There's a really great local core," Jen shares. "Plus, a lot of osteopathic school students, surrounding counties, and even tourists who visit us all the time."

"There's a lot of places to get bread," Chad says. "We're grateful they choose us."



**Chef Chad Jones and his wife, Jen**  
(Photo by RealWV)

Chad and Jen hope the new space will make them more accessible and also allow them to pursue new passions in the future.

"It's gone really, really well," Jen adds. "The space fits us. We have expanded our menu, plan to have an herb garden, and just love our porch swing."

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**Flavor Mutt has relocated to 814 Maplewood Avenue in Fairlea, and is open for retail customers every Thursday through Saturday.**

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Sergeant Matt Doss (left), Chief Deputy Bart Baker, Deputy Bradley Walls, Deputy Aaron Davis, Sheriff Bruce Sloan, Corporal Seth Havens, and Deputy Colton VanDyke

## Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office welcomes back Academy graduates

The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office welcomes back two of their officers who graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy on Friday, Apr. 26. Deputy Aaron Davis and Deputy Bradley Walls were members of the 195th Basic Police Training Class which was comprised of 44 police officers from across the state. The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office is proud of these officers for their efforts and accomplishments. We look forward to their many years of professional service to the citizens of Greenbrier County.

## Make It Shine event focuses on Meadow River Cleanup

A Make it Shine event, organized by House of Delegates candidate Roger Vannoy, was held this past Sunday along the Meadow River. A total of 11 tires, one discarded wheel barrow, and five bags of trash were collected along the river's edge.

"We want to show the Meadow River Valley-area that we do care," Vannoy said after the event. "They've been neglected by all politicians, so we chose to go out there and do a clean-up."

Vannoy has participated in numerous clean-up events across West Virginia, noting that Make it Shine is a statewide organization that sponsors such events throughout the month of April.

"They send you trash bags, gloves, and grabbers," Vannoy stated. "You gather the trash, and then they come pick it up within a couple of days for free."

In addition to the trash collected, Vannoy said, there was a bulldozer tread in the river that his team could not recover, as well as what appeared to be an abandoned homeless encampment which will require a dumpster to remove.

"It looked like someone had run the homeless off, but all of their stuff was still there," Vannoy explained. "There were no needles found, but we did find other drug paraphernalia. There



was definite substance abuse going on, and it's very sad."

"It just goes to show that we have homeless, and that substance abuse is real in our county," Vannoy added.

To learn more about the West Virginia Make it Shine Program, visit [dep.wv.gov](http://dep.wv.gov).

## West Virginia secures \$1.2B in broadband funding; among first states in the country allowed to request BEAD funds

Gov. Jim Justice announced this week that West Virginia has secured \$1.2 billion in Broadband Enhancement Access and Deployment (BEAD) funding, which will be used to improve reliable high-speed internet for residents statewide.

The Office of Broadband, which is part of the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, helped obtain these funds, and West Virginia is among the first states in the nation to secure this NTIA approval.

"I'm thrilled that we secured this funding because broadband advancements

are extremely important for West Virginia," Gov. Justice said. "From day one, my administration has supported the expansion of broadband to every corner of the State, and I am excited to see the results of this historic investment in broadband technology and infrastruc-

ture."

The U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA), approved West Virginia's BEAD Initial Proposal Volume II (IP-VII) late last week.

The BEAD program is a \$42.45 billion state grant program authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The application process includes 20 program requirements divided into two separate sections known as Volume I and Volume II.

West Virginia's Initial Proposal Volume I was submitted in November 2023 and approved January 29, 2024. Volume I outlines the State's process for executing a challenge process, through which units of local government, nonprofit organizations, and broadband service providers can challenge

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## Department of Arts, Culture and History now accepting submissions for 'Inspired: WV Historic Buildings and Structures Juried Art Exhibition'

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) is now accepting entries for the second installation of Inspired: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions on. This installation of the exhibit will feature historic West Virginia buildings and structures. Submissions for Inspired: West Virginia Historic Buildings and Structures will be accepted until Friday, May 24, at 4 p.m.

The exhibition will open Sunday, July 28, with a reception and awards ceremony at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston and will be displayed through mid-December.

Inspired: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions is a four-part series in honor of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States featuring visual representations of West Virginia themes by the West Virginia State Museum and the Department of Arts, Culture and History. West Virginia Wildlife and Historic and Prominent People will be featured in the Commissioner's Gallery of the Culture Center over the next several months. Previously featured in this exhibition were West Virginia Landscapes.

Artists must be current West Virginia residents and may enter up to two pieces in each of the four exhibitions. Entries should have been created within the past two years and not exceed seven feet in any dimension. Film/video works are not eligible for this exhibition.

The prospectus and entry information can be found on our website at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/museums>.

For more information about the exhibit or to request a printed prospectus, contact Chuck Ocheltree at 304-558-0220 ext. 131 or [Charles.C.Ocheltree@wv.gov](mailto:Charles.C.Ocheltree@wv.gov).

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### PICK OF THE LITTER



**RHONDA**  
Rhonda is a four-year-old female domestic shorthair

**DALE**  
Dale is a three-year-old terrier mix and weighs 28 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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## The Renick Community Center Open House May 4

will hold an Open House gathering on Saturday, May 4, from 2 to 5 p.m. at 217 Huff Street, Renick. Celebrate with neighbors and friends and enjoy live music, vintage photos of Renick, an exhibit by the late photographer and former Renick resident Ken Sherman, and win fun door prizes. Walk on the new trails and try out the outdoor exercise equipment. There will be music and family fun.

## Alderson Farmers Market

Each Tuesday from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Beginning May 7 - October 29. They offer WIC, senior vouchers, carrot club for children, stretch, snap, and they accept credit cards (purchases must be \$5 or more).

## Marriages

Madison Mae Richmond and Jason Dillon Dodd  
Gracie Mahalia Morgan and Myles Clayton Holley

## Broadband

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whether a location should be eligible for BEAD funding. Volume II, submitted in December 2023, addresses key elements of the State's BEAD implementation plan.

Please visit [broadband.wv.gov](http://broadband.wv.gov) for program details and updates, broadband mapping, and other information.

"Everyone on our team understands the urgent need to expand broadband to all West Virginians," West Virginia Secretary of Economic Development, Mitch Carmichael, said, "We cannot overstate the importance of this critical infrastructure to West Virginia's economic future. The West Virginia Office of Broadband has worked incredibly hard through a rigorous process to reach this point and we look forward to working with NTIA and all of our federal partners to move as quickly as possible to deploy broadband throughout the State."

In anticipation of BEAD Initial Proposal approval, West Virginia launched its BEAD Pre-Application Phase on Mar. 18, 2024. The mandatory Pre-Application Phase enables applicants to demonstrate eligibility and capacity to compete for grants to expand broadband infrastructure to BEAD eligible locations. The BEAD Full Application Phase is scheduled to begin in May 2024. Within one year of the IPvII approval, West Virginia must submit a Final Proposal to include projects that will reach all unserved and underserved locations.

Following the allocation of funds for broadband infrastructure projects, any remaining funds can be used for workforce development, digital skills training, and other eligible uses, according to the approved plan. The West Virginia Office of Broadband is the administrator of the BEAD program and numerous programs for broadband.

## SHPO Day of Service and Remembrance Grants applications deadline extended

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is extending the application deadline for the Day of Service and Remembrance Grants. This funding is designated to recognize and assist in the preservation of local and family cemeteries in West Virginia. Eligible projects include nominating cemeteries to the National Register of Historic Places, workshops & clean up days, interpretation, and rehabilitation. The deadline for receipt of applications submitted through our on-line portal (GoApply) is May 17, 2024.

This funding is available from Volunteer West Virginia as part of their September 11, 2024 Day of Service and Remembrance Grant program, and has been designated to recognize and assist the preservation or

stabilization of local and family cemeteries, which may contain interments of veterans and persons from underrepresented communities.

The program provides a minimum grant of \$1,000 to the maximum of \$10,000 and requires a dollar-to-dollar match by the applicant. Applicants may be state or local government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, private citizens, religious organizations, educational institutions, or Certified Local Governments.

A complete program description, with guidelines and application, and access to the GoApply application portal is available at: <https://wvculture.org/agencies/state-historic-preservation-office-shpo/> or contact Christy Moore, grants coordinator for SHPO, at (304) 558-0240 or [Christina.J.Moore@wv.gov](mailto:Christina.J.Moore@wv.gov).

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## 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 Zoning Ordinance Update Public Hearing

will be held Tuesday, May 7, at 9 a.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street West. On the agenda:

- Lewisburg Zoning Ordinance Update
- Written public comments previously submitted
- Public comments

### Lewisburg Parks Commission

will meet Tuesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber, Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street, West. On the agenda:

- Communications from members
- Project updates
- Adult League at Dorie Miller Park
- Skate Park update request
- Approval of Minutes - Apr. 2, 2024

### Lewisburg Building Commission

will meet Wednesday, May 8, at 5 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber in Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. On the agenda:

- Resolution 548, Public Works Building Pay Requests 12 and 13
- Resolution 551, Public Works Building Pay Request 14
- Approval of Minutes - Feb. 20, 2024 and Apr. 16, 2024

### Lewisburg Public Safety Committee

will meet Wednesday, May 8, at 6 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers in Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. On the agenda:

- Stand Operating Guidelines #LPD020
- Approval of Minutes - Oct. 10, 2023 and Mar. 12, 2024

### Lewisburg Zoning Ordinance Update Public Hearing

will be held Tuesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street West. On the agenda:

- Lewisburg Zoning Ordinance Update
- Written public comments previously submitted
- Public comments

### Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, May 13, at 5 p.m. in regular session in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber in Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Apr. 8, 2024
- Comments from the public
- Jolm Wilson, 1017 Washington Street East - replace previously approved front door
- MacAttack, 979 Washington Street - replace old vinyl fascia board with aluminum.
- Bernard Tronche, 210 North Lee Street - demo and reconstruct current dwelling and add a rear addition material approval of plans
- Libby Tomar, 1505 Washington Street West - revisit post application
- Libby Tomar, 1505 Washington Street East - install K-Style gutters on the porch to match the existing K Style gutters on the house, white in color
- Don Joint, 221 Austin Street - paint garage different color and new garage doors new metal roof
- Greenbrier Historical Society, North House Museum - install a 48"x16" flat polished bench
- Comments from the Zoning Officer

The next scheduled meeting of the Historic Landmarks Commission will be on Monday June 10 at 5 p.m., with a deadline of Friday, May 24 at noon.

## For the Record

### Deeds

Pamela E. Zipperman-Davis and Steven C. Davis to Pamela E. Zipperman-Davis Revocable Trust (by trustees): lot no. 16, White Sulphur District, Map 26 Parcel 179. Filed April 25, 2024.

Linda H. Dameron to Mary J. Lukowski and David Lukowski: 0.344 acres more or less, Alderson District, Map 6 Parcel 0481, 0482, 0483, 0484. Filed April 25, 2024.

Courtney J. Vance to Rylee Bolt and Michael G. Bolt: lots 26 & 27, Ronceverte District, Map 6 Parcel 71. Filed April 25, 2024.

Campsite LLC to Daniel R. Honaker and Stephanie L. Honaker: 0.463 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 12 Parcel 0012 0003. Filed April 25, 2024.

Kenneth L. Carter to Kendrick L. Carter: lot 14, White Sulphur District, Map 12 Parcel 0185. Filed April 25, 2024.

Betty J. Thornton and William K. Thornton to Autumn R. Vandyke and James C. Vandyke: 2.05 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 44 Parcel 1. Filed April 25, 2024.

John S. Preston and Nancy L. Preston to Carolyn D. Mareneck: 0.322 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 6 Parcel 26. Filed April 25, 2024.

Kenneth E. Wygal Jr. and Tammy C. Wygal to Jamie L. Brady and Jessica D. Wykle: lot no. 34, White Sulphur District, Map 8 Parcel 315. Filed April 26, 2024.

Valorie Quick to Charles F. Gingrich and Jodi L. Gingrich: 11.64 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 39 Parcel 0046. Filed April 26, 2024.

Lisa A. McMillion to Alexander L. Workman and Clendelyn T. Workman: 0.52 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 8H Parcel 0005. Filed April 26, 2024.

Gregory E. Allman and Jill W. Allman to Ahmed Saeed Ali Mohsen: lots 96, 98, and 102, Patton Heights, lot 100 Seldomridge, Lewisburg District, Map 12 Parcel 21, 22, 23, 24. Filed April 26, 2024.

Rachel Fraley and Edna Dean to William E. Fraley: 2.6 acres more or less, White Sulphur District, Map 16 Parcel 16. Filed April 29, 2024.

Jamie C. Yates and Jason E. Yates to David Moyer and Alyssa Moyer: 17 acres 7 poles, Frankford District, Map 19 Parcel 42.3. Filed April 29, 2024.

Beverly C. Crane to Lisa J. Coleman: lot 129, White Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 16. Filed April 29, 2024.

Charles Burr Living Trust (by trustee James C. Burr IV) to Shelva J. Burr: 122.93 acres more or less, White Sulphur District, Map 22 Parcel 44. Filed April 29, 2024.

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Tiffany Brown. Mount Hope, speeding 10 mph or less in excess on highway, fine \$5, GP

David Michael Stanley, Maxwellton, 1) traffic - striking fixtures on highway, fine \$50; 2) reckless driving - no bodily injury, fine \$50, jail 30 days - suspended and place on 6 months unsupervised probation, GP

Tina M. Bevil, Nimitz, use of electronic device without hands free, fine \$100, NCP

Leona L. McCoy, Renick, speeding in school zone 30 mph in a 15 mph zone, fine \$100, GP

Paul M. Laird, Fayetteville, speeding in school zone 30 mph in a 15 mph zone, fine \$100, GP

Jonathan L. Birchfield, Asbury, use of electronic device without hands free, fine \$100, GP

Jamie Lee Harvey, Sinks Grove, 1) shoplifting, fine \$100, restitution \$354.38; 2) shoplifting, fine \$100, restitution \$463.12, NCP

Ashley Lynette Bargman, Renick, speeding, fine \$52, NCP

Christopher Barb, Edinburg, VA, trespassing, fine \$100, GP

Jonathan L. Birchfield, Asbury, use of electronic device without hands free, fine \$100, GP

Jeffrey Louis Johnson, Asbury, no seatbelt, fine \$25, GP

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# This Week in WV History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**May 5, 1923:** A fire started by welders working on a new swimming pool destroyed most of Luna Park, an amusement park in Charleston. Although Luna's owners announced they would rebuild, the park never reopened.



**May 8, 1864:** Clarence Wayland Watson was born in Fairmont. Watson was a prominent coal baron and served in the U.S. Senate from 1911 to 1913.



**May 8, 1998:** Former U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph died at the age of 96. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1932 and served a total of 40 years in Congress.

**May 9, 1800:** Abolitionist John Brown was born in Torrington, Connecticut. His 1859 raid on Harpers Ferry galvanized the nation, further alienating North and South in the lead-up to the Civil War.



**May 9, 1843:** Confederate spy "Belle" Boyd was born in Martinsburg. On July 4, 1861, Boyd shot a Yankee soldier and started her spy career.

**May 9, 1863:** Confederate raiders arrived at Burning Springs, Wirt County. There they set fire to 150,000 barrels of oil, oil tanks, engines for pumping, engine houses, wagons, and oil-laden boats.

**May 10, 1863:** Just before dying of wounds suffered at the Battle of Chancellorsville, Stonewall Jackson uttered the words, "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees." He is buried in the Stonewall Jackson Cemetery in Lexington, Virginia.

**May 10, 1908:** The first official observance of Mother's Day was held at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton and simultaneously in Philadelphia. The holiday resulted from a vigorous campaign by Anna Jarvis, who wanted to commemorate the spirit of her mother's work as a social activist.

**May 10, 1960:** John F. Kennedy defeated Hubert Humphrey in the West Virginia primary. It dispelled the widely held belief that being a Roman Catholic was an insurmountable obstacle to becoming president.

**May 11, 1909:** Filmmaker Ellis Dungan was born. After years of working in the feature film industry in India, he settled in Wheeling, where he shot documentaries and produced films for the state and the region.



**May 11, 1930:** Physician John C. Norman, Jr., was born in Charleston. A noted thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon and researcher, he was best known for his work toward creating an artificial heart.

## Smooth Ambler Continued from Front Page

set out to make award winning whiskey. We also set out to create a source of pride for West Virginians everywhere."

Two other distilleries in the state placed in the prestigious competition. Man Cave Distilling, located in Weston, won a bronze medal for their Ambrosia and a double gold medal for their Straight Bourbon 4 Year Cask Strength Distillers Reserve, and Swilled Dog won two silver medals for their Take Me Home: Straight Bourbon Whiskey finishing with a Maple Syrup Cask and their Mon Forest Reserve Dry Gin.



## Flavor Mutt Continued from Front Page

Flavor Mutt is open to retail customers Thursday-Saturday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. They serve lunch from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on those days, with specific menus each day.

"When it's gone, it's gone," Chad says. "It's first-come, first-serve."

They operate a newsletter which will be "less frequent" than it has been during the recalibration, but will continue to update "friends" on their latest offerings.

What are some of their most popular items? "Baba ganoush is a crowd favorite, the cookies have taken off, croissants are big sellers, the focaccia, and of course the pizza," Jen shares.

To give you an idea of the lengths that Chef Chad goes to in order to provide unique food items, he offers a sugar cookie made partially with cornmeal. Which is unique in and of itself, but he also hand grinds the corn meal from a local source (Deep Roots Milling) himself for every batch.

You can find Flavor Mutt bread at local restaurants including the General Lewis Inn, Mountain Table, Stardust Cafe, Swift Level Fine Meats, Hawk Knob, and Jessie's Market.

For more information, visit Flavor Mutt's website at [www.flavormutt.com](http://www.flavormutt.com), or visit them at 814 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg.

**May 6, 1812:** Activist and physician Martin Robison Delany was born in Charles Town. In February 1865, he was commissioned as a major in the U.S. Colored Troops. He was the only Black Civil War officer to be given a field command.

**May 6, 1968:** A continuous miner machine at the Gauley Coal & Coke Saxsewell No. 8 mine at Hominy Falls, Nicholas County, cut into an adjacent mine, which was filled with water. The resulting flood drowned four miners and trapped 21 others.

**May 6, 1968:** Newspaper publisher and Bluefield native John S. Knight received the Pulitzer Prize for his long record of service and his series of columns opposing the Vietnam War.



**May 7, 1824:** Logan County was created by the Virginia General Assembly from parts of Giles, Tazewell, Cabell and Kanawha counties. The county seat was first known as Lawnsville, then Aracoma, and finally Logan.

**May 7, 1857:** William A. MacCorkle was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, on his father's plantation. He served as West Virginia's ninth governor.

**May 7, 1928:** The Keith-Albee Theatre opened in Huntington. The opening program featured a comedy called "Good Morning, Judge," a newsreel and five stage acts. But the theater itself, with its elaborate interior, clearly was the star of the evening.

**May 7, 1983:** The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve began operations when the first visitor center opened near Fayetteville.

## Carnegie Hall Kids' College registration now open

Registration is now open for Carnegie Hall's 31st Annual Kids' College, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 8 - 12 (week one) and July 15-19 (week two). This year's program is open to rising kindergarten through seventh-grade students.

Kids' College is a unique opportunity for children to expand their artistic and scientific horizons in a safe and nurturing environment. All classes, taught by trained teaching artists, are held in Carnegie Hall. Children can take classes in pottery, origami, baking, leather craft, cooking, fashion, music, theatre, felting, and more.

The cost of Kids' College is \$150 for half days or \$300 for full days, for rising 2nd through 7th grade students, per week. Rising kindergarten through 1st grade students can enroll for morning classes at \$175 per week. Scholarships are available thanks to United Way of Greenbrier Valley and generous individual donors. To apply, indicate you would like a scholarship application when you enroll your child.

To sign up to volunteer for Carnegie Hall's Kids' College, visit [carnegiehallwv.com/education/kids-college](http://carnegiehallwv.com/education/kids-college) and follow



**Kids' College 2023**

the "Volunteer for Kids' College" link. Volunteer placement is first-come, first-served and may be influenced by instructor requests and enrollment factors. Adults that volunteer are eligible for a 10 percent discount off their student's tuition. Register at [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org). Class sizes are limited, so register early. Student families will be notified of their child's schedule before the beginning of Kids' College. Paper brochures are also available at the Carnegie Hall Box Office. For more information, contact Education Director Harmony Flora at 304-645-7917.

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## OBITUARY

**Julie Gail Sweet**  
Julie Gail Sweet, 66, of Lewisburg, passed away Tuesday, Apr. 23, 2024, following a short illness.

Born July 22, 1957, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, she was a daughter of Betty Lou Weikle Pomphrey and the late Earl Stanley Pomphrey.

Julie was a graphic arts designer for the Mountain Messenger Newspaper in Lewisburg.

She was preceded in death by her father, Earl Stanley Pomphrey.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband of 35 years, Claude Cary Sweet; daughters, Melissa Win-

don (Tom), Jenny Kaeb and Jesse Morgan; a son, Paul Sweet; mother, Betty Lou Weikle Pomphrey; a sister, Kim Jones; 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Per her wishes, she will be cremated and a Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a later date to be determined.

She is loved and will be missed.

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

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## Club & Church

# First Saturdays to be observed at historic Williamsburg Church beginning May 4



**Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate in Williamsburg**

First Saturday daily Mass and devotions will be observed in the Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate beginning Saturday, May 4 and continuing through the first Saturday in October. A covered dish luncheon follows each of the seven monthly observances.

Completed in 1902, the Church building is the third Catholic church built to serve the Irish and German Catholic farmers in northern Greenbrier County. This is the third church building built by the Catholic community with the previous two destroyed by accidental fires.

The Church was officially "closed" in 1963

but has been maintained by neighbors and friends of the Church and with assistance from the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus since then. The Knights began to organize a yearly Mass in the Church once a year in 1985 and since it became a seven-times a year, the Knights help with the covered dish dinner each month.

The devotions will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the daily Mass at 11 a.m. and the covered dish luncheon following on the grounds.

The Church can be reached from I-64 Lewisburg exit turning north on US 219 to the community of Frankford, then turning west on the Williamsburg Road and following it approximately five miles to Catholic Church

Road, turning onto Catholic Church Rd., passing the Church Cemetery and the Church will be on the right.

For further information, contact the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or the GV Knights of Columbus 304-645-1373, if no answer, please leave a message.

The Church of Mary Immaculate is currently a mission of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church of Ronceverte. It has never been an independent church but for a time it was a mission of the former Immaculate Conception Church of Lewisburg and Sacred Heart Church of Rainelle.

The public is invited to the special services and covered dish luncheons.

# Lewisburg House and Garden Club members attend convention

Lewisburg House and Garden Club had six members attend the 94th annual convention of the West Virginia Garden clubs at the Glade Springs Resort, held Apr. 19 to Apr. 21. The attendees from the Lewisburg House and Garden Club are President Marit Withrow, Judy Deegans, Deloris Dotson, Suzanne Cronquist, Barb Hiltner, and Martha Perilli. Members gathered from all over the state to celebrate gardening and community with informative workshops on such items of interest as making Japanese moss balls as a plant medium and how to grow mushrooms.

The speaker at the Saturday luncheon was Kevin Johnson from Appalachian Headwaters of Lewisburg. His topic was pollinators.

The convention featured a "hee haw dinner" where the members were encouraged to celebrate with some fun and frivolity.

The dinner speaker was Carcille Burchette, Director of the South Atlantic Region Garden Clubs.

Lewisburg House and Garden Club member Suzanne Cronquist served as the state chairperson for the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest and as the chairperson for the youth poetry contest.

"Whether you have a green thumb or not, if you are interested in joining a garden club, go to wvgardenclub.com to find out more."



**Deloris Dotson (left), Marit Withrow, Martha Perilli, and Barb Hiltner on the banjo.**



**Judy Deegans (left), Suzanne Cronquist, Barb Hiltner, Martha Perilli, Deloris Dotson, Regional Director Stacie Cornett, President of Lewisburg House and Garden Club Marit Withrow, State Executive Secretary Emily Shirey, and State President Martha Hilton.**

# Judge Richardson to make presentation to WV Judicial Association

Circuit Judge Robert E. Richardson is scheduled to speak at the West Virginia Judicial Association's spring education conference next month in Bridgeport regarding recent developments in the law concerning civil proceedings. The event is attended by circuit judges from around the state, as well as by judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals and justices of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. This is the fourth time that Judge Richardson has been invited to update his fellow judges regarding civil matters at the Association's semi-annual conference. "The West Virginia Judicial Association is a valuable resource for judges across the state," Richardson stated. "This conference gives us the oppor-

tunity to keep up with important changes in laws, precedents, and legal interpretations, so that we can make proper decisions in the cases that come before us as judges. I'm honored to be called upon by my colleagues in the Judicial Association to speak at this event."

Judge Richardson is the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties. He was appointed to the bench in 2014, and then elected for a full eight-year term in 2016. Prior to becoming a judge, he practiced law for 27 years, representing clients in both civil and criminal litigation, as well as in a wide range of estate planning, real estate and business matters.

## Church Bulletin

### Worship Services and other events at Lewisburg Baptist Church

Please join us for services and events at Lewisburg Baptist Church - a Bible believing and preaching Church nestled in the heart of Greenbrier County. Worship services are offered on Sundays (11 a.m. and 6 p.m.) and on Wednesdays (7 p.m.). Sunday School for children and for adults are on Sundays (10 a.m.). Van pick up is also available on Sundays and Wednesdays. On Wednesdays, other events include Awana Clubs (age 3 to Grade 6) at 6:45 p.m. and Youth Teen Ministry at 7 p.m. Lewisburg Baptist Church is located at 246 Grand Avenue in Lewisburg, WV. Further information is available at [www.lbcwv.com](http://www.lbcwv.com), on Facebook, or please call 304-645-3797.

### 2024 Summer Camp - Registration at Greenbrier Christian Retreat

Greenbrier Christian Retreat announces registration for its 2024 Summer Camp. Summer Camp dates are June 10-14, 2024 for Junior Week (grade 4-6) and June 17-21, 2024 for Teen Week (grade 7-12). Greenbrier Christian Retreat specializes in Summer Camps and also offers retreats and special event spaces throughout the year. Greenbrier Christian Retreat is located at 1234 Victory Valley Drive on a 400 acre retreat in Crawley, WV, among the beautiful Appalachian mountains. Please contact Chad Harris at 304-646-4710. Further background and camp information are also available at [www.greenbrierchristian.com](http://www.greenbrierchristian.com).

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Dear Recycle Lady,  
Why is the pesticide chlorpyrifos considered so dangerous?  
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Dear Concerned About Pesticides,  
Chlorpyrifos is an organophosphate that, according to www.epa.gov, is used to control foliage and soil-borne insect pests. It was banned by the EPA in 2021, but a federal court overturned this ban in 2023. According to Friends of the Earth, chlorpyrifos is highly toxic and can cause brain damage to children. It has been banned in the European Union and Canada and in several

US states - California, New York, Maryland, and Hawaii - prior to the ban. Corteva, the primary manufacturer of chlorpyrifos, discontinued its production in 2020. Due to its toxicity, current chlorpyrifos labels require workers handling it to wear chemical-resistant gloves, coveralls, and respirators. Even with this maximum personal protective equipment, workers are exposed to unsafe levels of chlorpyrifos. Chlorpyrifos is also highly toxic to bees and other pollinators and may threaten their survival. Fortunately, there are effective alternatives for pest management that are safer for children, farm workers, rural communities, and the environment.

Great News: I am happy to report that Lewisburg Elementary School Girl Scout Troop #31919, under the leadership of Emily Shirey, has accepted the TREX challenge and will continue the good work of Lewisburg Boy Scout Troop 70 in the collection of another 1,000 pounds of plastic film. Kudos to the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and the many persons in the surrounding area who are contributing plastic film to this great project.

More Good News: Andean bears have been spotted by conservation experts in a new area in Bolivia. Sixty of these bears have been found in the Tarija region of Bolivia, thus bringing hope that this vulnerable species is beginning to thrive.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests Recyclelady7@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

# A Look Back



Photo from the Library of Congress. Sources: Library of Congress, The Washington Post, NPR.

By William "Skip" Deegans  
When Grammy award winner and bluegrass fiddler Michael Cleveland performs at Lewisburg's Carnegie Hall on May 17, he may very well play a tune that came from one of America's finest and most impactful fiddlers who grew up just down the road in Monroe County. Henry Reed was born into a musical family near Peterstown in 1884. His father, uncle, and two older brothers were musical, and Reed learned to play the fiddle, banjo, and harmonica. He is shown holding a banjo with his brother in the circa 1903 photo.

Reed learned fiddle tunes from old timers in the area, and some of those tunes were brought to the Appalachians from the British Isles. He developed a distinct and unorthodox way of holding the fiddle and had an unusual bow lick.

Reed played for his family and at barn dances. He may have slipped into obscurity had it not been for Alan Jabbour, a Duke University student, who undertook recording traditional music. Jabbour was himself

a fiddler, and once he heard Reed play he returned many times to learn and record Reed. One of the first tunes Jabbour learned was "West Virginia Gals." Jabbour passed on Reed's tunes to the Hollow Rock String Band that played in the Dunham and Chapel Hill, North Carolina area. Other bands like the Fuzzy Mountain String Band, the New Deal String Band, and the Red Clay Ramblers picked up Reed's tunes. Reed had an unusually large repertoire of tunes that continue to be played by Bluegrass bands.

Jabbour went on to become the director of the Library of Congress's American Folklife Center, and Reed's music is preserved in the Library's collection of traditional Appalachian music. As a young man, Reed began working in southern West Virginia coal mines and then moved to Glen Lyn, Virginia where he worked at an Appalachian Power Company plant. Later he went to work at the Celanese plant in Narrows. He died at his home in Glen Lyn in 1968.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Utmost; 2. Scalp;
3. Erupt; 4. Hint

Today's Word

PUSHUPS

## 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

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

Appendix A Page 1 of 2

CASE NO. 24-0274-E-PC  
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition for Consent and Approval of Cost Recovery for three purchased power agreements for renewable energy

### NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING

On March 6, 2024, Appalachian Power Company (APCo) and Wheeling Power Company (WPCo) (together, the Companies) filed a Petition with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) seeking the recovery of future costs associated with APCo's agreements to purchase renewable energy products from the Elliot, 7 Bridges, and County Line solar facilities. The Companies' Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301, and at the Commission's website, www.psc.state.wv.us.

The Commission has set an evidentiary hearing in the matter for August 21, 2024, starting at 9:30 a.m., to be held in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, 25301. Interested persons may attend the hearing and will have an opportunity to make public comments.

The purchase of the aforementioned renewable energy products can be expected to ultimately impact the Companies' West Virginia retail rates at some point in the future. The Companies do not expect these transactions to lead to any significant increase in customer rates. Rather, the Companies project that the transactions will reduce customer rates over the lives of the solar facilities.

The Companies have a Renewable Power Plus (RPP) Tariff to be offered on a voluntary basis to all customers in addition to the Companies' standard tariff offerings. It is anticipated that, over time, the costs of the proposed renewable facilities will be offset by the customers subscribing to the RPP Tariff, special contract revenues, and the cost-of-service benefits produced by the facilities. The costs of the renewable energy PPAs with the solar facilities are proposed to be recovered in expanded net energy costs (ENEC) rates.

The renewable facilities have varying in-service dates, but the Companies project that rates would increase by approximately \$1.3 million, on an aggregate basis after offsets, during a hypothetical first year that assumes all three facilities are in service, as shown in the table below. Such rates will likely be phased in as of the date of the Appendix A Page 2 of 2

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Companies' annual ENEC rates for the Elliot, 7 Bridges, and County Line solar facilities. The estimated rate increase in the hypothetical "Year 1" for each of the Companies' tariff classes is shown in the table below. By way of example, a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month would experience a net monthly increase of \$0.12.

"Year 1" of Proposed Portfolio Estimated Rate Impacts by Tariff Class						
Tariff Class	Current Revenues (000)\$	Gross Increase (000)\$	Gross Increase %	Cost Offsets (000)\$	Net Increase (000)\$	Net Increase %
Residential	774,308	6,552	0.8%	(6,043)	509	0.07%
SWS	10,678	101	0.9%	(93)	8	0.07%
SGS	37,684	289	0.8%	(267)	22	0.06%
GS	307,180	2,875	0.9%	(2,652)	223	0.07%
LCP	538,968	6,274	1.2%	(5,788)	486	0.09%
IP	20,051	423	2.1%	(390)	33	0.16%
Special Contracts *	32,128	392	1.2%	(361)	31	0.10%
SS	31,154	299	1.0%	(276)	23	0.07%
OL & SL	15,450	61	0.4%	(56)	5	0.03%
Total	1,767,601	17,266	1.0%	(15,926)	1,340	0.08%

The increases shown above are based on totals for all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than the percentages shown. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges among the various classes of customers are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Commission in its review of the Companies' filing.

Anyone desiring to intervene in the matter should file a written petition to intervene on or before June 3, 2024. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request and comply with the rules on intervention outlined in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

## LEGAL

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

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until June 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
008	2020000514	S313-64-164.17 00	NHPP-0644(226)D	RESURFACING CLINTONVILLE - LEWISBURG Begin: 1.72 miles West of US 60 End: 0.58 miles East of CR 60/12 COUNTY: GREENBRIER

DBE GOAL: 9% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

### REMARKS:

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

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferral, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

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

## LEGAL

(2021-S-00000115 - Greenbrier County - WV CO TAX CERT PURCH 2021 LLC)

To: WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX & REVENUE, HEATHER RENEE GILLIAN, HEATHER RENEE TALBOTT, HEATHER RENEE TALBOTT, HEATHER RENEE GILLIAN, JEDIAH R. GILLIAN, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, OCCUPANT(S), INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, 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 an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT MEADOW BLUFF MAP 55S PARCEL 0011 0000

You will take notice that WV CO TAX CERT PURCH 2021 LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000115, .20 (D) THOMAS US 60 N SIDE OF US RT 60, located in MEADOW BLUFF, which was returned delinquent in the name of TALBOTT HEATHER RENEE, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after June 11, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, June 10, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to June 10, 2024.	\$	302.96
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to June 10, 2024.	\$	182.38
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to June 10, 2024.	\$	1,293.08
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to June 10, 2024.	\$	491.90
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.</b>	\$	2,270.32
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$	35.00

You may redeem any time before June 10, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2



# Entertainment Calendar

## May 3 through May 12, 2024

### Friday, May 3

WVSOM Commencement Ceremony, 2 p.m.  
 "Eye to Eye" art gallery exhibit, General Lewis Inn, 5 p.m.

### Saturday, May 4

Cars and Cocktails, The Greenbrier, 10 a.m.  
 New River mushroom spawning class, Hawk Knob Cidery, 3-5 p.m.  
 Star Wars Trivia Night, Across the Board Game Café, 7 p.m.  
 28th Annual Derby Day: Run for the Roses, State Fair Ground 4-8 p.m.  
 Stereophonic live, Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, 6 p.m.

### Sunday, May 5

Cinco de Mayo Celebration, the Briergarten, 12-7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 7**  
 First Day of the Market, Alderson 3-6 p.m.  
**Friday, May 10**  
 Mother's Day Party, Alderson Public Library, 5 p.m.  
 Ronceverte River Festival's BINGO and Silent Auction, Ronceverte VFD 6:30 p.m.  
 "It's About Time-2 Centuries of WV Women Artists" Paragon Fine Arts, Lewisburg, 6 p.m.  
 Live music with Phil Rolleston, Hawk Knob Cidery, 5-8 p.m.  
 WVSOM Human Gift Registry Memorial Service, WVSOM Conference Center, 1 p.m.

### Saturday, May 11

8th Annual Davis Stuart Horse Show, State Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.  
 Half Marathon 10k and 5k, The Greenbrier, 7-10 a.m.  
 Jonah Carden and One Eyed Jack live at Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, 6 p.m.  
 Taco Dinner benefiting the food pantry, Williamsburg, 2-6 p.m.  
**Sunday, May 12**  
 Mother's Day Brunch, the Mountain Table, Renick, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 To submit information to Mountain Messenger's Entertainment Calendar, email news@mountainmessenger.com. Information should be submitted two weeks in advance.

## Greenbrier County Board of Education appoints Jeff Bryant Superintendent

At the Apr. 29 special Greenbrier County Board of Education meeting, board members unanimously appointed Jeffrey Bryant as the Superintendent of Schools, effective May 1, 2024.

Following Bryant's retirement last month, the Board appointed Doug Clemons as the interim superintendent. Board President Jeanie Wyatt states, "Mr. Clemons has fulfilled those interim duties in the same manner he has served Greenbrier County Schools for the past 36 years, with absolute professionalism and outstanding leadership, fulfilling every expectation (and beyond) of the Board. We have known since January that Mr. Clemons plans to retire at the end of June. We are grateful for his many years of service and the incredible job he has done as interim superintendent."

After retiring from what Jeff Bryant describes as "the best public school system in the state of West Virginia," he respectfully requested that the Board consider his appointment as superintendent, noting that his dedication, passion, and commitment to serving Greenbrier County Schools re-

mains steadfast as does his desire to continue to contribute meaningfully to the growth and development of students, educators, and our school system.

"During Mr. Bryant's tenure as superintendent, we navigated various challenges and celebrated numerous achievements," states Board of Education President Jeanie Wyatt. "From the trials of the 2016 flood to the unprecedented challenges we faced during the pandemic and the successful completion of several major facilities projects, Mr. Bryant's leadership has been crucial. We are confident that he will serve with integrity, dedication, and distinction, as he always has. We are also hopeful that his return will dispel any speculation regarding recent events as we move forward together to advance the mission of our school system. We are very pleased to welcome him back as superintendent."

Jeff Bryant has served Greenbrier County Schools for 43 years and began his tenure as superintendent in 2016. Bryant states, "My brief retirement has reaffirmed my desire and commitment to return to work. I left the job unfinished, and I am grateful to the Greenbrier County Board of Educa-

tion for granting me this opportunity to return. I don't know when I've looked so forward to getting back to the office."

## Thomas Perkins

**Republican For District 46 of the WV House of Delegates**

Thomas Perkins's fight for juvenile justice reform stems from his own experience, having spent two years in the state's custody as a child, witnessing abuse and human rights violations. Today, many juvenile treatment facilities remain unchecked, allowing children to be abused regularly and denying them their right to a quality education. Shockingly, some of these facilities even serve as controlled pharmaceutical testing facilities, exploiting vulnerable youth for profit. Perkins is committed to shining a light on these injustices and advocating for meaningful reforms to ensure the safety and well-being of all children.

**Thomas Perkins Campaign**  
**PO Box 95, Lewisburg, WV 24901** Paid for by Thomas Perkins

### SCRAMBLERS

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

**All-Out**  
TOTUMS

**Fleece**  
CLASP

**Burst**  
TRUPE

**Tip**  
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**TODAY'S WORD**

"There... that's forty... now see how invigorated you feel!"

### HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Can is larger. 2. Brush has no paint on it. 3. Rail is lower. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Sleeve is different. 6. Ear is larger.

## Super Crossword

STEEP STAIRWAY

**ACROSS**

1 Offer hush money to

6 Strip of gear, as a ship

11 Weight unit for a druggist

15 "I am at your — and call"

19 "Elementary" actor Quinn

20 Sonata, often

22 Many a cruise stopover

23 Unconcealed

24 Customized for

25 Lee of Marvel Comics

26 Like a swine

28 Also-rans

29 Like a diluted drink

31 Parceled out

33 "Haven't — before?"

34 Shout of discovery

35 Having two hues

37 "It could go either way"

39 Rival of Delta or United

41 Urgent

42 Fire residue

46 Taxpayer's ID

48 Dedicates

50 Fender guitar, for short

52 Ltd. cousin

53 Pot toppers

55 Edits for publication

57 Conflict

59 Sad paper notices

61 Say a different way

63 Michael who co-hosted "Live" with Kelly Ripa

64 Gets broader

66 "No outlet" street

68 Always, in music scores

69 Keyboard instrument

71 One of three womb-sharers

73 Florida's Key —

74 Charges for not paying on time

76 Decongestant brand

78 Legal claim on property

79 Broke a fast

80 Flimflam

82 Non-PC person?

84 Suffix with Taiwan

85 Bothersome types

87 Boring type

89 Relax after working hard

91 Red-tinged jewelry alloy

94 Removes hair from

97 Second-to-last king of Egypt

100 Greeting sent online

102 Emily Dickinson's "Much Madness is — Sense"

103 Tropical rabbit lookalike

104 Shrink back

106 Brings about

107 Finger-paint

108 The Northwest's "City of Trees"

111 Like many allergy sprays

112 Robbie Knievel's father

113 Remark from the sharp-eared

114 1950s-'70s baseballer Boyer

115 Actress Russo

116 Deck crew officer, in brief

117 Puts in order

118 City on the Ruhr

**DOWN**

1 African tree with a very thick trunk

2 Italian municipality west of Turin

3 Perfect choices to fill positions

4 Stereotypical setting for a brawl

5 Having a right (to)

6 In prison, informally

7 Vardalos of "Connie and Carla"

8 Toddler bed attachment

9 Like a truck ascending a steep hill, gear-wise

10 Silly, like a honking bird

11 The two dots in "naïve" or "Brontë"

12 Fly-catching warblers

13 Shakespeare work part

14 Imitated a cat

15 Small restaurants

16 Lauder of fragrances

17 Lois' partner

18 Its capital is Nairobi

21 Aspiring doc's major

27 Person stashing stuff

30 In the buff

32 Cracked, as a cryptogram

36 Info group to be input

38 "Dagnabbit!"

40 Bee-luring fluids

43 Chief female officers in sacred rites

44 Gets bigger

45 First division of a 13-Down

46 Sparse start of some rounds of applause

47 Utter with a hissing sound

49 Arena relative

51 Crafts' counterparts

54 Apple's Jobs

56 Pop in a blended family

58 Egypt's Nasser

60 Detects like a dog

62 Intertwined

65 Crystal ball gazer, e.g.

67 Neutralized, as a bomb

70 "The Cloister and the Hearth" novelist

72 Planes' first fliers, often

75 Operations

77 Infer (from)

81 Like a district bishop's jurisdiction

83 Faith

86 Difficulty

88 Finisher just under the winner

90 Beach footwear

92 Overalls for hitting the slopes

93 Sci-fi automatons

95 Grand home

96 Purloined

97 Soundboard control knob

98 Mojave plant

99 Northern French city

101 Inflicted upon

105 Actor Bert

109 "Well well!"

110 Fedora, e.g.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## House of Delegates, District 46: Vote for One

Paul S. Detch - D

Jeff Campbell - R

I'm Jeff Campbell, the incumbent in District 46 of the West Virginia House of Delegates. I grew up in White Sulphur Springs and reside in Lewisburg. I graduated from Greenbrier East HS. I have two degrees from Concord University – a B.A. in Communications and a B.S. in Education. I've been employed as a Social Studies teacher at Eastern Greenbrier Middle School for 15 years and have worked for Greenbrier County Schools since 2001.

Governor Jim Justice appointed me to the House on September 13, 2023, to fill Delegate Mike Honaker's unexpired term. I have four years of experience in the legislature, where I served from 2017-2020. I currently serve on four committees – Economic Development & Tourism, Technology & Infrastructure, Veterans & Homeland Security and Artificial Intelligence.

I'm Pro-Life, Pro Sec-



ond Amendment, Pro Faith & Family, Pro Economic Growth & Jobs, and Pro Common Sense. I'm honored to be endorsed by 30+ elected officials and organizations including Senator Vince Deeds, Sheriff Bruce Sloan, former Senator Kenny Mann, National Rifle Association, WV Farm Bureau, WV Coal Association, WV Chamber of Commerce, WV Business & Industry Council, WV Bankers Association, WV Sheriff's & Deputy Sheriff's associations and many more.

I'd appreciate your vote!

Trey Ewing - R

I am a Conservative Christian running as a Republican to represent the 46th District in the House of Delegates. I am running because I believe the 46th District deserves a representative with a proven record of conservative leadership. I am the former elected Vice-Chairman of the Greenbrier County Republican Party, an elected member of the West Virginia Republican Executive Committee, and a board member of the Greenbrier Pregnancy Center a local nonprofit dedicated to preventing abortion and sharing the Gospel. I am endorsed by former Delegate Barry Bruce, Delegate Todd Longanacre, the West Virginia Freedom Caucus,



West Virginians for Life, the Republican Party of Summers County, West Virginians for Biblical Values, the West Virginia Federation of Young Republicans, and Congressional Candidate Derrick Evans. You can learn more about my campaign at: [TreyEwingForWV.Com](http://TreyEwingForWV.Com) or on Facebook at [Trey Ewing for West Virginia](http://Trey Ewing for West Virginia).

Thomas Perkins - R

Thomas Perkins, a Republican candidate for the West Virginia House of Delegates in the 46th district, is a devoted father of three young children, Jonathan, Lucy, and Lilly, residing in Frankford, WV. His passion for juvenile justice reform is deeply rooted in his own childhood experiences, having endured two years in the state's custody, where he witnessed appalling abuse and human rights violations. Today, Perkins is dedicated to shedding light on the unchecked injustices prevalent in many juvenile treatment facilities, where children are subjected to regular abuse and denied their fundamental right to education. Shockingly, some of these facilities exploit vulnerable youth for profit through controlled pharmaceutical testing.



Perkins is unwavering in his commitment to advocating for meaningful reforms to safeguard the safety and well-being of all children in state custody. In addition to his political aspirations, Thomas Perkins is a talented professional photographer and photojournalist. Alongside his advocacy work, Perkins embraces a Pro-Life, Pro-Gun, and Pro-Trump stance. To learn more about his campaign and initiatives, visit [ThomasPerkinsWV.com](http://ThomasPerkinsWV.com).

## House of Delegates, District 47: Vote for One

Ray Canterbury - R  
Kayla M. McCoy - D

George "Boogie" Ambler - R

I am George "Boogie" Ambler, and I want to be your Delegate in the WV House of Delegates from the 47th district of Greenbrier County. I am a retired Greenbrier County school teacher, having served 25 years in the classroom. In addition to my teaching experience, my diverse working career has included highway and residential construction, farming and business in general. I have served 6 years previous as your friend in your WV House (2012-2018). My major committee assignments included; finance, energy, education and minor committees of transportation, agriculture, vice chairman of the national resources committee, and the chairman of the WV State Flood Committee. Due to the diversity of my work-



ing career, I am able to bring a "common sense" approach to the complicated issues that law makers encounter while deciding the future of our state. My work ethics and established credibility give me the ability to work within my party and to reach across the aisle to ensure good sound bills become law. I will not need on-the-job training! I will be ready to Boogie. Thank you for your support.

Stephen Snyder - R

Bringing our family home to West Virginia 16 years ago was the best decision of our lives. Twenty years of Coast Guard service took me to many distant shores performing drug enforcement, deterring illegal immigration, rescue operations, and much more, but the mountains of West Virginia were always calling. When John Denver sang Country Roads on the radio, it put a lump in my throat that can only be understood by those who have experienced our incredible state. People out of state ask "Why West Virginia". If you have to ask, you just wouldn't understand.

I will stand alongside all West Virginians as we move our state forward. I absolutely oppose federal overreach, will work for smaller government, fiscal responsibility, transparency in government.



I will support TERM LIMITS legislation at the state and federal level. I will NOT accept ANY money from Political Action Committees (PACS), lobbyists, or special interest groups. The vote belongs to the people, not liberal out of state money that arrives under a dark cloak and purchases politicians who sell out.

We need capable, ethical, and ETHICAL representatives to "SERVE". Visit our Facebook for more information (Stephen Snyder for House of Delegates).

Roger Vannoy - D

My name is Roger Vannoy, and I'm a Democrat running for Delegate in the 47th district. I'm running for office because our state is in rough shape, and under the Republican super majority in the state legislature, it's only getting worse. In this last session, the state legislature cut 147 million dollars out of Medicaid. This Medicaid cut will hurt elderly and disabled West Virginians. People will lose the services they rely on to stay healthy and independent. The Opioid crisis claims 1200 West Virginians each year, but the state legislature does nothing to fight back. There are 1700 teacher vacancies across our state, but the state legislature does nothing to actually attract teachers to our state to fill those vacancies. The



cost of living is crushing the working class, but the state legislature does nothing to help. Its time for a change in Charleston. West Virginia needs new leadership to fix our problems that the current state legislature has no desire to fix. Vote for me, Roger Vannoy, in the May and November elections. Elect a Democratic House, Senate and Governor, then we can get to work healing West Virginia.

## Circuit Judge, 29th Judicial Circuit, Division 1: Vote for One

Robert Richardson

It's been my honor to serve as your circuit judge since 2014. When I took office, I faced a huge backlog of cases, but through hard work and efficient case management, that backlog is gone; cases are now heard and resolved in a timely manner. If re-elected, I pledge to maintain a high standard of integrity and continue to treat everyone in the court system with respect.

Before taking the bench, I practiced law for 27 years, handling the wide range of cases that now come before me as judge. Criminal cases constitute only about 30% of the court's workload, so a background in all areas of the law is essential to my role as a judge.

I was raised in Greenbrier County, along with five siblings, by our parents, John and Frances



Richardson, and graduated from West Virginia University, where I served as the Mountaineer mascot. I attended law school at the University of Virginia and was an editor of the Virginia Law Review.

I'm active in the community, volunteering with 4-H, Habitat for Humanity, and other organizations. My wife Susan and I have been married 38 years, have two daughters, and our first grandchild due in a few days.

Ryan Blake

I'm very excited to announce my candidacy for Circuit Court Judge (Division 1) for Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties. As an assistant prosecutor for Greenbrier County for over 16 years, I have dedicated my career to public service, trying to always make the right decisions for the right reasons, while striving to be fair to all parties, and I intend to bring that approach to the bench.

The son of Ralph and Brenda Blake, I came back home to Greenbrier County following law school because I wanted to make a difference in my community. I began to appreciate the role of a circuit judge when I first worked for Judge Jolliffe as his clerk. In my current role, I appear in the courtroom daily, handling an extensive caseload and trying matters of community concern. I



intend to take what I have learned from those experiences, along with my own respectful temperament, to bring about a new era for justice. One that focuses on accountability toward those who perpetrate crime upon our community, effective and supported community-based correctional programs, and placing the best interests of our children at the forefront.

I would be honored by your support and vote. Thank you.

## Circuit Judge, 29th Judicial Circuit, Division 2: Vote for One

Patrick I. Via

I am pleased and excited to announce my candidacy for Circuit Court Judge (Division 2) in the 29th Judicial Circuit. I am currently the Prosecuting Attorney of Greenbrier County, serving in my sixteenth year, having been elected to the first of four terms in 2008.

I am especially proud of the love and support from my wife of nearly thirty years, Jeri Banton Via, and our two sons, Cooper and Tucker. I have received immeasurable support from my family over the course of my career and I firmly believe that the values that we share as a family are the values that we all share as a community.

I believe that my vast courtroom experience over the past thirty years



will lend itself to the duties of a judge. My years of experience as a prosecutor have enabled me to see the difficulties that our citizens face, including the plague of drug abuse and addiction, child neglect and abuse and the fear of being unsafe in our own communities. As a judge, I will take these experiences to the courtroom to conduct my role fairly, prudently and in accordance with the law.



# Family Court Judge, Circuit 15: Vote for One

Christine Stump  
Grady Ford

I'm Grady Ford and I'm a third-generation lawyer in the Greenbrier Valley. I've been practicing law for nearly 15 years. After serving as an editor of the law review and graduating in the top of my class at WVU Law, I spent my first six years of practice in Charleston gaining valuable skills and experience serving as a law clerk to federal appeals court Judge Robert King, a large regional law firm, and the City of Charleston.

When my wife, Jocelyn, and I learned that she was expecting what would be the first of our two wonderful daughters, we were excited to move home to Lewisburg in 2015 to join my father and grandfather's law practice in Lewisburg. Since coming home I've spent countless hours counseling and representing chil-



dren and adults in family and circuit court in every kind of domestic relations matter there is. I know first-hand how hard and important those cases are and the incredible challenges that they pose. In addition to top notch legal experience, I bring the real-life experience of raising children today. I've got right temperament, judgement, and down to earth common sense to be the Family Court Judge Greenbrier and Monroe Counties deserve.

## Kelly Kemp

Kelly Kemp has been practicing law in West Virginia for 33 years. She graduated from the WVU College of Law in 1990 and moved to Hinton, where she engaged in the general practice of law in several counties, including Greenbrier and Monroe. In 1996, Kelly moved to Greenbrier County, where she served as the Attorney for the Bureau for Child Support Enforcement for 28 years. As the Attorney for the Bureau, Kelly has remained neutral and impartial, qualities that are essential for a Family Court Judge. She has dedicated her career to family law and would be honored to continue this public service for children and families as Family Court Judge. Kelly knows that Family Court can be a difficult and stressful place, and she recognizes



the importance of treating the parties with courtesy and respect in this stressful environment. Her years in Family Court have helped her develop a disposition that puts the parties at ease. She has the experience, skills, and temperament to be an exceptional Family Court Judge, as well as compassion and understanding for the people who appear in Family Court. She is eager to serve the people of Greenbrier and Monroe Counties with fairness and efficiency.

# Greenbrier County Commission: Vote for One

Robert (Bobby) Ford - R

Tammy Shifflett Tincher - R

My name is Tammy Shifflett Tincher and have been honored to serve Greenbrier County as your Commissioner over the last 5 1/2 years and with your support I look forward to having the opportunity to continue that service. As a Commissioner, I represent you on a local, state, and national level and work every day to tell Greenbrier County's story, to promote our area, share our issues, seek assistance, and communicate how special this County truly is! The Commission currently has infrastructure projects underway including water, sewer, and broadband as well as much needed construction and renovation projects of the Courthouse and Health Department. The first section of the Meadow River Trail has been opened and construction begins soon on the remaining sections.



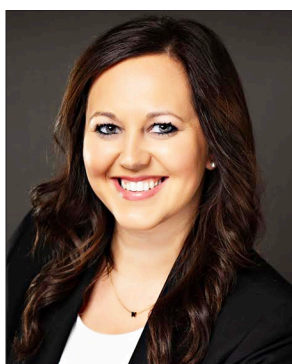
This project is sure to be an economic driver for the Meadow River Valley as future connections into the New River Gorge National Park are planned for amazing outdoor recreational opportunities.

There is much work to be done and with my work ethic, willingness to collaborate and commitment to Greenbrier County more successes can be accomplished. I humbly ask for your vote in the Republican Primary Election to continue to move Greenbrier County forward.

# Greenbrier County Prosecuting Attorney: Vote for One

Nicole Graybeal Campbell - R

Nicole Graybeal Campbell, a resident of Lewisburg, is a passionate advocate for law and her community. After obtaining her Psychology degree from West Virginia University, she continued her education at West Virginia University to pursue a degree in law. During her time in law school, Nicole studied international trade law in Switzerland and actively participated in WVU Veteran Law Clinic. Following her graduation, Nicole returned to Southern West Virginia with a strong desire to assist in the local community. Nicole dedicated herself to providing free legal services to veterans, representing them in disability benefits, discharge upgrades, employment claims, and more. She then served as an Assistant Public Defender, focusing on representing



juveniles in Greenbrier County. Currently, Nicole holds the position of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Greenbrier County, handling misdemeanor and felony cases, as well as juvenile and abuse and neglect cases. Nicole is also the city prosecutor for the towns of Rupert and Rainelle. This year, Nicole is running for Prosecuting Attorney in Greenbrier County and is confident to step into that role and looks forward to the opportunity to continue to serve our community.

# Greenbrier County Sheriff:

Vote for One

Bart Baker - R

Doug Beard - R

I am Charles "Doug" Beard, republican candidate running for the office of sheriff and treasurer of Greenbrier county.

I am a graduated from the WV Corrections Academy, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for the Bureau of Prisons, the WV State Police Academy basic class, and numerous training sessions through the WV Supreme Court of appeals and many fire schools in the region.

I bring 36 years combined experience in corrections, law enforcement and as magistrate, all of which apply directly to this office. 11 of those years were in law enforcement. 2 years as patrolman with Rainelle PD and 9 years with the sheriff's department. At the sheriff's department I did everything from Chief Deputy



to investigations, transport prisoners and hygiene patients serving process, bailiff court and road patrol. I also bring over 2 1/2 years managing a small business who's gross income is 3.5 to 4 million annually. I also have over 37 years of public service with the Lewisburg Fire Department. During which time holding several offices and received several awards.

I would like to continue my life of public service as your next sheriff and treasurer.

Mark Robinson - R

I'm Mark Robinson, in the race for Sheriff. My purpose in running is to tell my story. [palearrow58@gmail for the free book Collateral Children.] Several years ago my wife divorced me, falsely accusing me of abuse. She had planned it for many months, with help from friends and lawyers. I was blindsided, with no lawyer, still hoping to keep the marriage afloat. Guardian Christine Stump, Judge David Sanders and lawyer Brandon Johnson assured that I lost my wife, my seven children (poisoned against me), my jobs, my reputation, and my future. My ex-wife moved the children to Virginia. Simply for looking, I was jailed multiple times. In two states, I encounter walls of hostility from whole legal systems, creative slanders by many churches, and



universal apathy. Being stubborn, I refuse to pretend that this court has any legitimacy. As one who preached for many years, I say that God is not pleased when families are torn apart, when false accusations determine judicial outcomes, and when people watch with indifference. As Sheriff, I will allow no person to be unjustly crushed by unprincipled lawyers. I love justice, and I protect children from all abuse, including the abuse that is divorce.

# Greenbrier County Assessor:

Joe Darnell - D

I am Joe Darnell and I'm running for re-election for Greenbrier County Assessor. I was hired by the Assessor's office in March 2008 and have proudly served as your Assessor since January 2017. We have tried to improve our office each year making it possible to research properties and view maps from your home. My staff treats everyone with respect and are efficient in helping the taxpayers resolve their issues. I am honored



to serve the county and respectfully ask for your continued support.

# Greenbrier County Magistrate, Division 3: Vote for One

Kirby W. Hanson

# Greenbrier County Magistrate, Division 2: Vote for One

Kimberly (Kim) Johnson

# Greenbrier County Magistrate, Division 1: Vote for One

Timothy Stover

# Greenbrier County Board of Education:

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# Greenbrier County Conservation District Supervisor:

Vote for One  
Gary W. Sawyers







## Great gifts for moms from all walks of life

Mother's Day is an opportunity to show moms how much they're loved and appreciated. Though many moms may insist they don't want anything beyond spending the day with their children, gifts are a big part of Mother's Day.

No two moms are the same, and though standards like flowers and greeting cards will always have a place on Mother's Day, the following are some gift ideas that can put smiles on the faces of moms from all walks of life.



### Bookworm

There's no end to the gift options for mothers who love to curl up with a good book. Of course, some new books may delight Mom, but gifts that can improve the reading experience also merit consideration. For example, an ergonomic backrest reading pillow can make bedtime reading sessions more comfortable and ensure Mom's neck and back get ample support as she reads the latest

page-turner. A nightstand book holder also can be ideal for moms who can't seem to keep track of their bookmarks.

### Fitness enthusiast

Some moms simply love to get in a good workout. Shoppers whose mothers or wives love to break a sweat might want to look into home gym equipment, as many fitness enthusiasts transformed part of their homes into exercise areas during the pandemic. If that sounds like the

mom on your shopping list, then a suspension training system won't take up much room but can provide an intense, full-body workout. A new yoga mat, some wireless Bluetooth headphones or a compression stretching mat are some additional gifts that might make exercise-loving moms smile this Mother's Day.

### Traveler

Moms whose children still live under the same roof may not have much

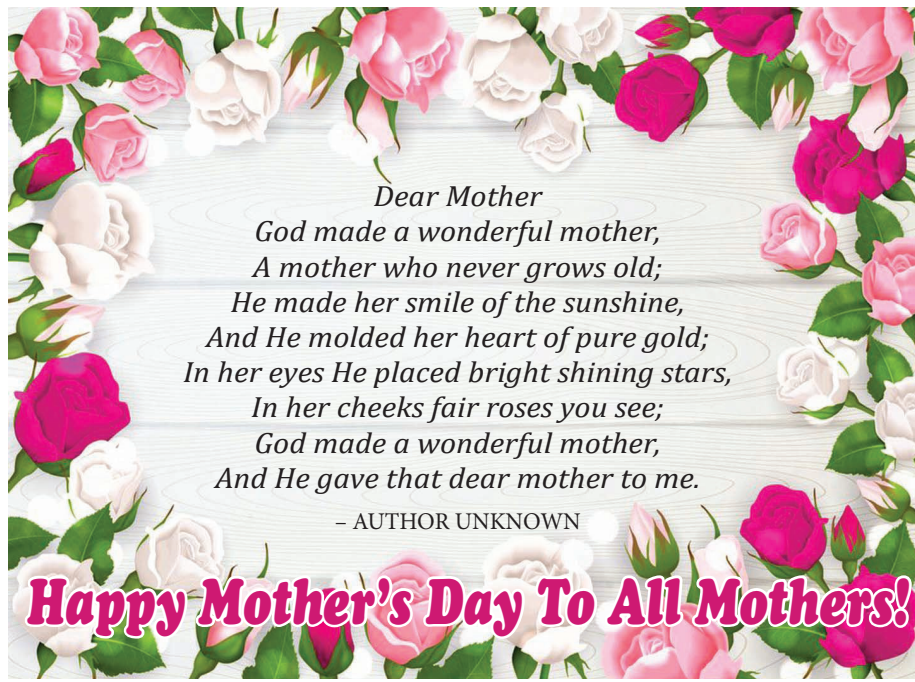
opportunity to travel, but empty nesters and grandmothers might. For such moms, a foldable, hanging travel bag can make it easy and convenient for mom to carry all of her toiletries and access them without taking up what's often minimal hotel room counter space. For moms who want to document their excursions, a leather travel journal encourages them to note their experiences and gives them something they can revisit for years to come. Of course, some new luggage can make the perfect gift for newly retired moms who can't wait to start visiting places on their travel bucket lists.

### Businesswoman

Millions of moms manage to juggle the obligations of family life with a

challenging career. Mother's Day can be a great time to recognize that balancing act. A self-heating coffee mug can ensure Mom's morning cup o' joe doesn't go cold as she traverses her way through a hectic morning routine. Another great gift is a charging mouse pad that can charge all of Mom's devices even while she's working. If you want to help Mom remain calm as she navigates her way through a day filled with personal and professional obligations, an essential oils diffuser can create a sense of relaxation on the most hectic of days.

No two moms are the same. Fortunately, great gifts can be found for moms from all walks of life this Mother's Day.



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# Learn the meanings behind popular Mother's Day flowers

Mother's Day is a time to express love and appreciation for mothers, sentiments that are often expressed with gifts. Flowers are a popular present to bestow on Mother's Day, as they can brighten a room and bring a sweet aroma to any household.

While any flowers may ultimately suffice on Mother's Day, gift givers may want to select flowers for Mom that convey specific messages. The language of flowers has been recognized for centuries. Though perhaps not as heralded as it once was, flower symbolism persists to this day. Here's a look at some of the meanings behind certain types of flowers to help guide Mother's Day gifting.

- **Amaryllis:** These plants start as bulbs and are naturally spring-blooming flowers. The name comes from the Greek word "amarysso," which means "to sparkle," and they symbolize pride.
- **Aster:** These daisy-like flowers are delicate-looking perennials. Asters make great gifts be-



cause they symbolize love and daintiness.

- **Begonia:** There are more than 2,000 types of begonias, and the flower symbolizes deep thoughts. Begonias were made famous by French horticulturist Michel Bégon, who thought the

blooms looked like beautiful girls.

- **Bleeding heart:** These flowers are red and pink blossoms that look like the perfect heart shape with a teardrop at the bottom. They're beautiful and symbolic of love and affection.
- **Buttercup:** These are associated with youthfulness and cheerfulness and can call to mind childhood days spent picking buttercups and holding them under chins to reveal that you like butter. The flower is known for its beauty and innocent charm.
- **Camellia (white):** White camellias stand for purity and innocence, but they also symbolize admiration and respect. Camellias make beautiful additions to any bouquet.
- **Daisy:** Daisies are happy-looking flowers, and according to Norse mythology they represent motherhood and children.
- **Delphinium:** Delphiniums come in pink, white and blue varieties and embody youth and renewal. They're a good pick if you want to convey a continued or renewed affection for a person.

- **Tulip:** Tulips with an orange hue are thought to represent understanding and appreciation. They can express appreciation for Mom or another special person. Yellow tulips symbolize happiness, while pink tulips are symbolic of love. Red blooms should be reserved for sweethearts.

Various flowers symbolize feelings people want to express to their mothers, grandmothers and other special women on Mother's Day.

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