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Aaron Coleman and his goats on the Greenbrier River Trail.

Pack goating up the River Trail with the 'Greenbrier Goat'

By Jeffrey Kanode
RealWV, www.therealwv.com

We met on the Keister trailhead of the Greenbrier River Trail. I had my small backpack containing bottled water and raingear. With my back to the trail as I closed the door to my truck, I heard him before I ever saw: a friendly voice calling out my name, and the sudden rush of striving movement quickly halted. I turned around for a first glimpse of Aaron Coleman and his goats.

Although I have traversed the GRT many times over many years, on this day I would experience it in a new way. And I would be the first: the very first guest on the inaugural trek for the Greenbrier Goat.

After he and I exchanged pleasantries, Coleman introduced me to his three American Alpine goats: Ragnar, Athelstan, and Floki. On the trail, Ragnar leads, Athelstan rolls in the middle, and Floki earns his nickname as "the follower," keeping close abreast of his two brothers.

This gentle amble down a portion of the river trail with two people and three goats represents the first fruits of a long-incubated dream for Aaron Coleman. He has cultivated and watered, cultivated and labored over the soil for a long time.

"We have prepared, geared up and trained for this day with these special animals, and it's really going to work out," Coleman said as he gently guided the goats toward the middle of the trail.

The son of a nautical engineer and an Appalachian storyteller, Coleman came to Greenbrier County through marriage. He met Emily in art school, and together they decided to return to her home and create their legacy of art - art reflecting and celebrating and showcasing homeland.

The spark of the genesis of the idea for the Greenbrier Goat came to Coleman with both the history and the perpetual promise of Emily's family's farm.

"Ben Buck Farm has a huge history in our county of agriculture. For sixty or more years, they milked eighty head of cow twice a day, and they were a working dairy farm," Coleman recounted. "We improved our fence line and became a grazing cattle farm and that's when we got our goats."

Coleman explained that his mother-in-law, Lynn, had a herd of Alpine dairy goats. She encouraged him to raise a goat from birth. By that time, Coleman already had the spark
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Red Nose River Float returns for 2024

By Sarah Richardson

The popular fundraising event for ALS research, the Red Nose River Float, will return to the Greenbrier River on June 1 this year. The float is held each year as a way to raise funds for the ALS Foundation, the largest non-profit organization in the United States that supports those diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

The Red Nose River Float will take place on the beautiful Greenbrier River, starting at the Caldwell Boat Launch and ending at Island Park in Ronceverte. This event is held in honor of Chally Erb, Gary Arbaugh, and all whose lives have been affected by ALS.

This section of the river is approximately six miles of Class II water. This water trail is perfect for beginners. Expect 2.5 hours of float time. Life jackets are required for each person, and there will be safety boaters along the way. Give yourself an hour round trip to set up a shuttle. (Plans are in the works for help with a shuttle but please be prepared to have your own transportation.)

The event page states to arrive at Caldwell between 8 and 11 a.m. on the day of the event to boat drop and to set a shuttle if needed. The launch will be from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be a pre-float party at The Sportsman Tavern in Ronceverte on May 31, from 5 to 9 p.m. with live music from Deep State and food from The Dawg Haus, Udderly Smooth, and When Pigs Fly BBQ.



The Red Nose River Float will be held this year on June 1 with an 11 a.m. to 12 noon. launch time from the Caldwell Boat Launch and ending at Island Park in Ronceverte.

(Photo courtesy of Erin Hurst Photography, 2023 Red Nose River Float)

To register as an individual or a team, or to sign up as a volunteer, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yme3c6mj>. Donations can also be made via the link. All proceeds will go directly to the ALS Association.

Follow the event page on Facebook at "2024 Red Nose River Float", a floating fundraiser for ALS" for more information.

Dandelion Festival to be held in White Sulphur this weekend

By Chelsea Blair

For over 30 years the WV Dandelion Festival, sponsored by White Sulphur Springs Main Street and the City of White Sulphur Springs, has brought entertainment to the area for Memorial Day weekend. The purpose of the festival is to kick off the holiday weekend as the unofficial beginning of summer, while highlighting local businesses and providing a festive atmosphere for anyone who joins the celebration.

In 1986, Dr. Frank Collins, along with others in the community, decided White Sulphur Springs needed a festival of their own. Collins stated in an interview last year they had no money for a festival and did not know where to start. They asked the bank of WSS and the Greenbrier to donate money, sold t-shirts with the help of Alleghany Tees, and held a carnival to make the idea come to life. According to Collins, after spending countless hours deciding on a name for the festival, the name "Dandelion Festival" was suggested because we grow better ones around here than anywhere else around. Collins also said he thinks the support from the people of the community is what has kept the Dandelion Festival alive for the last few decades.

The fun begins on Friday, May 24 and continues through Sunday, May 26. You can expect many

vendors, lots of great food and endless fun. The scheduled events of the Dandelion Festival are as follows:

- Friday, May 24:**
 - 3-8 p.m. - Vendors, food, and local shopping
 - 6-8 p.m. - Art Show opening and Wine and Cheese Reception at the White Sulphur Spring Public Library with music by Leah Trent
 - 8-10 p.m. - Live music by Allan Dale Sizemore and the Lost Souls on the School House Hotel Lawn
- Saturday, May 25:**
 - 7:30 a.m. - Dandelion Dream Chase 5k, racers gather at the School House Hotel lawn, race begins at 8 a.m. Preregistration is encouraged, sponsored by Kisisito Health Care
 - 8 a.m. - Children's Fishing Derby, National Fish Hatchery, 601 Main St, sponsored by the National Fish Hatchery and White Sulphur Springs Rotary
 - 10 a.m. to dusk- vendors, food, and local shopping on Main St
 - 10 a.m. to dusk- Kids Zone activities provided by WV Inflatable at Midland Trail Park
 - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Art Show Exhibit, White Sulphur Springs Public Library
 - 1-2:30 p.m. -Live music by Country Blue, main stage
 - 3-4:30 p.m. -Live music by Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys, main stage

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NBC's TODAY features segment on Ascend WV in the Greenbrier Valley

Gov. Jim Justice announced that NBC's premier morning television program, TODAY, aired a segment about West Virginia on the morning of May 15.

NBC News Daily Correspondent Morgan Radford, whose parents are West Virginia natives, recently spent a couple of days exploring the Mountain State, learning about the Ascend WV remote worker program and experiencing our world-class outdoor recreation first-hand.

"I was thrilled to welcome Morgan and the entire TODAY Show team to West Virginia," Gov. Justice said. "Nothing makes me happier than West Virginia being given the opportunity to shine on a national stage and to be able to share our success story with the world. I hope all West Virginians will tune in and celebrate this amazing state we are blessed to call home."

This segment was filmed in the Greenbrier Valley, one of the five communities in the Ascend WV program, the nation's premier talent and attraction program. In just three years, the program has found incredible success.

"West Virginia is known for its natural beauty and hard-working people, but The Mountain State also offers something else - opportunity. And we now have motivated students looking for reasons to stay after graduation, not reasons to leave. Dream bigger, work harder, achieve goals. These lead to lasting impact," said Brad D. Smith, President of Marshall University and Co-Founder of the Wing 2 Wing Foundation.

Following the first airing on TODAY, an extended version of this segment will be aired at a later date on NBC News NOW. Watch the segment "Inflation Relocation" online at <https://www.today.com/video/rural-cities-offer-financial-incentives-for-people-to-move-there-210968645876>.



About Ascend WV:

The Ascend WV program was made possible by a \$25 million gift to West Virginia University's Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaboratory from former Intuit executive chairman and current Marshall University President Brad D. Smith and his wife, Alys. Together with Governor Justice and his departments of Tourism and Economic Development, the collective team developed the nation's premier talent attraction program focusing on access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

The program has received nearly 50,000 applicants since its launch in 2021. To date, nearly 600 people (Ascenders and their families) have moved to the state because of the program. The newest West Virginians hail from 38 states and nine countries, and the program boasts a 96% retention rate. To learn more, visit AscendWV.com.

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Preservation Alliance announces eight grant award recipients

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia (PAWV) announces the recipients of four Saving Historic Places Grants and four Fund for Historic Schools Grants.

Recipients of The Fund for Historic Schools Grants include: Rupert School (Greenbrier County), Calhoun County High School, Bluestone School in Bramwell (Mercer County), and Waiteville School (Monroe County)

Round-two: Saving Historic Places Grant recipients include: Tyree Tavern (Ansted, Fayette County), Hughes House (Wheeling,



The Rupert School

Ohio County), Kerns Fort (Morgantown, Monongalia County), and the former United Brethren Church (Buckhannon, Upshur County).

“The goal of both the Fund for Historic Schools and Saving Historic Places Grant (SHP Grant) is economic development. For the schools program, special attention is placed on vacant schools because of the serious negative effects their vacancy and deterioration have on rural communities. While the SHP Grant helps to save endangered historic places. In all cases, these projects have high levels of community support, demonstrable reuse plans, and potential for positive economic growth in disadvantaged communities. We look forward to being able to contribute subgrant awards to the rehabilitation of these historic buildings, and we would like to thank our funder, the National Park Service, for making this possible through a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant.” explained the Alliance’s executive director, Danielle Parker.

About the Fund for Historic Schools Grant Program Projects:

The Rupert School building project has been awarded \$275,000 for roof and window replacement. The former school building was built in 1942 and decommissioned in 2019. Not wanting to lose the building to neglect, the community rallied to find a new use for the school. Woodlands Development Group has purchased the Rupert School building and plans to redevelop it as a health clinic and affordable housing.

Calhoun County High School is in the process of being redeveloped into a community center improving health, education, and economic outcomes for nearby residents. This project, spearheaded by The 1982 Foundation, will receive \$275,000 for window rehabilitation and replacement work.

Bluestone School was an African American high school in Bramwell whose architectural plans were produced by master architect Alex B Mahood. The schoolhouse is a contributing structure to Bramwell Additions Historic District. This project is slated to receive \$65,000 for window rehabilitation.

Waiteville School, a one-story classic schoolhouse topped with a cupola and bell, was built in 1950 and is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Waiteville Community Center, Inc. will receive \$50,000 for the installation of storm windows and flooring rehabilitation work so that the building can serve the community as a hub for gatherings and as an emergency warming center.

Dr. Lyn Guy, former Superintendent of Monroe County Schools, advocates for saving meaningful, but defunct, school buildings from neglect and demolition and instead, putting them to good use: “The Waiteville School is one of those cherished places, where a small community now has a community center, dedicated organizations, and many, many volunteers, who hold it dear.”

About the Round Two Saving Historic Places Grant Projects:

Tyree Tavern, an historic inn and tavern that was occupied at times by both Confederate and Union troops, was constructed c. 1800 and independently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This project has been awarded \$12,000 for structural beam replacement work.

Friends of Wheeling’s Hughes House restoration project will receive \$10,000 for window restoration. The nonprofit organization is working to save the historic structure which is an important piece of the North Wheeling National Historic District streetscape.

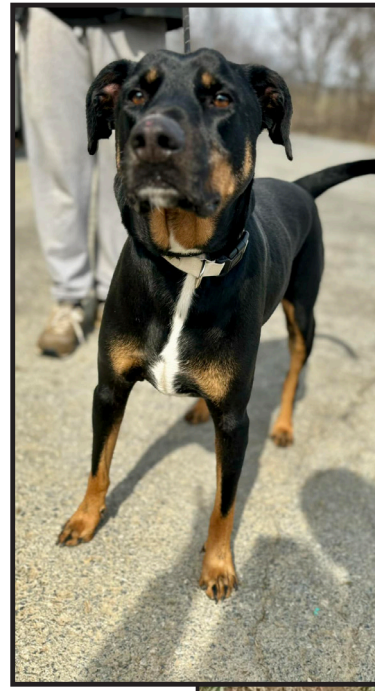
Kerns Fort in Morgantown is a settler’s cabin built in 1772 that served as a fort during early colonization and housed militia during the Revolutionary war. The building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has been awarded \$15,000 for a new roof to prevent water intrusion.

The former United Brethren Church, a Gothic Revival style brick church built in 1873, is a contributing structure to Buckhannon’s Central Residential Historic District. Adaptive reuse of the building will bring creative arts endeavors to the district. This project has been awarded \$11,817 for window stabilization and repair.

In 2023, PAWV developed the Fund for Historic Schools, a subprogram of the Saving Historic Places Grant Program and won a \$750,000 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant from the National Park Service to support the program. The Fund for Historic Schools Grant is a competitive grant program designed to encourage economic development through the renovation and preservation of certified historic school buildings in rural West Virginia communities experiencing high levels of poverty while saving these meaningful community landmarks for generations to come.

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia is the statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to historic preservation. For more information, visit www.pawv.org.

PICK OF THE LITTER



LUCA

Luca is a three-year-old male Doberman mix and weighs 80 pounds



LUIGI

Luigi is a six-month-old coonhound mix and weighs 32 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.

DON'T SHOP • ADOPT!

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Pack Goating

of an idea to raise a pack-goat, but his first goat, a Nubian, didn’t have the right temperament. The next year, he acquired three baby Alpines.

Aaron raised Ragnar, Athelstan, and Floki from birth. “I bottle fed them, so they bonded to me. Now I have pack-goats that are following me anywhere,” he reflected as he looked down upon his goats and smiled.

Ragnar, Athelstan, and Floki are brothers. “You can never just have one goat,” he explained. “I couldn’t bring myself to separate the goats, so I got all three. I love to keep them happy and safe.”

In time, Coleman recognized his little goat family could potentially have a life beyond the farm. “I was looking at things from the eyes of a West Virginian, going, ‘How can we make the most of what we have on the farm? From there, I looked at our history of agriculture. I looked at how we were surrounded by a supportive family with a tradition of agriculture, and I just had to give this a try,” he said.

Aaron Coleman sought out the specialized help of a caring mentor out in Idaho, Marc Warnke, who raises goats and trains them to be pack animals

for treks in the western wildernesses. Warnke also designs and sells all the necessary gear for easy trekking for the goats and their human companions.

His mentor also gave Coleman helpful knowledge about training Ragnar, Athelstan, and Floki to become pack-goats. This advice included never being too far away from the goats, and never letting them be in any kind of distress. Honoring Warnke’s instruction,



The Real WV’s Jeffrey Kanode and Athelstan officially become friends after their hike.

Coleman keeps his goats on a tandem lead, and they are always attached to him when they are on any trek. Coleman keeps handmade silver bells on the three brothers at night, and any time they get frightened or spooked, he comes to them quickly. At base camp on the trail, the goats rest under a sturdy tarp Coleman erects for them.

“That’s one thing that my mentor really impressed on me. He also emphasized that if you go

somewhere, your goats come, too,” Coleman remembered with a laugh.

As Marc Warnke pioneered “pack-goating” out west, Aaron Coleman takes great pride and love introducing it to the Greenbrier Valley, and beyond. Coleman and his

little “band of brothers” goats truly are creating something new.

“We’re the first pack goats in West Virginia, and on the East Coast,” Coleman noted. “I’m here to introduce the emerging sport of ‘pack-goating’ to West Virginia.”

As Coleman and I continued our easy journey with his goats down the GRT, I was struck by the seeming incongruity that someone in far away Idaho helped make this West Virginia endeavor possible. I

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Lest We Forget

Celebrate • Honor • Remember

On Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who fought and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Their courage and service will never be forgotten, and we owe them and their loved ones a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. Let us always remember that freedom is not free.



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Briefly

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).

Woodland Cemetery

There will be a meeting re: Woodland Cemetery Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. in the Woodland Community Room. All persons living in the community for 5 years or longer or have relatives buried in the cemetery are urged to attend. A Board of Directors meeting will be held following this meeting.

Mountaineer

Open Horseshoe Tournament

The Mountaineer Horseshoe League will host the Mountaineer Open Horseshoe Tournament Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m. on Ronceverte Island Park at the Mountaineer Horseshoe League courts. Pre-registration is due by June 2 and the entry fee is \$25. This is an NHPA sanctioned tournament. For more information you may contact Allen Withrow at 304-667-1374, 189 Taylor Street, Ronceverte, WV, 24970 or email puwithrow@gmail.com.

Frankford Ruritan Scholarship Auction

will be held Saturday, June 1 at 10 a.m. under the big tent located at AAA Storage Lot across from Exxon Station near Frankford. Travel US 219 and watch for Auction signs south of Frankford. Terms of Sale: Cash or good check day of sale. Proceeds are used to give scholarships to area students. Refreshments will be sold.

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.

Board of Zoning Appeals

will meet Tuesday, May 28, at 1 p.m. On the agenda:

- Attendance
- Old Business
 - Discussion by Board of Zoning Appeals
 - Mountain Steer Meat Company request for a Conditional Permit Use
- New Business

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Theresa R. Signorino, Louisville, KY, speeding, fine \$10, NCP
 Jamie Nicole Surgeon, Caldwell, reckless driving, fine \$50, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation, NCP
 Kyle McMillion Gilbert, Lewisburg, driving while license suspended or revoked, fine \$100, NCP
 Michael Christopher Troxell, Staunton, VA, petit larceny, fine \$25, restitution \$6.42, NCP
 Gladys Maude Lance, Rainelle, failure to give signal of intention to turn 100 feet before turning, fine \$50, NCP
 Daniel Page Harper, White Sulphur Springs, speeding, fine \$8, GP
 Daniel Michael Bennett, Lewisburg, battery on government representatives, health care providers, utility workers, law enforcement and EMS, fine \$75, jail 12 months - suspended and placed on 18 months unsupervised probation, NCP
 Billy Lee Hines, Hacker Valley, speeding, fine \$10, GP
 Bryan Paul Strobel, Charmco, driving while license suspended or revoked, fine \$100, GP
 Stephen Trail, Meadow Bridge, speeding, fine \$36, NCP
 Brandon L. Robinson, Hines, 1) no registration, fine \$50; 2) defective equipment, fine \$15; 3) no helmet, fine \$25; 4) no operators, fine \$50, NCP
 Kristi M. Davis, Lewisburg, failure to stop at crosswalk or intersecting highway, fine \$25, GP
 Osbey Dell Zimmerman, Hedgesville, 1) use of electronic device without hands free equipment, fine \$100; 2) no inspection sticker, fine \$25, GP
 Joseph W. Bachert, Saluda, VA, defective equipment, fine \$25, NCP

Amy R. Hubbard, Caldwell, use of electronic device without hands free equipemnt, fine \$100, GP
 Adrienne D. Bland, Meadow Bridge, expired vehicle registration, fine \$25, GP
 Daniel L. Vanmeter, Crawley, driving suspended, fine \$100, NCP
 Larry D. Persinger, Ronceverte, seatbelt violation, fine \$25, GP
 Adam Howard Joyce, Hurricane, fishing without a license, fine \$30, GP
 Steren Lamomtagne, Rainelle, petit larceny (3 counts), fine \$20 per count, NCP
 Jeffrey G. Davis, Lewisburg, reckless driving - no bodily injury, fine \$100, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation, NCP
 Joseph Perry Nassif, Lewisburg, reckless driving - no bodily injury, fine \$100, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation, NCP
 Kenneth D. Chapman, Hinton, write, send, or read text-based communication while driving, fine \$100, GP
 Nicholas Dunbrack, homeless/unknown, fleeing from officer, fine \$500, jail 15 days, NCP
 Garrett Lee Feury, White Sulphur Springs, driving suspended/revoked, fine \$100, NCP

Marriages

Taylor Gray Dahl and Aaron Tyler Lockhart
 Sommer Joy Feury and Landon Dwayne Crowe
 James William Boggs and Brittany Lynne Birchard
 Colton Seth Owens and Jessica Elizabeth Goins
 Deven Alexander McLean and Haylie Izabella Lewis

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Dandelion Festival

- 5-6:30 p.m. -Live music by Midland Trail Band
- 4-8 p.m. -Cruise In, Main St
- 5:30 p.m. -RC Car Race, Main St
- 6:45 p.m. -Dandy Legs Contest, main stage
- 7:30 to 10 p.m. -Live music by Thomas Taylor Band, main stage
- Dark - Fireworks, visible from downtown, by WSS Fire Department, Alderson Fire Department and WV Dandelion Festival
- **Sunday, May 26:**
 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Art Show Exhibit, WSS Public Library
 - 12-1:30 p.m. – Veterans Luncheon, Paisley Park Pavilion, sponsored by the School House Hotel and Blue Ridge Lumber
 - 2 p.m. – Veterans Memorial Ceremony, main stage
 - 5 p.m. WV Dandelion Festival Parade, line up at 4 p.m. on Ingleside Ave

The main stage is outdoors, located at 697 Main St E (located in the park adjacent from Midland Trail Park).

The Pretty Baby/Toddler Pageant scheduled for Saturday has been postponed until a later date and the Gospel Sing has been canceled. The event will continue “rain or shine.”

The WSS Pool will also be opening on Memorial Day weekend, and will be open on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The pool will be open the following weekend with the same hours. After June 8, the pool will be open Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday. The cost is \$6 per person four years old and up, and children aged three and under have free admission with an adult.

Members of the WV Dandelion Festival hope to see you for a fun filled Memorial Day weekend.

For the Record

Deeds

Catherine M. Baker to Toby R. Baker: 1.21 acres, Ronceverte District, Map 8 Parcel 6. Filed May 10, 2024.
 Toby R. Baker to Catherine M. Baker: 2.71 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 45 Parcel 31. Filed May 10, 2024.
 Chris Hanson to Anthony J. Wellman and Amanda E. Wellman: 1.02 acres, Frankford District, Map 15 Parcel 132.1. Filed May 10, 2024.
 Gary L. Truex, 30% Janet S. Truex, and Americam IRA LLC to Meadow Grove Baptist Church: 0.871 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 7 Parcel 0004. Filed May 10.
 Gavin, Alice and Scott Larrimer LLC and Alice H. Larrimer to Paul L. Hardesty and Debra K. Hardesty: waiver of right of first refusal, lot 354 Creekside, White Sulphur District. Filed May 10, 2024.
 Jane L. Crane Neff and Everette R. Neff estate (by executor) to Mariah Manier: 2.11 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 82 Parcel 37.2. Filed May 10, 2024.
 Brennan M. Wood to Brennan M. Wood and Elizabeth D. Wood: lot 11 block 3 – 100 X 180, Lewisburg District, Map 29 Parcel 0108. Filed May 10, 2024.
 David P. Acord to Charles Tabor and Jared S. Ramirez: 0.77 acres part of lot 9, Meadow Bluff District, Map 47M Parcel 28. Filed May 13, 2024.
 Deborah Amos to Joshua Amos and Morgan Amos: lots 5 & 6 or 2.00 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 19H Parcel 37. Filed May 13, 2024.
 Deborah Amos to Michael McGahan: lots 5 & 6 or 2.00 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 19H Parcel 37. Filed May 13, 2024.
 Cornelia R. Begley, Robert L. Begley, and Keith Richardson to Dmitry Kischukov and Anastasia Kischukov: 31 acres southwest side of Williamsburg Road, Frankford District, Map 8 Parcel 8. Filed May 13, 2024.
 Sarah F. Holliday and Charlotte F. Glass to 317 Highland LLC: lot 7, Lewisburg District, Map 30 Parcel 43. Filed May 13, 2024.
 JOI Properties LLC to 327 Dwyer LLC: lot 7 Fairfield, Lewisburg District, Map 25 Parcel 126. Filed May 13, 2024.

Jeffrey Camp (by attorney-in-fact) to Jeffrey Camp, Robert Camp, and Samuel K. Camp: 93.55 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 48 Parcel 1. Filed May 13, 2024.
 Disability Opportunity Fund to SHWV Acquisitions LLC: 2 lots Dry Creek, White Sulphur District, Map 12 Parcel 11. Filed May 15, 2024.
 William M. Robinson and Tammy Robinson to Serenba L. Robinson: 3 tracts, Rupert District, Map 3 Parcel 91, 32, 33. Filed May 15, 2024.
 Melvin R. Cales to Kara Bretz: 11.38 acres, 27.157 acres, 0.095 acres, 1.08 acres, plus right-of-way, White Sulphur District, Map 27, 28 Parcel 41, 4.1, 30.1, 28. Filed May 15, 2024.
 Sybil G. McClung to Sybil G. McClung and Naoma E. McClung: 2.28 acres, Rupert District, Map 5 Parcel 53. Filed May 15, 2024.
 Clarice J. Baker to William L. Whanger II: one half plot no. 43 Ave. F. Filed May 16, 2024.
 CG Certificates LLC to Ryan Lewellyn: lot 10, 0.572 acres, the Willows subdivision, White Sulphur District, Map 26 Parcel 173. Filed May 16, 2024.
 Tequila McCoy to Angela Morrello: lots 43 & 44, Meadow Bluff District, Map 23N Parcel 34. Filed May 16, 2024.
 Dana Haskell to Ian G. Ferrazhaskell: 75X94, Meadow Bluff District, Map 48E Parcel 13. Filed May 16, 2024.
 Peggy S. Orndorff to Michael L. Hensley: 1.0 acre, Falling Spring District, Map 6 Parcel 0143. Filed May 16, 2024.
 Seneca Trustees Inc. to Federal National Mortgage Association: lots 2-4, 0.89 acre, Meadow Bluff District, Map 56P Parcel 0045. Filed May 16, 2024.
 Francine S. Seams to Christopher Hahn and Timothy Hahn: lots 451-452, White Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 436, 437. Filed May 16, 2024.
 Shirley A. Green (by attorney-in-fact Jane M. Mraz) to Ryan K. Whitt and Kellea A. Whitt: tract 1 – 0.117 and 0.50 acres, Frankford District, Map 15 Parcel 84. Filed May 17, 2024.
 Melissa A. O'Brien Halchishick to James H. Wagner and Jennifer V. Wagner: lot 9 Whisper Estates, Fort Spring District, Map 13 Parcel 90. Filed May 17, 2024.
 Michael R. Hunter and Pamela L. Hunter to Michael Clelan and Michele Clelan: 57.589 less 0.142 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 56 Parcel 0036. Filed May 17, 2024.
 Alice M. Sears to Heather Smith: 20.60 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 78 Parcel 0001. Filed May 17, 2024.
 WV Trustee Services LLC to Rocket Mortgage LLC: 19,500 square feet or 0.45 acres, Rupert District, Map 6 Parcel 0033 0001. Filed May 17, 2024.
 Virginia Hudkins to Kelly S. Hudkins: lots 4 – 8, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60L Parcel 0014. Filed May 17, 2024.
 Keith A. Wingert to Carey Pantling and Veronica Pantling: 0.946 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 17 Parcel 14. Filed May 20, 2024.
 Michael C. O'Hagan and Jane C. Sweet to Nancy M. Thurman and Richard H. Plum II: lot 18, 5.606 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 24 Parcel 0129. Filed May 20, 2024.
 Mary Ellen Riner to Corbett C. Riner II: 30,600 square feet, lot 23, Lewisburg District, Map 13L Parcel 15. Filed May 15, 2024.
 Mary Ellen Riner to Melissa Dawn Hoke Sparks: 1.3 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 17 Parcel 59. Filed May 21, 2024.
 Larry Counts to Billy Snider and Brenda Snider: ½ interest in 86 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 23 Parcel 8. Filed May 21, 2024.
 Gary W. Baker and Linda M. Baker to Aaron P. Baker: lot 43, Fort Spring District, Map 12K Parcel 0005. Filed May 22, 2024.
 Wayne G. Vance and Connie G. Vance to Redemption Center: 0.194 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 27 Parcel 28. Filed May 22, 2024.
 David Atkins to Craig Vaughan and Robin Vaughan: 41.30 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 25 Parcel 4. Filed May 22, 2024.

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Greenbrier County ACDS Graduates honored at The Marvel Center

Approximately 40 friends and family gathered at The Marvel Center on Saturday, May 11, to commemorate five Greenbrier County graduates of the West Virginia Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist (ACDS) program.

The Greenbrier County ACDS graduates honored at the ceremony were Brianna Hedrick with Li'l Britches Child Care Center, Heidi Scott with Lit'l Rascals Day-care, and Donna Martin, Sybil Smith, and Meagan Wilson with The Marvel Center. The keynote address was delivered by Terri Wontrobski, former Director of the Greenbrier and Monroe Counties Head Start, and Garrett Vestal, an early childhood and elementary educator with Greenbrier County schools.

Wontrobski shared wisdom and inspiration to the graduates and their families, reminding them of the impact they have on the lives of children. Quoting Maya Angelou, Wontrobski encouraged everyone to continuously strive for improvement, stating, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

Vestal echoed this sentiment, recommending educators to nurture their patience, grow their determination, and always continue in their professional development/learning.

The West Virginia Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist (ACDS) program, a partnership between the United States Department of Labor, River Valley Child Development Services (RVCDS), and early childcare programs throughout the state, is a cornerstone of professional development in the field of early child-



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hood education. West Virginia was the first state to host the certification program, consisting of four 15-week semesters and between 3,200 and 4,000 work experience hours in a childcare or PreK/Head Start classroom. Classes are offered statewide, with the Fall 2024 session scheduled to commence in late August.

For enrollment information and inquiries about the upcoming Fall 2024 classes, interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Greenbrier County office of WVU Extension Service at 304-647-7408.

The Meadow River Valley Early Learning and Family Engagement (MARVEL) Center in Rupert, now in its third year of operation, has been providing early child and family engagement services to the community. As part of a community redevelopment partnership, the center has become a hub of educational excellence, fostering the growth and development of children and families alike.

Pack Goating

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shared my thoughts with Aaron.

"That's one thing that West Virginians have to embrace. We're in a secluded spot, but now, with the advances in technology and the Internet, the world is at our fingertips," Coleman responded.

As we walked along the Greenbrier, our steps and the goats' tromping accompanied by the music of an early spring rush of the river, Aaron and I both looked around. Each of us attempted to articulate our appreciation, our understanding of the magnitude of the beauty of our surroundings and the blessing of the Greenbrier River Trail.

"This old rail bed from the railroad giants of the past has given us a really nice footpath. The crushed limestone and gentle grade over the whole trail just makes it accessible to people and really good for goat-packing and equestrian use. It's safe. It's safe for cyclists, it's safe for families and I think it's a binder of the community," Coleman reflected.

Connections within the community and the state are helping make the creative idea of The Greenbrier Goat an evolving reality. Coleman stressed the importance of his partnership with the Forest Service, the West Virginia Department of Tourism, and the Small Business Development Center. The Department of Tourism linked Coleman with Cranberry Adventures, whom he sites as his "in-state mentor," as they also use animals to help people explore Appalachian forest trails.

The Greenbrier Goat aspires to open up the majesty and wonder of the Greenbrier River Trail to all people, helping to make the trail and a day camping excursion experience accessible to those with physical disabilities. In the business plan and in our conversation walking down the GRT on a blossoming spring day, Coleman stressed all the new opportunities his goats bring to a large group of people who may not yet feel the freedom to experience the trail.

"We could give a chance for a group of people with less mobility, younger or older, a destination on the river trail that they could strive for that's accessible, and they could roll into the goat powered base camp and have a safe haven, first aid, cold water, and just a place to have shelter. And meet a pack goat."

In our early conversations planning my excursion to research this story, Aaron would send me texts: "Hey Jeff, are you ready to meet a pack goat?" On the day I finally did meet "the boys," their dotting human dad shared with me stories of children and adults meeting a pack goat for the first time - walkers and cyclists whose path converged with him, Ragnar, Athelstan, and Floki on some of their early training trips.

"They are good with children, good with dogs. They just connect and bring peace," Coleman reflected

Perhaps Coleman's most tender memory thus far with the pack goats revolve around a veteran who has been in pain for many years, living with his memories of the suffering and the death of war. Walking along the trail with his goats, Coleman met a group of local veterans who were taking a day to do community service, cleaning up litter on the trail. Of course, this tall, bearded gentleman with his three goats in tow captured the attention of the veterans, and introductions and conversations ensued.

"One of the veterans in particular really connected to the goats. He petted them, just spent some time with them. He told me that the goats brought him more peace than he has known in many, many years. That's why I am doing this, Jeff. That guy gave so much for us, and there he and his friends were giving more—helping to clean the environment we all enjoy. I was happy the goats and I could give something back to him—a time to relax, a space to know peace," Coleman shared.

With Ragnar, Athelstan, and Floki, Aaron Coleman both lives, and continues to pursue, a very creative aspiration. That aspiration has roots in the agricultural history in Lewisburg and Coleman's own family. That aspiration has roots in the burgeoning tourism focus in West

Virginia. That aspiration has roots in Coleman's own love of animals; in both his love for the land and of his deep connection to space and home, particularly the Greenbrier Valley.

We finished the wonderful breakfast Coleman had prepared for us at the base camp at the McCutcheon Shelter—fresh eggs from the farm, coffee, bacon and goat cheese, all from either the Lewisburg Farmers Market, or other local businesses. Articulating his emotional processing of his journey of starting The Greenbrier Goat enterprise, Coleman smiled, and looked toward the gently gurgling Greenbrier.

"When I felt isolated, I would look north to Droop Mountain. I would realize the Cranberry still runs wild and the fishermen were out there, somewhere on its banks. The mountains call."

Aaron Coleman, Ragnar, Athelstan, and Floki answer that call. They invite others to go with them.

School Building Authority approves funding for projects statewide

Gov. Jim Justice announced last week that the West Virginia School Building Authority, which he serves as chairman, approved a combination of multi-county and major improvement awards totaling \$26,212,730.00 for 26 projects. Locally, Greenbrier East High School will receive \$942,400 for a roof replacement.

"An investment in our schools is an investment in our children," Gov. Justice said. "I'm incredibly proud of today's announcement, and I thank the SBA for their commitment to providing the resources for our kids to succeed. We've made huge strides in improving our infrastructure, but we aren't going to stop here. Our work isn't done. We will keep doing more to provide the best education possible for our kids because they deserve it. Let's keep it going."

Since Gov. Justice assumed office in 2017, the School Building Authority has allocated over \$643 million to county school boards in West Virginia. When combined with the \$363 million from local contributions, the overall investment in the state's educational facilities surpasses \$1 billion. roof replacement.

Manchin announces \$1.6M for medical research projects

This month, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$1,640,522 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the Rainelle Medical Center and two West Virginia University (WVU) medical research projects focusing on aging and vision.

"I'm pleased HHS is investing more than \$1.6 million to strengthen health services in Greenbrier County and advance important aging and vision research at WVU," said Senator Manchin. "I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of these important initiatives for years to come. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for resources that support academic research and ensure all West Virginians have access to quality, affordable healthcare."

- Individual awards listed below:
- \$1,184,522 - Rainelle Medical Center, Greenbrier Co.
 - \$228,000 - West Virginia University: Aging Research
 - \$228,000 - West Virginia University: Vision Research

OPINION

Commentary

Bringing encouraging words and hope from the desk of Mayor Beverly White: Congratulations, Class of 2024 - 55th Graduating Class

By Mayor Beverly White

What does it mean to be a Spartan? 55 years ago, our schools came together to be Greenbrier East High School. As a member of the first class here we decided we could work together and become future leaders in our towns, counties, and state.

We decided that we would show others how to work together, play together, and stay together like a family. There are members of the Class of 69 who are still friends today.

To be a Spartan means being respectful of all persons, to show empathy where needed, and not hurt our fellow Spartans and to be generous in our compliments.

As you go forward as a Spartan, may you never know what it is to be bullied, may you never know what it feels like to be disrespected because of who you are, may you never experience unkindness, may you never be judged by the clothes you wear, texture or style of your hair, may you never feel the hurt because someone thinks you are not as good as they are, may you never feel that you are not worthy to be loved.

You are Spartans! You are our future! You are the best of the best-not just some of you but all of you!

You are loved! Remember the world needs you! Remember you are worthy! Remember we all need each other.

You will never know who you might need in life-it may just be a Spartan that you did not know you would need.

Spartans- remember who you are! The world is watching. Be the example others want to follow. Be all you can be not just for yourself-but for the world!

I love you - go make us proud!

Sincerely,
Mayor Beverly White

Commentary

Miller's statement on USPS Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's decision to pause changes to USPS facilities

Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV) released the following statement on United States Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's decision to pause changes to all USPS facilities, including changes to the Charleston Processing and Distribution Center, until January 1, 2025.

"I am pleased that Postmaster General DeJoy has decided to halt any changes to be made to USPS facilities, including the Charleston Processing and Distribution Center, until 2025. I know this decision will temporarily ease any stress that postal employees, West Virginians, and other Americans have regarding postal jobs or delays in receiving mail. During this time, I urge Postmaster General DeJoy and USPS to continue to think about how these changes would affect postal workers and the timeframe of mail delivery," said Congresswoman Miller.

Greenbrier Valley EDC to host Annual Dinner

The Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation (EDC) has announced the return of its annual dinner with a celebratory twist on Thursday, June 27 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine's Student Center in Lewisburg.

Greenbrier Valley EDC is celebrating 30 years of serving Greenbrier, Pocahontas and Monroe counties, established by House Bill 4587 in 1994. This year, the dinner will focus on commemorating the achievements and milestones of businesses in the region over the last three decades. The event will feature an hour of time dedicated to networking, in addition to fun displays, dinner, and a message from the executive director and board members.

"When we started planning this, we decided to make the event a celebration, not only of our organization, but for all things Greenbrier Valley. We are celebrating what makes the Greenbrier Valley a great place to live, work and play," says Greenbrier Valley EDC Executive Director, Ruthana Beezley.

Individual tickets are \$50 and may be purchased at <https://yesgreenbriervalley.com/2024-annual-dinner>. The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, June 20. Greenbrier Valley EDC's annual dinner is supported by Platinum Sponsors The Bank of Monroe, Architectural Wood LLC, and Gold Sponsors E.L. Robinson Engineering, First Citizens Bank, Pendelton Community Bank, Peoples Bank, Greenbrier Environmental Group, Dinsmore, City National Bank, Snowshoe Mountain Resort, and CAMC Greenbrier Valley.

For more information, please contact the Greenbrier Valley EDC office at 304-497-4300 or at info@gvedc.com.

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Club & Church

Area DAR group holds May meeting

The General Andrew Lewis Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met for their monthly meeting on May 16 at the Activity Room of Old Stone Presbyterian Church. Regent Suzanne Cronquist presided and opened the meeting with the DAR Ritual and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was suspended for the introduction of the Speaker, Joe Geiger who is a Curator in the Special Collections of Marshall University's Morrow Library. Geiger spoke about the Rosanna A. Blake Confederate Collection which was left to the library upon her death. Ms. Blake was born in 1912 in Proctorville, Ohio, and her family moved to Huntington when she was 10 years of age. She graduated from Marshall and received her law degree from University of Kentucky. She became fascinated with the Confederacy when she was a young girl and began buying memorabilia. At the time of her death in 1987, she had assembled one of the finest collections of Confederate history in the United States. Marshall has had possession of the collection since her death. The collection is accessible on Marshall's website, www.marshall.edu/specoll/blake.asp.

The collection is invaluable for scholarly research and study of the Confederacy.

Following Geiger's presentation, members ate their brown bag lunch and the meeting resumed.

The National Society Daughters of the American



Vice Regent Judy Deegans (left) and Curator Joe Geiger

Revolution is a nonprofit, 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 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.

Greenbrier County CEOS welcoming new members

Are you interested in getting involved in your community? The West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service (WVCEOS) may be just what you're looking for.

Supported by the West Virginia University Extension Service, WVCEOS is a place to belong, learn, grow and have a good time with wonderful people who know how to make you feel welcome.

Strengthening the family is part of the CEOS mission. With more than 5.6 million community service activities over the past decade, members make a difference through education, volunteering and leadership activities through clubs and programs across the state.

Together, members conduct and participate in motivating education activities and events that help members continue learning, gain leadership skills and inspire community involvement. New information and past traditions combine to help create individual balance and strong families.

We are pleased to announce our newest club starting in the Renick area. Cheryl Workman, McCutchen and

Tracy Brownell are three fantastic volunteers who are making the WVCEOS part of their community!

Members can look forward to attending the annual WVCEOS Conference, hosted at WVU Jackson's Mill. Participants learn about strengthening the family through fun and exciting activities and workshops including sewing, movie nights, silent auctions, basket walks and more.

Greenbrier County has established clubs in the following areas. They are all looking for new members, so come join the fun! Fort Spring President, Carol Sue Miller; Organ Cave President, Janet Johnson; Progressive President Patty Gray; Renick just starting, Rupert President, Chris Peters; Sinks Grove in Monroe County President, Doris Ann Taylor.

To learn more about local WVCEOS clubs, contact the WVU Greenbrier County Extension Service at 304 647-7408, Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/WVCEOS, www.facebook.com/GreenbrierCountyCeos/, or visit <https://extension.wvu.edu/ceos>.

Lewisburg House and Garden Club holds meeting



Marit Withrow, President (front); Row 1: Mary Lindquist, Suzanne Cronquist, Sharon Holaday, Martha Perilli, Ghee Gossard, and Joan Montgomery; Row 2: Karen Lee McClung, Judy Deegans, Peggy Brown, Susan Harkness, Polly Cunningham, and Sue McKinney; Row 3: Mary Beth Pack, Carrie Sanders, Carol Olson, Deloris Dotson and Donna Scibilia.

It was a glorious spring day for the Lewisburg House and Garden Club to meet for their monthly meeting and annual spring luncheon at Spring Valley Farm on Second Creek in Monroe County. Don't miss this home on the Greenbrier Valley Home and Garden Tour. Hostesses were Jennifer Davis, Mary Beth Pack and Lynn Weikle. The lunch is always potluck and everyone brought their favorite spring dish. It was a sumptuous meal.

Jennifer Davis taught the group how to make a field flower arrangement. It is designed so that the field of vision is not blocked across a dinner table.

In addition to the lovely lunch and flower arranging lesson, plans were finalized for the docents and flower arrangements at the homes for which the club is to be responsible on the Greenbrier Home and Garden Tour on Saturday, June 8 beginning at 10 a.m.



A field flower arrangement



Jennifer Davis demonstrating the art of arranging a field centerpiece that doesn't obstruct seeing the person across the table. It is so named to represent flowers growing in a field.

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Church Bulletin

Mt. Herman United Methodist Church in Renick is having a rummage sale May 25 from 7 a.m. - until ? All proceeds support the annual Mother's Day Dinner.

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, 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 for Junior Week (grade 4-6) and June 17-21 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.

Rosary Recitations set at area Catholic Cemeteries

Public Rosary recitations have been scheduled by the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus at five area Catholic cemeteries on Memorial Day weekend. On Sunday, May 26, the Rosary recitation will be for those buried in Mount Loretta Cemetery and will be recited in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs at 8:30 a.m.

The same day, for those buried in the cemetery at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spring Dale, Fayette County, the Rosary recitation will take place in the Church at 11 a.m. as part of the annual reunion for the congregation of Sacred Heart in Spring Dale and Rainelle.

On Monday, May 27, the Rosary recitation will take place at St. John of God Cemetery in Sam Black Church at 9 a.m. and at Immaculate Conception Cemetery near Williamsburg at 10:30 a.m.

That afternoon at 5 p.m., the Rosary recitation will take place at the "new" Catholic cemetery behind St. John, the Evangelist, Catholic Chapel in Sweet Springs, Monroe County, and those buried in both the old and new cemeteries associated with the Chapel will be remembered.

The public is invited to join in all the Recitations and for further information, contact the office of the Catholic Churches of the Valley 304-536-1813 or the Knights of Columbus 304-645-1373.

Ida McMillan Boothe Reunion set

The Ida McMillan Boothe Reunion will be held on June 9 at the McMillan Church at Renick. Come join us and bring a covered dish. Call 304-497-2605 with any questions.

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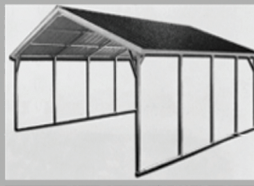
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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,

Last week I was at the Recycling Center and one of the employees kindly told me about TerraCycle's Colgate Oral B Recycling Program that recycles all brands and kinds of new or used toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, and floss containers. What is TerraCycle and what products do they recycle?

Avid Recycler

Dear Avid Recycler,

According to www.terracycle.com, TerraCycle is an innovative recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling hard-to-recycle materials. They offer a wide range of both easy-to-use free recycling programs funded by manufacturers and retailers around the world, as well as a wide range of recyclables that are sent to TerraCycle in a pre-purchased box. Primarily run as a volunteer-based recycling platform, TerraCycle collects non-recyclable pre- and post-consumer wastes in cooperation with corporate donors or municipalities. They turn the collected recyclables into raw materials for making new products. Their website says that over 202 million people in 21 countries have helped to collect and recycle nearly 8 billion tons of recyclable waste. They offer both free shipping labels and pre-paid labels that can be downloaded on your computer to send your recyclables for recycling. Additionally, there is a rewards program available for your school or favorite non-profit.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is Greenwashing?

Want to Know

Dear Want to Know,

Greenwashing is a form of unethical marketing by companies to convince consumers that the company, its products, or its services are eco-friendly. Terms such "natural," "sustainable," and "made from real ingredients" are used to attract customers who want to make responsible choices. Earth911 describe greenwashing as "when companies exaggerate, mislead, or outright lie about their credentials." Greenwashing perpetuates a cycle of unsustainable consumption and hampers progress toward environmental sustainability. In the last few years, countries around the world have been implementing anti-greenwashing legislation and more companies are being fined for misleading consumers. Ac-

ording to Earth.com, Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, and Nestle made commitments to "cut back on waste" yet it turned out that the three companies led the world in plastic pollution. According to earth911, Volkswagen paid \$34.60 billion in fines and settlements for misleading their customers using software in their cars that recorded lower greenhouse gas emissions when, in reality, they had 40 times the amount of nitrogen oxide pollution permitted by U.S. law. Toyota was found guilty of greenwashing when it failed to report defects in their emissions and the recall process. Kohl's and Walmart paid a total of \$5.5 million after the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) found them guilty of advertising products as being made with bamboo when they were made from other materials including rayon that has a negative impact on the environment due to its semi-synthetic material. Keurig paid a \$2.2 million fine for misleading claims about the recyclability of its coffee pods. For a complete listing of companies that have paid fines for greenwashing see www.earth911.com/how-and-buy/which-companies-have-paid-the-biggest-greenwashing-fines.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I am reorganizing my desk and I now have a multitude of manila folders. Can these folders be recycled with cardboard?

Organizer

Dear Organizer,

Yes, your manila folders can be recycled. If you take them to the Recycling Center, put them in the cardboard bin. To prepare them for curbside pickup, tie a cord or string securely around the top and bottom of the folders and then around the sides of your folders. Another alternative is to put your folders in a plastic bag, tie the top of the bag, and put it out for curbside pickup. Have you considered reusing your folders? New adhesive labels are now available for relabeling your used folders. If you are replacing your folders, consider purchasing recycled folders that are now available.

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 courtesy of the West Virginia University West Virginia & Regional History Center.

Sources: The Greenbrier Independent, State of Tennessee Survey Report For Historic Highway Bridges.

By William "Skip" Deegans

Shown in the circa 1940 photograph is the old bridge where U.S. Route 60 crossed the Meadow River at McRoss, a few miles east of Rainelle. The reinforced concrete arch bridge was constructed in 1914 by the Luten Bridge Company, and when built its 100-foot span made it the longest arch bridge in West Virginia.

John Dougher, Jr., a Greenbrier Countian, was the construction superintendent. The bridge caught the attention of the editor of The Greenbrier Independent who wrote, "It is pleasant to

think that bridges like this one, which, as Mr. Dougher, the able, modest and efficient engineer in charge justly remarked would be an ornament in any city park, are being constructed in place of the flimsy affairs that in past times have masqueraded as bridges in this part of the State."

U.S. Route 60 was later moved down river and a much less interesting steel bridge replaced the old arch bridge that is no longer extant. Many of the Luten bridges are still in use, and some are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Entertainment Calendar

Friday, May 24

WV Dandelion Festival, White Sulphur Springs, beginning at 3 p.m. to Sunday at 5 p.m.

Live Music with Allan Sizemore and the Lost Souls, the Schoolhouse Hotel, 8 to 10 p.m.

Burger Night, Hawk Knob, Lewisburg 3-9 p.m.

Saturday, May 25

Court House Farmers Market, Robert C. Byrd Clinic Parking Lot, Lewisburg, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Alderson Strawberry Festival, Alderson Bridge and Sunset Berry Farm, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sweetest Bakery Contest and Tasting Event, Sunset Berry Farm, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Paws and Pints, Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, 5-9 p.m.

BINGO, Ronceverte VFD, 5 p.m.

Live Music by Hello June and Blue Twisted Steel, Wild Bean, Lewisburg, 9 p.m.

Sunday, May 26

MarketFest, Sunset Berry Farm, Alderson, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday Brunch, Hawk Knob, Lewisburg, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fourth Annual Hill and Holler Crawfish Boil, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Live Music by Will Sarver, Hill and Holler, Lewisburg

Tuesday, May 28

MTNT Community Potluck, Moun-

tain Table, Renick 3 p.m.

Pilates, Greenbrier Community School (cgstanley@gmail.com), Lewisburg 5 p.m.

Mountain Market, Mountain Table, Renick, 5-7 p.m.

Paint & Sip, Sportsman's Tavern, Ronceverte, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29

Reflections & Refreshments Journal Collage & Hot Tea, The Hub, Lewisburg, 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, May 30

Drag Queen BINGO, Lee St Lounge, 6-9 p.m.

Friday, May 31

Flea Market Friday, Organ Cave Community Center, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kit Lindsey, the Asylum, Lewisburg, 12-3 p.m.

Burger Night, Hawk Knob, Lewisburg, 3-9 p.m.

Caden Glover at Burger Night, Hawk Knob, 5-8 p.m.

Friday Night Community Market, Ronceverte, 5 p.m.

Red Nose Riverfloat Pre-Party, Sportsman's Tavern, Ronceverte, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 1

Rabies Clinic, H&R Farm Supply, Crawley, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

To submit information to Mountain Messenger's Entertainment Calendar, email news@mountainmedianews.com. Information should be submitted two weeks in advance.

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Concord University announces Spring 2024 Dean's List

The following students are on the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Concord University. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who were registered for a minimum of 12 Concord credit hours and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the end of the semester

- Area Dean's List students include:
Alderson: Briona Dickens, Destiny Dickens, Caroline Telano
Crawley: Amberlie Wilson
Frankford: Kylie Bonds, Louisa Stout
Gap Mills: Luke Fraley
Lewisburg: Logan Brooks, Gavin

- Brown, Wiley Byers, Megan Combs, Josi Ervin, David Guy, Jennifer Jones-Patton, Abigail Londeree, Tyranda Martin, Emily Mcelwain, Jaina Perry
Maxwelton: Marsha Sheppard
Rainelle: Emily Cline, Cara Cruse, Ariana Mooney, Melissa Thornton
Ronceverte: Breanna Boswell, Brianna Lego-Clemons, Owen Vogelongsong
Rupert: Corey Osborne
Sinks Grove: Shannon Phipps
Talcott: Dylan Farley
Union: Alexis Hunnicutt, Lillian Jackson, Xander Lewis, John Owens
White Sulphur Springs: Shannon Huffman, Colin Wiley

Flag Etiquette: Time and occasions for display

The following is the second in a series of articles sponsored by American Legion Post 100 in Union on the proper etiquette towards the U.S. Flag. The information comes from U.S. Code Title 4, also known as "The Flag Code." This week's installment describes the appropriate times and occasions for display of the U.S. Flag.

- It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.
- The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year's Day, January 1; Inauguration Day, January 20; Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, the third Monday in January; Lincoln's Birthday, February 12; Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February; National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29, Easter Sunday (variable); Mother's Day, second Sunday in May; Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May; Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Father's Day, third Sunday in June; Independence Day, July 4; National

Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day, October 27; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

- The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.
- The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.
- The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.

Post 100 and the local JROTC Maverick Battalion collect unserviceable U.S. Flags for a respectful retirement ceremony scheduled annually at the Monroe County Board of Education Offices in Union. Citizens wishing to turn in their unserviceable U.S. Flags may mail or bring them to James Monroe High School, c/o JROTC, at 142 James Monroe Drive, Lindside, WV 24951 or place them in the drop box in the county courthouse. Contact Scott Womack via email at swomack@k12.wv.us or via Facebook Messenger, or call the JROTC office at 304-753-6906 to arrange a drop-off of your unserviceable U.S. Flag.

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This _____ society I keep hearing about—when are we going to join?

TODAY'S WORD: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.
 Differences: 1. Crutch is shorter. 2. Leg is different. 3. Cast is smaller. 4. Hat is larger. 5. Sign in window is different. 6. Pole is thicker.

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Choco-coffee flavor
 6 Low bow of respect
 12 Global rivalry concerning weaponry
 20 Customary
 21 Last pope of the 1700s
 22 Bishops' jurisdictions
 23 Iconic logo of McDonald's [Utah]
 25 Proceeds forward
 26 Long, thin cut
 27 Three, in Germany
 28 Sgt., say
 30 Poet's "always"
 31 Suffix with percent
 32 "— Holmes" (2020 Millie Bobby Brown film)
 34 Biblical metaphor for Jerusalem [Utah]
 38 Drs.' org.
 39 Slimy veggie
 41 "Swell!"
 42 Hush-hush U.S. org.
 43 Original thing
 45 Regal name of Norway

47 Erwin of old Hollywood
 49 Dozes
 53 Full-size SUV introduced in 2000 [California]
 58 It's between tau and phi
 60 Curbside cry
 61 Not given an assessment
 63 Very, in slang
 64 Scottish cap
 67 "Star Wars" royal
 69 Opaque quartz with banding [Alberta]
 71 Nervous
 74 Pol who was John-John's uncle
 76 Coll. in Columbus
 77 Big name in train travel
 78 Mac computer platform released in 2014 [California]
 81 Actor Neeson
 83 — 10 (acne medication)
 84 Strong string
 85 Actress Redgrave
 87 "Ooh" or "tra" follower

90 British spy novelist John
 92 Ice mass descending a mountain valley [British Columbia]
 97 Love god
 98 Magnate Onassis
 100 High volcano in Sicily
 101 Society for brainiacs
 102 Bronze-hued
 104 "Sheena" star Gena Lee —
 108 Action word
 110 "ASAP!"
 111 Full-size SUV introduced in 1998 [Alaska]
 116 Natty necktie
 118 OPEC supply
 119 Type of 35 mm camera
 120 Part of USSR: Abbr.
 121 Torah cabinets
 123 Rd. crossers
 125 Like Attu's island chain
 128 What each of seven key words in this puzzle is the name of

134 Vaccine injectors
 135 Abhor
 136 Game token

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 2 Italian encore song, often help but
 3 Concerning cooking
 4 Couldn't help but
 5 Beer for a Brit
 6 Box lightly
 7 Terrier breed (island country)
 8 Saint —
 9 Hearth waste
 10 Get back at
 11 Violinist Elman or actor Auer
 12 Computer pioneer Lovelace
 13 Person on a bus, e.g.
 14 Classic soul song by Curtis Mayfield
 15 Wolfs (down)
 16 Sidekick of Stimpny
 17 PC character set acronym
 18 Singer Green formerly on "The Voice"

19 Ruhr city
 24 Its cap. is Bismarck
 29 Ex-Giant Mel
 33 Ton of, casually
 35 Not pleasurable, colloquially
 36 Aurora, to the Greeks
 37 Most wacky
 38 Astern
 40 TV's O'Donnell
 44 Mayberry's Otis, e.g.
 46 Brand of bottled water
 48 Sassy quality, for short
 50 Elite NFLer
 51 Medieval war weapon
 52 Catty
 54 Wheel bars
 55 Singer Rita
 56 "Othello" role
 57 Sloping
 59 Counterfeit
 62 Needle case
 64 Flute sound
 65 Respond to
 66 Toluca locale
 68 Rombauer of cooking
 70 Actor Malcolm — Warner
 72 Line of family rulers

73 Attendee
 75 "Hooked on Classics" label
 79 At any time
 80 Seer's skill
 82 Pool growth
 86 Tuscany city
 88 Baby sheep
 89 Top pilot
 91 Irritating
 93 Outskirts
 94 Be a pioneer with "on"
 95 Arcane
 96 Uncooked
 99 B&B, e.g.
 103 Big Texas city
 105 Has too much, with "on"
 106 Brezhnev of the USSR
 107 Enter forcibly
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 112 Singer Cyrus
 113 Not fuzzy
 114 Talk formally
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 130 Indy circuit

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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CASE NO. 24-0322-E-IMM
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY
Petition to Update the Broadband Surcharge Rates
Currently in Effect.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have, on March 29, 2024, filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a Petition to update their Broadband Surcharge (BBS) rates as required by W.Va. Code § 24-2-1p. If approved, the increased rates will apply to electric service to approximately 462,328 customers in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wetzell, and Wyoming.

The Companies propose to increase BBS rates by approximately \$1.7 million, which is an overall total revenue increase of approximately 0.10%, effective for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. If approved, the monthly bill for residential customers using 1,000 kWh as well as the average monthly usage bill for all classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential (1,000 kWh/month)	\$0.23	0.14%
Residential (1,150 kWh/month)	\$0.26	0.14%
Commercial	\$0.48	0.11%
Industrial	\$57.42	0.02%
Special Contract customers that are not on standard tariff rates	\$19.52	0.00%
Other	\$0.01	0.04%

The increases shown are based on the averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive an increase that is greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this Petition. Any increase in rates will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing at 9:30 a.m. on September 11, 2024, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene by June 28, 2024. Failure to intervene timely can affect your right to participate in the proceeding. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written or electronic protest at any time up to the start of the evidentiary hearing. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

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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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the **Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Intended Use Plan** for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Program. A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2025 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2025 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

Contact

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Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds
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Charleston, WV 25304
(304) 926-0499 Ext. 43830
Katheryn.D.Emery@wv.gov

Google Meeting information

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bry-zmch-hhq>
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SECTION 340 GREENBRIER COUNTY PHASE II WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this Notice of Availability (NOA), advises the public that the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Section 340 Greenbrier County Phase II Waterline Extension Project is complete and available for public review. The project is located in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated for the proposed project. A Draft FONSI is included with the DEA for public review.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 40 CFR 1501.4, the DEA and draft FONSI must be available to the public in the affected area for thirty (30) days for review and comment. Final determination regarding the need for additional NEPA documentation will be made after the public review period, which begins on or about May 10, 2024. Copies of the documents may be viewed at the following location:

Greenbrier County Public Library
152 Robert W. McCormick Dr
Lewisburg, WV 24901
Phone: (304) 647-7568

The documents may also be viewed at the following website: <http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/Missions/PublicReview.aspx>. Copies of the DEA and draft FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers at (304) 399-5924. Comments pertaining to the documents may be submitted to:

Ms. Rebecca Rutherford
Chief, Environmental Analysis Section, Planning Branch
Huntington District Corps of Engineers
502 Eighth Street
Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070
Email: Rebecca.A.Rutherford@usace.army.mil

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

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

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

PRICES QUOTED REQUIRE AND SHALL INCLUDE:

- All work performed at our facility, Judyville Road, Lewisburg, WV and/or Greenbrier East High School.
- Vendor provision of all tools and equipment needed.
- A work list for each bus before work begins and updated as completed.
- Work must be completed June 10-July 12 or July 22-August 8; once work starts it must be completed.
- Use of only state and federal approved materials.
- Materials matched to manufacturer's colors for all models 2001-2024.
- Invoice submitted upon completion of work with billing net thirty (30) days from invoice. Preferred method of payment by VISA.
- Bus interiors and work areas will be left clean (as found) condition.
- Seat bottoms must be secured properly.

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

DEADLINE FOR BIDS: 10:00 a.m. June 5, 2024

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS FOR PROPANE

The Greenbrier County Board of Education, 391 Judyville Road, Lewisburg, WV, will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on June 5, 2024, on the following product:

Approximately 20,000 gallons of Propane
Successful bidder will furnish tank with monitoring and must include the following:

- tank set fee charges or initial set up fees
- tank rental, monthly or annually
- tank monitoring fee
- lock in price for the school year with no hidden fees such as hazmat, delivery fee, paper Invoice fee or any other fees other than WV taxes that are subject to change
- termination fees due to loss of bid and pump out fee for refund for propane
- emergency call out fees for an empty tank

Product is for Greenbrier County Schools with the following tank locations:

- Greenbrier East High School (2 tanks)
- Smoot Elementary School
- Crichton Elementary School
- Frankford Elementary School

All tanks are 1,000 gallon with a 120 gallon tank at Greenbrier East High School.

Preferred method of payment by VISA.

All bids must be sealed and will be competitive. Bid instructions and requirements are available at the Greenbrier County Board of Education, Office of Operations, Lewisburg, WV.

Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on June 5, 2024. The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids presented.

All bids should be forwarded to:

Greenbrier County Schools
Attention: George Brooks II
Director of Operations, Maintenance/Transportation
391 Judyville Road
Lewisburg, WV 24901

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

FOR

MOTOR FUEL, MOTOR OIL AND ANTI-FREEZE

The Greenbrier County Board of Education, 391 Judyville Road, Lewisburg, WV, will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on June 5, 2024, on the following products:

- Approximately 20,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline
- Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel Fuel 140,000 gallons
- * estimated 60,000 gals. with winter additive (time period October 1-March 30)
- * estimated 80,000 gal. without additive

Pre-mix Nitrite free OAT Extended Life Coolant (ELC) - approx. 500 gallons. To be delivered in 55 gal. drums as needed. Successful bidder must furnish pump FREE OF CHARGE.

Red 50/50 pre-mix with DCA Additive meeting all specs for diesel engines - approx. 55 gallons. To be delivered in 55 gal. drums as needed. Successful bidder must furnish pump FREE OF CHARGE. CK4 15-40 (meeting all diesel specs.) Approximately 1,100 gallons bulk. Successful bidder must furnish tank, pump, reel and meter nozzle FREE OF CHARGE.

* Motor Oil and Anti-Freeze to be delivered to the school bus garage on Judyville Road.

Products are for Greenbrier County Schools, vehicles and buildings for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Fuel for vehicles will be delivered to tanks ranging in size from 1,000 to 4,000 gallons at three (3) locations. Preferred method of payment by VISA.

All bids must be sealed and will be competitive. Bid instructions and requirements are available at the Greenbrier County Board of Education, Transportation Department, Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on June 5, 2024. The board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids presented.

All bids should be forwarded to:

Greenbrier County Schools
Attention: George Brooks II
Director of Operations, Maintenance/Transportation
391 Judyville Road
Lewisburg, WV 24901

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INVITATION TO BID

Owner: POCAHONTAS COUNTY COMMISSION

Separate sealed bids for the **POCAHONTAS COUNTY NEW OEM/EMS/911 FACILITY, Marlinton, WV** will be received at the office of the Pocahontas County Commission, 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954 until **11:00 AM, LPT (Local Prevailing Time), Tuesday, July 9, 2024**. Sealed bids will be opened and read aloud in the Pocahontas County Courthouse, Commission Chambers. Bidding documents may be obtained by contacting the Architect, WYK Associates, Inc.

Digital project documents are available electronically, free of charge for download, by contacting WYK Associates, Inc. at 304-624-6326 or via e-mail lisa.k@wykarchitects.com.

Printed copies are available from Clarksburg Blueprint Co., 302 Duff Avenue, Clarksburg, WV at 304-623-5702 or cbc@clarksburgblueprint.com for the cost of the printing and shipping / handling.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and other contract documents may be examined at the following:

- Construction Employers' Association of North Central WV, Inc.; www.ceawv.com
- Contractors Association of WV; www.cawv.org
- Construct Connect; www.constructconnect.com

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit, with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Pursuant to the West Virginia Contractor Licensing Act, all contractors must include their License number on the Form of Proposal.

No Bidder may withdraw their Bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

A **MANDATORY pre-bid conference** will be held at **11:00 AM LPT, on Thursday, June 6, 2024** at the Project Site (located directly behind Pocahontas Memorial Hospital); 150 Duncan Road, Marlinton, WV 24954. The scope and details of the proposed work will be reviewed. **Attendance by a representative of each prospective bidder is Mandatory.**

Walt Helmick, President
Pocahontas County Commission

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

Appalachian Power plans to maintain a portion of its power line rights-of-way in West Virginia through aerial application of registered herbicides. Weather permitting, the program will begin on or about June 1, 2024.

Questions about the program or information about sensitive areas near the power lines listed below, such as springs, wells, streams, lakes, ponds, orchards, crop areas, gardens, pastures, meadows, year-round dwellings, public recreation areas, and Christmas tree farms, may be directed to the company by calling toll-free 1-800-642-3622. Maps showing the location of rights-of-way to be maintained are available for review upon request.

Right-of-way maintenance agreements between Appalachian Power and landowners are available to landowners who prefer to accept responsibility for clearing the right-of-way crossing their property instead of the company's aerial application of herbicides. The agreement compensates the landowner by an amount equivalent to the cost of aerial herbicide application, provided the work meets the Appalachian Power's specifications. Landowners desiring to enter right-of-way maintenance agreements with Appalachian Power should call the toll-free number above.

Herbicides to be used have been extensively tested and are registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. They are glyphosate, imazapyr, metsulfuron methyl, fosamine, triclopyr, aminocyclopyrachlor and aminopyralid. All applications are performed by certified applicators.

Rights-of-way involved in the program are:

GREENBRIER COUNTY

Leivasy-McClung 69kV - A transmission line on wood poles beginning at the McClung Station near Quinwood, running northeast, passing near Marfrance and Green Valley and ending at the Quinwood station off Home road in Quinwood.



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Ceara Conway and Anna Roberts Gevalt

Ceara Conway and Anna Roberts Gevalt to perform at Pocahontas County Opera House

The Pocahontas County Opera House will host the season's final performance, featuring the internationally acclaimed Irish vocalist and visual artist Ceara Conway joined by Anna Roberts Gevalt, on May 31 at 7:30 p.m.

The Opera House is looking forward to an upcoming event where history and contemporary art come together as Ceara Conway, renowned for her captivating vocal and visual artistry, performs. She has recently completed a successful series of performances and exhibitions in Europe and has received accolades from the Arts Council of Ireland as well as nominations for the RTE Radio 1 Folk Awards.

"For my residency, I wanted to use the opportunity to work with Anna Roberts Gevalt, a singer/visual artist I have long admired since hearing her stunning album Anna and Elizabeth. Both myself and Anna's art practices have similar resonances and intersections, we have both studied and worked as visual artists and have gone on to meld and merge singing as part of our contemporary work. We have been liaising online over the last few weeks, sharing songs and materials, and developing ideas. We will spend a few days preparing for a unique performance," Conway shared, reflecting on the creative

journey leading up to the performance.

The Opera House, a cornerstone of cultural enrichment in Pocahontas County, offers this performance as part of its commitment to inclusivity and accessibility. An informal and family-friendly atmosphere ensures that everyone, from local community members to international guests, feels at home. Special accommodations are available upon request to ensure a welcoming experience for individuals with disabilities.

Tickets are moderately priced at \$10 for adults, with free admission for those 17 and under. Available for purchase at pocahontasoperahouse.org, the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, and at the door on the evening of the event, this performance embodies the Opera House's mission to bring together diverse audiences in celebration of arts and culture.

The Opera House extends heartfelt thanks to the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, along with Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, Mid-Atlantic Arts, and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau for their ongoing support. This collaboration and community backing ensure the Opera House remains a beacon of heritage and vibrant cultural exchange.

National Cutting Horse Association to host local circuit competition in Lewisburg

Join the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) in Lewisburg, West Virginia, for two days of your local circuit cutting competition. NCHA Weekend is a unique show experience and a provision of the National Circuit Program that celebrates the weekend cutter.

During June 2024, 14 of NCHA's circuits will hold one exclusive event that will be the only approved event within the circuit. Produced by local NCHA affiliates and show producers, designated NCHA weekend shows may offer double circuit points, added money, and weekend awards. This exciting competition features cutting horses and riders across West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New England.

The event will be held on June 1 and June 2 at the Shawnee Farm Arena in Lewisburg. The NCHA Weekend cutting is free to watch. This is a family-friendly event, and we invite all ages. Please note that dogs are not allowed in the expo center.

The full schedule of weekend events is on the NCHA website at <https://www.nchacutting.com/ncha-shows/coming-events>.

Cutters competing at their appropriate NCHA Weekend may earn double points, prizes including custom Gist Silversmiths buckles (in select classes) and added money. Attending NCHA Weekend is an important component when calculating circuit championship qualification and circuit year-end standings.

What is cutting?

The term cutting refers to the act of separating one cow from a herd of

cattle. The sport of cutting involves a horse and a rider and a herd of cattle.

Cattle are herd animals. One cow will instinctively try to return to the group. Knowing that, a horse and rider team will quietly ride into the herd, select and "cut" off, or separate, one cow from the group (letting the unpicked cows return to the herd behind) and then prevent that cow from rejoining the herd - until they decide to let it go. Keeping the cow separated requires incredible intelligence and physical ability on the part of the horse. Once the cow is separated, riders are no longer allowed to use their reins. Trained cutting horses are required to think on their own and anticipate and react to the cow's moves. The competition is judged based on many factors - difficulty and how well the horse anticipates and reacts. This is the only equine competition where the horse is required to think for itself.

More information on the history of the NCHA and cutting can be found on our website: <https://www.nchacutting.com/members/getting-started>

NCHA members are encouraged to compete in their local circuit. Family, friends, and the general public are welcome to come and cheer on their favorite riders, horses, and trainers. To find out more about your circuit, please visit our website at <https://www.nchacutting.com/ncha-shows/circuit-program/know-your-circuit>.

Visit the official NCHA website at [nchacutting.com](https://www.nchacutting.com) or follow NCHA on Facebook (National Cutting Horse Association) or on Instagram (@nchacutting) for the latest updates.



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SALE WILL BE HELD UNDER THE BIG TENT LOCATED AT AAA STORAGE LOT ACROSS FROM EXXON STATION NEAR FRANKFORD, WV TRAVEL US 219 AND WATCH FOR AUCTION SIGNS SOUTH OF FRANKFORD.

PARTIAL LISTING: Cub Cadet Lawn Mower, Generator, Lawn Trailer, Weed Eater on Wheels, Stereos, Lamps, Pictures, Old Time Baby Carriage, Several Antiques, Tools, Table, Chairs, Child Table Set, Dishes, Pots and Pans, Misc. Kitchen Wares and Appliances, Misc Linens, Totes, and Numerous Box Lots, Old Games, Dolls and Misc Items too Numerous to Mention.

(Note: We have a 40 foot Trailer packed too full to see and remember what is in it: Getting other items donated prior to sale day)

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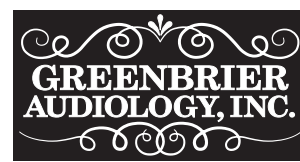
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