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## 'Off Grid Living, Survive & Thrive Expo' coming to WV State Fairgrounds in 2025

By Matthew Young  
RealWV, www.therealwv.com

An all new event is coming to the West Virginia State Fairgrounds next year, and it is unlike anything the Mountain State has seen before.

Scheduled for Oct. 3 through 5, 2025, the West Virginia Off Grid Living, Survive & Thrive Expo will showcase experts, products, and equipment, while educating attendees on the skills necessary to survive "off the grid."

"This expo will feature anything you can imagine dealing with off-grid living," event organizer Todd Longanacre told RealWV. "Homesteading, making your own clothes, making your own soap, and growing your own food."

In addition, Longanacre said that there will be seminars on water purification, food preservation, canning, pressure cooking, flint knapping, overlanding, and "modern and primitive bushcraft skills."

"My vision is for West Virginia to own this festival," Longanacre noted. "I want it to be a one-of-a-kind West Virginia thing. It's Appalachian culture through and through - it's the 'lost ways.'"

"It's the things that our great-grandparents did here in Appalachia 150-years-ago out of necessity," Longanacre added. "But it's not just the old stuff. It's modern tactical gear, modern weather bunkers - things of that nature."

The event will encompass three buildings at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds, but may expand into more areas depending upon vendor participation. The West Virginia Lottery Building will be utilized for speaking presentations.

"We've got EJ Snyder coming from the show 'Naked and Afraid,'" Longanacre said. "We're going to have some celebrities. People can get their pictures taken, and ask them some questions about their experiences."

Additional speakers will include "The Combat Midwife" Jessica Arno, social media influencer Jake Trent, primitive survival expert "The Major," and living history reenactor Lt. Col. (Ret.) Scott Womack, Ph.D.

The vendor reservation period is now open for the Off Grid Living, Survive & Thrive Expo. Those interested in securing a space can visit [wvoffgridexpo.com](http://wvoffgridexpo.com), and scroll down to view package descriptions. Spaces are available in sizes up to 10 feet by 30 feet. Tickets for the event are also now available for purchase on the website. Ticket prices start at \$12 for adults.

"We're hoping that a lot of local vendors are able to showcase their West Virginia-made products," Longanacre said. "My long-term vision for this is for it to gradually transition from just being an expo, to eventually becoming a full festival."

"We want to celebrate Appalachian culture, and the old ways of our ancestors in these mountains," Longanacre added. "We want to teach the skills necessary for off-grid living, and focus on modern survival."

For more information about the West Virginia Off Grid Living, Survive & Thrive Expo, visit [wvoffgridexpo.com](http://wvoffgridexpo.com).

## Annual Farmer's Day upcoming in Union

'Tractors and Tailgates' set for June 7 and 8

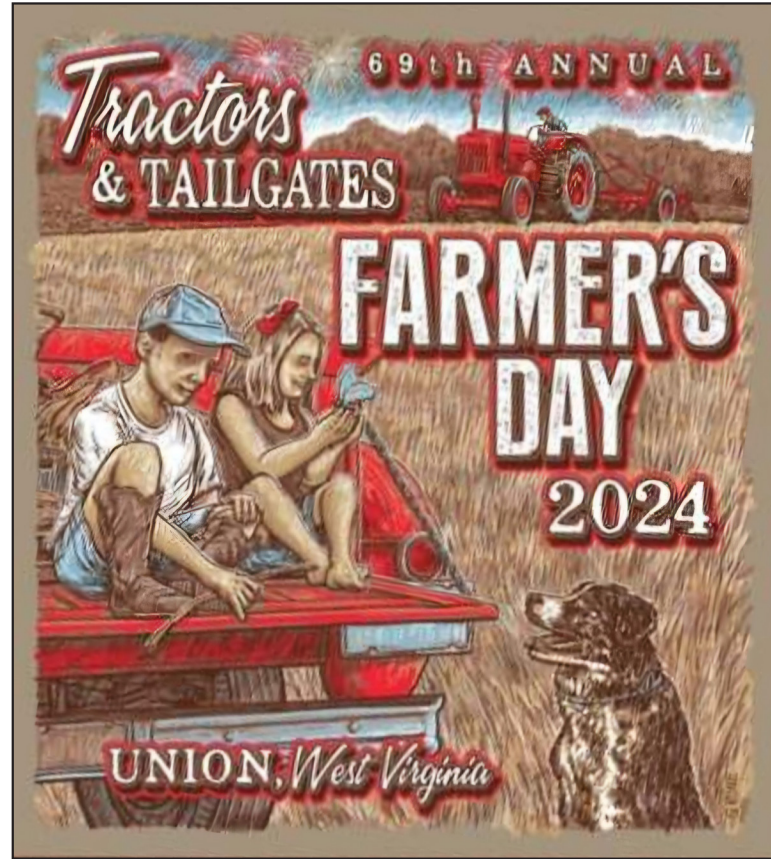
By Sarah Richardson

The Town of Union is gearing up to celebrate the 69th annual Farmer's Day Celebration on June 7 and 8. Both Friday and Saturday will be jam-packed with things to do, including a street dance, parade, horse show, and the popular Farmer's Day Raffle with live music.

The street dance will be held in the Jewell's Market Parking Lot on Friday, Jun. 7, starting at 8 p.m. with music by Brandon Laxton and Tupelo Drive, also featuring Caden Glover. Concessions for the dance will be provided by the Union Area Fire Department.

On Saturday morning, the Farmer's Day 5K, 10K, and 1 mile fun walk will kick off the day's festivities at 8 a.m. This year, the proceeds will benefit the Fred Walker Memorial Fund, which distributes scholarships to deserving area seniors. The race begins on Main Street and proceeds to Wil-

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## County Commission considers grant submission for DUI patrols, testing of new Employee Retirement Plan for 911 employees, and more

By Chelsea Blair

Tuesday's Greenbrier County Commission meeting began with discussing \$21,857.50 in Arts and Recreation transfers with \$1,909.68 being for Davis Stuart's 2023-2024 fiscal year grant for the Scott Hollow Recreation Center, \$13,576.21 to Greenbrier Girls Softball 2023-2024 fiscal year grant for field dressings, and \$6,371.61 for the Town of Rainelle 2023-2024 fiscal year City Park grant.

The next item on the agenda was consideration to approve agreement for Records Management and Preservation Board 2024-2025 grant award. This application was approved in October and submitted by the County Clerk's office to the Department of Arts, Culture and History in the amount of \$15,000 to purchase shelving for county record books. The application was approved and brought before the Commission where the motion was approved unanimously.

Next, Commissioners discussed the submission of a grant for \$5,000 to be utilized for DUI patrols throughout the county. The grant is submitted every

year and Commission President Tammy Shifflett-Tincher says she hopes it will continue.

Consideration and approval of a resolution to allow eligible 911 dispatchers employed by the Greenbrier County Commission to join the Emergency Medical Services Retirement System (EMSRS) was the next item on the agenda. EMSRS is an enhanced retirement program of the WV Consolidation retirement board. Currently, employees take part in the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) and have tier 1 retirement if hired before July 1, 2015, and tier 2 retirement if hired after that date. Tincher stated the resolution was presented around a year ago, but the county had concerns and questions. Commissioners wanted to make sure employees understand their options and what the program consisted of. The resolution needs to be approved by the end of the month and would allow the opportunity for eligible 911 employees to join the system. The exact costs are uncertain, but Tincher stated employee contribution will increase from 4.5 percent with PERS to 9.5 percent

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## Greenbrier Valley Hellbenders Youth Mountain Bike Team hosts interest meetings

The Greenbrier Valley Hellbenders Youth Mountain Bike Team invites new and returning families to two upcoming interest meetings and try-it-out events. On Thursday, June 6, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, June 9, at 3 p.m. families interested in learning more about youth cycling opportunities and the Greenbrier Valley Hellbenders Team are invited to learn about the 2024 West Virginia Interscholastic Cycling League season. Both events will take place at Greenbrier State Forest near the playground and picnic shelters. The team will have a few loaner mountain bikes on hand for students to try out. If students have their own mountain bikes, please See "Hellbenders"



Members of the Greenbrier Valley Hellbenders team cheer on teammate Jackson Isenberg.

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## Hellbenders

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bring them. Helmets and signed waivers are required for participation in this event.

Youth entering 6th through 12th grade are eligible to join the Greenbrier Valley Hellbenders Youth Mountain Bike Team regardless of cycling experience or financial circumstance. Practices, which begin Tuesday, July 2, are held at the Greenbrier State Forest and include basic on-the-bike skills training as well as single track trail riding. All skill levels are welcome, and racing is not a requirement for participation. Loaner bikes are available to youth without access to an appropriate mountain bike.

Interest meeting attendees will learn about the WV Interscholastic Cycling League, league culture and rules, requirements of participation, practices, and race weekend details. The Greenbrier Valley Hellbenders, now in its 6th season, is one of 20 teams located throughout the state.

About WVICL:

The West Virginia Interscholastic Cycling League is a chapter of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA). As one of 31 leagues across the country, WVICL organizes a mountain bike racing league for middle and high school student-athletes. Above all, WVICL is a youth development organization with the mission to build strong bodies, strong minds, and strong character in student-athletes, with an unwavering focus on inclusivity and equity.

For more information, email Sarah Elkins at sarah@sarahelkins.com or visit Hammer Cycles at 403 Washington St. West, Lewisburg. Learn more about the West Virginia Interscholastic Cycling League at www.westvirginiambt.org.



Shown with director Anne Bowling are 2024 scholarship winners Isabel Tedrow, Samuel Wright, Haley Skaggs, and Ashton Phillips. In addition, Gracie Gumm and Olivia Sams who were unavailable for the picture are 2024 winners.

## 2024 AA McLaughlin Scholarship winners named

The AA McLaughlin Scholarship was created in honor of AA McLaughlin who was a long time teacher and very successful coach at Alderson High School. He was the first Athletic Director at Greenbrier East. The scholarship is awarded to deserving Greenbrier East seniors who live in the Alderson School district.

The scholarship was started in 2001 and the fund is administered by the Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation. Since the first funds were awarded in 2001, 50 scholarships for more than \$48,000 have been award-

ed to worthy Greenbrier East students. In the beginning year, one scholarship for \$500 was awarded. In 2024, six scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded.

The scholarship board is very appreciative of those who have supported the fund over the years and allowed it to grow. Those wanting to make contributions should contact Anne Bowling at the Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation. Anne can be reached at P.O. Box 1682 Lewisburg 24901, or 304-645-5620.

# U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony held

The James Monroe High School (JMHS) Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Battalion conducted a flag retirement for 132 worn, tattered, or faded U.S. flags on May 21 at the Monroe County Board of Education offices in Union. The ceremony included inspection of the worn flags, a ceremonial firing detail, and the playing of "Taps." Representatives of the Monroe County School Board, American Legion Posts 100 and 145, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1108, and the local community were on hand for the respectful ceremony.

At the conclusion of the flag retirement the Maverick Battalion conducted a change of command ceremony, with Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Eli Thomas relinquishing command to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Lyda King.

The Maverick Battalion conducts a flag retirement ceremony annually in the spring. Anyone desiring to have a flag retired in a respectful and honorable way may mail it to James Monroe High School, c/o JROTC, 142 James Monroe Drive, Lindsie, WV 24951 or drop it in the box in the courthouse in Union. Please contact Major (retired) Todd Longancre at 304-753-6906 or Scott Womack at swomack@k12.wv.us for further details.



U.S. Flags prepared for retirement



Maverick Battalion ceremonial firing detail



Cadet Piper Hickman playing "Taps"



Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Eli Thomas preparing to transfer command to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Lyda King

## Humanities Council elects new board members

The West Virginia Humanities Council elected four new members to its Board of Directors at its spring board meeting held on Apr. 12 in Beckley. The Council's Board of Directors is composed of 22 citizens from across the state. The Board meets three times per year. Members are elected to a three-year term and may be elected to a second consecutive three-year term.

New members are Greg Coble of Shepherdstown, Ann Farr of Frankford, Patrick Felton of Wheeling, and Lydia Warren of Fairmont. Current member Dr. Charles Ledbetter, of Charleston, was elected to a second term.

The Humanities Council thanked departing Board Members Patrick Cassidy of Wheeling, Rosemary Hathaway of Morgantown, Margaret Mary Layne of Huntington, and Patricia Proctor of Huntington for their time and service as dedicated members of the Board.

The Council also elected George "Gib" Brown of Clarksburg as President, Paul Papadopoulos of Hurricane as Vice President, J. Dan McCarthy of Fayetteville as Treasurer and Leslie Baker of Beckley as Secretary to two year terms.

For more information, visit the Council's website at www.wvhumanities.org or call 304-346-8500.

## PICK OF THE LITTER



### HEATHER

Heather is a four-year-old female hound mix and weighs 42 pounds.



### GUS

Gus is a six-year-old male domestic shorthair

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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## 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.

## 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.

### Alderson Farmers Market

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

## Marriages

Megan Ashley Cozort and Caleb Isaac Lilly  
Kaitlyn Marie Kolodzieski and Samuel Ephraim Burket  
Lindsey Brooke Hamblin and Derrek Lynn Thompson  
Magdalen Prisca Karrs and James Matthew Jarrett  
Katelyn Marie Heaster and Joshua James Alley

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Carl L. Daniel, Lewisburg, trespassing, fine \$100, NCP

Yunior Irias, Ronceverte, 1) failure to stop at crosswalk or intersecting highway, fine \$25; 2) failure to properly restrain child while vehicle in motion, fine \$20, GP

Connor A. Friend, White Sulphur Springs, 1) underage possession of tobacco, fine \$50; 2) use of tobacco product in school, fine \$1, GP

Brett Michael Sheppard, Lewisburg, illegal possession of wildlife, fine \$75, NCP

Natalie N. Reichard, Rainelle, 1) seatbelt violation, fine \$25; 2) no child restraint, fine \$10, GP  
John E. Flack, Ronceverte, driving too fast for conditions, fine \$66, NCP

Chad M. Tygrett, Rupert, 1) possession of marijuana, fine \$100; 2) open container, fine \$50, GP  
Violate Sue Hanley, Quinwood, shoplifting, fine \$50, restitution \$444.82, GP

Roger Lee Bostic, Lewisburg, domestic assault, fine \$10, jail 6 months with 42 days credit - remainder suspended and placed on 18 months unsupervised probation with Day Report 3 months  
Krystal Lynn Meadows, White Sulphur Springs, trespassing livestock, fine \$50, NCP  
Hobert D. Utt, Daniels, seatbelt violation, fine \$25, NCP

Michael L. Grimmitt, Nallen, 1) failure to attach registration plates to rear of vehicle, jail 4 days; 2) driving on suspended or revoked license (2 counts), fine \$100 per count, NCP

Linda Escobar, Gap Mills, driving without valid drivers license, fine \$25, GP

Michael L. Grimmitt, Nallen, driving while license suspended or revoked, fine \$100, NCP

## 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.

## Farm Days

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low Bend Road to return to the finish line back on Main Street. Registration ends on June 5 and is \$30 for the 5K and 10K, and \$20 for the 1 mile fun walk. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/2t8txczr>.

The parade will be held on Saturday, June 8, starting at 11 a.m. To pre-register before June 3, visit <https://bit.ly/24Parade>.

Tickets for the raffle are available online at <https://tinyurl.com/2w4v5f8d>, and the grand prize is \$10,000, with a \$2,500 second place prize, and a slew of other great prizes including gift cards, area services, and more. Only 1,500 tickets will be sold in total. The drawing will be held on June 8 during the evening entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. on Main Street. Each ticket is \$25, or five tickets for \$100.

## Gov. Justice lifts State of Emergency for WV DCR facilities, thanks WV National Guard

Gov. Jim Justice, the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the West Virginia National Guard announced the State of Emergency put in effect in 2022 to address jail staffing shortages has been lifted.

West Virginia National Guard members who had been alleviating staffing shortages at adult and juvenile correctional and detention facilities have completed their mission and are out of all WV DCR facilities.

“As I have said from the beginning we are going to pull the rope together, do what is necessary to address this situation and today I am here to tell you, we did just that,” Gov. Justice said. “The Legislature, the West Virginia National Guard and the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation have gone all in and made these positions in our jails and prisons an option for a career for people that want to do more, for people that want to keep their communities safe. I could not be more proud of this team.”

During the State of Emergency, the West Virginia National Guard provided a total of 731 personnel for State Active Duty assignment in 17 different facilities across the Mountain State. The highest number of personnel serving the corrections mission at any one time was 422, including the management team located at Joint Forces Headquarters.

Currently, 38 service members who served during the activation have chosen to pursue a career with DCR, continuing to serve their communities, including 32 full time employees and six serving in a temporary status. New hires at DCR facilities benefit from increased pay scales for correctional officers, and retention incentives for non-uniform correctional staff.

“The West Virginia National Guard proudly supported our state agency partners under the leadership and direction of Governor Justice during this critical time,” Maj. Gen. Bill Crane, the Adjutant General of West Virginia said. “Our Guardsmen volunteered and stepped-up providing assistance to the Department of Corrections and their efforts have been instrumental in helping keep our state’s correctional facilities safe, secure, and working fluidly. I am proud of the work they accomplished as a part of this mission and the dedication they have shown to their fellow West Virginians to assist in times of need.”

The WV DCR has successfully strengthened its recruiting and training initiatives, offering higher pay scales for correctional officers, which has led to a significant reduction in vacant positions throughout the organization. This positive development marks a substantial improvement in staffing and operational efficiency. Since January 2024, the WV DCR has welcomed 238 graduates from the Corrections Academy. An additional 47 new Cadets began their training at the Academy on May 13, 2024.

“We are grateful for the assistance of the members of the West Virginia National Guard who stepped up to fill these critical vacancies,” said WV DCR Commissioner William Marshall. “We appreciate their dedication to public safety and the State of West Virginia.”

The WV DCR oversees West Virginia’s 11 prisons, 10 regional jails, 10 juvenile centers, 13 Parole Services Offices, 22 Youth Reporting Centers and three work-release sites.

For more information about employment opportunities with the WV DCR, go to [dcr.wv.gov/careers](http://dcr.wv.gov/careers).

## Robert C. Byrd Clinic hosts free Sports Physical Event at EGMS

The Robert C. Byrd Clinic is pleased to announce a free Sports Physical Event for student athletes. The event will be held on Tuesday, June 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the EGMS Parent Pickup Parking Lot.

“We are committed to the health and well-being of our community, including young athletes,” said Shannon Bashlor, APRN-CNP at Robert C. Byrd Clinic. “This free event ensures that student athletes have access to the important health screenings they need to safely participate in sports.”

The Robert C. Byrd Clinic’s Mobile Clinic will be on site to provide convenient and comprehensive sport physicals. These physicals are crucial for assessing an athlete’s overall health and fitness level before participating in sports activities.

What to Bring:

Completed and signed WV Sports Physical form (available from your school athletic department or online at [wvssac.org/forms](http://wvssac.org/forms))

Benefits of Participating:

This free event offers several benefits for student athletes, including:

- Convenience: The Mobile Clinic allows for easy access to physicals without requiring travel.
- Accessibility: The event is free and open to all student athletes, regardless of insurance status.
- Peace of Mind: Parents can be assured their child is cleared for safe participation in sports.

About the Robert C. Byrd Clinic:

Robert C. Byrd Clinic is a comprehensive not-for-profit Rural Health Clinic dedicated to providing affordable, high-quality healthcare services to all. We are committed to the health and well-being of our community, including the young athletes who will be our future leaders.

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## For the Record

### Deeds

Velma W. Bureson to Velma W. Bureson, Gloria B. Hollifield, Glenda B. Montgomery, and Richard D. Bureson Jr.: 0.88 acres more or less, Falling Spring District, Map 46 Parcel 23. Filed May 23, 2024.  
Dorris A. Ragsdale to Greenbrier County Farmland Protection Board: 38.51 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 18 Parcel 60001. Filed May 23, 2024.  
William L. Rexrode and Gracie M. Rexrode to Rachel L. Vass, Christopher R. Vass, and Casey B. Vass: 1.10 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 10 Parcel 22. Filed May 23, 2024.  
Adriana Studios LLC to Adriana M. Grecu and Marius N. Grecu: lots 325-327, White Sulphur District, Map 8 Parcel 470-472. Filed May 23, 2024.  
First Community Bank to Three Sisters Enterprises LLC: 2.108 acres, Frankford District, Map 4 Parcel 49. Filed May 23, 2024.  
Eddie K. Jones and Bela A. Jones to Gregory G. Jones: 66 acres more or less, Meadow Bluff District, Map 5 Parcel 0014. Filed May 23, 2024.  
Marie C. Leftwich to Leftwich Enterprises LLC: 26,000 square feet, White Sulphur District, Map 11 Parcel 0086. Filed May 23, 2024.  
James R. Callison and Connie G. Callison to Robert C. Wilson and Megan R. Wilson: 0.137 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 55C Parcel 26. Filed May 23, 2024.  
Jonathan W. Walters (by Kathryn B. Walters attorney-in-fact) to Dennis W. Legg Jr.: lot, 20.50 acres, + 0.18 acres more or less, Meadow Bluff District, Map 54C Parcel 52, 53. Filed May 23, 2024.  
Ryan Callison to Jason R. Smith: lots 6 & 7, White Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 481. Filed May 24, 2024.  
Misty Lilly to Jason Ratcliff: 0.24 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60P Parcel 45. Filed May 24, 2024.  
Robert K. Scott and Anna Scott to Anna Scott-Ristow: lots 20, 22, and 24, Lewisburg District, Map 17 Parcel 0024. Filed May 24, 2024.  
Carol A. Spencer and Christopher D. Spencer to Christopher D. Spencer and Hope R. Spencer: 2 parcels, Frankford District, Map 15 Parcel 20, 130.4, 117. Filed May 24, 2024.  
Damien L. Goff to Bruner Land Company LLC: lot 6 and lot 5 Kiefer Tract, Meadow Bluff District, Map 71 Parcel 51.5. Filed May 24, 2024.  
Gordon MacCauley and Annemarie MacCauley to Heidi A. Molga and Strider T. Wilson: 20,000 square feet, Lewisburg District, Map 26 Parcel 83. Filed May 24, 2024.  
Chase A. Kirby to Rose M. Spencer: 2.57 acres more or less, Irish Corner District, Map 10 Parcel 91. Filed May 24, 2024.  
Titan Lands LLC to 236 Route 23 Hamburg LLC: lots 1 & 2, block 1, Rupert District, Map 5 Parcel 170, 171. Filed May 24, 2024.  
G. Russell Rollyson Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands to Noah Archer: lot 33 block 31, Rainelle District, Map 4 Parcel 0181. Filed May 28, 2024.  
G. Russell Rollyson Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands to Noah Archer: .08 lot 8, Meadow Bluff District, Map 40B Parcel 0076. Filed May 28, 2024.  
G. Russell Rollyson Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands to Noah Archer: lot 34 block 31, Rainelle District, Map 4 Parcel 0180. Filed May 28, 2024.  
G. Russell Rollyson Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands to WV TJ LLC: 1.47 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 54C Parcel 0073. Filed May 28, 2024.  
James R. Elliott to James R. Elliott, Frankie Martin, and Joshua Martin: 100 acres and 101.5 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 29, 29 Parcel 3, 72. Filed May 28, 2024.  
Marie A. Carter estate (by Vickie A. Terry and Billy J. Carter) to Vickie A. Terry, Billy J. Carter, James E. Carter, Bernard L. Carter, and Frank Carter: lot no. 1, section 1, Gwinland Companys Morningview, Alderson District, Map 5 Parcel 0043. Filed May 28, 2024.

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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

**June 2, 1951:** Cornelius Charlton died of wounds he received in battle during the Korean War. Charlton, a Raleigh County native, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.



**June 3, 1856:** Harriet B. Jones was born in Pennsylvania. After attending Wheeling Female College and graduating from the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, she opened a private practice in Wheeling, becoming the first woman licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia.

**June 3, 1861:** The first land battle of the Civil War between organized troops took place in Philippi. About 3,000 federal troops drove about 800 Confederates from the town.

**June 3, 1861:** A company of Confederate soldiers known as the Logan Wildcats was created at the Logan Courthouse. The company, consisting of about 85 men, first saw action at the Battle of Scary Creek.

**June 3, 1936:** The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon. More than 6,000 spectators attended the festivities, which also included a parade of 30 princesses down Main Street.

## County Commission

with EMSRS. In July, 911 employees across the state will vote as to whether they want to join the system. There must be a 75 percent passing vote to implement the program. Commissioner Nick Dailey added that all employees should ask lots of questions and that this resolution is to simply approve the application to have information given to employees and allow them to vote on the system. Commissioner Lowell Rose then motioned for approval, and it was approved unanimously.

The commissioners moved on to approve a new hire to fill the vacancy of a 911 dispatcher presented by Carla Blankenship, 911 Director. She spoke highly of the applicant, Zachery Webb, and believed he would be a great fit for the position. Blankenship also added there is one more dispatcher position to fill but she foresees the center being at satisfactory for now, since Webb has joined.

The next motion was to confirm the separation of employment for Jeanette Newman from the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Tax office as she will be relocating from Greenbrier County. Newman was hired on Oct. 21, 2021, and the separation will be effective June 8. The Sheriff presented a new hire to fill the vacancy, Susan Morrison. He added that Morrison had a good background and was well qualified based on her educational background. Commissioners approved the separation and new hire to fill the vacancy.

Greenbrier County's Prosecutor brought forth the confirmation of separation of employment of Alison Burke, from the Prosecutor's office, effective May 31. Burke was hired on Dec. 5, 2023, and is now moving on to the WV State Police Office. He also presented the consideration of a new hire to fill the vacancy in the Prosecutor's office and stated he is confident in hiring Meredith Whited, as she has held positions with other county offices and has a good background. The separation of employment and new hire to fill the position were approved.

The commissioners moved on to other business including the consideration of approval of the Greenbrier County Humane Society contractual agreement for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This agreement covers the Humane Society acting as an independent contractor for the sheltering and care of cats and dogs in Greenbrier County. \$225,000 was requested and they are currently receiving quarterly payments of the amount of application each year. Ultimately the Humane Society meets the requirements for shelter and care of the animals and works very closely with the Greenbrier County Animal Control office, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Next, Tincher read over the two bids submitted for the Meadow River Trail presented by Matt Ford, Project Director. The bids are for mowing phase one of approximately 9 miles in Greenbrier and Fayette County. Mowing will occur four times for the 2024 season. The first bid reviewed was from Willis Weedwhacker for \$8,000 each time with a total of \$32,000 for four times;

## Shepherd's Center to host picnic June 23

Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley is an interfaith ministry to sustain mature adults to live independently by providing opportunities for lifelong learning, community service, caring relationships, and spiritual growth. This year SCGV celebrates its 25th Anniversary with a celebration on Tuesday, Sept. 24, which will be coupled with the annual Community Service Award.

Kick off this special event with SSGV at a picnic at Paisley Park in White Sulphur Springs on Sunday, Jun. 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. Food, refreshments, and entertainment will be provided. Whether you are a long time supporter, a new classmate, a service recipient, or want to learn more about Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley's mission, SSGV looks forward to celebrating with you all!

This event is free and open to the public. RSVP to info@scgvwv.org or 304-645-4196. Follow Shepherd's Center on Facebook or visit their website for more information.



**June 4, 1975:** Clark Kessinger died in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Kessinger was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.



**June 5, 1859:** A great frost killed crops in the Preston County fields. The fields were replanted with hardy buckwheat, which was successful and became a staple crop, celebrated in the annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood.

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and Ike's Blades of Glory for \$7,000 each time with a total of \$28,000 for four times. The total of each would be divided between both counties. Rose motioned to accept the low bid by Ike's Blades of Glory, the motioned was approved.

Submittal of a Transportation Alternative Program grant request to WVDOH was the next discussion on the agenda. The grant request is from the Meadow River Rail Trail in the amount of \$100,000 to expand the Russellville Trailhead. TAP grants were previously received through the DOH for design and work on the trail. Three lots, including one owned by the Greenbrier County Commission, between the Meadow River Trail and Meadow River in Russellville have already been opened. The grant will allow for expansion of the parking area and other amenities along the trail. The commissioners approved the request, which is simply to submit the grant application.

Another item on the agenda was consideration and approval of distribution of Fire Funds to Fire Departments serving Greenbrier County. These funds were approved by the legislature and effective August 8, 2023. Tincher added these funds are not county money and the county is just the pass-through to distribute funds to each department and approve the release of these funds. \$54,814.90 was split evenly over 15 departments in the county and decided on by fire departments and the first responder committee. Payment in the amount of \$3,654.32 is distributed to each department. Distribution of funds to Emergency Medical Service agencies in the county were also presented and were effective June 9, 2023. Approval for the funds is based on all 911 calls collected within the three agencies and are also already approved through the legislature and just distributed by the county commission. White Sulphur Springs EMS will receive \$62,916.26, Greenbrier County EMS will receive \$52,367.44 and Alderson EMS will receive \$10,297.68 from a total of 7,089 911 calls for the year, divided into the three agencies.

Two grant requests to Homeland Security were also added to the agenda and approved. The first was the application and resolutions submitted by the Greenbrier County office of Emergency Management for Homeland Security Grant program 2024 for mobile command support. Paula Brown informed the commission that they have had the mobile command support system for a couple of decades, and it has not been updated since 2016, therefore computer monitors, and electrical equipment needs to be addressed. When employed, it is used as an emergency operation center for any activities, events, or disasters in the region. A grant application for \$213,095 will be submitted to the Homeland Security for consideration. All the information was presented to the commissioners and approved. The other was a grant request of \$13,000 to be submitted to Homeland Security for drone equipment and training for individuals within the agency. \$11,000 of the grant is just for the drone. The drone will help within the agency and assist the mapping office for 911 mapping and work related to that.

Also presented to the commission by the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Tax office in this meeting was the delinquent tax list to be approved by the commission to be certified and sent by the County Clerk to the State Auditor's office. These real property taxes have been delinquent as of May 1, 2021, and reminders have been sent to individuals by the tax office.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Tincher added thanks to everyone who participated in the election. "Thanks to everyone who participated in our election. Thanks to the Clerk's office and all our poll workers. We did our canvas yesterday and it was completed successfully and as soon as we get the direction from the Secretary of State's office we will do the final certification. I think for the most part it was a successful election. We appreciate everyone's patience as we work through our new systems."

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## Gov. Justice announces Free Fishing Days weekend June 8-9

Gov. Jim Justice recently announced that West Virginia's Free Fishing Days will return June 8-9 and encouraged anglers and their families to take advantage of this annual opportunity to fish for free in public lakes, streams and rivers around the state.

"With school letting out for the summer and vacation season upon us, West Virginia's Free Fishing Days weekend is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy all the beauty and goodness of our great state," Gov. Justice said. "This opportunity only comes once a year, so I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of it and see why West Virginia is surely and truly the best place in the world for families to enjoy a fishing adventure."

West Virginia's Free Fishing Days are part of a nationwide effort to make fishing more accessible to the public. During these two days, residents and nonresidents can fish for free without having to buy a fishing license.

"One of the best things about West Virginia's Free Fishing Days is that it can be enjoyed by new and experienced anglers and is designed to help current license holders introduce their friends and family to fishing," West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Director Brett McMillion said. "We hope this opportunity will encourage folks to try fishing for the first time or rekindle their love for the sport."

Anglers who enjoy Free Fishing Days and want to continue fishing after this weekend can purchase or renew their fishing license at WVfish.com.

Free Fishing Days Derbies

As part of Free Fishing Days, the WVDNR will host fishing derbies at the Bowden Fish Hatchery and Little Beaver State Park on June 8. The events are free to attend and intended for youth anglers age 3-14. Kids must be registered by an adult in order to participate and win prizes.

The Little Beaver State Park derby is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m., and kids should bring their own fishing gear. A limited amount of bait will be provided.

The Bowden Fish Hatchery derby is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 8. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m., followed by hour-long fishing sessions for kids based on grade level.

Preschool and Kindergarten: 8-9 a.m.

First and Second Grade: 9-10 a.m.

Third-Fifth Grade: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Sixth-Eighth Grade: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information about West Virginia's Free Fishing Days, visit [WVDNR.gov/free-fishing-days](http://WVDNR.gov/free-fishing-days).

## OPINION

### Commentary

## Summer safety message from the Alcohol Beverage Control Administration

From hiking to biking, camping to climbing, on a boat or ATV, safety first is the message from the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (WV-ABCA), West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) and the West Virginia Fire Commission Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Adults who are legally allowed to consume alcohol are advised that the sun and heat may cause a negative physical reaction and have unintended consequences. Some alcohol and mixers may increase dehydration and cause your Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) to reach a higher level more rapidly and lead to impaired judgment, lowered inhibitions, slowed reactions and a loss of coordination. Elevated BAC levels could impact the body's ability to process the alcohol consumed and could lead to sickness or a life threatening situation, such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Recreational activities on the water pose a greater risk of injury and death when alcohol is consumed. In 2023, there were 8 boating incidents, with 2 fatalities in West Virginia. The WVDNR will be working throughout the summer season to enforce the laws and keep everyone safe. Their efforts increase for "Operation Dry Water," a nationwide enforcement campaign designed to heighten awareness will take place over the Fourth of July weekend. According to Capt. Goodson with the WVDNR, last year 70 DNR officers participated in "Operation Dry Water" and 857 vessels were contacted. During this 3-day campaign, 32 citations were issued, 2 BUT's were issued, and 98 boating warnings were issued.

As much as pools, lakes, and rivers are part of summer, so is true of cookouts and fireworks. According to WV State Fire Marshal's Office public information officer Tim Rock, there were over 15,600 emergency room (ER) visits in 2020 in the United States (US). Sparklers account for nearly one-fourth of these ER visits. According to the National Fire Protection Association there are on average 19,700 ER visits due to grilling accidents and 10,600 homes fires caused by grilling.

WVABCA Commissioner Fred Wooton said, "Keeping everyone safe during the summertime is our goal. I would encourage ALL West Virginians to join together and look out for one another this summer season."

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## Club & Church

# Williamsburg CEOS club participates in Appalachian crafts



Members with baskets they made from plarn: Blanche Knicely (left), LauraAnn Tiller, Cassandra Perkins, Patty Post, and Loretta Shirley.

Fishing lures, a scrimshaw etched with the Perkins Farm, a doily made by Edward Perkin's mother, and a wind spinning Mallard duck made by a cousin were all a part of the WV Extension lesson "Home Grown: Appalachian Crafts from the Past" presented by Cassandra Perkins at the club's May meeting held at the Williamsburg Historical Foundation Museum.

This lesson explores Appalachian craft history and ways individuals can preserve and teach the next generation. Members practiced weaving using materials readily available now - plarn (yarn made from plastic shopping bags) and paper plates. Items were used to make baskets.

The club will meet at the museum on June 11 beginning at noon. Shela McComsey will be presenting the lesson "The Art of Afternoon Tea."

We are building and growing families and our communities by sharing our skills and experiences and learning new skills from the WVU extension service and each



Cassandra Perkins with heritage items made by family members: Fishing lure, scrimshaw, doily and wind spinning Mallard duck.

other. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

For more information about CEOS please check the WVU Extension Family and Community Development website or call the county extension office at 304-647-7408.

## 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.

### Join us at First Baptist Fairlea

Saturday, June 8, for a free Kids' BIKE RODEO from 6 to 7:30 PM! Bring your bikes, trikes, scooters, & helmets for bike challenges, giveaways, fun food, an exciting Bible lesson, & MORE! Register at [fbcfairlea.com](http://fbcfairlea.com). (Rain date will be announced if needed.)

### 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)

### FREE Summer Fun for Kids!

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## Greenbrier Valley Home and Garden Tour 2024 is a must see event

The Greenbrier Valley Garden Clubs are hosting the 39th House and Garden Tour on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available from any garden club member, the Visitors Center in Lewisburg, The General Lewis Inn, Gillespie's Flowers, and at the door of each home on tour day.

Included on the tour are seven homes located in Lewisburg, Second Creek and White Sulphur Springs.

Visit the English country manor home on Stone Creek Lane in White Sulphur Springs. Legend has it that in the late 1920's or early 1930's, Al Capone, the Chicago mobster owned the home. Mirapaso, the beautiful Mediterranean style home located in Lewisburg, was built between 1926 and 1929 and includes one of the first swimming pools in our area. The never before shown guest house will be open for viewing this year. The Venable-Mathew-Moore Home built in 1850 on Washington Street, Lewisburg, was first on tour in 2022 shortly after renovation began. Come see the ongoing transformation of this spacious, elegant home.

This event is sponsored by West Virginia Garden Club Inc. along with Greenbrier Valley Garden Clubs for civic beautification projects.

For more information, visit <https://greenbrier-valleyhomeandgardentour.com/> or Facebook at Greenbrier Valley Home and Garden Tour.

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# Dear Recycle Lady,

# A Look Back



Sources: University of Virginia Library, The Daily News Leader (Staunton).

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
A friend just told me that I should not use plastic bowls for my dog's food and water and that I shouldn't store his food in plastic containers. Is this true, if so, why?

**Concerned for My Dog**  
**Dear Concerned for My Dog,**  
Your friend is correct. The plastic bowls that you are using for your dog's food and water can leach harmful chemicals into its kibble. One such chemical is Bisphenol A (BPA), which can cause a bacteria buildup. BPA is a chemical compound used to harden plastics and it has been linked to several health problems in both animals and humans. Consider replacing the plastic bowls for both food and water with a stainless steel or lead-free ceramic bowl that doesn't contain chemicals and is easy to clean. If you want to continue using plastic bowls, be sure to wash them in warm soapy water after each use to avoid contamination. If you are storing your dog's food in a large plastic container, consider placing the entire bag in the container. The fats in dog kibble can leach into the plastic container and potentially contaminate the next bag of dog food.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
I read that nurdles are dangerous for marine life. What are nurdles?

**More New Words**  
**Dear More New Words,**  
Nurdles are a type of microplastic (less than 5mm) that are the raw material, or building block, for everything plastic. In waterways and beaches, nurdles are often found in a mass of debris or seaweed. Nurdles are so small that it takes roughly 600 of them to make one small plastic water bottle. According to www.fauna-flora.org, nurdles are increasingly finding their way into the natural environment, particularly the ocean, and are threatening a variety of marine life. Nurdles are easily ingested by marine life and wildlife, but since they are plastic, they can't be digested. Thus, they build up in a fish or animal's digestive tract, causing it to starve. Single-use plastics, such as straws, bags, and plastic utensils are made from nurdles. We can help reduce the production of nurdles by reducing our use of these items. Take your own bags when shopping, carry a reusable container for water instead of purchasing bottles of water, and use reusable eating utensils or com-

postable, biodegradable, eco-friendly utensils that are now available. When plastic items are used, recycle those that can be recycled, and dispose of the non-recyclable items in closed trash bags, so they don't end up on our waterways and roadways. Our buying choices are truly powerful. If we purchase and use fewer plastic items, companies will begin to make fewer plastic items!

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Last week you cautioned readers to check plastic film carefully before putting it in a Trex bin and if in doubt as to it being recyclable, throw it out. How does one check plastic film to be sure it is recyclable? Must paper labels be cut off?

**Information Needed**  
**Dear Information Needed,**  
The quickest and easiest test to see if a piece of plastic is recyclable film is to pull it over your thumb or pull it apart with both hands. If the plastic stretches, it is plastic film. If it doesn't stretch, tears like paper, is thick, stiff, shiny (like floral wrap), or makes a loud crinkly sound when crumpled, then it is not plastic film. Put it in the trash. Any labels, tape, or adhesive strips must be cut off before putting plastic film in the bin and all receipts, food residue or crumbs must be removed. These items are contaminants and can ruin an entire batch of film. Colored plastic film, newspaper bags, cleaner's bags, produce bags, single use carry out bags, and plastics stamped with #4 or #2 are all acceptable. As with all recyclables, be sure the film is clean and dry before putting it in one of the Trex bins.

Kudos to the Lewisburg Girl Scouts who have already processed over 600 pound of recyclable plastic film! They are over halfway towards achieving their goal of 1,000 pounds and receiving a beautiful Trex bench. Good work, Scouts.

**Good News:** The world's largest wildlife crossing is currently being built across Los Angeles' 101 freeway! The crossing aims to provide safe passage for wildlife, especially mountain lions. (fto.com)

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.

**By William "Skip" Deegans**

For many years college-bound students from the Greenbrier Valley attended Dunsmore Business College in Staunton, Virginia.

The college was founded in 1872 in Sinks Grove, Monroe County, by James Gaston Dunsmore. Dunsmore grew up on a farm, attended Monroe County's Rocky Point Academy, and in 1871 he received a Masters Accounts degree from the Eastman National Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York. He returned to Monroe County where he became headmaster of Rocky Point Academy and started Dunsmore Business College that operated in Sinks Grove for eight years.

In 1880 Dunsmore, his wife Sarah Ellen Nickell Dunsmore, and family moved to Staunton where he taught at Hoover's Select High School for boys, Augusta Female Seminary (later Mary Baldwin College) and Virginia Female Institute (later Stuart Hall). In 1882 he opened Dunsmore Commercial and Business College (later shortened to Dunsmore Business College). The college admitted only men until 1813 when Dunsmore encouraged

women to enroll (more than 150 years before the University of Virginia admitted women outside of the nursing program). By 1900 there were nearly 200 students enrolled, and in 1901 the college moved into the newly-built brick building shown in the postcard photo. Graduates of the college were promised jobs in West Virginia's coal mining and chemical industries as well as banks and other commercial enterprises.

At the 60th anniversary of the college, W. H. Haynes, Dunsmore graduate, attorney, and mayor of Fayetteville, West Virginia, addressed the students and told them, "I firmly believe it was a desire to further the interests of young men and women, rather than a motive prompted by monetary inclinations, that caused Dunsmore to launch his enterprise in Sink's Grove, 60 years ago today." Following Dunsmore's death in 1922, the college had several owners, enrollment dwindled, and the college closed in 1977. Of the estimated 40,000 students who attended Dunsmore, one notable alumnus is former Virginia governor and West Virginia native, James Hubert Price.

## Entertainment Calendar

<b>Friday, May 31</b> Caden Glover at Burger Night, Hawk Knob, 5-8 p.m. Flea Market Friday, Organ Cave Community Center, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday Night Community Market, Ronceverte, 5 p.m. Red Nose Riverfloat Pre-Party, Sportsman's Tavern, Ronceverte, 7 p.m. Burger Night, Hawk Knob, Lewisburg, 3-9 p.m. Kit Lindsey, the Asylum, Lewisburg, 12-3 p.m.	<b>Monday, June 3</b> Serenity Med Spa opening, JD Park Lewisburg	<b>Thursday, June 6</b> Interest Meeting & Try-It-Out Youth Event, Greenbrier State Forest, 6 p.m. Mobile Food Bank, White Sulphur Springs, 11 a.m. White Sulphur Springs Farmer's Market, 3-6 p.m. Valley Dance Spring Recital, Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Friday, June 7</b> Friday Night Community Market, Ronceverte, 5 p.m. Pop-Up Art Market, WV Ascend Office, Lewisburg, 5 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sat.	<b>Saturday, June 1</b> Rabies Clinic, H&R Farm Supply, Crawley, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Red Nose Riverfloat, fundraiser for ALS, Ronceverte, 11 a.m.	<b>Sunday, June 2</b>	<b>Country Blue live,</b> Hawk Knob, 5 p.m.	<b>Saturday, June 8</b> Color the River 2024, Pence Springs, 8 a.m. Renaissance Festival opening weekend, Lewisburg, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sat. Greenbrier Valley Home and Garden Tour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Blue Sparrow Show Band, Hill and Holler, Lewisburg, 7 p.m. On the Farm Foraging with Leggacy Farm, Lewisburg, 1-4 p.m. Salt & Sounds, Pomona Salt Cave and Spa, WSS, 5:15 p.m.	To submit information to Mountain Messenger's Entertainment Calendar, email news@mountainmessenger.com. Information should be submitted two weeks in advance.
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# School

## Greenbrier County celebrates payoff of school construction bond

Greenbrier County Schools is proud to announce the successful payoff of the \$37.7 million school construction bond approved by voters in November 2008. This milestone marks a significant achievement for our community and a testament to our shared commitment to enhancing the educational environment for our students.

The school construction bond, which directly impacted five schools and benefited students across Greenbrier County, funded a series of critical projects, including:

- The construction of a new Rainelle Elementary School
- The construction of a new Lewisburg Elementary School
- Major renovations at Greenbrier West High School

• Health and safety upgrades to Smoot Elementary School

• The construction of an auxiliary gym at Eastern Greenbrier Middle School

These improvements have provided modern, safe, and conducive learning environments, contributing to the overall well-being and academic success of our students.

With voter support of the bond funding in place, the West Virginia School Building Authority (SBA) awarded an additional \$10.6 million to complete the Greenbrier West High School project, supplemented by \$1.5 million from local funds. In total, \$12.1 million (24.4%) of the \$49.9 million package was funded through sources outside of the bond proposal, demonstrating strong

community and state support.

Superintendent Jeff Bryant expressed gratitude to the community, stating, "The support of Greenbrier County voters has been instrumental in providing our students with the facilities they deserve. This bond payoff is a significant milestone, demonstrating our commitment to investing in the future of our children and the betterment of our educational system."

The bond was officially paid off on May 1, 2024, marking a moment of financial accomplishment and forward progress for Greenbrier County Schools. This follows the payoff of bonds for Western Greenbrier Middle School in 2012 and Ronceverte Elementary School in 2017.

## Mountain View Middle School is runner-up in WV State History Bowl

Sherrard Middle School Team Two from Wheeling, Marshall County, won the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History's (WVDACH) 15th annual West Virginia State History Bowl Championship held Tuesday, Apr. 30, at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston.

Mountain View Middle School from Union, Monroe County, was the runner-up in the competition that included 24 teams of eighth graders from 19 middle schools in 11 counties across the state.

Emily Gatts of Sherrard Middle School Team Two was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. The all-tournament team, made up of students who demonstrated exceptional knowledge and teamwork during the

day-long tournament, included Madeline Baker, Mountain View Middle School; Tessa Abildso, South Middle School Team Two; Luke Fullen, Mountain View Middle School; Sebastian Calvert, Park Middle School Team Two; and Chase Abraham, Bible Center School.

The double-elimination tournament includes lightning rounds and team rounds featuring questions about state and county history, culture, heritage, tourism, geography, government and sports prepared by the staff of the department's Archives and History section. Eighth graders in public, private and home-school education programs are eligible to compete on the four-person teams.

The championship team, Sherrard Middle School

Team Two, included students Chase Fromhart, Connor Fromhart, Emily Gatts and Chloe Pickett.

The runner-up team, Mountain View Middle School, included students Madeline Baker, Luke Fullen, Peighton Griffith and Gabriella Houck.

The third-place team, South Middle School Team Two, included Tess Abildso, Rosa Bellisario, Maddie Mayle and Eliza Welsh.

The fourth-place team, South Middle Team One, included Elaina Beard, Avery Garvin, Henry Palfrey and Stella Snyder-Renfrew.

For more information, contact Ella Preece, tournament director and education coordinator for Archives and History, at 304-558-0230 or Ella.S.Preece@wv.gov.

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

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Noble  
**DROUP**

"The bases are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so is Leon!"

**TODAY'S WORD** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Ball is missing. 2. Racket is longer. 3. Stripe on lower. 6. Bottom of shirt is different.

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
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## Super Crossword

**MISS SOUTH CAROLINA**

**ACROSS**

1 Quartz, e.g.  
7 Take — of faith  
12 Imbiber's hwy. crime  
15 Gown designer Vera  
19 Brood pouch  
20 Baseball Hall of Famer Edd  
21 German "a"  
22 Smell  
23 Sports contest between two disorderly crowds?  
26 Give relief  
27 Trapped  
28 Negative battery pole  
29 Fitting snugly  
30 Telly network  
31 Perform a hip-hop song about a military operation?  
34 Periodic table creator  
38 Singer Cooke  
39 Mined matter  
40 Kid-lit "pest"  
41 Cry from a toddler who's dropped a Dairy Queen cone?  
44 Present  
45 Port in Japan

46 Leaving  
47 Oz creator L. Frank —  
49 Female rat  
52 Things docs prescribe  
53 Daybreak  
54 Search for a Marvel superhero?  
58 eBay action  
59 Flip (out)  
60 Rodent-catching cat  
61 Rubdown given in a mountain chalet?  
67 Winged insect native to Iraq or Oman?  
69 Setting for petri dishes  
70 List of jurors  
72 Lower limb  
73 Talked on and on about chicken products?  
75 Fan noise  
77 Use Lyft, e.g.  
81 Dadaist Jean  
82 Defeat  
83 Pale-looking  
85 H. Ross —  
86 Genesis brother  
88 Official account of an excursion?  
90 Bagel seed  
93 Towing org.

95 Entry points  
96 2017 film about skater Harding  
97 Supreme Court members' favorite beers?  
100 Royal Navy letters  
101 Sword parts  
102 Some sports rounds, for short  
103 Lover of beauty  
108 Skating jump  
109 Yelled while using a juicer?  
112 Pilaf base  
113 Singer Grande, to her fans  
114 The "A" of A/V  
115 Actress Julia  
116 The "A" of A&E  
117 Vermont hrs.  
118 Tire problems  
119 Itty-bitty

**DOWN**

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2 "Terrible" Russian  
3 Ad- (wings it)  
4 13-digit ID in publishing  
5 Region of Italy's "toe"  
6 Sour in taste  
7 Longtime Yankee nickname  
8 Singer Rawls  
9 Ger.'s continent  
10 Very simple  
11 Ghostly figure  
12 Myers once of CNBC  
13 "You can't — all!"  
14 Savings acct. buildup  
15 "Alas!"  
16 Slowly, on music scores  
17 Have as a snack  
18 — Green (old eloping mecca)  
24 Sleuth, slangily  
25 Jay of "Gary Unmarried"  
29 Despot of old  
31 — to go (eager)  
32 Church cry  
33 "It just came back to me"  
34 Tragic destiny  
35 Allison of jazz  
36 Apple debut of 2010  
37 Clucks of shame  
38 Clumsy boat  
42 "Zounds!"  
43 Gelatin in a petri dish  
44 See 47-Down  
47 With 44-Down, big embrace  
48 "Diana" singer Paul  
49 Attic buildup  
50 Like Ogden Nash's "lama"  
51 To be, to Gigi  
53 More than mere doubt  
55 Osso buco meat  
56 Film director Nicolas  
57 Color shade  
58 Jezebel's god  
59 — shui  
61 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit)  
62 Untruth teller  
63 Pageantry  
64 Mets' gp.  
65 Big simians  
66 Comics' bits  
68 Glittery jewelry, informally  
71 Brother in Genesis  
74 Put on  
75 Cry feebly  
76 Mother chickens  
77 Seized auto, say  
78 De-wrinkle  
79 "Finding —" (2016 film)  
80 "Tell Mama" singer James  
84 Clic — (Bic pen brand)  
85 Place to buy a leash  
86 Queens' homes  
87 Novelist Oz  
88 Hot cereal, often  
89 Punchline drum hit  
90 Big desert  
91 Miracle drink  
92 Choose  
93 With milk, in French  
94 "— sure you know ..."  
98 Heckles  
99 Give credit where credit —  
100 "— So Shy"  
103 Uproars  
104 Newsman Brit  
105 Boys' school in Britain  
106 Some till bills  
107 Jacuzzi effect  
109 Actress Issa  
110 Org. for cavity repairs  
111 Suffix with beat or neat

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# Mountain State Spotlight: Lawmakers came back to Charleston and left again with no actions to help West Virginians with child care

*West Virginia child care centers are closing and the crisis is growing, but state leaders again punted on funding a program that would help parents*

By La Shawn Pagán

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West Virginia child care centers are closing. A deadline to fund help so parents can afford child care is fast approaching. Lawmakers and Gov. Jim Justice insist that child care is a priority.

But again last week, policymakers met and adjourned without taking any child care action.

After child care was not addressed during the regular legislative session, Gov. Jim Justice hinted that he might put the issue on the agenda for a May special session. When he announced the agenda, though, child care was not on his list.

Some lawmakers tried twice - once in committee and again on the House floor - to squeeze child care funding into the budget. The state needs to set aside \$23 million for a child care subsidy program so the Department of Human Services can help cover additional assistance the Biden administration engineered for parents in that program.

In the House Finance Committee, Health and Human Resources Committee Chair Amy Summers, R-Taylor, proposed allocating the \$23 million out of a bill that would add \$183 million to health agency budgets for other programs.

“This isn’t about ‘do we believe that child care should be subsidized?’,” said Summers adding that instead, it is about the “companies and the families that use child care can feel confident that the provider will still be there.”

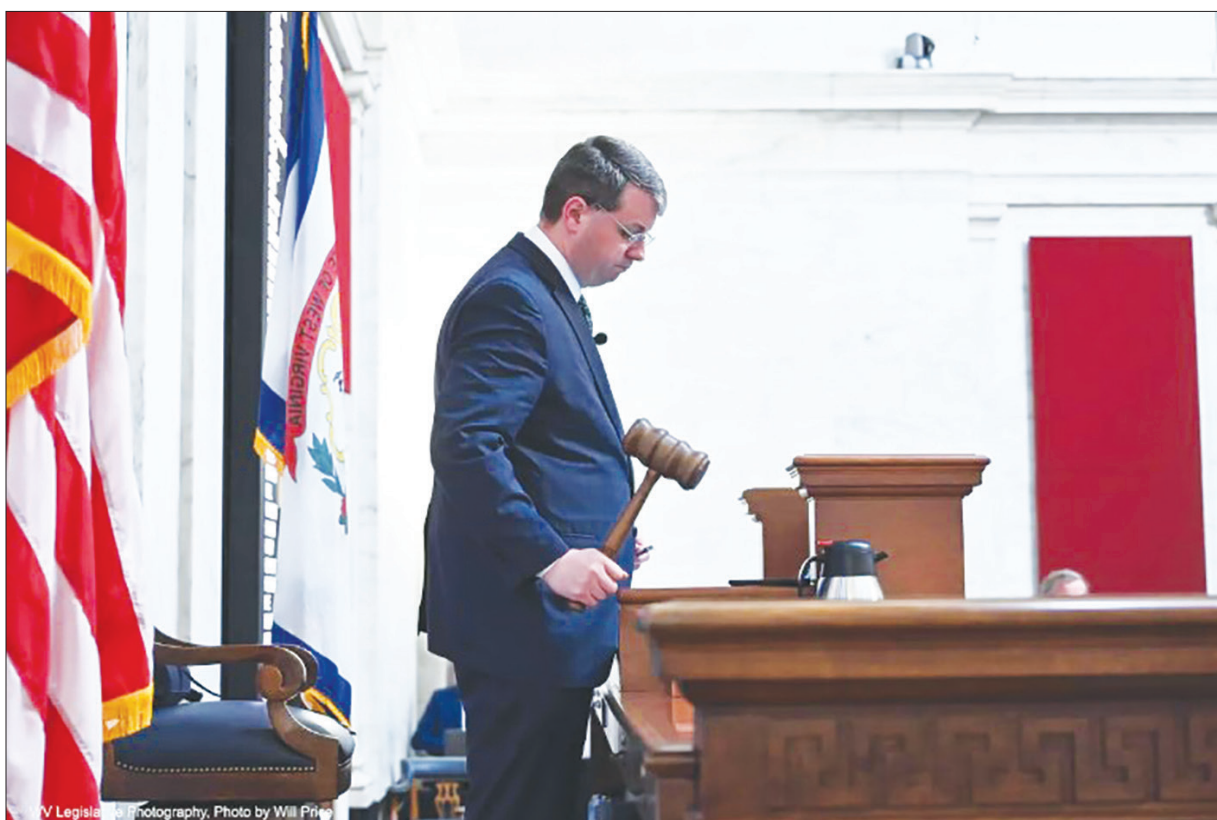
Del. Kayla Young, D-Kanawha, told The Parkersburg News and Sentinel that the state lost 265 child care slots in the three weeks leading up to the special session. Child care is a “crisis that we’re not taking care of,” she said.

During the finance committee meeting, Summers urged for the passing of her amendment.

“We need to take care of it now and relieve a lot of anxiety,” said Summers.

House Finance Vice Chair John Hardy, R-Berkeley, opposed the amendment, saying that it would “catastrophically change” the bill.

“There’s plenty of opportunity down the road to make sure we allocate the funds to the program,” said Hardy. But Del. Larry Rowe, D-Kanawha, noted that despite



House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, bangs the gavel during last week’s special session. (Photo by Will Price/WV Legislative Photography)

the concerns raised by childcare providers during the regular session, nothing was done to help lower-income families who need this help to be able to work.

“We’ve heard all session from workforce people ‘we can’t bring mothers and fathers to come work because they’ve got to take care of their kids,’” said Rowe. “Until we embrace our duty to provide decent child care to low-income folks, they will not be in the workforce.”

Summers’ committee amendment was rejected 13-10. Then, when the health budget bill hit the House floor, lawmakers again voted down a similar amendment, 50-35.

House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, said that the proposed amendment was not the right approach.

“The attempt to divert reserve funds that had already been agreed upon for other critical health and welfare needs simply was not the correct process for funding child care right now. And neither is allocating one-time, temporary, surplus money,” Hanshaw said through his

spokesperson. “It is crucial that we create and maintain a sustainable, enrollment-based child care system that meets the needs of families and employers. I remain committed to ensuring we carve out the proper approach to achieving this significant goal many of us share.”

Funds currently covering the state’s share of subsidies run out at the end of August. Janie Cole, commissioner for the Bureau of Family Assistance, said that without the new funds, close to 2,000 families are at risk of losing their subsidies across the state.

Late last week, Summers said she hopes lawmakers will address child care issues before next year’s regular session.

“It appears there is not support to assist this industry and lower income individuals at this time,” she said in an email. “I believe giving a hand up to these families may help them find a job and eventually not need government assistance.”

# West Virginia WIC cash value benefit for fresh produce can now be used at farmers markets

The West Virginia WIC Program monthly cash value benefits for the purchase of fresh produce will now be accepted at authorized farm stands and farmers markets in addition to WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) benefits beginning on June 1. The program is made possible by the West Virginia Department of Health’s Bureau of Public Health.

“The WIC Farm Market Direct mobile payment system has many benefits for both WV WIC participants and local farmers,” said Heidi Staats, Director of the Office of Nutrition Services. “It simplifies the purchasing process for participants, reduces stigma by functioning like other mobile pay options, streamlines payments to farmers and farmers markets, provides real-time data for review and analysis, and

ensures efficient and secure management of federal funds and benefits.”

The WIC monthly cash value benefits for fresh produce are \$26 for child participants, \$47 for pregnant and postpartum participants, and \$52 for fully and partially breastfeeding participants. The FMNP maximum benefit is \$30 for eligible WIC participants to be spent June 1 through October 31.

WV WIC and WIC FMNP participants will have a QR Code through the WICShopper Mobile App, allowing for electronic transactions with authorized farmers market vendors. Through WIC Farm Market Direct, authorized farmers scan the QR Code to initiate the purchasing process of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Farmers will then receive payment via direct deposit, which eliminates check processing fees. There are currently 136 farmers participating in the WV WIC program. A list of participating farmers and farmers markets is available on the WV WIC website.

For more information about the WV WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program, visit [dhr.wv.gov/WIC/Pages/Farmers-Market.aspx](http://dhr.wv.gov/WIC/Pages/Farmers-Market.aspx).

Farmers interested in becoming an approved WV WIC vendor may visit [dhr.wv.gov/WIC/retailers-farmers](http://dhr.wv.gov/WIC/retailers-farmers) or contact the WV WIC Vendor Unit at 304-558-1115 or [dhrwvicu@wv.gov](mailto:dhrwvicu@wv.gov). To view and apply for careers in the public health field, visit [dhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx](http://dhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx).

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Table with 6 columns: Seller Name, Description, Price, Buyer Name, Description, Price. Includes various real estate listings and legal notices such as 'DISTRICT-05-FALLING SPRINGS CORP' and 'DISTRICT-06-FORT SPRING DISTRICT'.

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Table with multiple columns containing property details such as owner names (e.g., PEREGRINE LEGACY FUND LLC, PERKINS MICHAEL E), acreage, and descriptions of land parcels (e.g., 84 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE SURFACE MAP 11 PCL 30).





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Table with multiple columns listing legal notices, including names of individuals and companies, property descriptions (acreage, location), and associated values or dates. The table is organized into sections such as DISTRICT-09-LEWISBURG DISTRICT and DISTRICT-10-LEWISBURG CORP.

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Table with columns for Name, Address/Description, and Price. Includes entries for LOVING MICHAEL SCOTT & PT LOT 3 OR 0.1734 A, MARTINEZ LEONIDAS & LINDA, MCCLUNG DEBRA P (SURV), and many others.

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Table with 6 columns: Name, Address/Description, Area, Name, Address/Description, Area. Lists various legal notices and property transactions.





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Table with 6 columns: Property Name, Description, Area/Acreage, Price, Property Name, Description, Area/Acreage, Price. Includes various listings such as Sizemore Gene E & Shirley L, Dawson Heather, and others.

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Table with 5 columns: Name, Description, Price, Name, Description, Price. Lists various legal notices and real estate transactions.

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Table with 6 columns: Name, Description, Value, Name, Description, Value. Lists various land parcels and legal notices.

NOTICE TO LIENHOLDERS
ANY PERSON CLAIMING A LIEN AGAINST REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE WAIVED ANY RIGHT TO NOTICE PROVIDED BY SECTION §11A-3-2, 11A-3-3, 11A-3-22 AND 11A-3-55 OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE, UNLESS HE SHALL HAVE FILED A STATEMENT DECLARING SUCH INTEREST WITH THE SHERIFF. SUCH STATEMENT SHALL BE FILED UPON CREATION OF THE LIEN AND UPON RELEASE OF SAID LIEN AND UPON ANY CHANGE OF THE LIEN HOLDER'S POSTAL ADDRESS SINCE THE ORIGINAL FILING OF SUCH STATEMENT.

I, BRUCE A. SLOAN, SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF GREENBRIER, DO SWEAR THAT THE FOREGOING LIST IS, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE, AND THAT I HAVE RECEIVED NONE OF THE TAXES LISTEN THEREIN.
(Bruce A. Sloan) 5/31/2024
BRUCE A. SLOAN, SHERIFF OF GREENBRIER COUNTY