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## Ronceverte City Council holds August meeting

By Dakota Baker

This Monday's Ronceverte City Council meeting began at 7 p.m. with an approval of minutes from a special meeting as well as the last regular council meeting. Following the approval of minutes, Resolution # 5, which is a resolution concerning invoices related to the design and construction of the water upgrade phase 4 project and authorizing payment thereof, was approved by council members. Next, Resolution #6, which is a resolution related to the design and construction of the storm water infrastructure improvements project and authorizing payment, was approved.

Jessica Levine spoke to council members and asked for permission to plant various plants around the park pending grant approval with Sow Bees Initiative. She would hope to do this near the end of August or the beginning of September. The plants would be provided by Appalachian Headwaters, a nonprofit organization. Councilmembers approved the proposal and details will be planned out regarding dates for planting and future maintenance of the plants. Counsel commented on how the park has been flourishing with people over the summer months and citizens were also asked to remember that the park closes at 9 p.m.

The Friday night farmers markets will also be continuing in town from 5 to 7 p.m. through October.

The next Ronceverte City Council meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.

## State Fair opens for 99th season

By Chelsea Blair

The State Fair of West Virginia opened its gates on Thursday, Aug. 8 and will continue providing enjoyment for those near and far until Saturday, Aug. 17. Opening at 8 a.m. and closing at 11 p.m. every day, the State Fair offers carnival rides, food, games, free entertainment shows, live concerts, educational programs, livestock shows, and much more.

Each day from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. visitors can enjoy the Live Shark Encounter display as well as Live Shark Encounter shows at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m., the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack show at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m., and the Butterfly Kingdom, open all day. Grandstand Shows will take place daily with See "Fair Opens" Page 2



## Greenbrier County Public Library book sale continues



The Greenbrier County Public Library still has numerous books available in various genres, both hardback and paperback.

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The Greenbrier County Public Library will be hosting a continuation of its annual book sale this weekend on Friday, Aug. 9, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a \$5 entry fee for the family for the day to "take all you want" of their hardback and paperback books available.

## Greenbrier Humane Society reopens for intakes, launches volunteer matrix

The Greenbrier Humane Society has announced that they are now once again open for intakes after being at capacity earlier in the month. They advise the public to call before bringing in any new animals to ensure that there is space and resources to take them at that time. "Your proactive help helps us keep providing the best care possible. By scheduling an intake appointment, it allows our team to

fully prepare a comfortable space for them as well as communicate efficiently to our team," said GHS in a social media post. They also announced this week that a new volunteer management system is launching at the facility, which will allow volunteers to schedule shifts, track hours, and more. To explore the system and book a shift, visit

<https://ghs.volunteer-matrix.com>. Volunteer activities include dog walking, cleaning, laundry, food pantry efforts, and more. "We believe this new system will enhance your volunteer experience and help us continue to provide exceptional care for our animals." If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Humane Society at 304-645-4775.

## Rncvrt Cafe announces closure at end of the month

By Sarah Richardson

Earlier this week, the owners of The Rncvrt Café announced that they will be closing the business at the end of the month on Aug. 31. Chris and Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley, owners of The Rncvrt, also run the Hollerwood House, formerly known as the Edgerton Inn, in Ronceverte.

"Thank you for the wonderful year of conversations, friendship, and food," they state in a social media post. "We will be shifting our focus exclusively to the Hollerwood House. We are so proud of the community we have been able to build through our Coffee with the Candidate series, the Chocolate Chip Cookie contest, and participating in various festivals and gatherings in Ronceverte. We believe that there is a great future for Ronceverte and we look forward to being involved in different ways. If you want some of our baked goods to stock in your freezer, call and place a bulk order. As we get ready to close, we will be selling our biscuit mix so you can have these fluffy, gluten-free biscuits at home."

Despite the closure of their brick-and-mortar storefront, they state that their new focus will be on providing gluten-free baked goods at area farmers markets.

"We are so grateful for the support we experienced since we've been open. This decision was not made lightly but we are at a place where our focus needs to shift to other priorities. We look forward to seeing everyone through this month as we get ready to close. Come by and see us!"



Chris (left) and Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley stand in front of The Rncvrt Café weeks before their opening day last year.

The Rncvrt is located at 625 W Edgar Avenue. Call 304-802-4194 or visit The Rncvrt on Facebook for more information.

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# Greenbrier County Youth Camp hosts campers from several states

The Greenbrier County Youth Camp hosted over 100 campers at Camp Big Foot from July 21-29. Campers were mostly local young people, however they were joined by campers from many locations throughout West Virginia, as well as campers from Ohio, North and South Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Great fun was had by all as they played Pickle Ball or soft ball, went canoeing, kayaking, swimming, tubing, or played tug of war and laser tag. The 4-story high rope course, with a high swing, and a zip line was definitely a high Adventure, and lots of fun and excitement.



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## WVDOH assists local fire departments and state agencies in battling Monroe County tire fire

West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) crews sent four tanker trucks loaded with water to help battle a tire fire that broke out at a Monroe County landfill over the weekend.

Scott Eplin, in charge of Transportation Security and Emergency Operations for the WVDOH, said a tire fire broke out over the weekend at the HAM Sanitary Landfill near Peterstown. Eplin said a stack of shredded tires about 300 feet long, 60 feet high, and 120 feet wide began burning uncontrollably at the landfill.

State DEP Secretary Harold Ward said the response to the fire is an excellent example of state agencies working together to "pull the rope in the same direction," in the words of Gov. Jim Justice.

"It took one phone call to the WVDOH and they were mobilizing those tanker trucks," Ward said. He said the additional water provided by the trucks allowed emergency responders to get the fire under control quickly and avoid smoke from the tire fire threatening nearby Peterstown.

On Sunday, Aug. 4, the WVDOH sent a total of four tanker trucks loaded with water to the landfill to help battle the blaze. The fire was brought under control at about 4 a.m. Monday, August 5, 2024.

"This thing was bigger than a football field," Eplin said.

The WVDOH was one of numerous state agencies involved in battling the blaze, including the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), West Virginia Emergency Management, West Virginia Department of Homeland Security, and local emergency services and volunteer fire departments.

"Transportation Secretary Jimmy Wriston demands cooperation with sister agencies," Eplin said. "The Department of Transportation stands ready to assist other state agencies in protecting and serving our residents' best interests."

Ward said cooperation between state agencies has been a hallmark of Gov. Justice's administration.

"We're to cut through the red tape and get it done," he said.

## Man killed in property dispute altercation

On Sunday, Aug. 4, at approximately 12:27 p.m., members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department were dispatched to a shooting that occurred in the Rainelle area of Greenbrier County. A property dispute involving three individuals resulted in one of the individuals, identified as Travis Osborne,

46, of Rainelle, receiving gunshot injuries. Osborne was transported to an out of the area medical facility where he subsequently succumbed to his injuries.

The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department Crime Scene Team processed the scene. On scene assistance was provided by the West Virginia State Po-



## Target Red - Red Signal Lights and Stop Signs

The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) reminds drivers that law enforcement officers will be targeting motorists who fail to stop at red traffic lights and stop signs during a high visibility enforcement mobilization that runs Aug. 1 through Aug. 15, 2024.

"Nationally, drivers running a red light is a serious and extremely dangerous problem; locally it is no different," said Jack McNeely, director of the GHSP. "Yellow signal lights caution motorists that the red signal is about to appear and does not mean to 'go fast'," McNeely said.

Drivers need to always be aware of traffic signals and be prepared to stop should the light begin changing. Officers will be focused on drivers that fail to stop at red traffic lights or stop signs. The traditional "rolling" stop will result in a citation.

From 2016 to 2020, intersection-related crashes accounted for 18 percent of all crashes in West Virginia, accounting for 14% of all fatalities and 19% of all serious injuries, according to the West Virginia Department of Transportation. Speeding and aggressive driving were the number one causal factor in intersection-related crashes during this time frame.

The Target Red campaign was first presented in the Beckley area in 2008. Prior to the campaign, red light violations and resulting crashes, injuries, and fatalities rose to alarming levels.

When targeted enforcement and education began, incidents were reduced by 60%.

Slow down. Save a life. STOP.

To contact the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program, visit [highwaysafety.wv.gov](http://highwaysafety.wv.gov) or call 304-926-2509.

## Fair Opens

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many well-known artists such as Turnpike Troubadours, Lil Jon, Charles Wesley Godwin, Seether, Anne Wilson, Jimmy Fortune, Bailey Zimmerman, Oliver Anthony and Travis Tritt. Also included in the Grandstand shows will be the Buckin' B Bull Ride on August 10 at 7 p.m. and a Draft Horse Pull on August 16 at 9 a.m. Do not forget to check out the livestock shows!

The fair specials are on the following dates:

- Monday, Aug. 12: Tools for School Supply Drive - Bring in three school supply items or two personal hygiene products and receive \$8 gate admission or \$25 for rides and gate admission.
- Tuesday, Aug. 13: Senior Citizen's Day - 55 and Older \$7 (sales tax included)
- Tuesday, Aug. 13: All Day Ride Special - \$20.00 + 6% WV Sales Tax (all ages)
- Wednesday, Aug. 14: Dollar Day Special - \$1 Gate Admission before 4 p.m. only for those age 11 and over.
- Thursday, Aug. 15: Military Day - \$7 (sales tax included) with Valid Military or Veterans ID
- Aug. 13, 14, and 15: Afternoon Special - \$7 after 4 p.m. through closing for those age 11 and over.

For more information on the WV State fair schedule visit [www.statefairfww.com](http://www.statefairfww.com) or [www.mountainmessenger.com](http://www.mountainmessenger.com) to view our annual Fair Guide.

## PICK OF THE LITTER



### JACK

Jack is a six-year-old male beagle mix and weighs 30 pounds. (He is bonded with Jill)



### MYSTIQUE

Mystique is a two-month-old female 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.

**DON'T SHOP • ADOPT!**

## Manchin announces \$1.2M to bolster West Virginia Emergency Services

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (I-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$1,255,400 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for seven fire departments and emergency medical services (EMS) organizations in West Virginia. The funding is made possible through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program.

Locally, the Lewisburg Volunteer Fire Company will receive \$47,468, and the White Sulphur Springs EMS will receive \$182,000.

"West Virginia's firefighters and first responders work tirelessly to protect our communities, and we must ensure they have the resources they need to do their jobs safely and effectively," said Senator Manchin. "I'm pleased that FEMA is investing more than \$1.2 million to strengthen fire safety and EMS in Hamlin, White Sulphur Springs, Follansbee, Leon, Parsons, Fairmont and Lewisburg.

lice and Greenbrier County EMS.

The Sheriff's Department has been in consultation with the Greenbrier County Prosecuting Attorney and the results of the investigation will be submitted to that office.

Deputy Herman Rodriguez is the lead investigator.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue to advocate for funding that supports our emergency service personnel and organizations."

The AFG program strives to enhance firefighter safety and public safety. AFG awards provide critically-needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability and support community resilience.

Other individual awards include:  
 \$710,454 - Lincoln Emergency Medical Services, Hamlin  
 \$125,420 - Hooverson Heights Volunteer Fire Department, Follansbee  
 \$74,019 - Leon Volunteer Fire Department, Leon  
 \$68,301 - Tucker County Ambulance Authority, Parsons  
 \$47,738 - Bunnors Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Fairmont



# Briefly

## 86th annual State Horseshoe Tournament scheduled

The Mountaineer Horseshoe League from Ronceverte will host the 86th annual State Horseshoe Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 24, at the horseshoe courts located on the Island Park in Ronceverte. Pitching will begin at approximately 9 a.m. We invite everyone to come and watch the pitchers and cheer them on.

## Alderson Farmers Market

is held 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).

## Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers available

The Greenbrier County Committee on Aging now has vouchers available for the 2024 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Vouchers are available at the following locations:

- Western Greenbrier Senior Center, 284 Greenbrier Street Rupert 304-392-5138. Monday through Friday 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

- Eastern Greenbrier Senior Center, 150 Taylor Lane Fairlea 304-645-1978. Monday through Friday. 8 to 10 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Must be at least 60 years of age and meet income guidelines. Bring ID with proof of age.

## Veteran's Memorial Museum

of Southern West Virginia, 419 Ballancee Street, Hinton, WV, is open Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Call 304-466-4443 for more information or to schedule a tour.

## Marriages

Shelby Lissetta Anderson and Tyler McKenzie Rudd

Destiny Michelle Lowe and Levi Todd Larue  
Lindsey Marie Level and Noah Christian Hylton  
Chloe Gracie Griffith and Drake Allen Dunn  
Jenna Rose Sulecki and Joshua Thomas Lapping

## Greenbrier County CVB to host event and festival sponsorship webinar

The Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is planning a webinar about the Greenbrier Valley Festival and Event Sponsorship Program at 9 a.m., Aug. 21.

The webinar focuses on how non-profits or multi-partner collaboratives that host events or festivals in Greenbrier County can apply for up to \$2,000 in social media advertising. It covers the requirements for the application, execution of the ads and reporting process for reimbursement.

“Organizers of events and festivals in our area will get great information about our sponsorship program from this webinar,” said Kara Dense, president and CEO of the Greenbrier County CVB. “We want our events and festivals to have continued success and hope that providing additional social media marketing dollars will attract more attendees.”

The program is open year-round. Applications must be submitted no less than 60 days prior to the event. To register for the webinar or learn more, visit <https://greenbrierwv.com/cvb-grant> or call 304-645-1000.

About the Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau:

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

## Sobriety Checkpoint scheduled in Charmco

The West Virginia State Police will conduct a sobriety checkpoint Saturday, Aug. 10, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the US Rt. 60 and WV Rt. 20 intersection in Charmco in Greenbrier County. An alternate checkpoint site has been designated at US Rt. 60 and Harts Run Road, White Sulphur Springs.

The focus of this checkpoint is Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement. Other enforcement activities may be conducted with police focusing on reckless driving, speeding, and seat belt violations. There will also be saturation patrols in the area during this time frame.

The West Virginia State Police encourages the public to use the State Police \*SP (\*77) system and/or their local Emergency Communications Center by dialing 911 on any telephone device, to report drunk drivers, reckless driving, stranded motorists, and criminal violations. By dialing \*SP on a hands free cellular device, motorists can contact the nearest State Police Detachment.

## Public Meetings

### Rainelle Town Council

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

### Greenbrier County Farmland Protection Board

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

### Lewisburg Public Safety Committee

will meet Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber in Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Lewisburg. Item for discussion:

- Police Department additional Sergeant position
- Police Department Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) update

### Finance Committee

will meet in regular session Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber. The following topics are scheduled for discussion:

- Arts & Humanities Funding - Gbr. Historical Society
- Resolution 560 Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Pay Request 27
- Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Contractor Pro Contracting Change Order 10-2
- Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Contractor Empire Salvage & Recycling Change Order
- Resolution 561 City of Lewisburg Stormwater Study (CDBG-MIT Funds) Pay Request 9
- Public Works Shop Building Change Order Number 05 - DCI/Shires Inc.
- Resolution 559 General Fund Budget Revision No. 1 Fiscal Year 2025
- Quote Approval for Homeland Security Grant Program - Message Boards
- USDA - Loan Interest Reimbursement
- Water Plant Operator in Training Contract
- Police Department promotion of an officer to Sergeant with pay increase
- Police Department update of department Standard Operating Guidelines
- Communications from members
- Communication from city manager
- Approval of Minutes - July 9, 2024

### City Council Special Meeting

City Council of the City of Lewisburg will hold a special session Tuesday, Aug. 13, immediately following the Finance Committee meeting which begins at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber at Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street, West. The following topics are scheduled for discussion:

- Ordinance 321, Stormwater Drainage, 1st reading
- Quote, approval for Homeland Security Grant Program - message boards

### Greenbrier PSD #1

will meet Friday, Aug. 23, at 8 a.m. in regular session at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes: July 26, 2024
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Phase B extension project:
  - a. Payment Resolutions
  - b. Other Phase B project-related business brought before the Board
- Phase C extension project:
  - a. Payment Resolutions
  - b. Other Phase C project-related business brought before the Board
- Meadowbrook Estates project:
  - a. Payment Resolutions
  - b. Other Meadowbrook project-related business brought before the Board
- Other business brought before the Board

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Nathan Lee Vance, Lyburn, WV, speeding 75 mph in a 70 zone, fine \$5, NCP

Aakash Makwana, Ronceverte, selling non-intox beer to minor, fine \$100, GP

William Curtis Griffith, White Sulphur Springs, driving suspended or revoked for DUI, fine \$100, jail 30 days to be served on Home Incarceration, GP

Isoiah Obryan Childress, Hinton, failure to submit bear tooth, fine \$25, NCP

Whitney D. Correa, White Sulphur Springs, expired inspection sticker, fine \$10, NCP

William J Hambrick, Renick, 1) no inspection sticker, fine \$10; 2) expired registration, fine \$20, NCP

Kathy D Osborne, Rainelle, possession of a controlled substance, fine \$100, GP

Matthew Cory Tolley, Rainelle, 1) keep unlicensed dog in the county, fine \$100; 2) failure to vaccinate against rabies, keep or report record, obstruct, fine \$10, GP

Jamey Dewayne Redden, Crawley, speeding, fine \$44, GP

Charles Mayford Pursley, Jr., Ronceverte, littering, fine \$100, GP

Derek Wayne Scott, Renick, possession of a controlled substance, fine \$100

Rene J. Hawks, White Sulphur Springs, driving while license suspended or revoked, fine \$100, NCP

Jerry S Potter, Lexington, VA, speeding, fine \$26, GP

## For the Record

### Deeds

Samuel L. Jones, Joyce A. Christian, Diana J. Lee, Glenna F. Wright, Rhonda L. McGuire, Calvin L. Jones, William Dishion, and Sam Dishion to Joyce A. Christian, Diana J. Lee, Glenna F. Wright, and Rhonda L. McGuire: 1.393 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 35J Parcel 0017. Filed July 29, 2024.

Samuel L. Jones, Joyce A. Christian, Diana J. Lee, Glenna F. Wright, Rhonda L. McGuire, Calvin L. Jones, William Dishion, and Sam Dishion to Joyce A. Christian, Diana J. Lee, Glenna F. Wright, and Rhonda L. McGuire: 7.601 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 35 Parcel 0026. Filed July 29, 2024.

Lucille Z. Hill to Michelle L. Curry: lot 20, Lewisburg District, Map 13G Parcel 0020. Filed July 30, 2024.

Billy D. Collins Jr. and Curtis D. Collins to Billy D. Collins, Jr. and Curtis D. Collins: 0.5 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 9 Parcel 0025. Filed July 30, 2024.

Sally Bray to Sarah E. Bray: lot 6 and half of lot 7 Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 86. Filed July 30, 2024.

Eric S. McManamay and Amy J. McManamay to Amy Vandenberg: 7.16 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 5 Parcel 0032. Filed July 30, 2024.

Scott S. Miller and Mary G. Miller to Leticia Garcia: lots 24-25, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 178. Filed July 30, 2024.

Paulette King to Juan L. Haynes, Anthony C. Haynes, and Gerald T. King: lots 6&7, White Sulphur District, Map 13 Parcel 0110. Filed July 30, 2024.

Russell L. Dunford and Kevin K. Porter to Praize God get Gainz Contracting LLC: 1.07 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60H Parcel 0015. Filed July 30, 2024.

Jeffrey A. Lockman and Diana L. Lockman to John Martin: 1.50 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 71 Parcel 40. Filed July 31, 2024.

First Charleston Corporation LLC to Sherri J. Lilly and William D. Lilly: 0.809 acres, Lewisburg District. Map 19 Parcel 123. Filed July 31, 2024.

Amanda G. Alderson and Douglas R. Alderson to Michael J. Haas and Lauren N. Haas: 71.81 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 24 Parcel 40, 105. Filed July 31, 2024.

Shirley A. Marshall to Gironza N. Scott and Katherine J. Scott: 11.46 acres, Irish Corner District. Map 11 Parcel 128. Filed July 31, 2024.

Freda Zicafoose to Michael J. Haas and Lauren N. Haas: 71.81 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 24 Parcel 40, 105. Filed July 31, 2024.

WV Co Tax Cert Purchased 2021 LLC to WV CG Investments LLC: 12,500 square feet, Clay Street, Rupert District, Map 6 Parcel 34, Filed Aug. 1, 2024.

WV Co Tax Cert Purchased 2021 LLC to WV CG Investments LLC: lot 124 or 0.19 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 31 Parcel 14. Filed Aug. 1, 2024.

WV Co Tax Cert Purchased 2021 LLC to WV CG Investments LLC: lot 3 Poca Ave., 70 X 80 X 50 X 90, Ronceverte District, Map 10 Parcel 68. Filed Aug. 1, 2024.

WV Co Tax Cert Purchased 2021 LLC to WV CG Investments LLC: 376 Frankford Road, lot 7 east side of Frankford Road, 50 X 172 X 50 X 180, from Ruthertford, Ronceverte District, Map 5 Parcel 202. Filed Aug. 1, 2024.

## Suits

New Cases from 7/31/24 to 8/7/24

### New Civil Cases

Richard Richmond v. CSX Transportation, Inc., a Virginia Corporation  
Builder Services Group, Inc v. DN Precision Builders, LLC

### New Divorces

Michael Wayne Snead and Melissa Lynn Snead  
Regina Luczak Brown and Dale Austin Brown

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# NATURE'S WAY

By Karen Cohen

## Wild Things

As we travel the roads that line family farm fields and rural routes, we notice the abundance of flowers in summer that dot the scenery. Just yesterday on the way to Lake Sherwood, I quickly recognized indigenous plants that I knew by name; they are prolific and common here in Greenbrier Valley. Here's a sampling of what you can find right now.

Blue chicory was originally native to Europe and was introduced to the Americas by European explorers and settlers. It is a member of the aster family. It grows around here without any help of fertilizers and has bright blue small flowers and toothed leaves. Bees, butterflies, and flies feed on it and it is drought tolerant. Most folks don't know that this whole plant is edible. Go out and pick some where there isn't a ton of car exhaust hitting the plants. The chicory leaves are bitter; it's best to harvest them young and tender. Italy flavors their fava bean dishes with these wild

leaves and Greeks serve up a salad of the leaves with a splash of olive oil and lemon juice. Chicory roots can be dried and ground up for adding to beverages.

At our house, we add a tablespoon of chicory coffee to our daily coffee press. If you've been to Nawlins, you probably have popped into the famous Cafe Du Monde which serves up their version of coffee and chicory blend. It is delicious and you can even order a container of it online. The root of the chicory plant contains insulins, vitamins, and beneficial oils; it adds a bitter coffee flavor to beverages. The only note of caution is that chicory stimulates bile production, avoid it if you have gallstones. The pro side is that it can help to maintain healthy blood pressure and help with sleep because it does not contain caffeine.

Joe Pye Weed, also called Queen of the Meadow, is another herbaceous and beautiful plant of the



Chicory grows wild all along Seneca Trail Route 219 in Renick.

(Photo by Karen Cohen)

aster family. It is an American native perennial plant. It grows five to twelve feet tall and blooms tiny pink and purple flowers in large clusters at the top. It prefers moist soil. Find it in abundance near streams or drainage ditches. Add it to

your garden as a no fuss background plant. You can propagate it from digging up the roots in spring or fall. Plant the roots full sun or partially shady spot; it has no specific soil preference. If you harvest seeds from a wild plant,

you will need to cold stratify them by storing them in the refrigeration for at least a month. Then plant directly or in a start-up mix. They are very easy to grow, are deer resistant, and their bloom period lasts for months-summer into fall.

Fun facts: Joe Pye weed is actually named after a Mohican chief, Joseph Shauquethquet, nicknamed Joe Pye from New England in the 1800's who used the plant medicinally as a tea to save his entire colony from typhus fever. The nectar is loved by pollinators and has the fragrance similar to vanilla; it is not poisonous. Herbalists use the roots as a tea to treat gallstones and fluid retention.

Jimson Weed, or Devil's Weed, another common roadside plant found more commonly near barns. Warning: it is highly poisonous for humans and animals including livestock. Ingesting it can cause hallucinations, coma, seizures and not often, death. It is easily identified by its large white trumpet shaped flowers that produce spiny pods in the fall. Eradicate it by hand weeding with gloves on or pile

on a heavy top dressing of wood chip/mulch to block out sunlight and prevent seeds from sprouting. The sap may cause skin rashes, take care when handling it. Bag it up, don't burn it and take it to the landfill.

Ironweed, or Vernonia fasciculata, another perennial member of the aster family, grows up to eight feet tall with intense purple blooms that attract butterflies. You will see it in unmowed fields and deer won't eat it. It is not poisonous and was used medicinally long ago by the Native Americans. Butterflies, especially monarchs, love the nectar. You can buy seeds or dig up the rhizomes and replant them in the back areas of your garden to add noticeable color. Adding these common flowering plants to your own garden is an easy way to get the pollinators to visit with hardly any effort on your part. Why not take natural beauty that grows wild and spread it around!

Karen Cohen is an organic grower of vegetables, flowers, and plants. Please send her your tips, comments, ideas to [natureswaykaren@gmail.com](mailto:natureswaykaren@gmail.com) and Happy Growing!

## Land conservancy launches emergency campaign to purchase and save 1,200-acre Wild Rock Canyon

*The nonprofit needs to receive fundraising pledges by August 15 to remain in contract and must raise \$1.5 million by September 9, 2024 to save Appalachian forest in West Virginia*

The Arc of Appalachia land conservancy has launched an emergency campaign to purchase and save the 1,200-acre Wild Rock Canyon forest wilderness in West Virginia that lies 12 miles east of New River Gorge National Park. The nonprofit has until September 9 to raise the \$1,500,000 asking price to purchase the property. \$800,000 has been raised so far from individual donors.

Wild Rock Canyon's steep-side ravine spans 1000 feet from ridge to canyon floor, and the forest is outlined with 12 miles of boundaries. For thirty years, the Arc of Appalachia has been saving the most intact forests remaining in Appalachian Ohio. Its most recent endeavor to buy land in West Virginia represents a significant expansion of the conservancy's vision, as it pursues creating a network of forest preserves across the Appalachian heartland of both Ohio and West Virginia. Wild Rock Canyon is the first acquisition project to take them across the Ohio River.

"Never have we seen a forest for sale that was so large,

affordable in price, intact and drenched with wildlife. Did we mention bears? Wild Rock Canyon has a stunning number of bears!" said Arc of Appalachia Director Nancy Stranahan. "To our knowledge, this is the first attempt to unite the forests of southern Ohio and West Virginia in a focused preservation region. Of the Arc of Appalachia's 28 existing preserves in Ohio, only one is larger than 1,200 acres."

The Arc of Appalachia was attracted to expand its work into West Virginia because of the state's vast reserves of forest land. According to Stranahan, "West Virginia has the third highest density of forest cover in the nation, and relatively low population levels."

The Arc of Appalachia is a nonprofit that has protected 11,115 acres of the Great Eastern Forest in southern Appalachian Ohio that once covered the eastern third of the country. To make a contribution or learn more visit [www.arcofappalachia.org/wild](http://www.arcofappalachia.org/wild).

## Gov. Justice celebrates direct Charleston-to-New York flight on Breeze

*New route represents first direct access to New York-Newark in more than a decade*

Gov. Jim Justice announced that Breeze Airways, the premium leisure low-cost carrier offering affordable nonstop service across the U.S., will soon begin service to New York-Newark from Charleston, starting November 14. Newark International Airport is one of the three main airports serving New York City.

"This partnership with Breeze Airways continues to exceed all expectations, and I'm thrilled that the airline is expanding its service to connect West Virginia with the New York area," said Gov. Justice. "Airports significantly contribute to our economy, enhance tourism, and make our state more reachable. They are gateways to and from West Virginia, offering the world a chance to experience the beauty of our state. I look forward to Breeze's continued success in West Virginia and to welcoming all the new visitors who will visit our great state because of this historic partnership."

This announcement is another milestone in the historic partnership an-

nounced in March 2023. This award-winning carrier has committed to adding five new destinations through this partnership. Breeze currently offers flights from Myrtle Beach, SC; Orlando, FL; and Tampa, FL to West Virginia International Yeager Airport, all of which are performing well.

"Charleston has been a really strong market for us over the last year and we continue to see more opportunities for growth," said David Neeleman, Breeze Airways' Founder and CEO. "Now West Virginia guests can enjoy our affordable, elevated, and premium leisure service as they travel on the only nonstop flight from Charleston to New York."

Breeze currently offers flights to more than 50 cities in the U.S. and is growing. The airline, which was recently ranked in the top five of Travel + Leisure's "Best Domestic Airlines" for the third year in a row, began with service from just 16 cities in May 2021. Since then, the airline has seen tremendous demand for its unique "premium leisure"

model that marries efficiency and affordability with comfort and accessibility.

"The 20 million residents of America's largest metropolitan area finally have direct access to America's premier tourism destination," said West Virginia Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. "We can't wait for more visitors coming to enjoy our world-class outdoor recreation and unforgettable natural beauty. Many thanks are due to Governor Justice, the Legislature, the Kanawha County Commission, and the City of Charleston for their continued partnership to promote West Virginia tourism."

This is the first time CRW has had a direct New York flight in 11 years, and its addition continues a strong positive trend. CRW had a record month for enplaned passengers in May with a total of 19,606 boarding aircraft. Overall, more than 38,735 travelers passed through the airport in May, surpassing May 2023 by 21%, making it one of the busiest months at CRW since 2019, be-

fore the Covid pandemic.

"The New York City area is among the top destinations requested by our community, and now our travelers have even more reason to choose West Virginia International Yeager Airport," said Airport Director & CEO Dominique Ranieri. "This new route not only enhances access and flexibility for visitors to the New York City area but also offers expanded options for connecting to other destinations. Breeze Airways has been a tremendous addition to West Virginia, and we look forward to their continued growth at CRW."

Flights to New York-Newark, NJ, will begin on Thursdays and Sundays on Nov. 14. Fares on the new route start from \$49 one-way, and tickets can be booked at [flybreeze.com](http://flybreeze.com).

## OBITUARY

### Peggy Jean Lockhart



Peggy Jean Lockhart, 71 of Lewisburg, passed away Monday, Aug. 5, 2024, at CAMC Memorial Hospital, Charleston, WV. Born Jan. 13, 1953, in Caldwell, WV, she was the daughter of the late David Easley Defibaugh and Beulah Catherine Morgan Defibaugh Weikle. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy White

and seven siblings.

Survivors include her husband, James Lockhart Sr., sons, James Lockhart Jr. and David White, daughter, Jeannie Lockhart (Richard Hardiman), grandchildren, Eliza Hardiman, Angel Lockhart and James Lockhart and her dog, Fii-Bee.

Funeral service will be at 12 noon, Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, with Billy Adkins officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will follow and will be private for the immediate family. Online guestbook can be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net).

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## Club & Church

# Master Gardeners participate in microgreens presentation

Chris McMillion of McMillion Microgreens presented a continuing education class on microgreens to the Master Gardeners on July 11 at the fairgrounds.

McMillion explained that microgreens are young vegetable greens that are approximately one to three inches tall. They have an aromatic flavor and are considered baby plants, falling somewhere between a sprout and baby green. Despite their small size, they pack a nutritional punch, often containing higher nutrient levels than more mature vegetable greens. For this reason they make them a good addition to any diet.

While their nutrient contents vary slightly, most varieties tend to be rich in potassium, iron, zinc, magnesium, and copper. Additionally, microgreens are also a great source of beneficial plant compounds like antioxidants.

He indicated that to grow your own microgreens, the process is quite simple and there exist many videos on the internet that explain the process. The materials and seeds for growing microgreens can be sourced locally or from mail order companies. To test your green thumb,



Chris McMillion gives a presentation to the Master Gardeners on July 11.

he suggested that the best greens to start with are broccoli, peas, and arugula.

For more information on growing microgreens or to become a member of the Master Gardeners, please contact Greenbrier County Extension Office at 304-647-7408 and ask for Mary Dameron.

# Anniversary of Monroe County church set for August 15

For at least 185 years, there has been a Catholic chapel in Sweet Springs, Monroe County, with the earliest records indicating the Chapel was being built and was in use in 1839.

On Aug. 15, the Church will be open for public tours at 4 p.m. and for the Mass of the Feast of the Assumption at 6 p.m. with an ice cream social on the grounds following the Mass and the public is invited.

Built by slave labor on the Lynnside Plantation, the red brick church served as a family/community church for the family of Gov. John Floyd, his wife and daughters who had attended Catholic school when the late Governor of Virginia was employed in Washington and later served as Governor of Virginia in Richmond. The daughters and later his wife converted to the Catholic religion.

Served by priests from other Virginia parishes in the 1800's, primarily from the Catholic community in the Wytheville, VA, area, in the later part of the 1800, it served as a starting point for establishing Catholic Churches in Lewisburg (Immaculate Conception) and Summersville (St. John's). The Chapel is the oldest standing Catholic church in WV still in use.

Much of the history of the Church has been completed by Father Harry Winters OMI, the last resident Catholic priest in Monroe County. The Church is now a Chapel in the St. Charles Borromeo Church parish. White Sulphur Springs, which joins with the St. Catherine of Siena parish in Ronceverte which serves most of northern Monroe County in the Aug. 15 observance.

Music for the Mass will be provided by the Hymns and Hers, the choir of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, and the newly organized choir at St. Charles Borromeo in White Sulphur Springs.

In addition to Msgr. Kevin Quirk, newly appointed pastor of both St.

Charles Borromeo Parish and St. Catherine of Siena Parish, priests from other parishes in southern West Virginia and southwestern Virginia often con-celebrate the Mass. In addition, Msgr. Williams from the Diocese of Raleigh, NC, has indicated he will be there Aug. 15.

Books published about the area and by Father Harry Winters OMI about the Sweet Springs plantation and church history will be available for sale by members of the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus who also help with the Feast day observance.

From the west, take I-64 east to Exit 183 and VA/WV 311 to Sweet Springs; from the east, take I-64 west to Exit 10 Callahan VA 159 south to VA 311 to Sweet Springs; from the southern WV and SW Virginia take US 219 north to Union and WV 3 east to Sweet Springs.

For further information, telephone 304-536-1813 (the office of the Catholic churches of the Greenbrier Valley) or 304-645-1373 (the Knights of Columbus).



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## 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.

### Reunions

#### Bowden

The Bowden Family Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 10. Lunch 12 noon at The Sweet Springs Resort Park, 19540 Sweet Springs Valley Road, Sweet Springs, WV 24941. A \$10 charge per family. Organizers will provide drinks, paper plates, napkins and plasticware. Like previous reunions, please bring a covered dish of vegetables, pasta, meat, and/or dessert to share. If you want to participate, there will be a "Grab Bag" for sale for \$5 each. If you decide to bring one, stuff it with something special and staple it closed. It should have a minimum value of \$5. The family hopes to see everyone there!

#### Hodges/O'Brien

The descendants of James M. Hodges and Jeremiah O'Brien will gather at noon for a reunion Sunday, Aug. 18 at Ronceverte Island Park Shelter #1. Dinner will be at 1 p.m. Bring pictures, family tree information, past reunion information, and other memorabilia to share. Also bring addresses for family members that have moved who you may want to add to our mailing list. The descendants are dying and we, the reunion committee, need you and your families to help in continuing this RICH tradition. Please bring anyone and COME enjoy the FINE food and GOOD fellowship. Come and catch up on family news and reminisce about the good old days/times. Please share this announcement with family members and relatives who may not be on our current mailing list. If your address has changed, we need your new address for our mailing list. Please call Nancy Hodges at (home) 304-647-3451 or (cell) 304-520-1754 with any changes. Hope to see you there! RAIN LOCATION: First Church of God Fellowship Hall on North Avenue, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

#### GEHS Class of 1969 55th Reunion

The first graduating class of Greenbrier East High School is holding a 55th Reunion picnic on Sept. 14, 2024. There is no cost to attend. In order to have an idea of how many to expect, classmates are asked to reply to the email address below.

When: September 14, 2024

Where: Organ Cave Community Center  
2262 Seneca Trail South, Ronceverte, WV 24970

Details: Gather at 11 a.m. - Picnic at 1 p.m.

Dress - casual

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Bring a covered dish or other food item to share

RSVP: If you plan to attend, send an email to [gehs69reunion@gmail.com](mailto:gehs69reunion@gmail.com) including the name of the class member and number of attendees (1 or 2).



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# A Look Back

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
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**Loves to Cook**  
**Dear Loves to Cook,**  
Yes, your metal knives can be recycled. Take them to the Aluminum Can Door of the Recycle Center, ring the bell, and carefully hand the knives to the employee who comes to assist you. Never put them in one of the bins with other items or conceal them in any way as they would become hazardous for our employees.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
What is "plogging" and what does it have to do with recycling?

*A New Word in My Vocabulary*

**Dear A New Word in My Vocabulary,**

The word "plogging" was created to describe a new way of helping the environment. Originating in Sweden in the early 1990s, plogging combines "to pick up" and "to jog." Thus, plogging means you are

picking up trash while you are jogging. Many joggers carry a small trash bag with them in case they come across some trash while they are out jogging. Of course, plogging can be done just as easily in activities such as walking, hiking, or cycling. Before disposing of the trash bag, be sure to remove any litter that can be recycled.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
What about extension cords that are broken, missing connectors or are unusable? Are they recyclable?

*Handyman*

**Dear Handyman,**  
All extension cords are recyclable regardless of their condition, as are all cords that are attached to an appliance. In most instances, the appliance itself is also recyclable after the cord is cut off. Small appliances such as coffee pots, microwaves, and mixers are all recyclable. Extension cords and any items with attached cords can be deposited in the yellow basket outside of the Aluminum Can door on the right-hand side of the building. If you need assistance, go to the Aluminum Can door and ring the bell. Someone will come to assist you.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
What are MPAs? I

think that they have something to do with oceans.

*Curious*  
**Dear Curious,**

The initials, MPA, stand for Marine Protected Areas. These areas are designed to protect the biodiversity of marine ecosystems. They help ensure that marine life and habitats are safeguarded and that a set percentage of oceans are declared as an MPA for the benefit of future generations. According to noaa.gov, countries, international organizations, environmental groups, and other entities are all calling for the establishment of networks of MPAs that can range from simple to extensively regulated areas.

Good News: For the first time in over 100 years, Sei whales, one of the largest species of whales, have returned to the Argentina coast. Decades after global hunting bans were instated, the whales that were once nearly extinct are being sited again.

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



By William "Skip" Deigans

Located in the far northwest corner of the fairgrounds in Fairlea, the small bungalow shown in the photo belies its once prominence. The house was built in 1928 by the Meadow River Lumber Company (MRLC) and named "Meriluco" to showcase its building materials, including trim, molding and flooring. For a few years, MRLC manufactured furniture that was displayed in the house. When the house first opened it was promoted by a model home building contest for school children. Later, MRLC held an essay contest, and the winner received a maple bedroom suite.

Initially, the house was located near the front of the grandstand and had a brick chimney and partial brick porch posts. Research by former State Fair Manager Marlene Ferguson indicates the house was later rotated slightly so the entrance faced east instead of north. The chimney, part of the porch fence, and a picket fence were probably eliminated during this rotation. Once MRLC discontinued its use of the

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house, it served for several years as a museum for the State Fair. Before its latest move away from the grandstand it was a pop-up museum for the town of Rainelle, home of the MRLC. The house was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1997. It may very well be the oldest building at the West Virginia State Fair.

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THANK YOU FOR  
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**Super Crossword**

**Answers**

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## Carnegie Hall's 31st annual Kids' College biggest ever

Carnegie Hall celebrated two weeks of arts and fun during the month of July as the 31st annual Kids' College program took place July 8-19, hosting 234 campers from 10 counties in WV and 12 other states, including Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Students enjoyed selecting up to five separate classes per day, and participated in many different arts, such as needle felting, watercolors, jewelry making, movement, astronomy, archaeology, and drama. At the end of each week's program, families and friends were invited to an Arts Showcase, where performing arts students had the opportunity to demonstrate their hard work on stage, and the visual arts projects were



displayed in a curated exhibition. Demonstrations were presented for music, movement, drumming, drama, tie dye and ki aikido, and weekly awards were presented for the finalist of the pinecar derby races.

At the afternoon showcase each week, Carnegie Hall presented the third annual round of Kids' College Spirit Awards (KCSA), offered in honor of Andrew Carnegie, who, during his lifetime, demonstrated generosity of spirit and community investment on a grand scale, and who was known for his recognition of the impact that education and the arts can make during a person's life.

The KCSA was created to recognize those students that went above and beyond, that participated joyfully in their classwork and demonstrated kindness, helpfulness, and generosity. The program instructors, staff, and volunteers were asked to take special note of any student that stood out for these reasons, and there were more than thirty recommendations received each week, with many students receiving multiple nominations.

The winner of the KCSA for week one was Philip McLaughlin III, a rising seventh grade student from Lewisburg, and the winner of the KCSA for week two was Lyla Smith, a rising 5th grade student from Lewisburg.

Planning is already underway for next year's Kids' College Program to be held July 7-11 and 14-18, with registration opening in early May of 2025.

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Fantasy Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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# School

## WVSOM students awarded \$50K through Maier Foundation scholarship match

Nine student doctors at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) will have decreased financial burdens following a luncheon celebrating their selection as scholarship recipients.

A total of \$50,000 was awarded for the 2024-25 academic year through the West Virginia Emulation Endowment/Dr. Olen E. Jones Jr. Incoming Student Scholarship awards. Since 2021, the Maier Foundation - a private, nonprofit charitable corporation based in Charleston, WV, that focuses on higher education - has challenged the WVSOM Foundation with an escalating schol-

arship match. The challenge grant required the foundation to raise funds for scholarship endowments or for current use. Upon completion of each challenge match, a matching contribution was made to the Dr. Olen E. Jones Jr. Scholarship at the West Virginia Emulation Endowment Trust to benefit WVSOM students.

"The Maier Foundation is one of our 10 largest donors. Including this year's awards, we have been able to award 19 current-use scholarships totaling \$150,000 to incoming students from the Maier Foundation," said Donette Mizia, WVSOM's executive



Nine first-year WVSOM students received the 2024-25 West Virginia Emulation Endowment/Dr. Olen E. Jones Jr. Incoming Student Scholarship awards. Pictured from left are Micah Hancock, Casey King, Emma Beatty, Alexis Tygrett, Maier Foundation Chairman and President Brad Rowe, WVSOM President James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., Morgan Christian, Margaret Ann Rice of Union, Lukas Williams, Dalton Coleman and Andrew Cook.

director of foundation relations. "Additionally, the Maier Foundation, through the West Virginia Emulation Endowment Trust, has provided 24 scholarships totaling \$69,100 since 2018. That's 33 scholarships totaling \$219,100 to date."

Scholarship recipients for the current academic year were Margaret Ann Rice of Union, Emma Beatty, Morgan Christian, Dalton Coleman, Andrew Cook, Micah Hancock, Casey King, Alexis Tygrett and Lukas Williams.

Morgan Christian, a Class of 2028 student from Barboursville, WV, said the scholarship funds will help her attain her goal of becoming a physician, since she is the first in her family to attend medical school.

"This award allows me to give more back to my community and to my home state of West Virginia and focus less on the financial

burden of medical school," she said. "Giving back to West Virginia residents helps keep us in the state so we can continue to help our population. Any amount of money helps."

WVSOM President James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., said financial gifts made by charitable nonprofits are invaluable to medical students who incur large debts.

"Our corporate and business partners are the lifeblood of the WVSOM Foundation. Their generosity and enthusiasm keep us motivated. The Maier Foundation is a West Virginia-based foundation that is doing exceptional work throughout the state," he said. "I am filled with gratitude that they recognized an opportunity to assist our medical students with alleviating their financial burdens, and that WVSOM has partnered with such an amazing organization for the past six years."

## New school start date for Alderson Elementary students announced

Greenbrier County Schools is thrilled to announce the opening of the new Alderson Elementary School (AES). As staff prepare to welcome students to their beautiful new facility, some essential adjustments will ensure everything is in place for the start of the school year.

New Start Date for AES Students: To allow additional time for final touches on the school, the first day of school for Alderson Elementary students (grade K-5) will be Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Open House Dates: Alderson Elementary invites parents and students to its rescheduled Open House events:

- Aug. 28: PreK - Grade 2 from 4 - 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 29: Grade 3 - 5 from 4 - 6:30 p.m.

New Office Location: The new Alderson Elementary office on North Lee Street is now open for business. While phone service is not yet available in the office, parents who need to enroll a student are encouraged to enter through the doors on North Lee Street to visit the school in person for registration.

School officials eagerly anticipate the start of the new school year and look forward to embarking on this exciting journey with our students, staff, and community at the new Alderson Elementary School.

For further information, please contact the school principal, Thomas Niswander, at [tniswander@k12.wv.us](mailto:tniswander@k12.wv.us) or the Director of Elementary Education, Ann Smith, at [ansmith@k12.wv.us](mailto:ansmith@k12.wv.us).

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!

Nibble: CANKS, DRAWEN, ENTRAP, OUTMAN

"You'll like the \_\_\_\_\_ here."

TODAY'S WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. The pattern is different. 2. Arm is not showing. 3. Cabinet is not as wide. 4. Table is not as long. 5. Cuff is added to sleeve. 6. Plate is longer.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword NOVEL INTRODUCTIONS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Downgrade
  - 7 Morals
  - 13 Rich fabric with a silky finish
  - 20 "Bam!" chef Lagasse
  - 21 Result in
  - 22 Went to the polls again
  - 23 1978 arcade classic
  - 25 Immemorial
  - 26 Gyro breads
  - 27 Sue Grafton's "— for Alibi"
  - 28 Its highest mountain is Denali
  - 30 "... good witch — bad witch?"
  - 31 Emphasize
  - 33 Healthy
  - 34 Bread sliced doubly thick
  - 37 College transcript no.
  - 39 Charge to pitch a product
  - 44 Many a hospital delivery
  - 45 Bottled water brand
  - 49 " 'Tis a pity!"
  - 52 What a DJ talks into
- DOWN**
- 1 Cruel ruler
  - 2 Domain
  - 3 Butcher's tool
  - 4 Whale variety
  - 5 Dead heats
  - 6 Lilly of drugs
  - 7 TV's
  - 8 Tantalizes
  - 9 Contained
  - 10 Brain gains
  - 11 Key near Alt
  - 12 Sammy of the diamond
  - 13 Car stopper
  - 14 Of monarchs
  - 15 Coincide partly with
  - 16 Coke, e.g.
  - 17 Truckloads
  - 18 China's — Xiaoping
  - 19 Border
  - 24 Mil. alliance since 1949
  - 29 White birds
  - 31 Pig's digs
  - 32 Auto garage brand
  - 35 Lawyers' gp.
  - 36 Lay turf on
  - 37 Enthusiastic greeting
  - 38 Mas' mates
  - 40 Stops harping on the subject
- ACROSS**
- 55 President before Sadat
  - 56 Not duped by
  - 57 Jungle beast
  - 58 Said "There, there" to, e.g.
  - 60 Raised fortification
  - 62 Song closing a Catholic service
  - 67 Kauai, e.g.
  - 68 Patch affixed with heat
  - 69 Many a hospital delivery
  - 70 Abbr. before an alias
  - 71 "To quote myself ..."
  - 73 Opposed to
  - 74 Colorado's nickname
  - 77 Big name in car parts
  - 79 "Evita" star
  - 80 Meadowland
  - 81 Copy a lion
  - 82 Old video game consoles
  - 85 Not just moist
  - 86 Yard uglifiers
  - 88 Aruba is in it
  - 91 Barbecue serving
  - 92 "Gypsy" composer
  - 93 "Hip Hop Is Dead" rapper
  - 94 Annual game at Aloha Stadium
  - 101 Did perfectly
  - 104 Fliers' military branch
  - 105 He wrote "The Raven"
  - 106 Annual honor given by Sports Illustrated
  - 112 NYC subway line
  - 113 Twin sister of He-Man
  - 115 Actress on the sitcom "American Housewife"
  - 116 Author of the novels whose titles are the starts of nine answers in this puzzle
  - 119 1990s talk show host Watts
  - 120 Fly planes
  - 121 Singer Dolly
  - 122 Calls a talk show, e.g.
  - 123 Went back over, as one's steps
  - 124 Peripherals
- DOWN**
- 41 "As is" transaction
  - 42 Beseeched
  - 43 Acronym for four entertainment prizes
  - 46 Scott Turow memoir
  - 47 Actress Laura
  - 48 Sp. woman
  - 49 Dress of India
  - 50 Opulent, floor-length cloak
  - 51 Of lesser importance
  - 52 Parisian pronoun
  - 53 "You win"
  - 54 Religious law
  - 58 1040 ID
  - 59 Must-see
  - 61 It's south of Tenn.
  - 63 Become a participant
  - 64 Pollute
  - 65 "Get what I'm talkin' about?"
  - 66 Home to Augusta
  - 71 It's south of Tenn.
  - 72 Senate affirmatives
  - 74 Pigeon shed
  - 75 Allay
  - 76 Home pest
  - 77 Curved paths
  - 78 Hailed vehicle
  - 83 Brand of root beer
  - 84 Stranded cell stuff
  - 86 Nintendo game console
  - 87 Fall away
  - 89 Lighthouse lights
  - 90 Sushi tuna
  - 91 Border
  - 95 Noble sort
  - 96 Thawed
  - 97 Beginning painting class
  - 98 Accepting of
  - 99 Became tiresome to
  - 100 Gets wiser
  - 102 Pop singer Lauper
  - 103 City in southeast Minnesota
  - 104 Fess up to
  - 106 Frying fat
  - 107 "The Fat Machine" race
  - 108 — monster
  - 109 No-show GI
  - 110 Not fully shut
  - 111 Super review
  - 113 Food herring
  - 114 Cattle group
  - 117 Cochlea site
  - 118 W-2 pro

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## PUZZLE ANSWERS PAGE 7



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<b>BRIDGE:</b>	11760	CONCRETE SLAB ON FABRICATED STEEL GIRDER	
<b>SPAN(S):</b>	1	<b>STRUCTURE STEEL:</b>	
<b>DBE GOAL:</b>	10 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.		

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<b>BRIDGE:</b>	0002	CONCRETE ON ROLLED I BEAM	
<b>SPAN(S):</b>	4	<b>STRUCTURE STEEL:</b>	
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(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))  
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION**

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed changes in rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will decrease revenue approximately \$38,675,000 annually, a decrease of approximately 25.4%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY who purchase their gas from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	DECREASE	DECREASE
Residential	\$ 10.85	12.24%
Commercial	\$ 50.62	14.85%
Industrial	\$ 763.20	15.12 %
Resale	\$ 1,703.30	19.86 %

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas Company, and City of Philippi.

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive a decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive decreases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested decreased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing.

This filing also contains proposed changes to MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY'S rate components for customers that purchase their gas from an alternative supplier/marketer and purchase only transportation services including MDFQ, Storage Balancing Fee, Firm Standby Fee, and Fuel Retention Percentage from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY. These transportation service rates are applicable to customers that voluntarily elect to subscribe to transportation service. The proposed changes to the rate components are as follows:

Rate Component	Current	Proposed
MDFQ	\$12.424	\$12.952
Storage Balancing Fee	\$0.470	\$0.483
Firm Standby Fee	\$1.751	\$1.833
Fuel Retention	3.5%	4.0%

Any change in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company:

Mountaineer Gas Company Office  
• 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

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<b>SPAN(S):</b>	2	<b>STRUCTURE STEEL:</b>	
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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 24-0415-E-P  
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
WHEELING POWER COMPANY  
Petition for Review of Vegetation Management Program and Update of VMP Surcharge.

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARINGS**

Notice is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have, on April 30, 2024, filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a Petition to update their Vegetation Management Program (VMP) rates as required by previous Commission Orders. 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, Wetzel, and Wyoming.

The Companies propose to increase VMP rates by approximately \$1.2 million, an increase of 0.07% annually, effective for a period of two years. If approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE/ DECREASE	(%) INCREASE/ DECREASE	(\$) INCREASE/ DECREASE	(%) INCREASE/ DECREASE
	50% Energy Charge plus a Fixed Monthly Charge	50% Energy Charge Plus a Fixed Monthly Charge	100% Energy Charge	100% Energy Charge
Residential	\$0.48	0.28%	\$(.08)	(0.05%)
Commercial	\$(0.44)	(0.10%)	\$(0.44)	(0.10%)
Industrial	\$959.25	0.37%	\$959.25	(0.37%)
Special Contract <sup>1</sup>	\$(415.00)	(0.08%)	\$(415.00)	(0.08%)
Other	\$(0.08)	(0.49%)	\$(0.08)	(0.49%)

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Special Contract customers who are billed standard tariff rates.

The increases shown are based on 1,000 KWh monthly usage for residential customers and the monthly average usage of all customers in the other classes. 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.

If the rate including the fixed monthly charge plus a kWh rate is approved, the residential monthly bill at various usage levels would be changed as follows:

Monthly kWh	Residential VMP Surcharge Comparison at Various Usage Levels		
	Current VMP Surcharge	Companies' Proposed Surcharges	Increase/ (Decrease)
250	\$2.78	\$6.08 + \$1.38 = \$7.46	\$4.68
500	\$5.56	\$6.08 + \$2.76 = \$8.84	\$3.28
1,000	\$11.11	\$6.08 + \$5.51 = \$11.59	\$0.48
1,086	\$12.07	\$6.08 + \$5.99 = \$12.07	-
1,500	\$16.67	\$6.08 + \$8.27 = \$14.35	(\$2.32)
1,750	\$19.44	\$6.08 + \$9.65 = \$15.73	(\$3.71)
2,000	\$22.22	\$6.08 + \$11.03 = \$17.11	(\$5.11)

The Public Service Commission will conduct a public comment hearing in this matter on September 30, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The public comment hearing will be held virtually, allowing for interested persons to make a comment telephonically, through the Microsoft Teams application from the internet, or in-person at the Commission headquarters. Interested persons intending to make a virtual public comment should register with the Commission by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Registration may be made by any of the following methods:

- Through the Microsoft Teams meeting link located on the Commission's website, <http://www.psc.state.wv.us> under the "PSC Hot Topics" section located at the top of the homepage;
- By calling 304-340-0836 (Karen Hall) or 304-340-0820 (Andrew Gallagher); or
- By emailing [khall@psc.state.wv.us](mailto:khall@psc.state.wv.us) or [agallagher@psc.state.wv.us](mailto:agallagher@psc.state.wv.us).

The link for the Microsoft Teams meeting will also be in a future press release from the Commission. Interested persons wishing to comment in-person at the public comment hearing should attend and sign up to speak at 5:00 p.m. at the Public Service Commission, Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

As an alternative to speaking at the public comment hearing virtually or in person, individuals or entities interested in providing written comments regarding this case should submit their comments by mail or hand delivery to Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323 or online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us> by clicking on "Submit A Comment" in the left column and following the directions provided. All written comments should be marked with Case No. 24-0415-E-P.

The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing at 9:30 a.m. on October 1, 2024, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Interested persons should monitor the Commission's web docket and website because the public comment or evidentiary hearing may be cancelled for good cause.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene by August 1, 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. Petitions to intervene should be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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**Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024  
Receipts and Disbursements**

In accordance with WV Code 7-12-12, provided below is the organization's receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024  
**July '23 - June '24**

<b>Receipts</b>	
Federal Sources	908,000.00
State Sources	95,454.00
Local Governmental Sources	66,527.50
Investment Income	32,492.56
Administrative Fees	2,767.29
Insurance Claim Reimbursement	26,983.43
Events	19,654.84
Program Income	9,509.32
Property Rentals	655,112.31
Micro Loan Repayment	2,796.32
Pass Through Income	27,593.64
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,846,981.21</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Bank Fees	6,934.84
WVCoRP Insurance	22,172.00
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	16,001.00
Legal Services	5,280.00
Consultants	102,000.00
Facility Maintenance	97,418.06
Utilities	102,816.77
Operations	22,833.54
Marketing	7,538.44
Membership & Dues	877.50
Events	12,157.73
Salaries & Wages	212,319.92
Payroll Expenses	16,616.83
Employee Benefits	60,884.72
Travel & Meetings	7,929.94
Micro Loan Disbursements	12,000.00
Loan Principal	14,438.46
Interest Expense	19,136.24
Pass Through Expenses	27,593.64
Other Expenses	151.19
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>767,100.82</b>

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**PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION**  
Fulton BSH LBWV, LLC/Secure Store - 135 Maple Carriage Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901, has a possessory lien on all of the goods stored in unit 421. The auction will end on August 15, 2024 at 12 noon. All these items of personal property are being auctioned online through [lock-erfox.com](http://lock-erfox.com) These auctions will run until August 15, 2024. Pictures of the unit can be inspected online. Cash payments only. For more details visit [www.lock-erfox.com/storage-auctions/us/](http://www.lock-erfox.com/storage-auctions/us/)

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**Entertainment Calendar**

**August 9-18**

**Friday, August 9**  
Community Market, Edgar Ave, Ronceverte, 5-7 p.m.  
Western Greenbrier Farmer's Market, Rainelle, 3:30-6 p.m.

**Saturday, August 10**  
Courthouse Farmer's Market, Robert C. Byrd parking lot, Lewisburg, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Pocahontas County Farmers Market, Discovery Junction, Marlinton, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Cass to Spruce Trip, Cass Scenic Railway, 11 a.m.  
Historic Alderson Train Depot Tours, 11 a.m.-4p.m., May-October  
Grand Opening Weekend, Country Roads Beer Co., WSS, 12 p.m. to Au-

**Wednesday, August 14**  
Pocahontas County Farmers Market, Green Bank Fire Department, 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Trivia Night, GVBC, Maxwelton, 7-8 p.m.

**Thursday, August 15**  
White Sulphur Springs Farmer's Market, Main Street, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Silent Book Club, A New Chapter, Lewisburg, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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Mister Crabs Food Truck, GVBC, Maxwelton, 12 p.m. until sold out

**Sunday, August 11**  
Marketfest at Sunset Farm, Alder son, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Flea Market, Pence Springs, 8 a.m.  
Cass to Spruce Trip, Cass Scenic Railway, 11 a.m.

**Tuesday, August 13**  
Farmers Market, Alderson, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Farmer's Market, Mountain Table, 4-7 p.m.

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Courthouse Farmer's Market, Robert C. Byrd parking lot, Lewisburg, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Eli Lev, Hawk Knob Cidery, Lewisburg, 5 p.m.  
WV Hunters Education Course, WVU Summers County Extension Service, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Virginia Sweet, GVBC, free show, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, August 18**  
Marketfest at Sunset Farm, Alderson, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Flea Market, Pence Springs, 8 a.m.  
Yoga with Jacque Minarik, Hawk Knob Cidery, Lewisburg, 10-11 a.m.  
Basic Canning Class 101, Primitive Goods, Ronceverte, 2 p.m.

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