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This design is available for purchase on select merch for Greenbrier County Overdose Awareness Day and features the phrase, "So many arms to hold you; please reach for a hand."

Greenbrier County Overdose Awareness Day to be held in Charmco

By Sarah Richardson

Acorns To Oaks Recovery Inc., a non-profit based out of western Greenbrier County, is hosting the annual Greenbrier County Overdose Awareness Day on Saturday, Aug. 24, at Roadside Park in Charmco starting at 10 a.m. This yearly gathering, which was first held last August, aims to fight stigma, highlight the positives of recovery, and bring attention to the opioid epidemic and overdoses in the area.

Area musicians will be performing at the event, and inspirational speakers will be presenting, as well. Vendors will be set up with various wares, including Melodie Richmond with Cup of Grace selling baked goods, Sierra Richmond with Heavenly Homemade selling assorted jewelry, and more. Other vendors will highlight available resources relating to recovery and addiction support.

Jennifer Crane, a Peer Recovery Support Specialist and the State Opioid Response Program Coordinator with the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and the Center For Rural and Community Health, is organizing a memorial picture display to remember those that the community has lost to overdose. If you would like for your loved one to be included in the memorial on display during the daytime events, please bring a picture with you to the event. The picture can be framed but doesn't have to be. There will be a place to put each picture where everyone in attendance can honor their memory. If you are unable to attend but would still like your loved one to be included, please reach out to Greenbrier County Overdose Awareness Day on Facebook to coordinate that.

Ahisha Marshall of WV Healing Home will be providing information and Acudetox services. Ahisha, who is a registered nurse in recovery for 23 years, hopes to educate the public on the benefits of Acudetox and its effects. Stephen Postalwait from Seneca Health Services will be present, as well. Stephen is a veteran and works with veterans with substance use and mental health issues through Seneca.

Live music includes a performance by local musician Kodie Brooks at 1:30 p.m. and singing by eight-year-old Mila-Rose Hughtart.

For more information or to order merch, visit Greenbrier County Overdose Awareness Day on Facebook.

Greenbrier County Schools celebrates Employees of the Year

Greenbrier County Schools (GCS) proudly celebrates its 2025 Employees of the Year, honoring exceptional educators and staff who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and service. Each school in the county selects a Teacher of the Year, all of whom are nominated for County Teacher of the Year recognition. A selection committee reviews these nominations to select an Elementary Teacher of the Year, a Secondary Teacher of the Year, and an overall County Teacher of the Year. The County Teacher of the Year is then nominated See "Employees of the Year" _____ Page 2



GCS Elementary Teacher of the Year, Liz Dils-Wood (left); Secondary Teacher of the Year, Tim Yunker; School Service Employee of the Year, Wanda Mitchem; and County Teacher of the Year, Emily Dunkle.

'Fresh-cut' at the State Fair of West Virginia

By RealWV staff,
www.TheRealWV.com

For almost 30 years, Jeanie Wyatt has volunteered in the West Virginia Building during the State Fair of West Virginia.

"I was always the baby, and now I'm the most seasoned veteran in the building," she says with a laugh. "We've come a long way."

Wyatt remembers that when she first began her volunteer work with floral exhibits, they only had flowers for part of the week. "We fought to be here all week," she says. "We shared space, the flowers and the vegetables. But people wanted to see both. Now they can see both all week."

Wyatt and her team of volunteers offer multiple exhibits, classes, and contests throughout the fair for adults and children alike.

On Saturday morning, she coordinated a contest for children in floral arrangement. "We do it so we can show kids and adults how many ways



For almost 30 years, Jeanie Wyatt has served as a volunteer leader for floral exhibits at the State Fair of West Virginia. Here, she teaches children how to arrange flowers using things from around the house.

(Photo by RealWV)

there are to arrange flowers," she says.

She carefully shows children how to pick, trim, and arrange flowers in coffee cans which she prepared creatively in advance. Judges will later inspect each arrangement and award prizes to the Top 3. Winners will receive a stuffed cow with a State Fair of WV bandana.

Winners for the children's division on Saturday were: Olivia Norman (1st), Adeline Peplowski (2nd), and Charlotte Peplowski (3rd).

"We put them on display afterwards," Wyatt says. "People can come through and look all week."

On Tuesday morning, Wyatt and her team swapped out all the fresh

cut flowers with new ones "That way they're fresh for the whole fair," she says. "We thank Chris Glover and our other vendors who give us flowers to use."

Classes and contests continue all week long. Stop by the West Virginia Building to learn more or sign up.

County Commission hears presentation by Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area director

By Chelsea Blair

A regular meeting of the Greenbrier County Commission on Aug. 15 began with Arts and Recreation transfers in the amount of \$8,379.50, which includes \$7,000 is to be transferred to the Meadow River Trail for mowing fees and \$1,379.50 is to be transferred to the Sportsplex for the final NPDES Permit closeout, in a prorated amount.

Next, budget revisions were discussed with increasing law enforcement EICA by \$701.04 for Board of Education overtime reimbursement, \$2,985 to be transferred to the line-item total of \$731,221 to Day Report for the Community Corrections Grant for training, and the increase for monthly Deputy Sheriff uniform fee from \$705.67 to \$726.50 which is now coming out of the general account instead of the special account.

Commission President Tammy Shifflett-Tincher welcomed the new Associate Director

of the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area, Larry Jent, to give a presentation. Jent is a Methodist Minister and says he was hired by the organization because of his experience in starting and building non-profit organizations as well as his connections with the Native American heritage.

"Indigenous people are part of the whole story of history," said Jent, stating that he can help tell the story by bringing in resources who know the history from a firsthand account. Also, Jent hopes the organization can become an umbrella organization to help groups that may be eligible for grants but do not know which way to turn, by helping get things started for them and facilitate the things they need. Tincher thanked Jent and said she appreciates his interest in wanting to continue his service in Greenbrier County along with other counties in the organization.

The next item of business on the agenda was

the consideration of payment of Resolution #4 for the WSS TIF (tax increment financing) Project - White Sulphur Springs Route 60 East Sewer Project. A representative from Region 4 presented the resolution stating that the project is now actively under contract. The first payment included in the resolution is \$511,285.41 to Veer Contracting for the purchase of initial materials needed to begin the construction, along with \$26,792.20 to E.L. Robinson to pay the remainder of fees for design services and to begin paying them for construction administration and inspection services. The resolution also includes the reimbursement to Region 4 in the amount of \$304.48 for fees for advertising the bid, bringing the total amount requested to \$538,182.09. The resolution was approved unanimously.

The next item of business was the Consideration of award of bid received for FEMA/ See "County Commission" _____ Page 5

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Carnegie Hall's All that Glitters Fantasy Gala honors Sissy Isaac and the Tom Isaac Family



Sissy Isaac and the Tom Isaac Family

Carnegie Hall is pleased to announce that Sissy Isaac and the Tom Isaac Family will be honored at the All That Glitters Fantasy Gala, as the popular annual fundraiser returns. The event will take place Friday, Aug. 30, at 6:30 p.m. on the Colonial Terrace at The Greenbrier. Tickets are \$225 per person, and tables for 10 are available for \$2,250.

Tom and Sissy Isaac embraced their retirement in Lewisburg with fervor, quickly immersing themselves

in the local community. Tom found his niche as an active Rotarian, while both he and Sissy poured their passion for history into volunteering at North House and the Greenbrier Historical Society, dedicating countless hours to preserving the area's rich heritage. Their commitment extended to Carnegie Hall, where Tom's involvement on the governing and foundation boards, coupled with his active participation in the Guild, left an indelible mark. Together with their friends Sarah and Jim Umberger, the Isaacs extended hospitality by pro-

viding home-cooked meals to the countless artists and entertainers who graced Carnegie's stage. Though Tom has passed on, the Isaac family continues to honor his legacy of community service, making significant contributions to the fabric of Lewisburg. It is this enduring dedication that Carnegie Hall proudly celebrates by honoring them at its annual Gala.

Fantasy Gala guests will enjoy a seasonal buffet dinner with carving stations, a cash bar, live entertainment, and both a live and silent auction. The Greenbrier is offering complimentary casino access for the night of the event for Fantasy gala guests.

The Fantasy Gala's Title Sponsor is Meraki Fund. Other sponsors include Gold Sponsors - Vandalia Wealth Management, The Greenbrier, and Gillespie's Flower's & Productions; Silver Sponsors - Yarid's and Bank of Monroe; Bronze Sponsors - Don and Sue Gordon, Kilcollin Dental, Mark and Debbie Kilcollin, and The Schoolhouse Hotel.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact Development Director Sally Bray at development@carnegiehallwv.org.

For tickets or more information, please visit CHGala2024.givesmart.com, or call 304-645-7917, or visit Carnegie Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Proceeds from this event support Carnegie Hall's arts education initiatives and world-class performing/visual arts programming.

Employees of the year

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for the West Virginia Department of Education's State Teacher of the Year Award.

GCS congratulates the following 2025 School-Level Teachers of the Year:

- Melissa Santos (Alderson Elementary)
- David Poticher (Crichton Elementary)
- Angie Tipton (Frankford Elementary)
- Regina Holliday (Lewisburg Elementary)
- Kelley McDade (Rainelle Elementary)
- Elizabeth Dills Wood (Roncerverte Elementary)
- Jessica Hughart (Rupert Elementary)
- Wendy Anderson (Smoot Elementary)
- Leigh Ann Nutter (WSSE Elementary)
- Alayna Sparks (Eastern Greenbrier Middle School)
- Brooke Crane (Western Greenbrier Middle School)
- Emily Dunkle (Greenbrier East High School)
- Tim Yunker (Greenbrier West High School)

The school community celebrates each of these outstanding educators and thanks them for their dedication to students. Greenbrier County Schools proudly announces the selection of the following County-level awardees:

County Teacher of the Year and Finalist for WV Teacher of the Year: Greenbrier East High School's Agriculture Education teacher, Emily Dunkle, has been named the 2025 County Teacher of the Year and has been selected as one of the top 5 finalists for the WV Teacher of the Year Award. Additionally, the WV Department of Education recently honored Mrs. Dunkle as the state's New CTE Teacher of the Year. As the FFA Advisor, she contributes significantly to student development through initiatives like the Ham Bacon Sale and a partnership with the National Fish Hatchery to build mallard duck housing. Her unwavering commitment to career exploration and agriculture education fosters entrepreneurship and cultivates future generations of farmers.



Emily Dunkle

is the Greenbrier County Elementary Teacher of the Year. She has secured numerous partnerships, including with Lego and General Motors, and serves as a Legends of Learning Ambassador. Her involvement in state writing and science committees highlights her dedication to advancing education. She continuously seeks innovative methods to ensure all students achieve success.

Elementary Teacher of the Year: Liz Dils-Wood, a third-grade teacher at Roncerverte Elementary,

Secondary Teacher of the Year: Tim Yunker, who teaches Social Studies at Greenbrier West High



Liz Dils-Wood

School, is the Greenbrier County Secondary Teacher of the Year. Embracing his growth as a lifelong learner, he has transitioned from using chalkboards to implementing interactive assignments, e-learning, and AI. Tim's excellent rapport with students and his multi-faceted lessons prepare them for future endeavors.

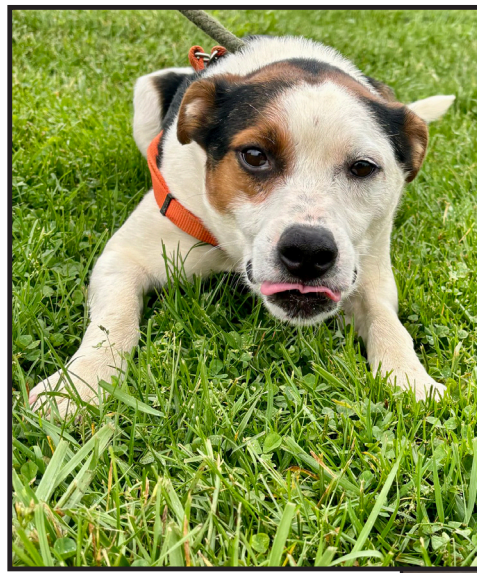
School Service Employee of the Year: Wanda Mitchem has been selected as Greenbrier County's School Service Employee of the Year. With over 45 years of caring, compassionate, professional service, Wanda is often the first point of contact for new employees and supports them throughout their careers. Her dedication extends to volunteering at school functions and mentoring through Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County.

"Each of these honorees exemplifies the spirit of dedication and excellence in education," said Superintendent Jeff Bryant. "Their commitment to their students, schools, and communities is truly inspiring and makes a profound impact on the lives of our students every day."



Tim Yunker

PICK OF THE LITTER



DALE
Dale is a three-year-old male terrier mix and weighs 28 pounds



MYSTIQUE
Mystique is a female two-month-old 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.

Notice of Informational Public Meeting

The Town of Alderson will hold an informational public meeting regarding its Water Rehabilitation and Expansion project in accordance with WV Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund requirements.

The meeting will be held at the Alderson City Hall, located at 311 Monroe Street South, Alderson, on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m.

This project will consist of the installation of approximately 10 miles of 8" to 2" waterline, replace one 150,000 water storage tank, addition of radio read meters, installation of fence around existing tank site, rehabilitation of an existing tank and all other related appurtenances (valves, fire hydrants, etc.)

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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.

Community Block Party at First Baptist

First Baptist Church of Fairlea (across from The Greenbrier County Health Department) invites everyone to its annual Community Block Party. All are invited Sunday, Aug. 25, from 4 to 6 p.m. for free outdoor games, food, and fun! Join us for a great time to celebrate the end of summer!

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

Brianna Ruth Alley and Jeffrey Eugene Winemiller, Jr.
Candice Jo Bennett and Shawn Scott Robinson
Jaime Nicole Trainer and Michael Ross Trainer
Rebecca Paige Gibson and Brian Michael Broughman

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.

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:
 - c. Payment Resolutions
 - d. Other Phase C project-related business brought before the Board
- Meadowbrook Estates project:
 - e. Payment Resolutions
 - f. Other Meadowbrook project-related business brought before the Board
- Other business brought before the Board

Monroe County Commission announces Starlink Initiative

On Aug. 13, the Monroe County Commission announced the implementation of the Starlink Initiative, a program created by County Clerk Jeremy Meadows, 911 Director Richard Miller, and Sheriff Michael Miller. The initiative aims to provide each county deputy with a mini Starlink terminal, which will be mounted on their cruisers, ensuring continuous connectivity to the 911 Center and other deputies, even in areas with limited or no radio or cellular service.

Since Starlink is satellite based, its installation requires only a clear view of the sky. This technology offers significant flexibility to deputies, enabling them to utilize it during pursuit operations in remote areas, such as Waiteville, and even operate it as a base station in the middle of a field. Additionally, it can be used to make cell phone calls in areas where traditional cellular service is unavailable.

The Commission unanimously approved the purchase of Starlink Terminals from the Jail Reimbursement fund

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For the Record

Deeds

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 Ruth-erford, Ronceverte District, Map 5 Parcel 202. Filed Aug. 1, 2024.

Eric Persinger and Kathleen Mann to Samantha R. Mann Hanway: 0.75 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 40 Parcel 32. Filed Aug. 1, 2024.

Richard B. Brown to Paul Jacoby: 0.368 acres, 7,840 square feet, Lewisburg District, Map 19 Parcel 0036. Filed Aug. 1, 2024.

Laura L. Dolan Hall to Channing B. Judy and Autumn S. Judy: one acre, Fort Spring District, Map 15 Parcel 0029. Filed Aug. 1, 2024.

Danielle M. Smith to Channing B. Judy and Autumn S. Judy: one acre, Fort Spring District, Map 15 Parcel 0029. Filed Aug. 1, 2024.

Joyce A. Gill to Channing B. Judy and Autumn S. Judy: one acre, Fort Spring District, Map 15 Parcel 0029. Filed Aug. 1, 2024.

Seneca Trustees Inc to Dogwood Enterprises: lots 24 & 25, Huddleston Hills, White Sulphur District, Map 8 Parcel 222, 223. Filed Aug. 1, 2024.

Shirley R. Perine to Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity: lots 30 & 32, Ronceverte District, Map 9 Parcel 335, 336. Filed Aug. 2, 2024.

Lee H. Johnson (trustee of the Clintonville Ruritan Club) to Greenbrier County Public Service District no. 2: 0.062 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 3 Parcel 9.1, 10. Filed Aug. 2, 2024.

Wallace Memorial Cemetery to Greenbrier County Public Service District no. 2: 0.045 acres and 0.098 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 82 Parcel 58, 19. Filed Aug. 2, 2024.

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company to Randall Chaffin: 0.707 acres, Fort Spring District, Map n14 Parcel 19.3. Filed Aug. 2, 2024.

Gregory Peters and Jocelyn Peters to Pamela Smal-ridge: 1.567 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 47 Parcel 29. Filed Aug. 2, 2024.

Mark Linkous to Michael S. Stevens: 2.00 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 11 Parcel 29.1. Filed Aug. 2, 2024.

Jeanne Williams to Corey A. Williams and Casey A. Williams: lot 47, Lewisburg District, Map 23B Parcel 95. Filed Aug. 2, 2024.

Darren Robinson to Daren A. Robinson and Leslie Jackson: 11 acres and 82 poles, Meadow Bluff District, Map 68 Parcel 29.2. Filed Aug. 2, 2024.

Freda K. Zickafoose to Mathew Shattuck: 4,800 square feet, Lewisburg District, Map 17 Parcel 002 30001. Filed Aug. 2, 2024.

James A. King and Jean M. King to James L. King: 7.8 acres, Frankford District, Map 18 Parcel 44, Filed Aug. 5, 2024.

James A. King and Jean M. King to James L. King and Jean M. King: 171.59 acres, Frankford District, Map 18 Parcel 18. Filed Aug. 5, 2024.0

Bell Appliance & Repair Inc. to Danny Sims and Christi Sims: 0.172 acres, Rainelle District, Map 5 Parcel 187, 188. Filed Aug. 5, 2024.

Town of Rainelle to Danny Sims and Christi Sims: 0.172 acres, Rainelle District, Map 5 Parcel 187, 188. Filed Aug. 5, 2024.

Pill & Pill PLLC (substitute trustee) to Woodlands Community Lending Inc: lot 3 block 8, Levelton Land & Improvement Co., Rainelle District, Map 5 Parcel 295. Filed Aug. 5, 2024.

Gary Hicks, Joann Hicks, Jonna Hicks, and Pat Hicks to City of Ronceverte: lot 41, Ronceverte District, Map 10 Parcel 323. Filed Aug. 5, 2024.

Boulder Bluff and Greenbrier Valley Land Company LLC to Noah Kisner: corrective deed, 3 parcels, 0.388 acres, 0.384 acres, and 38 X 40, Frankford District, Map 9P Parcel 22, 26, 29. Filed Aug. 6, 2024.

Phillip R. Howard and Kimberly L. Howard to Glen R. Diehl and Twyla B. Diehl: 6.525 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 6 Parcel 124. Filed Aug. 7, 2024.

Joseph K. Terry Jr. and Sarah F. Terry to Remington Morrison and Lynae Morrison: lot 5, Ronceverte District, Map 6 Parcel 0088. Filed Aug. 7, 2024.

Pennymac Loan Services LLC to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development: part of lots 5 & 6, White Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 0228. Filed Aug. 8, 2024.

Wallace S. Hundley and Brigid M. Hundley to Randolph W. Bowers and Susan C. Bowers: 57.89 RSYV Fee, Blue Sulphur District, Map 3 Parcel 6, Filed Aug. 8, 2024.

Mary A. Buffo to Joshua D. Hucks and Kristena S. Hucks: 36.461 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 6 Parcel 28. Filed Aug. 8, 2024.

Richard E. Parker Jr. to Cynthia B. Parker and Amy M. Brammer: 40 poles (lot 3), Alderson District, Map 6 Parcel 250. Filed Aug. 8, 2024.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Samantha Wylie, Clintonville, speeding, fine \$22, GP

Timothy Delano Keen, Rupert, battery, fine \$50, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation, GP

Cameron Charles Christopher, DUI, fine \$100, jail 1 day, GP

Raeann Jane Wright, Lewisburg, use of electronic device without hands-free, fine \$10, GP

Christopher M. Williams, Smoot, 1) no registration card, fine \$50; 2) no insurance, fine \$200, GP

Colton Richard Sherman, Ronceverte, no insurance, fine \$200, NCP

Colton Richard Sherman, Ronceverte, 1) expired registration, fine \$25; 2) driving while license suspended or revoked, fine \$100, NCP

Brooke A. Diaz, Summersville, no proof of insurance, fine \$200, GP

Ardenia Deann Scott, Lewisburg, seatbelt violation, fine \$25, NCP

Russell W. Adkins, Crawley, child passenger safety devices, fine \$10, GP

Linda L. Paulin, Renick, failure to obey stop sign, fine \$25, GP

David L. Dahmer, Ronceverte, failure to obey stop sign, fine \$25, GP

Suits

New Cases from 8/7/24 to 8/14/24

New Civil Cases

Lendmark Financial Services of West Virginia, Inc v. Kathy L. Mann

Credit Acceptance Corporation v. Dameon Nalley
Credit Acceptance Corporation v. Melissa Lewis
Valerie Arce v. Elizabeth Walker

New Divorces

Kimberly C. Carter and Clayton Lee Carter
Melisa Sue Shortridge and Jason Dwight Shortridge
Timothy D Wilson, Sr. and Ladonna Lynette McClung-Wilson
Krystal Yvonne Deitz and Christopher Daniel Deitz

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West Virginia rolls out the country's first digital vehicle titles

West Virginia marks a significant milestone in its digital title journey with the nationwide rollout of the country's first Digital Vehicle Title program. Setting a new standard in electronic titling systems, West Virginia's Digital Title is not only digital but also fully transactable, marking a distinctive advancement that will revolutionize the industry.

Fully transactable Digital Titles allow dealers and fleet operators to better manage inventory and eliminate the need for laborious, manual matching of titles with vehicles on the lot or in their systems. Digital Titles create real-time updates that ensure the system of record is continually kept current. Any time an attribute of the title changes - a lien is filed, a brand is added, a new owner is listed - the Digital Title is immediately updated in the state's system of record.

The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has been working with Champ Titles, Inc., a leading provider of digital vehicle title, registration, and lien systems of record, and Tyler Technologies Inc., (NYSE: TYL) a leading public sector software and services provider, to take a revolutionary approach to modernizing the infrastructure of its statewide motor vehicle system. Launched in 2021, West Virginia's Digital Title and Registration Suite ("DTRS") is a comprehensive vehicle title administration solution to manage titles, registrations, liens, and dealer licensing.

"We are incredibly appreciative of the long-standing public-private partnership with the State of West Virginia and the DMV," said Ian McQuinn, General Manager for Tyler Technologies West Virginia. "We've worked closely with the DMV since 2007 to help modernize their services, and the launch of the Digital Title represents a major culmination of those efforts."

"We are so pleased to have such a bold and forward-thinking partner in the West Virginia DMV. The state's constituent-first approach to upgrading infrastructure continues today with the Digital Title. This technology will be a game-changer for the country, realizing the digital efficiency that Champ Titles set out to achieve when it was founded," said Shane Bigelow, Chief Executive Officer.

The printed version of the West Virginia Digital Title is listed in the most current version of the J.D Power Title and Registration Textbook. State DMV Commissioner Everett Frazier said, "This is a modern and secure approach to titling, but we realized that not every jurisdiction would be immediately comfortable using a digital title, so we created the printed version of the West Virginia Digital Title. Anyone with a Digital Title from West Virginia can print a copy of it any time they want. It is a legal, transactable physical representation of the West Virginia Digital Title, and verifiable by checking NMVTIS or West Virginia's own verification portal which can be found on the West Virginia DMV website."

The printed version of the West Virginia Digital Title is a paper representation of the Digital Title, akin to a mobile boarding pass, providing a legal, transactable physical alternative. Just as boarding credentials can be presented using a mobile device, a Digital Title can be presented in the same way. But, if a physical copy is preferred, the printed version of the WV Digital Title exists for just that scenario.

Titles involved in transactions outside West Virginia using either the Digital Title or the printed version can be easily authenticated using West Virginia's verification portal, ensuring security, useability, and reliability.

The next phase aims to encourage jurisdictions nationwide to recognize and accept Digital Title transactions.

The process of educating the country on the use of Digital Titles and evaluating their usability starts now. Frazier continues, "We are launching an educational campaign to ensure that every motor vehicle administrator across the country is familiar with and knows how to transact using the West Virginia Digital Title. We will be talking about it with motor vehicle administrators at their conferences and in their newsletters, and we will continue to work closely with our partners in industry. As other states move in this same direction, it is imperative that we support one another. It is with this support that we'll successfully bring the Digital Title to the market."

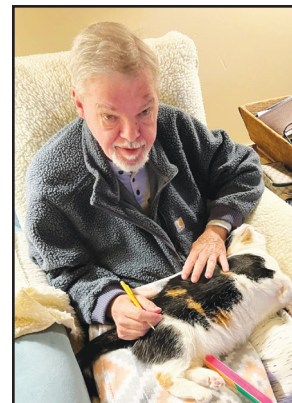
West Virginia DMV joined with DDI Technology (DDI), a leading automotive title management firm and a subsidiary of IAA Holdings, LLC (IAA), a leading global digital marketplace, connecting vehicle buyers and sellers, to begin a nationwide pilot of the technology. DDI tested a limited number of Digital Title and printed versions of the WV Digital Title transactions throughout the US, using the tools created for West Virginia to support that process.

According to Kevin Park, Government Affairs and Industry Relations Manager of Insurance Auto Auctions at DDI, "This was a hypercare pilot, where we engaged with our partners to guide the Digital Title transactions through the entire process. We demonstrated usability, proved the verification tools, and validated the end-to-end security of the program."

More information on the program, the related technologies and system security can be found at <https://transportation.wv.gov/dmv/Pages/default.aspx>.

OBITUARIES

Craig Phillips



Craig Phillips, 77, of Caldwell passed away suddenly on July 25, 2024, at the Peyton Hospice House, surrounded by his family.

Surviving are his wife Jan, two daughters, Liza Hefner with her husband Chad and son Jackson, and Lory Van Buren with her husband Wayne and sons Tristan and Stephen.

His greatest passions centered around antique collecting and fishing, but he was most proud of his family, his service to his country and his career as personnel director at The Greenbrier Hotel. Just as my Father commanded, "be devoted in love," so was my dad to God, his family and his community.

If desired, condolences in the form of donations can be made to the Peyton Hospice House.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

Captain (Retired) Jon Andrew McBride

Aug. 14, 1943 - Aug. 7, 2024



Captain Jon A. McBride, astronaut, aviator, and naval officer, has gone to join our savior and his family in heaven after a heroic battle with Alzheimer's Disease and cancer. Known throughout his life as Big Jon, Captain, Orbit, J1, Papa Jon, and Dad, he passed away just one week shy of flying 81 revolutions around the sun.

Big Jon was born in Charleston, WV, and grew up in Beckley, where he attended Woodrow Wilson High School. He always considered West Virginia "almost heaven" and was proud to be a native "West-by-God" Virginian. He became interested in flying because the mountaintop he grew up on was across from the Charleston Airport where, as a 3 year old, he played with toy airplanes as he watched the real ones soar overhead, dreaming that one day he would pilot his own aircraft. So when a Navy recruiter came to West Virginia University, took him up in a plane and told him the Navy would teach him to fly, he signed up on the spot, graduating in 1971 with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

The Navy kept its promise that he would fly. After earning his wings as a naval aviator, Big Jon logged more than 9000 hours flying time - including 4,700 hours in jet aircraft. He served in Fighter Squadrons 101, 41, 11, and 103. After flying 64 combat missions, Big Jon attended the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School and served as maintenance officer and Sidewinder project officer. Throughout his aviation career, he piloted over 40 different types of military and civilian aircraft, including the Navy "Spirit of '76" bicentennial-painted F-4J Phantom from 1976-1978.

Big Jon's ultimate piloting experience was flying the Space Shuttle Challenger during STS-41G from Oct. 5-13, 1984. Big Jon joined six other members of the STS-41G mission, rounding out the first crew of seven and the first flight with two women astronauts. During their eight day mission, crew members deployed the Earth Radiation Budget Satellite, conducted scientific observations of the earth with the OSTA-3 pallet and Large Format Camera, and demonstrated potential satellite refueling with an EVA and associated hydrazine transfer.

In addition to serving as pilot of STS-41G, Big Jon served as the lead chase pilot for the maiden voyage of Columbia; software

verification in the Shuttle Avionics Integration Laboratory (SAIL); capsule communicator (CAPCOM) for STS-5, STS-6, and STS-7; Flight Data File (FDF) Manager, and orbital rendezvous procedures development.

Big Jon was scheduled to fly next in March 1986, as the commander of STS 61-E crew, but it was deferred due to the Challenger accident in January 1986. On July 30, 1987, he was assigned under President Reagan to NASA Headquarters to serve as Assistant Administrator for Congressional Relations. In 1988, Big Jon was named to command the crew of the STS-35 (ASTRO-1) mission, scheduled for launch in March 1990, but he retired from NASA and the Navy in 1989.

Aside from flight in all its forms, Big Jon's other passion was education. For 20 years, he worked at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex (KSCVC), establishing and coordinating the Astronaut Encounter programs, scheduling astronauts and VIPs, and growing the visitor center complex. When NASA retired the shuttle program, he was instrumental in securing the Space Shuttle Atlantis' final home in Florida and designing its exhibits. He remarked that while the Navy and NASA were the most exciting part of his career, "sharing space" through education was the most meaningful part of his career.

Retiring from NASA gave him time to inspire the next generation of space explorers. As an astronaut "on duty" at the KSCVC and in visits to schools both in the United States and abroad, he spoke to thousands of schoolchildren, encouraging them to "stay in school, keep away from drugs, and listen to your parents." In Big Jon's many visits to Japan, he would say "Benkyō, Benkyō, Benkyō" (study, study, study). He was recently overjoyed to hear about Ireland's first astronaut candidates. He served as the U.S. president of the Association of Space Explorers and was on the board of the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation.

In addition to his pas-

sion for space exploration, Big Jon had many other interests. He was a foodie and a scrapbooker before "foodie" and "scrapbooker" were words. In scrapbooks he created of his travels, he often kept copies of menus of restaurants he visited as well as notes about the cuisine. His other favorite activities and pastimes included golf, numismatics, racquetball, softball, basketball, track & field, gardening, and of course, flying. He enjoyed socializing with his squadrons and visiting with his Phi Delta Theta fraternity brothers. He and some of his fraternity brothers at WVU briefly held the Guinness World Record time for piano smashing - look it up.

Big Jon is preceded in death by his parents, William and Catherine Byus McBride; his sisters Elizabeth "Betty" Cook, Mary Esther Couch, and Doris Dressler; his brother William "Cudge" McBride; his son Richard McBride; and his grandson Ryan Kerr.

He is survived by his sister, Margaret Lynn Eversole; daughter, Melissa DeGuibert and her husband Mike; his son, Jon McBride II and his wife Christie; his other daughter Lynn Miller and her husband Brad; his grandchildren, Collin Kerr and wife Lydia; Austin Kerr and wife Keeley; Kendall Kerr, Catherine McBride, Megan Miller, Richard Miller, Bailey Miller; his great-grandsons Kieran and Kayson Kerr, and many cousins, nephews, nieces, and cherished friends.

The family appreciates the outpouring of love and support. The family will receive visitors at 10 a.m. and services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, at Morris Memorial United Methodist Church, 4615 MacCorkle Ave SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Interment will follow in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens that afternoon, near Lewisburg. A wreath will be displayed at the Ken-

neddy Space Center Visitor Complex Atlantis Exhibit on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m., with a memorial service on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex Rocket Garden.

To celebrate his life and honor his achievements, the family encourages you to make a contribution to your favorite charity - with your time, talents, or money. Some of his favorite charities were the SPCA of Brevard County, the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, the Astronaut Memorial Foundation, the American Space Museum in Titusville, FL, ALZ.org, Phi Delta Theta Foundation, and the WVU Cancer Institute.

While John Denver sang that West Virginia was "almost heaven," Big Jon, having once again escaped gravity, lives now in actual heaven where we are sure there is an infinite supply of cherry pie, Guinness, and sushi.

We were always amazed but rarely surprised by the things he could accomplish. His final prayer request was for world peace, and his last words were, "Oh, boy!" as he watched a Kennedy Space Center rocket launch from his window.

Lobban Funeral is honored in being entrusted to serve the McBride family with the arrangements.

Helen Pearl Farley Hylton



Helen Pearl Farley Hylton, age 100, of Alderson, formerly of Coal City, WV, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024 at the Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, WV following a short illness.

Born Nov. 15, 1923, in Coal City, she was the daughter of the late George Dewey Farley, Sr. and the late Lessie Canady Farley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie Prince Hylton; three brothers, George Dewey Farley, Jr., Verl Farley, and Darrell Farley; and three sisters, Eunice Davis, Patty Minnick, and Shirley Allen.

Mrs. Hylton was the bookkeeper for Lillybrook Coal Company at Lillybrook, WV, for eight years and then became a mother and homemaker. She was a graduate of Stoco High School at Lego, WV, and graduated from Beckley College in Beckley with a degree in bookkeeping. She attended the Coal City Community Church in Coal City and was an avid supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Mrs. Hylton enjoyed walking, crocheting, and working crossword puzzles, and especially enjoyed her life on the Greenbrier River.

Survivors include two sons, Larry K. Hylton and his wife, Janet, of Fairmont, and Ronnie Hylton and his wife, Christina, of Alderson; five grandchildren, Candi Thomas and her husband, George, Heather Vincent and her husband, Derek, Allison Shaffer and her husband, Shawn, Jessica Hill and her husband, Derek, and Michael Hylton and his wife, Ann; 14 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandson due November of 2024; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services and burial will be Thursday, Aug. 15, at 12 noon at Sunset Memorial Park in Beckley with the Rev. Bev Colombo officiating.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Hylton family at www.lobbanfh.com.

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Club & Church

WV Hive and Ascend WV Greenbrier Valley Coffee Talks held

The West Virginia Hive teamed up with Ascend WV to host a Coffee Talks networking session. The free event was sponsored by City National Bank and was held at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's Clingman Center for Community Engagement earlier this month.

Judy Moore, deputy director of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority and executive director of the WV Hive, interviewed entrepreneur Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley, who owns and operates the Hollerwood House in Ronceverte together with his partner, Chris Rodriguez-Stanley. They also own The RNCVRT, a gluten-free café, which they will be closing at the end of this month into order to focus exclusively on The Hollerwood House. They state that their three-bedroom inn offers guests a tranquil place to rest and host events that bring together both Holler and Hollywood through the art and decor of the house.

Other presenters included Morgan Hodge, Vice President, Retail Regional Manager at City National Bank, who discussed City National Bank's financial services for small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Callie Isenberg, Greenbrier Valley Experience Coordinator for Ascend WV, said, "Entrepreneurship is strong in Ascend Greenbrier Valley, where 16 percent of our program members are already small business owners, and even more have entrepreneurial goals. Our co-working space provides a base camp for program members and others in the local community to co-work, network, and build connections that can help new busi-



Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley (right) is interviewed by Judy Moore, deputy director of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority.

(Photo by WV Hive)

nesses come alive. We value the opportunity to gain experience from entrepreneurs and resource providers, while providing a beautiful and functional space to facilitate meaningful connections. Ascend WV is a program of the Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative, whose mission is to empower WV's communities and partners to advance the state's economy and enhance quality of life through outdoor recreation. It's extremely positive to see all entrepreneurs, especially those in the outdoor economy, tap into the resources available through the WV Hive and other community partners."

Marsha Hicks, Advancement and Recruitment Specialist at New River Community and Technical College, also shared information on their Entrepreneurship Advanced Skill Set Certificate and Mobile Food Service Operation class.

The WV Hive is the entrepreneurship program of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority. More information about the WV Hive can be found at wvhive.com.

Information from WV Hive and Asher Agency.

This Week in WV History

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

Aug. 18, 1885: Artemus Ward Cox was born on a farm at Red Knob, Roane County. In 1914, Cox bought the George Ort Department Store on Capitol Street in Charleston. That store became the first in a chain of 21 A. W. Cox stores in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Aug. 19, 1863: Union cavalry under Brigadier General William W. Averell destroyed the Confederate saltpeter works near Franklin.

Aug. 19, 1997: Fiddler Curly Ray Cline died. Born in Logan County, Cline was a member of the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers and Ralph Stanley's Clinch Mountain Boys.

Aug. 20, 1851: The oldest statue in West Virginia, a nine-foot wood carving of Patrick Henry, was dedicated at the county courthouse in Morgantown.

Aug. 20, 2004: Eldora Bolyard Nuzum died in Elkins. While working for the Grafton Sentinel in 1946, she became the first female editor of a daily newspaper in West Virginia. For three decades, she was editor of the Elkins Inter-Mountain.

Aug. 21, 1861: Confederate troops under General John B. Floyd crossed the Gauley River at Carnifex Ferry, Nicholas County, and began to entrench their position. It was the beginning of what became known as the Battle of Keslers Cross Lanes.

Aug. 21, 1915: Singer Ann Baker was born in Pennsylvania. She later operated a popular Charleston nightclub, The Shalamar, and became known as "Charleston's First Lady of Jazz."

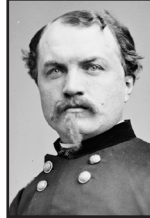
Aug. 22, 1872: Following the Constitutional Convention of 1872, the West Virginia electorate ratified a new state constitution by a vote of 42,344 to 37,777. In the same election, voters rejected a controversial convention proposition that would have prohibited Black citizens from holding public office.

Aug. 23, 1965: Sylvia Mathews Burwell was born in Hinton. She was U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (2014-17) under President Obama before serving as American University's first woman president (2017-24).

Aug. 23, 1970: The Mormon Church established its first "stake," or congregation, in West Virginia. The stake was organized in Charleston with a membership of nearly 4,000 people.

Aug. 24, 1918: Louis Bennett Jr. died of injuries sustained when his plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire. Bennett, with 12 combat kills, was West Virginia's only World War I fighter ace.

Aug. 24, 1947: Joe Manchin III was born in Fairmont. He served in both houses of the legislature and as secretary of state before becoming the 34th governor in 2005. In 2010, he ran successfully for the late Robert C. Byrd's U.S. Senate seat and stepped down as governor. In 2023, he announced he would retire from the Senate at the end of his term in 2025.



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, on Facebook, or please call 304-645-3797.

Reunions

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 out 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

Water & soft drinks provided - Venue does not allow alcoholic beverages

Bring a covered dish or other food item to share

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

Starlink Initiative

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received from the Opioid Settlement. Clerk Meadows further noted that the initiative has been expanded to include precincts without communication with the Clerk's office on Election Day and a terminal for voter registration, which was recently utilized at the Back-to-School fair at James Monroe High School.

Clerk Meadows concluded by emphasizing that despite the county's small size, it should not hinder its embrace of technology that can enhance its capabilities and potentially save lives, particularly those of its dedicated deputies who risk their lives in service.

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HMGP Residential Elevation Grant-Fort Springs 4603-002: 169 John Perry Ln, Fort Springs. President Tincher stated the resolution was not able to be considered in this meeting, therefore, they would reopen the discussion in the next meeting.

The last item on the agenda was to confirm the separation of employment for Maggie Bartenslager from the Greenbrier County 4-H Extension office effective on Aug. 12. Maggie has been the Program Assistant since May 7, but is moving on to a position in Morgantown.

Tincher reminded everyone that the next meeting of the County Commission will be held on Aug. 27.

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Dear Recycle Lady,

A Look Back

Dear Recycle Lady,

Here is a suggestion for protection from all those “invitations” received in the mail to sign up for a new credit card. I tear out the code numbers or the code words that are used as identification when completing the application for the credit card. When I have them all, I tear them into small pieces and put them in my compost bin. No one can find them there!

Composter

Dear Composter,

Thanks for a great suggestion. It's a safe way to protect yourself from fraud and it's good for the compost. I received a credit card “invitation” today, so I used your method to dispose of the codes. Unbelievably, I found six of them in various locations. They are now in my compost bin. Hopefully, you tore off the square QR codes as they also contain information. One word of caution; if the number, word or QR code is printed on glossy paper it should not be put in your compost pile. The surface of glossy paper is coated with chemicals that shouldn't be added to compost. Tear them into small pieces and add them to the magazine/slick recyclables.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What are neonics? Why are they so harmful to bees?

Confused

Dear Confused,

Neonics, or neonicotinoids, are a family of pesticides that, accord-

ing to xerces.org, are highly toxic to pollinators, beneficial insects, and aquatic invertebrates. Bees exposed to neonics can get confused and be unable to find their way back to their nests or they may get very sick, even paralyzed. If the bees bring the contaminated nectar and pollen back to the hive, even small doses of neonics start to effect baby bees' brains. Even with all this damage to bees and other pollinators, neonics are one of the most widely used class of insecticides in the world. When sprayed, the neonicotinoids can drift from the original plant or target area, thus exposing bees and contaminating nearby plants, soil, and water. Its widespread use results in the pesticide being found in both water and soil samples throughout the country. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “about half the U.S. population is exposed to at least one type of neonicotinoid on a regular basis, with children ages three to five having the greatest exposures.” It will take a ban by the EPA to eliminate the use of neonics and protect our pollinators, our health and the ecosystems.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Before I put a steel can into the recycle bin, I remove the label. These labels appear to be a slick. Can they be recycled with magazines?

Steely Can

Dear Steely Can,

Yes, labels on steel cans can be recycled with magazines/slicks. However, labels do not need to be removed from steel cans prior to recycling. Steel cans are processed at such a high heat that labels are burned off. However, labels on aluminum cans must be removed before recycling as cans as are processed with a much lower heat. The labels on aluminum cans can also be recycled with magazines.

Interesting Information: Bison in Romania are helping to reduce climate change! According to This Week Junior, they influence their environment in several ways. Bison fertilize the soil with their poop, they help plants reproduce and spread to other areas when seeds caught in their fur blow free, and, due to their heavy weight, they press the soil down so hard that it stops carbon dioxide from being released into the air. One Bison study estimates that 20 square miles in a Romanian grassland are absorbing an extra 54,000 tons of carbon dioxide each year, thanks to the Bison!

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.



Photo courtesy of the West Virginia University West Virginia & Regional History Center. Sources: Martinsburg Independent, West Virginia University Library, West Virginia Public Broadcasting, West Virginia College of Law.

By William “Skip” Deegans

One of the first civil rights cases regarding racial discrimination in the United States was won in West Virginia in 1898. Caroline “Carrie” Williams was an African American teacher who taught in a segregated school in Coketon, a small coal mining community in Tucker County. In an effort to save money, the Tucker County Board of Education reduced the school term in colored schools from eight to five months. Williams refused to comply with the board's decision and continued teaching the full eight months. At the end of the term, she sent the board a bill for \$120 - her pay for teaching three months. The board refused to pay, and Williams sued in 1893.

Representing Williams was John Robert Clifford, West Virginia's first African American lawyer. Born in Hardy County, West Virginia, Clifford enrolled in the Union Army's colored troops and served as a corporal in the Civil War. He graduated from Storer College in Harpers Ferry in 1874 and became an educator before being admitted to the bar in 1887. He started Pioneer Press, the first newspaper in West Virginia owned by an African American.

The case, Carrie Williams v. The Board of Education of Fairfax District, Tucker County, reached the West Virginia Supreme Court and was decided in her favor in 1898. Justice Marmaduke H. Dent, wrote, “Discrimination against

the colored people, because of color alone, as to privileges, immunities, and equal legal protection, is contrary to public policy and the law of the land. If any discrimination as to education should be made, it should be favorable to, and not against, the colored people.” School segregation would continue until the 1954 U. S. Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education.

Clifford was a leader in the Civil Rights movement and is shown in the above photograph standing on the left. Also in the photograph are W. E. B. DuBois, L. M. Hershaw and F. H. M. Murray. Honoring Clifford who died in 1933 is a scholarship for minority students at the West Virginia University School of Law.

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School

Greenbrier County Schools provide meals to students at no cost

Students in Greenbrier County will have the opportunity to eat a no-cost breakfast and lunch at school through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program. The CEP was enacted as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act and provides universal meal service to children in high-poverty areas. This is the fourth year for the option.

The CEP serves as an alternative to collecting, approving and verifying household eligibility applications for free- and reduced-price eligible students in high-poverty Local Education Agencies (LEAs). If at least 25 percent of a school's student population is directly certified for free meal benefits, the entire school qualifies for the option.

"I am proud that Greenbrier County Schools will be participating in the CEP program to help meet a crucial need for many students in our county," said,

Jeff Bryant, Superintendent of Greenbrier County Schools. "We know academic achievement increases when our students are well-fed and ready to learn, and we must provide secure and reliable access to nutritious meals so all students have a chance to achieve at the highest level possible."

Greenbrier County expects to have all 13 schools participate in the CEP. The program allows the school system to feed nearly 4500 students each day.

The 2017 Feeding America: Map the Meal Gap data reports high levels of food insecurity and hunger across the country. In West Virginia, more than 14 percent of residents, and over 79,000 children, live in food insecure households.

For more information, contact Heather Lively, Child Nutrition Coordinator, 304-647-6462.

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WV Student Assessment Data reviewed at August State Board meeting

The West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) received a report on West Virginia's annual assessment data during its meeting today in Charleston. The 2024 state summative assessment results including the West Virginia General Summative Assessment (WVGSA) for grades 3-8, the SAT School Day for grade 11, and the West Virginia Alternative Summative Assessment for grades 3-8 and 11 were reported by the West Virginia Department of Education's (WVDE) Office of Assessment.

The statewide assessments were administered to more than 95% of students in the grades designated above. There were slight gains in overall proficiency with increases since last year in English language arts (ELA)

(44% to 45%) and math (35% to 36%). Science proficiency remained flat at 29%. Early learners made the most significant gains in reading.

The report showed progress in ELA with a 6% gain in third grade proficiency, and a 7% decrease in those who did not meet the standard compared to last year's assessment. This is attributed, in part, to the passing of the Third Grade Success Act during the 2023 state legislative session and the WVDE's Ready, Read, Write, West Virginia literacy initiative. With the rollout of the revised mathematics standards on July 1, 2024, and the adoption of new instructional materials at the county level, the WVDE will fully launch its Unite with Nu-

meracy initiative this fall targeting math proficiency and success.

Last year marked changes in SAT School Day testing. All students took a digital version of the test and moved away from the fixed-form paper and pencil version previously available. Additionally, the testing time was shortened from four hours to approximately two hours.

The data reflects student proficiency approaching pre-Covid-19 levels, and the WVDE remains engaged with counties, schools, stakeholders and state leaders to support student academic success.

This year's assessment data report can be found on the WVDE website and the ZoomWV dashboard.

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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TODAY'S WORD

"His eyes? Well, they were when he left the house."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Shingles are different. 2. Bowl is larger. 3. Doghouse opening is different. 4. Bottom of shirt is different. 5. Paw is moved. 6. Finger is moved.

Super Crossword

ENDING IN FIVE DIGITS

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21 "Bejabbers!"	7 Italian beer brand
22 Sycophant	8 British beer
23 Welcome words to a job applicant	9 Pulled off
25 House badly in need of repairs	10 Disobeys
27 Bake-off dish	11 "Darby — and the Little People"
28 Yoko of art	12 Levied
29 Floor layers	13 Broadway singer Linda
30 Active Sicilian volcano	14 "Disco" cartoon guy
31 Tampa Bay Rays' stadium	15 Manage, as a problem
36 Org. for some ex-GIs	16 Engrossed
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39 Makeup of Hawaii	18 Gore Vidal's Breckinridge
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by Linda Thistle

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PUZZLE ANSWERS PAGE 7

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

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BRIDGE: 0002 CONCRETE ON ROLLED I BEAM
SPAN(S): 4 **STRUCTURE STEEL:**
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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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LEGAL**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS**

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

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

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

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

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

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Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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

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**LEWISBURG
WV3301307
Consumer Confidence Report- 2024
Covering Calendar Year- 2023**

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality, please call BEVERLY WHITE at 304-645-2080.

Your water comes from Surface water:

Source Name	Source Water Type
IN-GREENBRIER RIVER	Surface Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPNCDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system has an estimated population of 10057 and is required to test a minimum of 10 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2023. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter(ug/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results for: LEWISBURG

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest LRAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	21224 Seneca Trail N	2023	76	21-76	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	24937 Seneca Trail N	2023	74	26-74	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2789 Davis Stuart RD Tomlinson DVM	2023	89	25-89	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	390 Industrial Park Rd, Greenbrier VLY AP	2023	77	22-77	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection

TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	Inactive-Do Not Use	2023	26	26-26	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	21224 Seneca Trail N	2023	103	16-103	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	24937 Seneca Trail N	2023	106	17-106	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	2789 Davis Stuart Rd Tomlinson DVM	2023	117	16-117	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	390 Industrial Park Rd, Greenbrier VLY AP	2023	103	17-103	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	Inactive-Do Not Use	2023	18	18-18	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2023	0.248	0.0021-0.778	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2023	5.5	0.08-58.2	ppb	15	1	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

LEWISBURG is working towards identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The service line inventory is required to be submitted to the state by October 16, 2024. The most up to date inventory is located at **396 Feamster Rd., Lewisburg, WV 24901**. If you have any questions about our inventory, please contact Jason Hanna at 304-645-1833.

Chlorine/Chloramines	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
Maximum Disinfection Level	2.00000	MG/L	1.50000	MG/L
12/1/2023 - 12/31/2023				

Total Organic Carbon	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
Lowest Month for Removal	8/8/2023	1.3	0-1.3	MG/L	0	Naturally present in the environment
CARBON, TOTAL						

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
Turbidity	TREATMENT PLANT	0.47	NTU	February

During the 2023 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
11/1/2022 - 11/30/2022	PUBLIC NOTICE	Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	LEAD & COPPER RULE	Failed to comply with follow-up or routine tap monitoring requirements related to lead and copper

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Some people who drink water containing Haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful waterborne pathogens may be present, or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify and correct any problems that are found during these assessments.

Some or all of our drinking water is supplied from another water system. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants, which were detected during the 2023 calendar year from the water systems that we purchase drinking water from.

Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year.

During the 2023 calendar year, the water systems that we purchase water from had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Water system	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2023				

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Your CCR is available at www.lewisburg-wv.org To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at the phone number above.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 24-0332-E-P
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition for Review of EE/DR Programs, approval of the continuation of those programs, and authorization of an increase (EE/DR) Rider Rates.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On April 1, 2024, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company filed a petition to initiate the 2024 Energy Efficiency and Demand Response (EE/DR) review proceeding. The Companies propose:

- That the frequency of EE/DR review be altered from every two years to every three years.
- That the Low-Income Weatherization and Low-income Multifamily programs continue to operate unmodified.
- That the Home Performance and Peak Reduction programs continue to operate with modifications.
- That the Beneficial Electrification Pilot Program be terminated and replaced with a new Beneficial Electrification Program.
- The establishment of budgets for each program and appropriate rates to recover those costs.
- New EE/DR rates, effective January 1, 2025, and for the next three rate years, of 0.001853 cents per kilowatt-hour for residential customers and 0.000225 cents per kilowatt-hour for commercial and industrial customers.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including an evidentiary hearing to begin at 9:30 a.m. August 20, 2024, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests and Petitions to Intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY & WHEELING POWER COMPANY

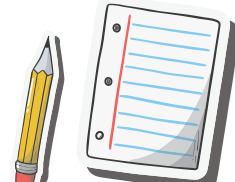
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BEFORE SCHOOL

- Brush my teeth
- Wash my face
- Brush my hair
- Get dressed
- Eat breakfast
- Remember my backpack, lunch and water bottle



AFTER SCHOOL

- Wash my hands
- Have a snack
- Wash my dishes
- Do my homework
- Check my chores list

BEFORE BED

- Choose my breakfast
- Help prepare my lunch
- Pack my backpack and remember homework
- Take a shower
- Pick out an outfit and shoes
- Brush my teeth
- Set my alarm
- Go to bed on time



Pro Tip for Parents:

Start easing into the school year routine a couple weeks before the first day to help kids adjust to more structured sleep times and schedules. Research shows that routines help keep kids feeling safe and secure and engaged in learning!

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Back to school supplies checklist

As summer draws to a close, millions of students are preparing to return to school. Some may be excited to return so they can see their friends again each day, while others may lament the loss of carefree days under the warm summer sun. Regardless of which category students fall into, all will need the right supplies to begin the new school year on the right foot.

Some teachers now contact students' parents prior to the start of a new school year to let them know which supplies kids will need during the year. But the following grade-based rundown of supplies can help families get a head-start on back to school shopping.

Kindergarten
Kindergarten marks most students' initial introduction to formal schooling, and this exciting year of school is filled with lots of fun and new experiences. Some of the more common supplies kids need for kindergarten include:

- Pencils
- Colored pencils and crayons
- Washable markers
- Erasers
- Pencil case
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue sticks
- Children's scissors with a blunt tip
- Tissues
- Backpack
- Lunchbox/bag
- Headphones

Elementary school students typically need differ-

ent supplies based on which grade they're in. Children between first and third grade may be asked to bring many of the same supplies as students in kindergarten, including pencils, washable markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, and children's scissors. But first, second and third grade students also may be asked to bring some additional supplies, including:

- Ruler
- Pencil grips
- Index cards
- Wide-ruled notebooks
- A box for supplies, including pencils

Fourth and fifth graders will likely be asked to bring supplies that align more with academics than arts and crafts. Such supplies may include:

- Calendar
- Personal organizer
- Binders
- Loose-leaf paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Calculator
- Pens
- Plastic folders
- Highlighters
- Book covers

Middle school and high school

By the time children reach middle school and high school, parents are well-versed in back-to-school shopping and likely know what is required. But some of the more unique items parents may be asked to provide for students in these grades include:

- Graphic calculator
- Graph paper
- Permanent markers

- Combination lock
- Protractor
- White-out
- Three-ring binders

Teachers are a great resource that can help students and their parents as they begin back-to-school shopping. Families are urged to reach out to educators or visit school websites to determine if there are any specific items kids will need during the school year.

A refresher course in school bus safety

The dawn of a new school year is a time marked by change and fresh opportunities. For many children, school marks the first time they are away from their parents for an extended period of time. It also may be the first time they ride in a vehicle other than their parents' cars.

Each school day, 25 million children ride a bus to school in the United States. A school bus is among the safest modes of transport and one of the most regulated vehicles on the road, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Riding a school bus can be a novel experience no matter a student's age or grade. Kindergarteners may be introduced to the school bus on their first day of school, while older students are no doubt familiar with life inside a school bus. But all students and families can benefit from a refresher course on school bus procedures to ensure this school year begins on safe footing.

· Be a smart pedestrian. Riding the school bus is very safe, but injuries can occur walking to and from the bus stop. Watch for cars backing out of driveways and always look both ways multiple times before crossing streets.

· Remember school bus laws. Most areas of the country have specific school bus laws that include stopping when red lights are flashing on the school bus. Cars must stop whether they're behind the school bus, next to it or on the opposite side of the street facing the bus. Stopping allows passengers to enter or exit the bus safely.

· Stand away from the curb. The National Safety Council advises keeping six feet, or three giant steps, away from the curb while waiting for the bus. Young children should be carefully supervised.

· Be visible. Always cross in front of the bus, making eye contact with the driver so that he or she knows your intentions before crossing. If you drop something, do not bend down to pick it up. Tell the driver instead.

· Remain seated. Find a seat promptly and remain seated for the duration of the ride. Do not stand up and proceed down the center aisle until the bus has stopped.

· Minimize distractions. Always speak softly and behave so that you do not distract the driver.

School buses are very safe vehicles, but passengers need to do their part to avoid injury.

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STEPPIN' OUT

Carnegie Hall's Fantasy Gala registration ends August 23

Tickets are now on sale for Carnegie Hall's Fantasy Gala: All That Glitters, which is scheduled to take place Friday, Aug. 30, at 6 p.m. on the Colonial Hall Terrace at The Greenbrier. Tickets are \$225 per person, and tables for 10 are available for \$2,250. Ticket sales end Aug. 23.

The original Fantasy fundraisers were themed parties held from 1999 through 2009 at multiple locations in the Greenbrier Valley. Past Fantasies included Fantasy in White, Fantasy in the Jungle, Fantasy on the Farm, Rock and Roll Fantasy, and last year's Rubies & Rhododendrons. The theme for 2024 is All That Glitters. Be creative or be conservative - just make sure your attire sparkles.

Gala Fantasy guests will enjoy a seasonal buffet dinner with carving stations, a cash bar, live entertainment, and both a live and silent auction. The Greenbrier is offering complimentary casino access for the night of the event for Fantasy guests.

Live music entertainment will be provided by Liquid Pleasure with Kenny Mann, which has been bringing audiences to their feet for over 50 years. Based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, the enthusiastic group has a passion for putting on a show for others who love a variety of good music and love to dance.

Nathalie Oates Holland chairs the Gala committee, which includes Cindy Bennett, Sally Bray, Sue Gordon, Erin Hurst, Maggie Hutchison, Debbie Kilcollin, Kit Lindsey, Jill McIntyre, Philip McLaughlin, Cathy Rennard, Sharon Rowe, Paula Thomas, and Mary Catherine Tuckwiller.

The 2024 Fantasy Gala Honoree is Sissy Isaac and The Tom Isaac Family.

The Fantasy Gala's Title Sponsor is Meraki Fund. Other sponsors include Gold Sponsors—Vandalia Wealth Management, The Greenbrier, and Gillespie's Flower's & Productions; Silver Sponsors -



2023 Fantasy Gala: Rubies & Rhododendrons

Yarid's and Bank of Monroe; Bronze Sponsors—Don and Sue Gordon, Kilcollin Dental, Mark and Debbie Kilcollin, and The Schoolhouse Hotel. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact Development Director Sally Bray at development@carnegiehallwv.org.

For tickets or more information, please visit CHG-ala2024.givesmart.com, or call (304) 645-7917, or visit Carnegie Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Proceeds from this event support Carnegie Hall's arts education initiatives and world-class performing/visual arts programming.

Entertainment Calendar

August 16-25

Friday, August 16

Community Market, Edgar Ave, Ronceverte, 5-7 p.m.
Western Greenbrier Farmer's Market,

Main St, Rainelle, 3:30-6 p.m.

Saturday, August 17

Pocahontas County Farmers Market, Discovery Junction, Marlinton, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 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.

Brunch with Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity, Hawk Knob Cidery, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, August 20

Toy Story Trivia, Across the Board Café, White Sulphur Springs, 7 p.m.

Farmers Market, Alderson, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Farmer's Market, Mountain Table, Renick, 4-7

Wednesday, August 21

Paint & Sip: Black Bear, GVBC, Maxwelton 6 p.m.

Pocahontas County Farmers Market, Green Bank Fire Department, 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 22

Thomas Taylor Band, Ivy Terrace, Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg, 6:30 p.m.

Comedian Andrew Rivers, The Ritz Theatre, Hinton, 8 p.m.

White Sulphur Springs Farmer's Market, Main Street, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday, August 23

Community Market, Edgar Ave, Ronceverte, 5-7 p.m.

Western Greenbrier Farmer's Market, Main St, Rainelle, 3:30-6 p.m.

The Goonies, The Lewis Theatre, Lewisburg, 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 24

Introduction to Culinary Herbs, Primitive Goods, Ronceverte, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Pocahontas County Farmers Market, Discovery Junction, Marlinton, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Courthouse Farmer's Market,

Robert C. Byrd parking lot, Lewisburg, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Patrick O'Flaherty, Hawk Knob Cidery, Lewisburg, 6-9 p.m.

Sunday, August 25

Marketfest at Sunset Farm, Alderson, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Flea Market, Pence Springs, 8 a.m.

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

ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, August 24th. 10:00 A.M.

Auction To Be Held At 3859 Muddy Creek Mountain Road.

Coming On Rt. 63 From Ronceverte, Turn Off On To Low Gap Road,

Towards Muddy Creek Mountain, From The Alderson Side.

See Auction Signs. Go Approximately 3 Miles.

Furniture – Appliances – Tools – Antiques

Green lift chair, kitchen cabinet, umbrella table, 2 microwaves, mixer, pressure cookers, 2 large canners, electric skillets, Montgomery Ward refrigerator, electric range, enamel bowls, tea kettle, crock pots, pots, pans, trays, mirror, walker, cutting board, glass bowls, octagon shape night stand, Meal Master coal-wood stove, towels, metal top table, Kenmore washer, Sharp vacuum, Wonder coal stove, drop leg table, recliner, old school desk, Unico fryer, jars, 2 couches, hospital bed, coffee maker, dresser, mirror, full size bed, old trunk, humidifier, 2 coolers, lot Christmas items, foot massager, throw rugs, bed spreads, file cabinet, old pitcher/bowl, 2 end tables, 2 pc. Living room suite, electric lamps, Cherry coffee table, grandfather clock, electric recliner, chest drawers, 3 gallon crock, vacuum, Cherry table, 4 chairs, kerosene lamp, electric knife, old quilts, mixer, 12 piece setting Fine China, old glass pitchers, hand tools, bushel basket, what-nots, boom box, 12- 1/2 gallon jars, 7 Ball jars with lids, Wild Cherry desk, bedside potty, churn stool, T.V. stand, dresser, flower vases, floor lamps, stool, Brass floor lamp, luggage, computer desk, touch lamp, magazine rack, puzzles, jewelry box, Sentry Safe, picture frames, old Lionel train set, welder, Craftsman table saw, pipe frames, much more not listed.

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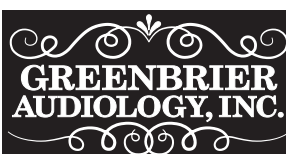
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