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Mary Montgomery Lindquist accepts History Hero award at Charleston ceremony

West Virginia Archives and History recognized History Heroes from across the state during a WV History Day at the Culture Center on the Capitol Complex in Charleston on Wednesday, Mar. 12. Mary Montgomery Lindquist, who was nominated by the Greenbrier Historical Society, was acknowledged as a History Hero and presented with an award during the ceremony.



Mary Montgomery Lindquist with her WV History Hero certificate.

A member of the board of directors for more than ten years, Mary Montgomery Lindquist is chair of the education committee of the Greenbrier Historical Society and past chair of the membership committee. In her current role, she is creating a better interface with county schools. On the membership committee, Dr. Lindquist finalized a re-vamp of the fee structure and helped create a new brochure. She also advocated for more attention to members and an assessment of their opinions and needs. Lindquist has served on many home tour committees, where she contributed her expertise in preparing homes for display and opened her own historic home for tours and fundraising events.

Greenbrier County Commission approves funding for fire departments, sewer project in WSS

By Dakota Baker

The Greenbrier County Commission met on Tuesday, Mar. 11. Transfers from savings to checking for Arts and Recreation included the Greenbrier Valley Theatre receiving \$50,000 for 2024-2025 programming, the Town of Alderson Town Park receiving \$7,253.93 for 2024-2025 softball field upgrades and bleachers, and Meadow River Trail receiving \$532.50 for 2024-2025 consulting expenses, which is a partial AML reimbursement. In total, \$57,786.43 was transferred from savings to checking and approved.

The agenda for new business included consideration of payment for Resolution #11 regarding the Rt. 60 East Sewer Project in White Sulphur Springs in the amount of \$304,636.89 to go to E.L. Robinson Engineering and Viper Contracting. It was noted that a \$40 error on the invoicing must be corrected before receiving final approval.

There was also a correction of a motion concerning the distribution of funds to Greenbrier County fire and emergency medical service agencies in the amount of \$54,487.64. This motion was approved at a previous Commission meeting, but Commissioner Tammy Tincer explained that the funds may only be used for area fire departments, not EMS services. The original motion was rescinded and corrected to reflect the funds may only be used for fire departments.

The Commission considered Bradley Crance as a new hire employee to fill a vacancy for Assessor's Property Valuation in the Greenbrier County Assessor's Office. Lucas Kessley was also approved to fill a vacancy for deputy sheriff in the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office. A part-time hire employment application for as-needed

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Ron McMillion sentenced to eight years in prison for firearm possession

By Sarah Richardson

A Greenbrier County man has been sentenced to eight years in prison for illegal firearm possession. Ronald Ray McMillion, 73, of Renick, appeared in Greenbrier County Circuit Court earlier this week where he was convicted of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm, a felony under West Virginia law.

McMillion was ordered to serve three years for the firearm possession offense, with an additional five years added due to his prior felony convictions. A Prison Commitment Order filed in Circuit Court states that the additional five years of his sentence were for punishment for second offense of felony, a repeat offender clause under WV State Code.

McMillion previously served five years in federal prison after pleading guilty in 2016 to distributing oxycodone. Prosecutors said he had traveled to Bal-

timore to obtain pills and then sold them in Greenbrier County.

McMillion was also at the center of a high-profile missing persons case involving Dee Ann Keene, a 43-year-old Renick woman who disappeared on Feb. 28, 2014.

Keene was last seen at McMillion's home in Friars Hill, where a witness later told police McMillion, allegedly intoxicated, fired a gun near her head. Keene was reported missing March 5, 2014, and the next day, McMillion was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm.

In February 2023, a grand jury indicted McMillion for the murder of Dee Anne Keene, but despite new investigations and searches, Keene's body has still not been found. In November 2024, prosecutors dismissed the murder charge without prejudice, citing insufficient evidence, conflicting witness statements, and forensic test results that did not support the case.

The Old Red Mill offers comfort food in downtown Lewisburg

By Stephen Baldwin
RealWV,
www.therealwv.com

"America's Best Small Town Food Scene" is adding a new menu to its varied repertoire. The Old Red Mill Taphouse & Grille brings comfort food to downtown Lewisburg.

"It's going great," co-owner Amy Mills says of her new restaurant. "People love the comfort food, the price points, and the atmosphere."

Amy also owns and operates Amy's Cakes & Cones next door, a popular breakfast, sandwich, and sweet shop. She and her family members wanted to expand operations.

"We talked to our landlord," she remembers. "We told him we were looking for another place to run a second restaurant. We didn't want him to think we were moving."

It turned out that Hill & Holler was moving out of the building beside Amy's, so the owners offered her the chance to move in.

"It's very convenient to our other restaurant," says Amy. "Now we have both places, and we sell craft, local beer and serve comfort food next door to the original place."

The Food

The Old Red Mill offers a varied menu of items ranging from fried pickles to beet salads to fried chicken to specialty burgers to loaded tater tots to pizza to brisket.

In a move very near and dear to my Irish heart, their side items include

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(Photo by RealWV)



The Old Red Mill Taphouse & Grill has just opened in Montwell Commons inside the historic Fort Savannah log cabin.



(Photo by RealWV)

This Week in the House of Delegates

For the week of March 14, 2025

Members of the House of Delegates voted on many pieces of legislation this week, sending some to the Senate for debate and several others completed the legislative process this week.

"We knew by consciously deciding this year to spend more time learning about issues and talking about potential solutions the natural result would be fewer bills brought to the House floor for a vote and I believe that's a good thing," said House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay. "I've been excited to

shift the mindset and the narrative away from assuming the goal here is to pass as many bills as possible because often what is necessary to fix a problem in this state is not a new line of Code."

Hanshaw gave as an example the issue of dilapidated buildings and structures, something every town throughout West Virginia struggles to manage. He said that with roughly 50 different proposals on how the state could or should address it, each looking only from a narrow perspective

in a specific portion of the state, it would be a disservice to look with blinders at each individual bill one at a time.

"We have probably 50 different proposals on that, and it's incumbent upon us as the Legislature to really examine how we want to deal with that issue as a state," he said. "There are many other problems that truly are not ours to solve, but these are the types of decisions we should be making here as a body to solve what problems we can."

"I'm proud of our mem-



(WV Legislative Photography by Perry Bennett)

bers for showing up to the 60-day session ready to listen and talk rather than just perform a rapid-fire sort-

ing of bills that come from any number of sources." Hanshaw pointed out the House has passed 63

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Local officers recognized for promotions and awards



Lieutenant Travis Webber (left) and Sergeant Desiree Vaught (right) are pictured with Sheriff Baker (center).

Greenbrier County Sheriff Bart Baker is proud to announce that on Mar. 10 several members of the Sheriff's Office were recognized for promotions and awards.

Sergeant Travis Webber, a 14-year veteran of the department, was promoted to Lieutenant taking the role of C shift commander

Corporal Desiree Vaught, a 6-year veteran of the department, was promoted to Sergeant

Corporal Tyler Hyatt, a 4-year veteran of the department, was recognized for his hard work as Deputy of the Quarter.

Captain Brian Baker was recognized for his 25 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Greenbrier County. Captain Baker began his career in 1996 for Ronceverte PD having a total of 29 years serving.

"The citizens of Greenbrier County and myself are very fortunate to have these men and women serving as deputy sheriffs. I am very proud of all of my deputies, they work hard every day to serve and protect the citizens and visitors to Greenbrier County," said Sheriff Baker in a press release.



Captain Brian Baker (second from left) was recognized for his 25 years of service.



Corporal Tyler Hyatt (left) was recognized as Deputy of the Quarter.

Carnegie Hall Creative Youth Art Exhibit winners announced



Creative Youth Art Exhibit Carnegie's Choice Award winner Elizabeth Clay (Whimsical Woodland Creature) (left) and Best In Show winner Abby Fedukovich (All Blue).

Carnegie Hall's 31st annual Creative Youth Juried Art Exhibit awards ceremony took place on Mar. 3, as friends and family filled the Hamilton Auditorium to celebrate the accomplishments of Greenbrier Valley's young artists. A reception with light refreshments followed the ceremony.

Creative Youth is a juried art show each spring that features the talent and imagination of Greenbrier County students in grades 4-12. Children from public, private, and home schools submit their work for this juried art exhibit.

This year's participating schools and teachers: Alderson Elementary and Ronceverte Elementary - Carmen Ball; Crichton Elementary and Rainelle Elementary - David Wayne Poticher; Eastern Greenbrier Middle School - Rachelle Henderson and Mary Stankunas;

Frankford Elementary and White Sulphur Springs Elementary - Stephanie Holley; Greenbrier Community School - Kelsie Tyson; Greenbrier East High School - Mark Cline and Stephanie Tilley; Greenbrier West High School - Marla Bell; Lewisburg Elementary - April Vincent; Rupert Elementary and Smoot Elementary - Cassidy Medlin; Western Greenbrier Middle School - Emily Sullivan; and Home School Group - Faith Community Co-Op.

During the awards ceremony, Carnegie Hall's Education Director, Harmony Flora, President/CEO, Cathy Rennard, Volunteer Coordinator, Teri Hartford, Box Office Manager, Sheila Hutchinson, and Carnegie Hall volunteers Susie Caldwell, and Elizabeth Spangler, announced the winners of the various art categories and divisions. Local

artists Marianne Estep, Thomas Ruggerio, and Sandra Schmocker served as judges. Robbie Anderson, Danny Fairfax, Aubrey Kaufman, Elizabeth Spangler, Jill Spencer, and Philip McLaughlin, III volunteered for the event.

The Best In Show Award went to Abby Fedukovich, a Greenbrier West High School 11th-grade student, with her painting "All Blue." The Carnegie Hall's Choice Award was given to Greenbrier West High School 12th-grade student, Elizabeth Clay, for her woodburning piece "Whimsical Woodland Creature." Both students study art with GWHS Art Instructor Marla Bell.

The Elementary School Division (Grades 4-5) ribbon winners: Color Drawing - Kimberly Browning (winner), Madelyn Parker (runner up), and Archer Ward (third place); B/W Drawing - Samuel Mc-

Clung (winner), Jackalyn Richmond (runner up), and Gilbert Roto Jr. (third place); Mixed Media - Caleb Hanna (winner), Zaylee Lahmers (runner up), Laken Reichard (third place), and Lyla Smith (honorable mention); Painting - Evie Ward (winner), Vaeda Green (runner up), and Max Tuckwiller (third place).

The Middle School Di-

vision (Grades 6-8) ribbon winners: Drawing - Halle Ayers (winner), Evelyn Critchley (runner up), and Tripp DeHaven (third place); Mixed Media - Emma Vincent (winner), Cameron Wiley (runner up), and Damieon Terry (third place); Painting - Gustavo Garci-Junceda (winner), Paiten Surgeon (runner up), and Anastasia Stele (third place).

The High School Division (Grades 9-12) ribbon winners: B/W Drawing - Shannen Mooney (winner), Lilly Walkup (runner up), Aradyn Rhodes (third place), and Mazie Shaver (honorable mention); Color Drawing - Peyton Smith (winner), Aubrey Hughes (runner up), and Autumn Lane

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House of Delegates

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bills, including two that completed the legislative process this week after unanimous votes in the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 138 would create criminal penalties for a person repeatedly convicted of fleeing an officer, and those repeat offenses would play into sentencing. Senate Bill 240 would update definitions included under the state's criminal code as it relates to the extortion of sexual conduct and would criminalize the practice of threatening blackmail under the threat of disclosing private images without consent. Those two measures now go to the Executive for action.

The House Health and Human Resources Committee this week advanced several measures related to foster care. House Bill 2503 would revamp the foster care clothing allowance program by establishing what is considered an adequate wardrobe and approved necessities for

children removed from their homes. It also would provide reloadable purchasing cards for more flexible purchasing online or at any store that accepts an electronic payment transaction. House Bill 2934 would require the Department of Human Services to prioritize housing applications, such as HUD or any government-assisted housing, for children who have turned 18 and transitioning from foster care. House Bill 2377 would update child welfare data reporting and create a Critical Incident Review Team to review both fatalities and near fatalities involving children in the child welfare system. It would allow the Foster Care Ombudsman to access relevant report and would require reports to be retained for at least one year.

The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight Apr. 12.

PICK OF THE LITTER



JIGGLY PUFF
Jiggly Puff is a four-year-old female domestic shorthair



DRILL BIT
Drill Bit is a four-year-old male Beagle and weighs 33 pounds

These and other animals are available at the Greenbrier Humane Society, located at 151 Holiday Lane off of Rt. 60 West in Lewisburg. They are closed Sunday and Monday, and are open from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Their cat adoption fee is \$65 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first kitty vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim and flea treatment.

Their dog adoption fee is \$85 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first dog vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim, flea bath and flea treatment.

Call 304-645-4775 for more information. They also offer donation-based spay/neuter vouchers, and clinics are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. They use a lot of vets in the area but the clinics fill up fast! Fill out an application to help prevent animal overpopulation! Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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Briefly

Burning Season Guidelines

Burning season dates are from Mar. 1 through May 31 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31. Burning is prohibited during burning season from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. If burning has occurred during permitted hours (5 p.m. to 7 a.m.), the fire must be completely extinguished by 7 a.m. Burning season prohibitions exclude small fires for the purpose of food preparation, warmth or light around which all grass, brush, stubble or debris has been removed for at least 10 feet from the fire and burning which is conducted at any time when the ground surrounding the burning site is covered by one inch of snow or more.

Soup Luncheon in Williamsburg

Come share with the Williamsburg Flying Falcons 4-H on Sunday, Mar. 23, a variety of homemade soups including chili, chicken noodle, vegetable, broccoli cheese and many more. Patrons can also choose between a peanut butter or grilled cheese sandwich, as well as a variety of homemade desserts and a drink. The lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Building. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The proceeds will help send club members to camp and on their annual club trip. Call 304-645-6867 with any questions.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Brianna Lynn Feury, Rupert, domestic battery, fine \$75, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation, NCP

Jerry Ray Highlander, Alderson, public intoxication, fine \$25, GP

Robert C. Bragg, Rainelle, 1) driving suspended, fine \$100, GP

Robert C. Bragg, Rainelle, 1) expired registration, fine \$25; 2) possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, NCP

Kenneth Wayne Sturgell, Ronceverte, driving suspended, fine \$100, GP

Emmarie K. Bryant, Rainelle, speeding, fine \$10, GP

Patrick Cain Nichols, Richwood, 1) no seatbelt, fine \$25; 2) no inspection sticker, fine \$25, NCP

Amy Brooke Shumate, White Sulphur Springs, driving suspended - DUI, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, GP

Crystal Lea Vaughan, Frankford, possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 6 months unsupervised probation, NCP

Stewart Allen Holiday, Frankford, 1) DVP violation, fine \$250, jail 60 days - suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation; 2) DUI, fine \$100, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation, GP

Lloyd William Lightner, Jr., Alderson, unlawful removal, injury to or destruction of property, fine \$100, NCP

Laura L. Keister, Quinwood, shoplifting (2 counts), fine \$25 per county, GP

Vladimir Riabchenko, Matthews, NC, no proof of insurance, fine \$200, GP

Waylon Dressler, Covington, VA, reckless driving, fine \$500, GP

Eugene William Vandall, White Sulphur Springs, violation of a protective order, fine \$250, jail 60 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, GPA

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 4th 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.

Renick Town Meetings

The March town meeting for the Town of Renick will be held Monday, Mar. 24. The 2025-2026 Budget Meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be followed by the regular monthly meeting. The agenda for the regular monthly meeting includes:

- Community comments
- Approval of Minutes and Financial Reports
- Old and New Business
- Committee reports

Lewisburg City Council

will meet Tuesday, Mar. 25, at 7 p.m. in Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street West, in regular session. Also available via Teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 3 p.m. on the day of the meeting. On the agenda:

- Ordinance
 - Ordinance 323, an Ordinance to Amend Article 143 of The Lewisburg City Code; first reading
- Resolution
 - Resolution 577, Water Treatment Plant Improvement project pay request 35
 - Resolution 578, Water Treatment Plant Improvement project pay request 36
 - Resolution 579, Police Department Lease Purchase 6 vehicles and equipment for vehicles
- Proclamations
 - National Women's History Month
 - Arbor Day
- Communication from Mayor White
 - Appointment of Brentz Thompson to the Board of Zoning Appeals
- Communication from the City Manager
 - Year in Review
 - Water Plant Operator contract for Julie Green
 - AccuFund Everywhere Software
- Communications from City Council Members
- Commissions and Boards
 - Board of Zoning Appeals report - Public Hearing 2 Bedroom AirBNB 180 Courtney Dr. conditional use
 - Parks Commission report
- Public Safety
 - Approval of Lewisburg Fire Department By-Laws
 - Approval of mutual aid agreement with Fairlea Fire Department
- Communications from the Police Department
- Communications from the Fire Department
- Communications from Council Committees
 - Finance Committee Report
 - Water System Improvements Project change orders
 - Hayslett Construction Co. Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 8
 - Orders Construction Co. Change Order No. 9 to Contract No. 8A
 - Chapman Technical Group, Ltd Amendment No. 3 to Task Order No. 32. S Lafayette/Randolph Street Storm Sewer Improvements
 - Election Poll Worker Approval with related pay
 - Fire Department - Bid approval for roof repair
 - Police Dept. - Promotion of Jonathan Cosby from Patrolman to Corporal with related wage increase
 - Merit Pay Approval
 - Coal Severance Fund Budget Approval Fiscal Year 2026
 - General Fund Budget Approval Fiscal Year 2026
 - Public Works Department Report
- Approval of Minutes - regular session, Feb. 18, 2025
- Visitors' Reports: (3-min. limit per subject not on agenda)

Greenbrier PSD #1

will meet Friday, Mar. 28, at 8 a.m. in regular session at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Feb. 21, 2025
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Phase B extension project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other Phase B project-related business brought before the Board
- Phase C extension project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other Phase C project-related business brought before the Board
- Meadowbrook Estates project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other Meadowbrook project-related business brought before the Board
- Other business brought before the Board

Suits

New Cases from 3/12/25 to 3/19/25

New Civil Cases

Maksim Meyko v. Antonio Cook

New Divorces

Mellany A. Knobl and Iurie Pelivan
Hannah Rose-Nichols and Austin Nichols
Cherie Ann Keener and Travis Karl Kenner
Mary Malinda Johnson and Roger Dale Johnson, Jr.
Laurie Dawn Starcher and Kenneth Bradley Starcher

For the Record

Deeds

James H. Tipton and Rebecca S. Tipton to Annie G. Tipton: 5.60 acres, Frankford District, Map 10 Parcel 33
James H. Tipton and Rebecca S. Tipton to Amanda Tipton: 10.62 acres, Frankford District, Map 10 Parcel 12
C.A.M. Construction LLC to William Z. Hopkins and Lauren N. Hopkins: lot 39, Lewisburg District, Map 13 Parcel 151.

Bill E. Owens to Steven B. Swarey and Susan A. Swarey: 5 tracts - 92, 75, 93.5, 60, and 39 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 37 Parcel 0041/0003/0017.

Mary Hardiman to Michael Hardiman and Cassidy Chambers: 0.341 acres & R/W, White Sulphur District, Map 31 Parcel 19.

Patrick A. McHale and Cassie L. Oso to Appalachian Headwaters Inc.: 705 acres, less O,G,M, Davis Stuart Road, and acreage 6.25, Fort Spring District, Map 8 Parcel 24/23.

Dreama K. Veltri and Steven J. Veltri to Emily S. Yates and Luke Dillon: lot 5 section A, and lot 11, Frankford District, Map 22R Parcel 6, 8.

David C. Medley Sr. and Kimberly K. Medley to David C. Medley Jr.: 1 acre, Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 0074.

Preston Kidd to Cassandra J. Marshall: 0.290 acres, Rupert District, Map 4 Parcel 23.

Robert Morrison to Timothy W. Morrison and April L. Morrison: 66.646 acres less R/W, Williamsburg District, Map 43 Parcel 56.

Betty J. Dempsey to Betty J. Dempsey Revocable Trust: 0.26 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 20 Parcel 122.

The Old Red Mill

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four different types of potatoes - house cut chips, fries, mashed potatoes with gravy, and tater tots.

The Building

The Old Red Mill sits inside an historic log cabin on Route 219 inside the grounds of Montwell Commons. Locals refer to it as the Fort Savannah, the name of a hotel and restaurant which had a long run in Lewisburg. However, it had a history before that time.

According to Amy, "Before it was the Fort Savannah, it was called the Old Red Mill. It was going to be a country store and museum. Two weeks before it was supposed to open, it burned to the ground."

Since Amy is running the new restaurant with her husband and his brothers, whose last name is Mills, they all decided fate would name the new place - The Old Red Mill Taphouse & Grille.

"It's the same as our last name," she says, "and we wanted to do comfort food. It just made sense."

Inside, the Mills family decorated the space to look like an old general store as a tribute to the land's history.

The new Old Red Mill is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located at 970 Jefferson Street North Lewisburg. Their number is 304-520-4141.

Marriages

Krista Eve Stover and Nathaniel Taylor Bryant

Isaac Kenneth Hurst and Rebeca De La Calle

Giler

Jade Ashley Loudermilk and Carl Eugene

Bragg

Tabitha Clare Morgan and Jordan Lee Sears

Janet Lynn Sheppard and Timothy Wayne

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New group focuses on air quality in WV

West Virginians for Clean Air is a grassroots organization whose members consist of Greenbrier County residents. Our mission is to halt the potential spraying of chemicals from the skies over West Virginia. Spraying any chemicals over our land has the possibility of adversely affecting both our health and the health of our environment. We are dedicated to informing our community about potential spraying and petitioning our elected local and State officials as well as our Federal officials to take immediate action to stop any chemical sprays from the West Virginia skies.

For further information about our group, visit westvirginiansforcleanair.com. For questions about our group or how you can get involved in our effort, submit an email to us at wvstopgeo@gmail.com and we will respond to you. For more detailed information visit geoengineeringwatch.org

County Commission

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courthouse maintenance for applicant Solomon Simons was also approved.

The Commission considered approving a submission of an application to the CSX Homeland Security and 911 agency for submission of grant applications to invest in a drone and drone program. If awarded will present to the commission for review. The item was approved.

It was also noted that a public hearing to receive comments from the community regarding the amended E911 ordinance will be held Mar. 25 at 10 a.m.

Exhibit Winners

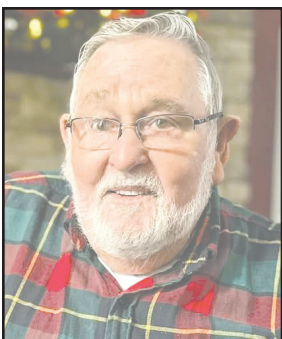
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(third place); Mixed Media - Oceana Carter (winner), Kya Miller (runner up), Taylor Powers (third place), and Ruby DeHaven (honorable mention); Painting - Abby Fedukovich (winner), Aubrey Jenkins (runner up), and Kyle Carter (third place).

The Creative Youth Art Exhibit will be on display in the Old Stone Room through the end of March. The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

OBITUARIES

Donald Gary Holliday



Donald Gary "Don" Holliday, 84, of Organ Cave, WV, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, Mar. 17, 2025, at the Lindsides Healthcare Center, following a brief illness. Born on Mar. 8, 1941, in Ronceverte, he was the son of the late James Richard and Lucille Mae Morgan Holliday.

Don was a man of many talents with a heart for entrepreneurship. He retired from the life insurance industry but continued to channel his entrepreneurial spirit through the ownership and operation of several businesses, including the D & D Convenience Store, The Barn Store, and Greenbrier Farm and Home Supply at Organ Cave. His love for gardening and outdoor work was evident in the care he took of his home and surroundings. He had a passion for outdoor activities, with a particular fondness for hunting whitetail deer.

A devoted member, Sunday School Teacher and Deacon of the Ronceverte Baptist Church, Don cherished his church family and took great joy in singing in the choir. His generosity knew no bounds as he consistently offered a helping hand to anyone in need, making a significant impact on his community.

Don's heart of gold and unwavering kindness will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Don Holliday's memory will forever be etched into the hearts of those who loved him, as his spirit of kindness, community involvement, and steadfast faith continues to inspire all who knew him.

Don was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dreama Sue Adkins Holliday, who was his life partner, best friend, and source of endless support. As well as his siblings, Linda Morgan (Zack) and Tom "Tucker" Holliday.

His legacy lives on through his surviving family members, including his daughter, Angel Williams and her husband Craig of Pickaway; sons, Gary Holliday and his wife Susie, and Jamie Holliday and his wife Tracy, all of Organ Cave. Don also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren: Jeremy Vance (Autumn), Kagny Shockley, Cody Holliday (Rachel), Logan Holliday, Amelia Holliday, Ariel Henderson (Alec), and Bailey Phillips (Isaac), along with several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His siblings, Mike Holliday (Wendy), Janice Deem (David), all of Organ Cave, and Dickie Holliday (Brenda) of Ronceverte, will miss him dearly, as will his sister-in-law, Nesta Cline, and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

A funeral service to honor and celebrate Don's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 21, at the Ronceverte Baptist Church with Pastor Andy Howdick and Pastor Roger "Wahoo" McDaniel officiating. Visitation will be from 11:30 until the time

of the service, Friday, at the church. Following the service, Don will be laid to rest in the Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery in Organ Cave, WV.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations of sympathy be made to the Ronceverte Baptist Church Community Benevolence Fund, 437 Main Street West, Ronceverte, WV 24970. Friends and family are invited to sign the online guestbook at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements are entrusted to Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Kathleen Louise Ellerd

Kathleen Louise Ellerd, 77, of Neola, passed away Sunday, Mar. 16, 2025, at her home in Neola.

Born Apr. 5, 1947, at Pottsville, PA, she was a daughter of the late Charles A. Naus and Dorothy Hunt Naus.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by two brothers, Tom and John.

Survivors include her beloved husband, Robert Eugene Ellerd; daughters, Kate DeRoss of Conneaut Lake, PA, Courtney Miller of Conneaut Lake, PA, and Joleen Feese (Chris) of Luray, VA; sons, Dominic Scinto of Conneaut Lake, PA, Braydon DeRoss of Conneaut Lake, PA and Dean Miller of Bluefield, WV; she is also survived by her three grandchildren, Sophie Harger of Denver, CO, Hunter Feese of Luray, VA and Mallory Feese of Mesa, AZ.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date in Pennsylvania.

Shirley Lee West Sizemore



Shirley Lee West Sizemore, 76, departed this life on Sunday, Mar. 16, 2025, at the Greeneville Community Hospital in Greeneville, TN. Born on Apr. 1, 1948, in Rocky Mount, NC, Shirley was the cherished daughter of the late Milton Dupree West, Jr. and Toy Dee Boone West.

Shirley was a devoted pastor's wife and member of the White Sulphur Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church, where she found solace and community. Her faith was a guiding force throughout her life, and her presence within the church will be deeply missed.

She leaves behind a loving family to cherish her memory. Her husband of 54 years, Rev. Gene Sizemore, stood by her side through decades of companionship and devotion. Together, they created a close-knit family, blessed with daughters Bonnie Lannier (Mitch), Faye Bradshaw (Kenny), Gina Sizemore, Edwina Honaker (David), and Sherry Pence (Jay).

Shirley was also a proud grandmother to Nicholas, Rebecca, Ryan, Sierra, Ali, Hannah, Lilly, Brayden, Weston, and Jaycie, who she adored deeply. Her great-grandchildren Emma, Elliana, Elizabeth, and Augustine brought her immense joy, and she treasured the mo-

ments spent with them.

In addition to her immediate family, Shirley's heart and home were open to special additional family members, including Brandy McMillion (Joey) and their daughter Meki-ah, Penny Hoggarth, and Debra Hall.

A funeral service to honor Shirley's life and legacy will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, Mar. 22, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel in Lewisburg, WV. Pastor Dallas F. Bennett, Jr. and Rev. Cleveland Harrison will officiate the service, providing comfort and words of remembrance. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to the White Sulphur Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church Womens' Ministry, P.O. Box 673, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986.

For those who wish to share their condolences and memories, an online guestbook is available at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements are being handled by the Morgan Funeral Home in Lewisburg, WV.

Eugene Anthony Gooch



Eugene Anthony Gooch, 74, of White Sulphur Springs went to be with his Lord and Savior on Jan. 9, 2025, at his residence after battling cancer.

He was born Oct. 13, 1950, in Union, the son of the late Joe Rome and Blonzetta Pankey Gooch.

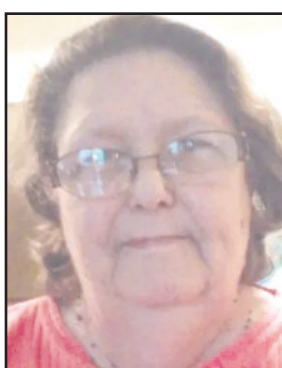
Eugene was a U.S. Army Veteran. He had been a waiter at The Greenbrier Hotel as well as a caddie on the Greenbrier golf courses. Eugene was a graduate of the last class at White Sulphur Springs High School where he excelled in Basketball. His career has taken him to the state of Michigan, District of Columbia and back to White Sulphur Springs.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his son Hershall Godfrey, sister Bernice Stone and a nephew Thomas Gooch.

Surviving are his daughter Michelle Reynolds; sons in Michigan, Brian and Ron Johnson; long time close friend Odessa Godfrey; sister Dreama Culver; brothers Charles Gooch and Robert Gooch; grandchildren Kylee Godfrey, Braylen Godfrey, Brandon Dooley and Andrew Toliver; nieces and nephews Angelina Gooch, Latoyia Shehan, Michael Stone, Wilbur Stone, Jr., Sharon Stone, Melba Stone, Tonette Stone, Charles Gooch, Jr., Edna Gooch, Roncea Gooch and Angela Gooch; great-nieces and nephews Darian Gray, Leila Sifford, Dant Shehan, Jaedon Shehan, Dejah Gaines and LaNyiah Gaines; and a host of relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life for Eugene will be at 12 noon Saturday, Apr. 12, at the New Vision Baptist Church, 268 Church Street, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986.

Vivian Carol Myers Oxendine



Vivian Carol Myers Oxendine, 76, of Charmco passed on Saturday, Mar. 15, 2025, in Lewisburg.

She was the daughter of Joseph Pettison Myers and Betty Sue Watt Myers.

Vivian was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jerry Myers.

Vivian is survived by sons: Tom Oxendine, Danny Oxendine, Nelson Oxendine, all of Statesville, NC, and David (Jodie) Oxendine of Orient Hill; sisters, Jane Bengé and Vicky Barr, both from Statesville, NC; a brother John (Linda) Myers from Georgia; grandchildren, Danielle, D.J., Zack, Cody, Destiny, Jacob, Thomas, Jason, and Addison; and great-grandchildren, Zain, Christy, Skylar, Elijah, Maddox, Riley, and Ryder.

Services will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 18, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Chapel in Rainelle at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Wallace Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until time of service.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.wallaceand-wallacefh.com

Wallace & Wallace, Inc. of Rainelle, WV is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Carole Burns Smith



Linda Carole Burns Smith, 82, of Lewisburg, passed away Wednesday, Mar. 12, 2025, at Henrico Doctors' Hospital, Richmond, VA. Born Aug. 17, 1942, in Marlinton, she was the daughter of the late Fred Campbell Burns Sr and Lucille Barlow Burns.

Linda retired from WV-SOM as Director of Institutional Development, was a member of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg Chapter of PEO, WVSOM Alumni Association Honorary Member and past member of Rotary International.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Fredric William Smith, and grandson Robert Stephen Lane Howard.

She is survived by her children: son Fredric David Smith and wife Teresa of Lewisburg; daughters Debra Lynne Smith Canterbury and husband Doug of Lewisburg, Cynthia Aileen Smith Alderson and husband Edward of Alderson, Laura Rae Smith Howard and husband Steve of Organ Cave, son Mark Alan Smith and wife Polly of Lewisburg, and daughter Elizabeth "Bet-

sy" Smith McAdams and husband Sean of Colorado. Grandchildren: Ashley, Emma, Fredric, Sarah, Brittany, Jessica, Taylor, Riley, Lauren, Julia, Reagan, and Molly, and 10 great-grandchildren. Also survived by her brothers: Fred Burns, Jr. and wife Carolyn, Tom Burns and wife Dreama, Larry Burns and wife Shelia, all of Marlinton, and brothers-in-law Jim Smith and wife Jane of Beckley, and Mike Smith and wife Donna of Fayetteville.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Mar. 18, at the Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, with Pastor Cameron Harkness officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church, Tuesday. Burial will follow the service in the Greenbrier Memorial Gardens. Riley Smith, JD Staley, Will Bostic, Seth Kidd, Donnie Zimmerman, and Ayden Brunty will serve as Pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to the Fredric W. Smith Scholarship Fund at WVSOM in memory of Linda B. Smith, 400 Lee Street North, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or online at dogive.wvsomfoundation.org.

Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Charles Bruce Alderman



Charles Bruce Alderman, 74, of White Sulphur Springs passed away the morning of Mar. 18, 2025, at the White Sulphur Springs Center.

He was born Apr. 14, 1950 in White Sulphur Springs, the son of the late Charles G. and Vivian Hicks Alderman.

Bruce was a graduate of White Sulphur Springs High School; he did his pre-pharmacy work at Marshall University and graduated of the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy. He was of the Methodist faith, former member of the White Sulphur Springs Lions Club and the White Sulphur Springs Rotary. Bruce was the owner of Alderman's Pharmacy. His passion was WVU Football and he was an avid golfer. He was on the Board of Directors of Valley View Country Club.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Barbara Dolin Holland.

Bruce is survived by his wife Debbie Dolin Alderman; brother Clayton H. Alderman (Denise), Clayton and Denise's children, Charles Alderman and Faith Meehan (Mark) and their child Noah, all of Baltimore, MD; in-laws, Dee Dolin, Nancy Kaptis, Judy Yates and Mary Przy-

goda; too many nieces and nephews to list individually; and special caregivers, Frances, Lisa and Mary.

A memorial service for Bruce will be Saturday Mar. 22, from 3 until 4: p.m. at the Alvon Living Word Church, 9402 Pocahontas Trail, White Sulphur Springs with Pastor Bobby McClintic, Pastor Buck Caldwell and Pastor Stewart Farley officiating.

The family will receive family and friends beginning at 2 p.m. at the church on Saturday, Mar. 22.

In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to the Bruce Alderman Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 28, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986 or to a charity of your choosing.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Cora Louise Davis



Cora Louise "Corky" Davis, 86, of Rupert passed away on Thursday, Mar. 13, 2025, at Peyton Hospice House.

She was born on Jan. 26, 1939, in Rainelle to the late A.F. and Sylvia Mullins.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband Russell S. Davis and a half-brother, Edward Mullins.

Cora was a homemaker who enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was active in the Rupert community especially the Rupert Public Library serving on the board and as a treasurer. She loved seeing all her friends whenever she was out. She was very close to her brothers and sister-in-law's. She was an extended mother to a host of children in the Rupert Community.

Those left to cherish her memory are her brothers Arthur (Moon) Mullins, Frank Mullins and Andy (Mary) Mullins; children, Bill (Sharon) Davis, Bruce (Kelly) Davis, Ruth (Bill) Manifold and Nancy (David) Silber; granddaughters, Morgan, Vicki, Laura and Allie; numerous nieces and nephews whom she adored.

There will be no service. Private interment will be at Wallace Memorial Cemetery, Clintonville.

In lieu of flowers, family requests memorial contributions be made to the Rupert Public Library or Peyton Hospice House 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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On Feb. 27, Donna and Myke Miles presented the training, "Propagation and Grafting." This two hour class covered the full breadth of propagation from seed gathering, planting root cuttings, to the skill and art of grafting. One tip Donna shared were the instructions to make homemade rooting hormone. The recipe is as follows: Using willow branches pruned from trees or shrubs, cut branches into 3"-6" pieces. Place in an old enamel or stainless steel stock pot. Cover the pieces with water and

bring to a simmer. Turn off the heat and let the material steep for 24 hours. Strain the liquid (it should be brown in color) into a glass container for storage. When ready to use pour liquid into a glass jar. Place your cuttings in the liquid and allow cuttings to absorb the fluid for 8-12 hours before insertion in sterile medium.

The training continued as Donna instructed the group on how to use the rooting hormone to improve the odds of a successful cutting. Then dipping the cut end of the plant in the rooting hormone one places the cutting in damp soil so that at least 1" of the stem and at least 1



Master Gardeners attend an informational course.

node are below the surface. The pitted cutting may be covered with clear plastic to create a mini-greenhouse. Place the planted cuttings in a bright location out of direct sunshine. Keep the soil moist by misting. A plant is ready for the garden when it has enough roots around the edge of the root ball to hold the medium together.

If you enjoy gardening and wish to learn more about becoming a Master Gardener please contact Mary Dameron at the WVU Greenbrier County Extension office at 304-647-7408.

Ham, Bacon, and Egg Show and Sale a success

The 74th annual Greenbrier Valley 4-H and FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale was held on Friday, Mar. 14 and had 77 participants showcasing over 116 items for sale totaling \$84,600.20.

This program allows youth in FFA and 4-H to take their livestock project a step further, while turning them into young entrepreneurs! Participants with poultry projects are trained to successfully raise a laying hen, as well as how to select a perfect dozen of eggs based on interior and exterior quality. Swine participants are instructed on the proper procedures and techniques to cure a ham and bacon taking their product from harvest to the dinner table. These carefully crafted products are then judged for quality and auctioned off to dedicated supporters of FFA and 4-H in the area.

With the combined support of parents, volunteers, local businesses, 4-H Clubs, FFA chapters, and WVU Extension, youth across Greenbrier and Monroe Counties continue to expand their knowledge, master skills, and build character through the Ham, Bacon and Egg Program.

This year's ham and bacon judge was Virgil Wilkens, a retired Vocational Agriculture Instructor from Hundred High School in Wetzel County. Our eggs were judged by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture Regulatory and Environmental Affairs Division.

Greenbrier and Monroe County 4-H and FFA would like to thank the following buyers: WV State Fair, Farmers Home Fire Ins Co., McCoy Fencing, Warren's Real Estate Auctions, Morgan Funeral Home, 4C HVAC Solutions, Rasman Walker - State Farm Ins., The Greenbrier, Greenbrier Ford, Greenbrier Chevrolet,

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Thank you to our sponsors this year: The State Fair of West Virginia, Greenbrier & Monroe 4-H, FFA Chapters and Advisors, Greenbrier & Monroe County Extension Agents and Staff, Lewisburg Lions Club, Monroe County Agriculture Club, Virgil Wilkins, WV Dept Of Agriculture, Greenbrier Meats, & Mountain Steer Meat Company.

The 75th annual Greenbrier Valley 4-H and FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale will be held in March 2026. Come out and support the future of agriculture in West Virginia!

Church Bulletin

Tilapia Benefit Dinners return to the area for the Fridays of Lent

The annual Tilapia dinners, consisting of a large portion of Tilapia, cole slaw, scalloped potatoes, hard rolls, drink and dessert, will be served on Mar. 21, and 28, as well as Apr. 4 and 11 in the Community Hall of the Schoolhouse Hotel, directly behind the Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Dry Creek Road in downtown White Sulphur Springs. Serving time will be 4:30 to 7 p.m. and the sponsors, the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus, will use the proceeds for various community, youth, church and council projects. Dinners may be purchased for eating in or as take outs. "Because of the highly successful 2024 dinners, we were able to provide every elementary school in Greenbrier, Monroe, Pocahontas, and the town of Meadow Bridge with 12 brand new winter coats as well as 12 to the Monroe County Family Resource Network, the Pocahontas County Family Resource Network, and Wellspring of Western Greenbrier which serves western Greenbrier and eastern Fayette counties," noted Andrew Wrzoawk of Waiteville, grand knight of Council 8689. He added "We were able to give \$500 grants each to two food pantries, to two college students from our area and to two seminarians from southern West Virginia. And this does not include all the donations to various local charities including donations to the five public high schools in the Greenbrier and Meadow River Valleys for the after prom/after graduation drug free/alcohol free parties." Cost of the dinners this year will be \$18 with an extra \$7 for an extra piece of Tilapia or a child portion for children 6-12. Children under 6 are free. The all volunteer culinary staff is again made up of some current and/or retired from The Greenbrier and from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and the wait staff are all volunteers from the area who support the projects of the Knights Council. For further information, telephone the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or the Knights of Columbus 304-645-1373.

Worship Services and Other Events at Lewisburg Baptist Church

Please join us for services and events at Lewisburg Baptist Church - a Bible believing and Gospel preaching Church nestled in the heart of Greenbrier County. Worship services are conducted 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 Teen Challenge Ministry at 7 p.m. Lewisburg Baptist Church is located at 246 Grand Avenue in Lewisburg, WV. Further information is available at www.lbwcwv.com, on Facebook, or please call 304- 645-3797.

2025 Summer Camp at Greenbrier Christian Retreat

Greenbrier Christian Retreat is a ministry of Lewisburg Baptist Church. Summer Camp dates are June 9 - 13 for Junior Week (grade 4-6) and June 16 - 20 for Teen Week (grade 7-12). Greenbrier Christian Retreat specializes in Summer Camps and special events for Churches. Greenbrier Christian Retreat is located at 1234 Victory Valley Drive on a 400-acre retreat with state-of-the-art facilities in Crawley, WV, among the beautiful Appalachian mountains. The updated facilities and cabins are heated and air conditioned and can accommodate 220 persons per week. Further background and camp information is available at www.greenbrierchristianretreat.com, on Facebook or please call Lewisburg Baptist Church at 304-645-3797.

Greenbrier County Arts and Recreation allocations application period open

Applications are available as of Mar. 17 for the Greenbrier County Arts and Recreation Grant Allocations. Applications can be picked up at the County Commission office, Greenbrier County Courthouse, downloaded at www.greenbriercounty.net, or by calling the Greenbrier County Commission office at 304-647-6689 ext. 689. The applications are due back at closing (4 p.m.) on Friday, Apr. 25.

Uses of Arts & Recreation Funds must be in compliance with WV State Code §7-18-14 and under the guidance and recommendations of the County Commission. Funds may not be used for salaries/wages.

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Dear Recycle Lady



Dear Recycle Lady,

I purchased a new pair of shoes and each of the new shoes has what appears to be a pressed shoe-shaped form in the toe of both shoes. Is this shoe-shaped form recyclable?

Likes New Shoes

Dear Likes New Shoes,

Yes, your shoe-shaped form made of pressed cardboard is recyclable. In fact, cardboard is one of the most recyclable materials that we have. There are, however, a few cardboards that are not recyclable. For example, waxed cardboard, not to be confused with glossy finished cardboard, is one of the biggest of the non-recyclable cardboards. Milk cartons and juice containers have a waxed layer that keeps the cartons from leaking, but also prevents them from being recycled. Cardboards with food grease on it, for example pizza boxes, are not recyclable either as the food grease is a contaminant. Another kind of non-recyclable cardboard is chipboard, also known as particle board. Chipboard is used for various applications, including furniture and cabinets. Since cardboard is recycled using water (pulping) to break down the cardboard, the stiff, non-bendable particle board can't be broken down this way. If your cardboard has oil-based paint on it, it may not be recyclable either as oil-paint is a contaminant. Glossy cardboard can sometime be a challenging to recycle as it has a shiny finish made from plastic or wax. If there is a heavy coat of either wax or plastic, the cardboard will not recycle.

Dear Recycle Lady,

How is the new plastic that been created going to be any better for our environment than the plastic that is now being used?

Need Clarification

Dear Need Clarification,

Scientist have long been looking for a biodegradable plastic. The RIKEN Centre for Emergent Matter Science in Japan has created a new plastic that is biodegradable and dissolves in seawater in a matter of hours and 10 days in soil. Takuzo Aida, who led the research said that "with this new material, we have created a new family of plastics that are strong, stable, and recyclable that can serve multiple functions and importantly, they do not generate microplastics." This is a big step in ending plastic pollution and supporting a sustainable environment.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Yesterday I came across the word pre-cycling in a magazine article. What is pre-cycling?

Wondering

Dear Wondering,

According to <https://recyclingsimplified.com>, pre-cycling is about reducing waste. It is sometimes called a low-waste lifestyle as it is about making initial choices that will minimize waste or maximize reusable or recyclable materials. For example, it is about choosing items that are unpackaged, have less packaging, or have packaging that is recyclable. It is doing simple things, like taking a reusable bottle or bag with you, buying only what you need, or using rags instead of paper towels for cleaning. If you are trying to decide between a plastic, paper, or cardboard container, paper and cardboard containers are the best option. Ultimately, pre-recycling is making choices that reduce consumer waste and have the smallest possible impact on the environment.

Interesting Info:

According to The Week Junior, "The Constitutional Court of Ecuador has ruled that marine ecosystems on the country's coast have legal rights." Whales, sharks, dolphins, manta rays, and sea turtles all live in the Pacific Ocean of the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador. In 2008, Ecuador was the first country to declare that nature had legal rights; that oceans and seas are essential for "the heathy functioning of the planet." Both New Zealand and Bolivia have also passed similar laws that protect natural environments by giving them legal rights.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests recyclelady7@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

A Look Back

By William "Skip" Deegans

The modern water system enjoyed by Lewisburg residents began in 1897. The impetus for its development was the devastating fire that year that destroyed many buildings in downtown Lewisburg. The town's water came from a pump, and a bucket brigade was the only effective way to extinguishing a fire. Had it not been for the gallant efforts of the Ronceverte Volunteer Fire Department and residents of the African American community who stopped the spread on Court Street, the fire would have destroyed much more than it did. Shown in the 1897 photo is the aftermath of the fire.



Photo: Courtesy of Judy Deegans.

When the town council began to think seriously about establishing a water works, the Rev. R. L. Telford, wrote the editor of the Greenbrier Independent, "...certainly the memory of our great fire is yet too fresh and vivid, and during the protracted drought the terrible possibilities of a still greater calamity have been too dreadful and menacing to be lightly set aside."

Sources of water for a system were evaluated. One thought was to use a hydraulic ram to pump water from Knapp's Spring. While other springs and Howards Creek were evaluated, a special town committee recommended the Greenbrier River as the "only... safe and unfailing source." The town council estimated it would cost \$13,500 to purchase the necessary machinery, obtain right-of-ways, and lay pipe through Main Street and the principal side streets. W.W. Venable, a Charleston civil engineer, was engaged by the town to determine the feasibility of a water works.

The proposal for a water system was not without skeptics. Major John W. Harris, questioned water rents would pay the debt and wrote to the Greenbrier Independent, "...now, who has made a house-to-house canvas of water rents - either verbally or with a paper for signatures." Many African Americans, he said, were led to believe if they would support the water works, a number of free hydrants would be installed for their benefit. "And if free water, why not free cakes and ale. The communistic spirit is ripe

enough already without receiving any additional encouragement," he wrote.

At the end of 1897, the town council sold \$12,000 worth of bonds payable over 20 years at 6% interest. By February the following year, water tanks on top of Wagners Hill (about where the tanks are today) were full and water mains were being laid throughout town. In April, Lewisburg's first fire company was organized, and it was reported the pressure was sufficient to throw the water about 20 feet above the courthouse steeple."

By 1899, the town was losing money over the water works. There were

27 subscribers paying 13 cents a month. It was reported water was being wasted by not turning off spigots and lavish use. There were no more than eight bathtubs in town.

At the outset, the town council argued that a water works would result in reduced insurance costs, an increase in population, and an expansion of businesses in town.

Source: Greenbrier Independent.

LEGAL

Public Hearing
The City of Lewisburg Board of Zoning Appeals
Thursday, April 24, 2025
5:00 p.m.
Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers
942 Washington Street, Lewisburg, West Virginia
 The City of Lewisburg Planning Commission, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers to hear the following application.

1. Call to order
2. Approval of February 27, 2025, Minutes
3. Comments from the public
4. Public Hearing, Jim Vaughan, 118 McClung Street, request a setback variance
5. Comment from the Commissioners
6. Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer
7. Adjournment

The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

LEGAL

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0854-E-42T
 APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY,
 Rule 42T tariff filing to increase rates and charges.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES

Notice is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing electric service to approximately 460,921 customers in their service territories in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wetzel, and Wyoming. This filing is a replacement of Case No. 24-0669-E-42T that was dismissed by the Commission on September 18, 2024. The rates, tolls, and charges proposed in this filing are in lieu of, and NOT in addition to, those proposed in the dismissed Case No. 24-0669-E-42T.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective December 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$250,493,835 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 14.12 percent. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$27.15	16.16%
Commercial	\$57.09	14.04%
Industrial	\$32,385	11.63%
Resale	N/A	N/A
Other	\$1.33	12.01%

A residential customer using 1,000 kWh would experience a monthly increase over current rates of \$23.74 or 13.54%.

Resale customers of Appalachian Power Company include Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, City of Radford, Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative, City of Salem, Kingsport Power Company, Black Diamond Power Company and Virginia Tech Electric. Resale rates are subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and are not affected by this West Virginia jurisdictional rate filing. The increases shown are based on the averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested 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. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene prior to April 7, 2025. Failure to timely intervene can affect your right to participate in the proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written or electronic protest at any time prior to the start of the evidentiary hearing. Customers may also make verbal protest at a public comment hearing scheduled in this case. Notice of the evidentiary hearing and public comment hearing dates and locations will appear in future newspaper publications. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to:

The Executive Secretary,
 Public Service Commission of West Virginia
 P.O. Box 812
 Charleston, West Virginia 25323

A complete copy of the tariff, as well as a representative of the Companies to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following office of the Companies: 200 Association Drive, Charleston, WV 25311. A copy of the tariff is also available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents on the website of the Companies www.appalachian-power.com/account/bills/rates/APCORatesTariffsWV.aspx.

Any customer wishing to receive a reduced-size copy of the tariff can telephone toll-free 800-982-4237, request such a copy and provide the necessary mailing information, and a copy will be mailed to the customer. A copy of the tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

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LEGAL

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
FRANKFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS**

General Notice
Greenbrier County Board of Education (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

**Frankford Elementary School additions and Renovations
Thrasher Project T60-11286**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Greenbrier County Board of Education located at 653 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901 until Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:
Site and Building Demolition and Construction Work. Site work will include earthwork, trenching, milling and asphalt paving at parking areas and driveways, utility extensions, storm water systems, sewage treatment plant, flagpole, concrete retaining walls, steps, ramps, sidewalks and curbing. Building Work will include selective demolition of portions of existing structure, interior and exterior renovation of existing structures, including upgrades and replacement of doors, ceiling and floor finishes, HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems, installation of a sprinkler system, and the construction of new Additions to provide additional educational and administrative spaces and an elevator.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: QuestCDN: <https://tinyurl.com/zu5z8553> or www.thrashergroup.com

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Architect will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

The Thrasher Group, Inc.
PO Box 940
600 White Oaks Blvd
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying the amount of each set listed below.

Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents will be transmitted to the prospective Bidder. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method requested. Bidding Documents are available for purchase in the following formats:

- Bidding Documents issued as hard copy full-size drawings and hard copy specifications, are available for \$200.00 per set.
- Bidding Documents issued as digital drawings and digital specifications, are available for \$75.00 per set via the following link:
QuestCDN: <https://tinyurl.com/zu5z8553>

Amounts paid are not subject to refund.

Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Architect will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at
Greenbrier County Board of Education
653 Church St.
Lewisburg, WV 24901

The Thrasher Group, Inc.
600 White Oaks Blvd.
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Contractor's Association of WV
2114 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25311

Bids shall be submitted using a three-envelope system.

All of the following must be included and sealed in an opaque envelope labeled "Envelope #1":

1. Refer to SBA Supplementary Instructions to Bidders (SBA Form 400) within the Specifications.
- The completed and signed bid form shall be sealed in an opaque envelope labeled "Envelope #2 Bid Form". Envelopes #1 and #2 shall be sealed inside of an opaque envelope addressed to the party receiving the bids, and shall be identified with the project name, the bidder's name and address and the of designated portion of the work for which the bid is submitted.

If the Bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope with the notation "SEALED BID ENCLOSED" on the face thereof. Failure to provide any of the required documentation will result in disqualification of the bid being submitted. Should be bid be disqualified under this provision, the required bid bond will be returned to the bidder.

A Bidder may not withdraw his Bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of Bids.

Name and address of Bidder
Bid on Frankford Elementary School Additions and Renovations
Received by the Greenbrier County Board of Education

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to Greenbrier County Board of Education in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid.

Bidders must hold a current West Virginia contractor's license on the date of Bid Opening.

Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders.

The Greenbrier County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Pre-bid Conference

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday, March 20, 2025**, at **1:30 p.m.** at **Frankford Elementary School on Rt. 219, Frankford, WV 24938**. Bids will not be accepted from Bidders that do not attend the mandatory pre-bid conference.

Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: **Greenbrier County Board of Education**
By: **Jeff Bryant**
Title: **Superintendent**

ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that BLACK WATER, INC., PO BOX 207, LEWISBURG, WV 24901 has submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Mining and Reclamation (DMR) located at 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840 for an Article 3 permit for the surface disturbance of approximately 34.09 acres in order to Surface and Auger Mine, mine within 100 feet of a public road right of way in the Sewell seam of coal. The proposed operation is discharging into McMillion Creek of Laurel Creek of Cherry River of Gauley River of Kanawha River and is located 4.6 miles southwest of Leivasy in Williamsburg District of Greenbrier County, Longitude 80 36 03 and Latitude 38 08 59 (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

Surface or Mineral	Name and Address
Surface and Mineral	Thomas A. Vance, P.O. Box 1059, Rupert, WV 25984
Surface	Des Nedhe Resources, LLC, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801
Surface and Mineral	Bruce and Robin Vance, 374 Tote Road, Richwood, WV 26261
Surface	Jeffrey W Matthew E and Bruce L Vance, 390 Tote Road, Richwood, WV 26261

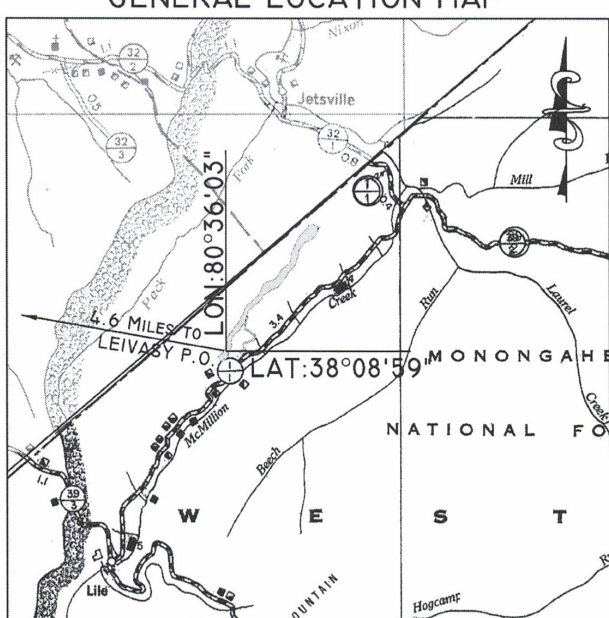
Surface of the area associated within 100 feet of the permit area herewith and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

Surface or Mineral	Name and Address
Surface	Weyerhaeuser Company, 220 Occidental Ave S, Seattle, WA 998104
Mineral	Des Nedhe Resources, LLC, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801
Surface	Drema Jean Gwinn, 1498 Fenwick Road, Richwood, WV 26261
Surface	Jeffrey W Matthew E and Bruce L Vance, 390 Tote Road, Richwood, WV 26261
Surface and Mineral	Bruce and Robin Vance, 374 Tote Road, Richwood, WV 26261
Surface and Mineral	Thomas A. Vance, P.O. Box 1059, Rupert, WV 25984

Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until 4/28/25, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until 4/28/25, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm
The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.
DEP Telephone Number: 304-574-4465 Permit Number: S300124

GENERAL LOCATION MAP



NPDES NO. WV1030523/ART 3 NO. S300124
BLACK WATER, INC
WILLIAMSBURG DISTRICT GREENBRIER COUNTY
SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE
UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF McMILLION CREEK OF LAUREL CREEK
OF CHERRY RIVER OF GAULEY RIVER OF KANAWHA RIVER

LEGAL

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN RE: Tina Miller on Behalf of K.O. to K.M.
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME
PROCEEDING**

FAMILY COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of April, 2025 at 2:30 o'clock p.m., on said day, or as soon as the matter may be heard, Tina Miller, will apply by Petition to the Family Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, located at 912 Court Street N., Room EB-60, Lewisburg, WV 24901 for the entry of an order by said court changing the name of her child or ward from **Kylie Ohlinger** to **Kylie Miller**, at which time and place any interested person may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice of publication.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's office at 912 Court Street North, Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901.

Entered by the Clerk of the Court on this 14th day of March, 2025.

Jamie L Baker
Greenbrier County Circuit Clerk

By: *[Signature]*
Deputy Circuit Clerk

**Public Hearing
Lewisburg Planning Commission
Thursday, April 3, 2025
5:00 p.m.**

**Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers
942 Washington Street, Lewisburg, West Virginia**

The City of Lewisburg Planning Commission, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers to hear the following application.

1. Call to order
2. Comments from the public
3. Public Hearing, Greenbrier Community Schools, 413 Oak Street, Site Plan Review
4. Comments from the Commissioners
5. Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer
6. Adjournment

The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026**

The above named county board of education, having ascertained that the amount to be raised by a levy of taxes for the purposes and within the limits prescribed by statute or authorized by voters, does hereby propose to adopt the following levy rates to be laid on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of each class of property:

Class	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy	
		Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ -	19.40	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-
Class II			
Real Estate	1,174,596,320	38.80	4,557,434
Personal Property	3,826,282	-	14,846
Total Class II	1,178,422,602	-	4,572,280
Class III			
Real Estate	477,408,400	77.60	3,704,689
Personal Property	264,805,707	-	2,054,892
Public Utilities	134,281,120	-	1,042,021
Total Class III	876,495,227	-	6,801,602
Class IV			
Real Estate	191,850,690	77.60	1,488,761
Personal Property	98,037,953	-	760,775
Public Utilities	40,281,108	-	312,581
Total Class IV	330,169,751	-	2,562,117

Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections \$ 2,385,087,580
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies 3.50% (487,760)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts 1.00% (134,482)
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing- see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only) (2,296,863)
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund 11,016,894
Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund 2.00% (220,338)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected \$ 10,796,556

SIGNED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH 2025 BY
[Signature]
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT
Signature

**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026**

Class	Excess Levy		Permanent Improvement		Bond Levy	
	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I						
Personal Property	13.770	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class II						
Real Estate	27.54	3,234,838	-	-	-	-
Personal Property	-	10,538	-	-	-	-
Total Class II	-	3,245,376	-	-	-	-
Class III						
Real Estate	55.08	2,629,565	-	-	-	-
Personal Property	-	1,458,550	-	-	-	-
Public Utilities	-	739,620	-	-	-	-
Total Class III	-	4,827,735	-	-	-	-
Class IV						
Real Estate	55.08	1,056,714	-	-	-	-
Personal Property	-	539,993	-	-	-	-
Public Utilities	-	221,868	-	-	-	-
Total Class IV	-	1,818,575	-	-	-	-

Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections \$ 9,891,686
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies 3.50% (346,209)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts 1.00% (95,455)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected \$ 9,450,022
Total Projected Net Taxes from Regular and Excess Levies \$ 20,246,578

**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
ALLOWANCE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING
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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026**

Class	Column C Roll Back Value Form	Current Expense Levy	
		Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ -	19.40	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-
Class I			
Real Estate	311,366,240	38.80	1,208,101
Personal Property	-	-	-
Total Class II	311,366,240	-	1,208,101
Class III			
Real Estate	133,930,780	77.60	1,039,303
Personal Property	-	-	-
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class III	133,930,780	-	1,039,303
Class IV			
Real Estate	20,026,650	77.60	155,407
Personal Property	180,446	-	1,400
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class IV	20,207,096	-	156,807

Total Value & Projected Revenue \$ 465,504,116
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies 3.50% (84,147)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts 1.00% (23,201)
Allowance for Tax Increment Financing
\$ 2,296,863

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ENTERTAINMENT

Carnegie Hall's Lobby Gallery features Peggy Owens

Carnegie Hall's March/April ArtWalk exhibits opened with three galleries showcasing the works of local Greenbrier County students and two regional artists. The Lobby Gallery (located in the Hamilton Auditorium) features "ADHD vs. AARP" by mosaic glass artist Peggy Owens.

Peggy Owens was sure that her "calling" was to be a teacher. For 37 years she taught elementary school and was the "Magic School Bus" kind of teacher. She returned home to West Virginia in 2018 and became a middle school art teacher. Everyone who knew her was surprised at this, but Peggy was the most surprised.

Once she started teaching art, she was completely taken by the bright colors of the Fauvist movement and fell head over heels in love with abstract art. Living in Pocahontas County, she felt that no artist could improve upon nature's beauty so painting landscapes was out, but abstract pieces have different meaning to each person who views them. Kandinsky's geometric work seemed magical, Van Gogh's work was breathtaking, and Picasso saw things in ways no one had seen before. Jackson Pollack proved that paint could be everywhere. She was hooked!

Peggy creates acrylic abstract paintings, glass



Glass/Mixed media by Peggy Owens

mosaics, fused glass, jewelry, and photography-so far. A friend once labeled her as "Where ADHD meets AARP" because as soon as something catches her attention, she tries it. Her interests other than art are all over the map as well. Although her major loves at this time are

art and grandchildren, it should be noted that she has delved into everything from storytelling to roller derby. The bluegrass lover in her owns a banjo and the Irish lass in her owns a bagpipe, but they are no match for the 10-year-old kid inside of her who still likes to throw varied glass into the kiln together just to see if it will blow up. After all, she IS the "Accidental Artist."

Peggy's work has been on display at the Cultural Center in Charleston, West Virginia at the Capitol Complex, and has been featured in a Pittsburgh Art Exhibition, as well as in West Virginia, Virginia, and Indiana. It's hard to tell where you might find her next but it's a sure bet that if there is a messy, bright miasma of colors, she will be nearby.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and run through the end of April. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Carnegie Hall programs are presented with financial assistance through a grant from the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts.

Lights Out presents a tribute to Frankie Valli and More at Carnegie Hall

Carnegie Hall presents the Lights Out production of A Tribute to Frankie Valli and More on Saturday, Apr. 5, at 7 p.m. The performance is sponsored by BestTitle.

Guests are invited to come early to Club Carnegie from 6 to 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room located adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium. A cash bar and snacks are available.

Lights Out is a four-part vocal group that is being hailed as "America's #1 Tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons." This popular multi-talented group has been entertaining audiences for years by focusing on the art of harmony and the pure sound of voices. With their infectious personalities, and their love of meeting the people who see them perform, Lights Out's shows are a must-see!

The group has worked tirelessly

over the years to find and perfect their signature sound. Starting out in their college dorm rooms as four friends who enjoyed singing, Lights Out now takes their shows from city to city across the nation.

Audiences can expect to hear hits that includes "Sherry," "Walk Like a Man," "My Eyes Adored You," "Let's Hang On," "December '63," and more.

Tickets are \$35. Thanks to the Carnegie Cardinal Fund, Greenbrier County Students attend for free, but still must reserve a seat. Discounts are available for Carnegie Hall members, senior citizens, and military.

To purchase tickets, call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.



Lights Out

Bruce Molsky to perform at Pocahontas County Opera House

The Pocahontas County Opera House is thrilled to announce an extraordinary evening of music with the Grammy-nominated virtuoso, Bruce Molsky. Described as "an absolute master" by No Depression, Molsky will take the stage on Apr. 5 at 7 p.m., promising to transport audiences to another time and place with his authentic and personal interpretations of Southern Appalachian rarities and global musical traditions.

Bruce Molsky, best known for his work on the fiddle, also captivates with his magical performances on the banjo and guitar, coupled with his powerful and distinctive vocals. His ability to blend technical virtuosity with relaxed, conversational wit transforms concert halls into intimate front porch gatherings, making his performances a memorable experience.

In his illustrious career, Molsky has collaborated with some of the world's most respected players across genres. He is a notable guest on rocker Mark Knopfler's album "Tracker" and achieved significant success with his project "1865: Songs of Hope & Home" with Anonymous 4, which was featured in Billboard's top 10. Molsky is also a founding member of the supergroup Mozaik, alongside Andy Irvine and Donal Lunny, producing three celebrated albums.

Molsky's talent has earned him appearances on BBC TV's "Transatlantic Sessions" with Aly Bain and Jerry Douglas, and on PBS's "David Holt's State of Music." His active touring and recording life includes collaborations with Darol Anger, Tony Trischka, and Allison de Groot of Mountain Drifters.



Bruce Molsky

The upcoming performance will preview highlights from his recent projects, including "Lockdown Breakdown," a duet fiddle record with Darol Anger featuring original compositions, significant vocal songs from America's past, and traditional tunes from around

the world. Fans will also enjoy selections from his latest solo guitar CD "Everywhere You Go," which showcases his unique and personal fingerstyle guitar arrangements.

Bruce Molsky is also acclaimed for his educational contributions as the Visiting Scholar in the American Roots Music Program at Berklee College of Music, inspiring the next generation of roots musicians.

"Performing and teaching traditional music are the biggest things in my world," says Molsky. "For me, being a musician isn't a standalone thing; it informs everything I do in my life. It's always been about being creative and being a part of something much bigger than myself, a link in the musical chain and part of the community of people who play it and love it."

Tickets for this highly anticipated performance are \$10 for adults, while young music lovers 17 and under can attend for free, making it an accessible event for families. Tickets can be purchased online at pocahontasoperahouse.org, at the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, or at the door on the night of the show, subject to availability.

The Opera House Performance Series is proudly supported by grants from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History and the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. Additional support comes from Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, reflecting the community's dedication to preserving and promoting its cultural heritage.

BUSINESS

Greenbrier Valley EDC and Pocahontas Chamber host Small Business Resource Fair

Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Small Business Resource Roundup on Thursday, Apr. 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Rivertown Cafe in Marlinton. The open house style event is free and open to the public, offering entrepreneurs, small business owners, and community members a chance to explore valuable business resources available in the Greenbrier Valley.

"Both the EDC and the Chamber are committed to supporting local businesses. We wanted to bring together businesses and the many resources available to them in one place," said Ruthana Beezley, Executive Director of the Greenbrier Valley EDC. "We want to showcase our partners and the many resources available for businesses and entrepreneurs in Pocahontas County."

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet local, regional, and state resource partners including the Greenbrier Valley EDC, Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce, WV Small Business Development Center, Partner Community Capital, WV Hive Network, WV Women's Business Center, Region 1 Workforce Development Board, WV Department of Agriculture, Woodlands Development & Lending, Jobs and Hope

WV, and the WVSOM Center for Rural and Community Health.

Resource partners offer a variety of services for businesses looking to start or expand a business in our region including business planning and coaching, providing financing through loans or grants, training events, workforce programs, technical assistance funds, and more. Resource partners can still sign up to attend

the event, by contacting the Greenbrier Valley EDC. Rivertown Cafe is located at 309 8th Street in Marlinton. Light refreshments will be offered; registration is not required but recommended.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/pocahontasbusinessresourceroundup>. For additional information, please call 304-497-4300 or email kholden@gvedc.com.

NRCTC Greenbrier Valley Campus to host Greenbrier Resort Job Fair

New River Community and Technical College's Greenbrier Valley Campus will host a Greenbrier Resort Job Fair on Friday, Mar. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Kyle and Ann Fort Arts and Science Building Lucie Refsland Student Center.

Representatives from The Greenbrier will be on-site to discuss seasonal and full-time job opportunities at the renowned resort. New River CTC's Greenbrier Valley Campus is located at 653 Church Street in

Lewisburg.

The job fair is open to New River CTC students and the community; high school seniors are encouraged to attend. This event provides a great opportunity to explore career options, network with potential employers, and learn more about working at one of West Virginia's premier resorts.

For more information, please contact Heather Orbaker at 304-536-5308.

SCHOOL

WVSOM's counseling team honored as 'Mental Health Care Hero'

Medical school is challenging for even the most promising students. At the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM), the Academic Support and Intervention Resources (ASPIRE) department helps future physicians navigate the rigors of medical school by providing personal counseling and teaching academic support skills.

Now, the department has received statewide recognition for its work. ASPIRE was named a "Mental Health Care Hero" by WV Living magazine and Moodr Health, a company based in Morgantown, WV, that equips health systems, insurance providers and other organizations with tools for remote behavioral health management.

In its spring 2025 issue, WV Living included WVSOM's ASPIRE team among 15 organizations and individuals working to contribute to the progress of quality mental health care in the state. The magazine stated that ASPIRE has "a keen understanding of the demanding environment students are navigating."

The department is pleased to receive the honor, said Ginger Conley, one of the school's four learning specialists and student counselors.

"We spend our time working one-on-one with students day in and day out, and other members of the school community often don't get a chance to know who we are, so it's nice to be acknowledged for our work," Conley said.

The ASPIRE team, made up of three licensed professional counselors, one licensed master social worker, a program assistant and an intern, counsels medical students who are experiencing stress, depression, low self-confidence or other mental health concerns, as well as difficult life circumstances such as illness, relationship problems or the loss of a loved one. But WVSOM's counselors are also trained as learning specialists who support students in overcoming academic difficulties, said Julianna Quick, another ASPIRE counselor.

"We have continuing education to make sure we're current on the latest updates on best practices in learning and helping students," Quick said. "We make sure the time they spend studying is effective, and we help them with active learning, time management, test taking and other skills."

The most common issue ASPIRE assists students with is anxiety. Michael Beswick, who joined the department in 2024, explained that because acceptance to medical school is so competitive, some students are surprised to find themselves not achieving at the level they're used to.

"These students have been top performers previously, and they come here and suddenly instead of being a one-percenter, they may be in the bottom 10%," he said.



Members of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's Academic Support and Intervention Resources (ASPIRE) department include Julianna Quick (left), Ginger Conley, Sarah Easton, Michael Beswick and Kelley Sills.

"Anxiety starts to manifest. They have insecurities and feelings of 'I'm not good enough.' We're the ones who see their struggles as human beings, because there's a guardedness about saying you're having a hard time when you've been a high achiever."

The ASPIRE staff works with students for the duration of their four years of medical school, from orientation to graduation. A student may come to the department for assistance on their own, or be referred by a dean if they are struggling academically. Quick said the department continually works to improve its effectiveness by asking the school's medical students how the counselors could better assist them.

"We conduct an exit survey at the end of every academic year that goes out to all classes, and we make sure we take to heart what changes they tell us we need to make," Quick said.

James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WVSOM's president, praised the department for its work in ensuring medical

students reach their full potential while maintaining wellness - a renewed priority for the school following the implementation of a new "Finding Health" curriculum that launched in 2024.

"The members of the ASPIRE department are superstars," Nemitz said. "They are a vital resource to WVSOM students, helping them balance the stress of medical school with the challenges of daily living. Success and mental well-being are the focus of this amazing team of mental health care heroes."

Beswick said being named a Mental Health Care Hero is gratifying, but seeing the results of the counselors' work is the real reward.

"It's nice to have somebody tell us we're doing a good job, but it's more important to know we're helping people on a daily basis. The ongoing award I've had throughout my career is having people say, 'You made a difference' or 'You helped me get through a tough time in my life,'" he said.

Hundreds of young scientists explore real-world challenges at State Science and Engineering Fair

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) hosted 260 students at the 2025 West Virginia Science and Engineering Fair (WVSEF) at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center recently. Budding scholars and scientists from grades 3 through 12 presented approximately 200 exhibits in categories including chemistry, technology, plant science, engineering, robotics and more, impressing the judges with their knowledge and demonstrations.

This annual fair provides opportunities for students to logically question the world around them and explore creative and resourceful solutions. Participating students learn problem-solving and critical thinking skills that can propel them to future success. The WVSEF reinforces scientific methodology and thinking, strengthening students' reading, writing, and mathematics skills.

The WVSEF also acts as an entry point for Mountain State high school students to qualify for the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) which will be held this May in Columbus, OH. Manvitha Sanjaya from George Washington High School in Kanawha County, Pavan Subramani from Morgantown High School in Monongalia County and Maya Panta from Woodrow Wilson High School in Raleigh County were selected from this fair to compete at ISEF.

"The West Virginia Science and Engineering Fair offers our students the autonomy and opportunity to delve deeply into the world's most challenging questions," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "This event encourages West Virginia's future thought leaders to expand their skills, explore their passions and create pathways to enlightenment and achievement."

The competition resulted in 121 elementary, middle and high school student winners. Greenbrier County students placed in the following categories and divisions:

Division I, Animal Science

- 1st: Grayson Grimes, Harrison County, Cracking the Code of Hen Egg Production
- 2nd: Brenna Richards, Ohio County, Can Dogs Understand Words or Are They Just Reacting to Sounds?
- 3rd: Hayes Hileman, Greenbrier County, FerAppease: Is it helpful for weaning?

Division I, Behavioral and Social Sciences

- 1st: Milyn Neumann, Greenbrier County, Can Humans Identify Images Generated by Artificial Intelligence
- 2nd: Madison McCutcheon, Ohio County, Can Humans Recognize AI Generated Images From Real Ones?
- 3rd: Rosyln Tidd, Scotlin Snell, and Ruby Brozenick, Harrison County, Ready, Set, Placebo!

Division I, Chemistry

- 1st: Eleni Karnoupakis and Willa Collins, Ohio County, Skin Deep: Comparing Moisturizers
- 2nd: Zaday Bolyard, Preston County, Power in Heat Protection
- 3rd: Titan Hale, Boone County, Meltdown: A Race to Chill Water the Fastest
- HM: Mace Dolan-White & Maddix Dolan-White, Greenbrier County, Heartburn Neutralizers

Division I, Material Science

- 1st: Presley Cline, Greenbrier County, Ice Cream Cups
- 2nd: Lyndsay Nichols, Clay County, Do Colors Affect Temperature?
- 3rd: Taryn Sullivan, Preston County, The Best Cush for Your Tush
- HM: Rebecca Daniels, Wyoming County, Nailed It!

Division I, Medical Sciences

- 1st: Gianna Bryant, Jackson County, We Eat Nails for Breakfast
- 2nd: Sophie Garlic & Ava Roberts, McDowell County, Stop, Drop & Roll: The 5 Second Rule
- 3rd: Sawyer Blankenship, Finn Blankenship, & Willow Hendrick, Greenbrier County, You Look Just Like Your...
- HM: Emma Lyda, Morgan County, Turn the Beat Around

Division I, Physics and Astronomy

- 1st: Zoey Brown, Mercer County, The Shape of Sound
- 2nd: Carter Lemon, Wood County, The Mystical Flight of the Arrow
- 3rd: Myles Goodman & James Goodman, Cabell County, Spin to Win: the Science of Beyblades
- HM: Will O'Brien, Greenbrier County, Dragster Track Surfaces and Friction

Division I, Plant Science

- 1st: Daniel Mills, Berkeley County, This is Bananas
- 2nd: Danielle Osborne, Roane County, Seed Starter vs Potting Soil
- 3rd: Charlotte Peplowski & Jocelyn Peplowski, Greenbrier County, Growing In The Rhythm
- HM: Bruce Belcher, Lynkon Wellman, & Gabriel Elkins, Mingo County, Do Plants Get What They Need?

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SCHOOL

New River CTC selects NISOD Excellence Award recipients

New River Community and Technical College is proud to announce its recipients of the annual NISOD Excellence Awards. The 2025 honorees include Marsha Hicks, Advancement and Recruitment Specialist and Staci Jordan, Nursing Faculty at New River CTC.

NISOD's Excellence Awards recognize men and women each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues. In 1989, in connection with a University of Texas at Austin national study of teaching excellence, NISOD hosted its first ceremony honoring NISOD Excellence Award recipients. The response to that ceremony was so positive that NISOD began what has become the largest and most inspiring gathering that recognizes the contributions and achievements of community and technical college faculty, administrators, and staff.

"I am truly honored to be recognized as a

NISOD Excellence Award recipient. At New River CTC, I am dedicated to empowering students, and this award reflects the incredible work of our faculty and staff in making a difference every day," said NISOD recipient Marsha Hicks, Advancement and Recruitment Specialist at New River CTC.

"Receiving the NISOD Excellence Award is a privilege. I am grateful to be part of a community that values education and student success, and I look forward to continuing to support and inspire our students at New River Community and Technical College," said NISOD recipient Staci Jordan, Nursing Faculty at New River CTC.

"We are incredibly proud to recognize Marsha and Staci as NISOD Excellence Award recipients. Their dedication, passion, and commitment to student success exemplify the mission of New River CTC. This well-deserved honor highlights the outstanding work of

our faculty and staff in providing quality education and support to our students. We celebrate their achievements and thank them for their invaluable contributions to our college community," said Dr. Bonny Ball Copenhaver, President of New River CTC.

Excellence Awards recipients receive a specially cast, pewter medallion hung on a burnt-orange ribbon that they can wear proudly at campus events such as graduation ceremonies. In addition, they are listed in the NISOD Excellence Awards Booklet as well as on NISOD's website.

"Sharing in the recognition of so many individuals recognized by their colleges for doing extraordinary work is something the entire NISOD Team looks forward to each year," said Sheryl Powell, NISOD's Interim Executive Director. "We're honored to be able to play a part in celebrating their achievements."

About NISOD: The National Institute for



Marsha Hicks, New River CTC Advancement and Recruitment Specialist, 2025 NISOD Recipient; Dr. Bonny Ball Copenhaver, New River CTC President; and Staci Jordan, New River CTC Nursing Faculty, 2025 NISOD Recipient.

Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) empowers faculty, staff, and administrators at community and technical colleges to support the needs of diverse students in the face of ever-present resource constraints. High-quality, easy-to-

access professional development resources connect staff and faculty with applicable knowledge to grow their careers and improve instruction. Meaningful recognition programs can augment the reputation of individual students, employees, and

institutions. But perhaps most valuable are the connections NISOD helps build among community and technical colleges to share ideas, strengths, and solutions. For more information about NISOD, visit www.nisod.org.

SPORTS



The Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center Sea Dragons attended the WV Short Course State Championship last weekend.

Sea Dragons compete in WV State Championship Meet

The GVAC Sea Dragons swim team competed in the WV Short Course State Championship Meet in Morgantown Mar. 14-16. The Disney-themed "Most Magical Meet on Earth" provided a fun atmosphere paired with serious competition for over 450 athletes from 16 teams.

The high point scorers for the team were Dolly Knight and Kensley Routson, both with multiple top ten finishes in their age group. Dolly placed 5th in the 50Y Free and 100Y Breast, 6th in the 50Y Back and 50Y Fly, and 7th in the 100Y Free and 100Y Back. Kensley placed 5th in the 100Y Back, 7th in the 50Y Free and 50Y Back, and 8th in the 100Y Free. Emily Hobbs qualified for finals in the 50Y Fly, 100Y Back, and 200Y IM, Cooper Homer in the 50Y and 200Y Fly, and Luke Taylor in the 50Y Breast. The 9-10 Girls relay team of Zoey Hobbs, Stella

Rodebaugh, Lennie Taylor and Kennedy Willis placed 7th and 8th in the 200Y Medley and Freestyle relays respectively.

There were excellent swimmers by all participating Sea Dragons, with a total of 48 new personal best times and 22 new team records. Rylan Mann, Pierce Necessary, and Kensley Routson dropped time in every event they swam. Avery Hodges-McGuffin and Solomon Rodebaugh had the largest time drops, both improving in their events by over 50 seconds. New team records were set by Tianna Allen, Emily Hobbs, Zoey Hobbs, Cooper Homer, Dolly Knight, Kensley Routson, Luke Taylor, and Kennedy Willis.

The swim team will enjoy a short break and then gear up for summer league and long course season. Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the team can follow the GVAC Sea

Dragons Facebook page or contact the Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center.

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Local Ohio University students named to Fall 2024 Dean's List

Following the completion of each semester, Ohio University recognizes the academic achievements of its students by publishing the President's, Dean's and Provost's Lists.

Edie McMillion of Lewisburg and Blaine Yates of Frankford were both named to the Dean's List.

The Dean's List recognizes

undergraduate students who complete a particular semester with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.999 with a minimum of 12 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In fall semester 2024, approximately 6,800 Ohio University undergraduate students qualified for the Dean's List.

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