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Lewisburg City Council members sworn in for new terms

On Jun. 8, 2025, three incumbent Lewisburg City Council members were all sworn in for four-year terms after running unopposed in the municipal election. Council members Franklin Johnson, Valerie Pritt, and Arron Seams all took their oaths of office from Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers at City Hall.



Franklin Johnson takes his oath



Arron Seams takes his oath



Valerie Pritt takes her oath

WVFF releases information on local government spending of opioid settlement funds

By RealWV staff, www.therealwv.com

The West Virginia First Foundation (WVFF) has released the 2025 West Virginia Annual Qualified Settlement Fund (QSF) Expenditure Report for Local Governments for the time period from July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2024. The report outlines how the 24.5% share of opioid settlement funds distributed directly to Local Governments was used during the past fiscal year.

The following information on Greenbrier County municipalities as well as the Greenbrier County Commission is as follows:

Town of Rupert

- Amount Government Reported Received 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$4,977.91
- Amount Government Reported Expended 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$4,624.00
- Balance Government Reports Remaining 6/30/24: \$353.91
- Use: Police department equipment; drug enforcement patrols.

Town of Rainelle

- Amount Government Reported Received 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$18,240.47
- Amount Government Reported Expended 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$633.10
- Balance Government Reports Remaining 6/30/24: \$17,607.37
- Use: ATT Alliance Mobile, Deluxe checks, police badges, locks.

Town of Quinwood

- Amount Government Reported Received 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$12,368.16

- Amount Government Reported Expended 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$0.00
- Balance Government Reports Remaining 6/30/24: \$12,367.00
- City of Ronceverte
- Amount Government Reported Received 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$92,484.17
- Amount Government Reported Expended 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$92,484.17
- Balance Government Reports Remaining 6/30/24: \$0.00
- Use: Two 2024 Durangos

Greenbrier County Commission

- Amount Government Reported Received 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$1,311,271.60
- Amount Government Reported Expended 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$0.00
- Balance Government Reports Remaining 6/30/24: \$1,311,271.60

Town of White Sulphur Springs

- Amount Government Reported Received 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$107,847.70
- Amount Government Reported Expended 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$104,860.98
- Balance Government Reports Remaining 6/30/24: \$2,983.00
- Use: Purchase of Ford Explorer for DARE officer.

City of Lewisburg

- Amount Government Reported Received 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$266,518.74
- Amount Government Reported Expended 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$69,566.13

- Balance Government Reports Remaining 6/30/24: \$197,002.75

- Use: Window tinting, paid off contract to Town of Alderson for officer hired to replace officer on Greenbrier County Drug Task Force, Glock 9mm handgun, one vehicle, one used vehicle.

The WVFF was established to carry out the terms of the West Virginia First Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): a landmark agreement between the West Virginia Attorney General and Local Governments that ensures opioid settlement funds are invested strategically and transparently across all regions of the state.

Under the MOU:

- 72.5% of the funds are managed by WVFF, a private nonprofit charged with the long-term, evidence-based distribution of funds across six regions.
- 24.5% are distributed directly to Local Governments. Although WVFF does not oversee or direct how these local funds are used, it is required to collect and report on local expenditures each year per the MOU.
- 3% are allocated to the Office of the West Virginia Attorney General, supporting enforcement, compliance, and coordination. These funds are also outside of WVFF's oversight.

Although WVFF was not a plaintiff in any of the national opioid litigation, the Local Governments who were parties to the lawsuits agreed, under the MOU, to submit expenditure information annually. This level of local reporting is both novel and unprecedented, positioning West Virginia among the few states in the nation to publicly disclose how direct local opioid settlement dollars are being used. See "Settlement Funds" ___ Page 3

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Lewisburg Police Department receives grant

The Lewisburg Police Department was awarded a \$6,000 Local Economic Development Assistance Grant by the West Virginia Senate to purchase and train an explosive detection and tracking K-9 unit.

We would like to thank Senators Vince Deeds and Jack Woodrum and Governor Patrick Morrisey for their help and support in receiving this grant. This specialized unit will not only support the City of Lewisburg but will also be available to the surrounding area.



Lewisburg Police Chief C.J. Teubert (left), Officer M.B. Blankenship with her K-9, Senator Vince Deeds, Mayor Beverly White, and Senator Jack Woodrum.



GRWA to hold guided nature walk along the Greenbrier River Trail

The Greenbrier River Watershed Association is sponsoring a guided nature walk on Saturday, July 19, starting at 9 a.m. at Caldwell on the Greenbrier River Trail. Park at the second larger parking area at the Trail at Caldwell and we will walk north to the big rocks. Come a little early for coffee and muffins! Great for both adults and kids alike! Bring binoculars, water shoes, a towel.

This nature walk will be led by Adrienne Thackery, an Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area AmeriCorps member

Everyone is welcome to attend the nature walk on Saturday, July 19, at 9 a.m.



The walk will go north on the Trail to the big rocks.

Man arrested after breaking and entering at local business

On the morning hours of Friday, July 11, members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office responded to a breaking and entering that had occurred at Appalachian Aggregates near Crawley. Responding deputies were able to determine a male individual had entered inside the business by reviewing video surveillance. Deputies were also able to determine multiple items to be missing from inside the business.

Deputies cleared the scene and began a search for the individual seen in the video surveillance. Shortly thereafter, deputies located an individual matching the

is always looking for opportunities to learn more about nature and participate in citizen science.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for inclement weather cancellation or delay, facebook.com/greenbrier.watershed or call 970-389-5451. No need to sign up - please come!

Operation Pawssible: Greenbrier Humane Society gets a boost from local real estate company

The Greenbrier Humane Society has recently announced that they were in urgent need of bleach for their laundry. Their Facebook post read, “Bleach is essential for keeping our animals’ bedding, towels, and laundry sanitized and safe.”

Greenbrier Real Estate Service has heard their plea for bleach and for many other highly requested items as the shelter is near full capacity.

“We saw the post and knew we had to do something,” said a representative from Greenbrier Real Estate Service. “The Greenbrier Humane Society is a vital part of our community.” Greenbrier Real Estate Service and many other local businesses have donated items.

Greenbrier Real Estate Service hopes that by using our many agents, col-

leagues, and friends, we can gather some much-needed supplies. Greenbrier Real Estate Service also invites other businesses to join the drive.

The public is invited to drop off these supplies at Greenbrier Real Estate Service’s Office located at 1047 Washington Street E, Lewisburg, between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and to participate in what we are calling “Operation Pawssible” until July 3. They are requesting any items on the Greenbrier Humane Society’s Wish List. Any contributions are greatly appreciated. Some items can be purchased for as little as \$3.

These needed supplies will be delivered to the Greenbrier Humane Society during the first week of August.

Treasurer Pack announces nearly 15,000 students to receive 100% Hope Scholarship Funding for 2025-2026 school year

Families can still apply for some funding throughout the year

State Treasurer Larry Pack, who serves as Chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, has announced nearly 15,000 students will receive full funding for the Hope Scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year. This is an increase from the 10,750 students who received some level of funding from the previous year. The Hope Scholarship will open to all school-age children residing in West Virginia beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year.

“It is tremendous that we continue to see exponential growth year after year with more parents taking full advantage of the Hope Scholarship program,” Treasurer Pack said. “We believe this growth will continue as the program goes fully universal in the 2026-2027 school year.

My Office stands by to ensure we meet the needs of those families by running an efficient program. At the end of the day, this is all about empowering parents and students to find the education that fits their unique needs.”

A student application submitted within the following dates will receive the associated level of Hope Scholarship funding:

- June 16-Sept. 15: 75% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount
- Sept. 16-Nov. 30: 50% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount
- Dec. 1-Feb. 28: 25% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount

“If you missed the June 15 deadline, we encourage parents or families to still

See “Hope Scholarship” _____ Page 3

Vendor registration now open for Carnegie Hall’s Taste of Our Towns Festival

On Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the 39th annual Taste of Our Towns (TOOT) festival will bring thousands of visitors to downtown Lewisburg. TOOT is a fundraiser for Carnegie Hall, a cultural institution of the Greenbrier Valley/New River region that brings arts education, performances, and exhibits to all.

TOOT involves the closing of downtown Lewisburg on Washington, Court, and Church Streets and distribution of a map orienting patrons to ticket and tasting locations, arts and crafts, entertainment, and exhibits. The festival strives to offer a food tasting adventure, featuring the fare of southeastern West Virginia, including Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Webster, Nicholas, Fayette, Summers, and Monroe Counties.

Restaurants, businesses, and nonprofit organizations are invited to be a vendor at TOOT 2025. The non-refundable registration fee is \$350 (\$250 for nonprofits), and vendors keep 100% of their profits. Vendors who

sign up before Sept. 1 receive \$50 off the vendor registration. Registration deadline is Sept. 22, 2025.

Vendors set their own item prices for the festival. Vendor’s proposed menu is due Sept. 14.

Vendors are promoted on the official TOOT map during the four-hour, food-focused event and retain 100% of the proceeds. Vendors should plan now to be a part of this local tradition.

To register or for more information please visit www.carnegiehallwv.org/taste-of-our-towns. Booth location preferences are fulfilled on a first come, first served basis. Carnegie Hall reserves the right to decline an application or to require alternate food selections.

Sponsorships are available. Greenbrier Valley Pediatric Dentistry is the official Kids Zone sponsor. To become a sponsor call Carnegie Hall Development Director Sally Bray at 304-645-7917 or email TOOT@carnegiehallwv.org.



TOOT vendors from previous years

PICK OF THE LITTER



PENNY

Penny is a two-year-old mixed breed who weighs 64 pounds. She is house trained, crate trained, and spayed



CASPER

Casper is a two-month-old domestic medium hair. He is available for foster-to-adopt.

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

Carnegie Hall Annual Meeting

Carnegie Hall will hold its Annual Membership Meeting Monday, July 21, at 5:30 p.m., in the Hamilton Auditorium. Individuals or families who contributed at least \$50 to the Hall during the last fiscal year of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, are considered members of the Hall and are invited to attend. The agenda includes the year-end report for FY 2024-25 and the election of new board members. Light refreshments will be served. Please email ceo@carnegiehallwv.org if you plan to attend.

Marriages

Melany Ann Knobl and Christopher Heath Roberts

Theresa Sue Lewis and Paul Martin Blankenship

Daisy Starlene Carpenter and Jaguar Tyrese Bates

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Christopher A. Harless, South Charleston, no PFD, fine \$25, NCP

Everett Samuel Barnett, Hurricane, no PFD, fine \$25, NCP

Isaiah Bridger Lore, Crawley, failure to maintain control, fine \$25, NCP

Courtlyn Nicole Sexton, Hillsboro, OH, trespassing, fine \$25, GP

Tony Dehaven Baxter, Lewisburg, shoplifting, fine \$5, restitution 199.92, GP

Eric Shane Scott, Lewisburg, domestic assault, jail 14 days - suspended, NCP

Alyssa A. Hanna, Rainelle, speeding, fine \$25, NCP

Daniel Ford Daley, Hillsboro, 1) improper disposal of solid waste, fine \$25; 2) littering, fine \$100, NCP

Dale Blaine Welling, Parkersburg, 1) speeding, fine \$5; 2) no proof of insurance, fine \$200, GP

Doyle Lewis Carr, Ronceverte, expired registration, fine \$25, GP

James Albert Kirk, Williamsburg, 1) defective equipment, fine \$20; 2) possession of controlled substance, fine \$100; 3) possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, NCP

Darrell Clayton Van Meter, Talcott, seatbelt violation, fine \$25, GP

Lauren R. Weitzel, Chesterfield, VA, speeding, fine \$5, GP

David Weakley, Caldwell, possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, GP

Silas N. Lewis, Lewisburg, fishing without license, fine \$30, NCP

Joshua B. Blankenship, Lewisburg, violation of a Protective Order, jail 21 days - 20 days suspended, 1 day to be served on Home Confinement 9 months and unsupervised probation, NCP

Jesica Callahan, Crawley, possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, NCP

Troy E. Dilley, Renick, reckless driving, fine \$100, GP

Danny Ray Bragg, Rainelle, obstructing an officer, fine \$100, jail 30 days- suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Giuber A. Torres, Rainelle 1) no insurance, fine \$200; 2) no drivers license, fine \$50, NCP

Natalie L. Fetzer, Virginia Beach, VA, speeding, fine \$5, NCP

Harrison Tucker Lilly, Dawson, speeding, fine \$10, NCP

Duncan C. Sheils, Glen Allen, VA, speeding, fine \$5, GP

Hope Scholarship

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apply for associated levels of funding. We will continue to take applications year-round to meet the needs of our Hope families,” Treasurer Pack said.

The Hope Scholarship award amount varies each school year depending on the amount of state aid funding per pupil provided to county boards of education for public school students. The scholarship amount for the 2025-2026 school year is \$5,267.38.

Program participation grew from 2,333 students during the 2022-2023 school year to and now over 10,000 students in the 2024-2025 school year. The Treasurer’s Office expects nearly 19,000 students will take part this upcoming school year.

To qualify for the Hope Scholarship, a student must be a West Virginia resident and be either:

- Eligible to be enrolled in a kindergarten program.
- Enrolled full-time in a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for the entire instructional term during the current academic year immediately preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program.
- Or, enrolled full-time and attending a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for at least 45 calendar days during an instructional term at the time of application and remain enrolled and attending public school until a decision is reached on the student’s Hope Scholarship application.

In addition to filling out the application, state law also requires participating families to fill out a notice of intent to participate in the program with their local county superintendent. A sample template for that notice as well as Frequently Asked Questions regarding the notice are also available online at the program’s website.

Families are reminded to notify the Hope Scholarship Board via email at hopescholarshippwv@wvsto.gov if they are awarded the Hope Scholarship for 2025-2026 but ultimately decide to remain in public school.

For more information on the Hope Scholarship, visit www.HopeScholarshipWV.com.

For the Record

Deeds

WVC LLC to John Robles and Blessie Robles: 1.056 acres, Ronceverte District, Map 13 Parcel 0032 0001.

Rushell R. Walkup-Walton to Bobby J. Lilly and Season D. Lilly: 5.00 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 64 Parcel 34.

Anne Dittman and Tyler Dittman to Joseph C. Hazelwood: lot 5 Lewisburg District, Map 13 Parcel 54.

4 Kids LLC to Akash R. Ranabothu: INIT 202, Lewisburg District, Map 16 Parcel 115.

Tina Hellems, Tommy Foley, and Tony Floey to George R. Tyson II and Natalie Tyson: lots 5-6, Meadow Bluff District, Map 47R Parcel 82.

Phyllis McCall to Rafeek Elgarabawy and Salama Elgarabawy: 0.927 acres, Rainelle District, Map 4 Parcel 197.

Donna J. Taylor to Steven A. Boswell: 5.26 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 55G Parcel 43.

Charles W. Green to Charles W. Green Trust: lots 32-33, White Sulphur District, Map 25, 25 Parcel 100, 101.

Charles W. Green to Charles W. Green Trust: 39.80 acres, Frankford District, Map 14 Parcel 0048.

Charles W. Green to Charles W. Green Trust: 35 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 29 Parcel 0009.

Charles W. Green to Charles W. Green Trust: 0.176 & 0.012 acres, 6,732 square feet, 34 acres, Frankford District, Map 14 Parcel 0015.

Kimberly D. Simpson and Thomas R. Fuller to Kimberly D. Simpson and Wayne A. Simpson: 0.408 acres, Echols Acres, Lewisburg District, Map 13G Parcel 1.

Dianne Keene, Paul Derenge, Charles Derenge, Michael Derenge, John Derenge, Thomas Derenge, Barbara Lynch, and William Derenge to Harry Derenge and Teresa A. Derenge: lot 2, 1.38 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 42S Parcel 27.

Fred Trainer Jr. to Ann L. Bush: 1/2 interest 2.02 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 24 Parcel 8.

Porter L. Burdette, Caleb E. Burdette, and Travis Burdette to Porter L. Burdette, Caleb E. Burdette, Travis Burdette, and Amy N. Burdette: 3.00 and 28 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 33 Parcel 5.1, 12.

Betty D. Crookshanks Estate (by heirs and AIF) to CHT WV Homes LLC: 9 lots, Rupert District, Map 4, 5 Parcel 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 476.

Jerrica S. Hatch to Dakota B. Baker: 0.72 acres, two tracts, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 62.

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.

County Planning Commission

will meet Wednesday, July 23, at 3 p.m. in regular session in the County Commission Courtroom. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - May 28, 2025 meeting
- Communications from Planning Department
 - consideration of Draft Comprehensive Plan 2025 for public release
 - establish schedule for public meetings and hearings for adoption of the Comprehensive Plan
 - other matters related to the Draft Comprehensive Plan including comments and edits from the Planning Commission
 - consideration of maps to be released with the Comprehensive Plan, including Future Land Use Map
- Adjourn

Settlement Funds

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“This is a critical part of our mission; not just to distribute funds strategically through the Foundation’s own grantmaking, but to help the public understand how every opioid settlement dollar is being used across the state,” said Jonathan Board, Executive Director of WVFF. “Local Governments have flexibility in spending their share of the settlement in accordance with the outlined Approved Uses, and our job is to make sure their efforts are reported clearly and accurately, in keeping with the MOU.”

In collaboration with the Office of the West Virginia Attorney General, WVFF is also developing educational materials and resources to help Local Governments responsibly and transparently use their settlement funds. Updates and guidance will be made available at wvfirst.org.

The 2025 QSF Expenditure Report for Local Governments is available now at <https://wvfirst.org/qsfl/>.

Suits

New Cases from 7/9/25 to 7/16/25

New Civil Cases

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc v. Travis W. Thompson

Jeff Martin v. Walmart Inc.

State of West Virginia v. Kevin Peter Kipp

United Bank v. David G. Crocker

Brenda Vaughn v. Sunny Home Maintenance

New Divorces

Robert James Stanley and Annagail Marie Vipperman

Caroline Yulala Sue Davis and Bobby Joe Davis

Robert Nicholas Dalton and Laurel Lucinda Dalton

Randall Wayne Burgess and Morgan Montana Ward

Nicholas Martin Chuchvara and Britton Alexander Paige

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Governor Morrisey announces additional Breeze Airways flights to Capitol City Airport

CRW has already doubled non-stop destinations, growth to continue

Governor Patrick Morrisey announced that Breeze Airways, the acclaimed low-cost carrier, will be expanding existing routes and adding up to five new flights from West Virginia International Yeager Airport (CRW). Routes will be added over the next 24 months and priority will be given to Las Vegas and a Texas city. Travelers can now book nonstop service to Tampa with fares starting at just \$49 one way.

“Breeze Airways’ expansion is another sign that our state is on the rise, attracting new investments and delivering more travel options for West Virginians,” said Governor Morrisey. “This continued growth at CRW will grow tourism, add jobs, and let the rest of the world see what the Mountain State has to offer. These new flights are a testament to the fact that our efforts to make the state more attractive to business are working.”

Breeze has become one of the fastest-growing airlines in the world, now operating more than 300 direct routes to 72 cities in 32 states. Nearly 80,000 passengers have flown Breeze to or from CRW since the inaugural flight in May 2023. A recent study shows that in one year of operation at CRW, Breeze generated an estimated \$27.5 million in total economic output, including \$12.5 million from direct airline and airport operations, \$3.2 million from passenger spending, and \$11.8 million in indirect and induced impacts. The presence of the new low-cost carrier has also resulted in a 12.5% decrease in fares since Breeze began service at CRW.

“We are excited to continue expanding our partnership with the state of West Virginia as we bring back our Tampa nonstop service,” said Fiona Kiesel, Breeze Airways’ chief guest officer. “As we have continued to build our brand awareness in the state and region, we have seen growing demand for our service. We look forward to not only connecting our Guests in Charleston to new destinations through this partnership, but also making it easier for travelers from other areas to visit historic Charleston.”

“Since entering into an agreement with Breeze Airways in 2022, West Virginia International Yeager Airport has more than doubled its nonstop destinations,” said Dominique Ranieri, Airport Director and CEO of West Virginia International Yeager Airport. “Passenger traffic continues to rise, with over 401,000 travelers passing through CRW last year. The airport is responsible for nearly 3,000 jobs and contributes more than \$225 million in economic impact across the state.”

Breeze’s initial agreement with West Virginia has produced such dramatic results that community support has grown. The new two-year partnership with the airline includes support from the West Virginia Department of Tourism, Charleston Area Alliance, Kanawha County Commission and the City of Charleston. Additionally, the airport has secured a Small Community Air Service Development Grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation to assist with the Las Vegas, NV flight.

“We’re thrilled to enter into this innovative partnership with Breeze Airways, the State of West Virginia, West Virginia International Yeager Airport, Kanawha County and the City of Charleston through this investment,” said Mara Boggs, President & CEO of the Charleston Area Alliance and Chamber of Commerce. “It strengthens our region’s connectivity, sparks new business opportunities, and boosts job growth—while enhancing the quality of life for families and communities across the Kanawha Valley and beyond.”

The response to new non-stop connectivity to Orlando (MCO) and Tampa, FL



Governor Patrick Morrisey announced that Breeze Airways will be expanding existing routes and adding up to five new flights from West Virginia International Yeager Airport (CRW).

(TPA) and Myrtle Beach, SC (MYR) has been unprecedented. The popularity of these flights has exceeded expectations, calling for additional flight frequency to be added.

“We are thrilled that our airport continues to grow and offer additional services to the people of West Virginia,” said Commission President Ben Salango. “The additional flights by Breeze will be a wonderful addition to our airport and expand upon Breeze’s incredible success at Yeager International Airport.”

“This is more than just an announcement about new air service—it’s a powerful opportunity to grow our airport, drive economic development, and make it easier for West Virginians across the country to find their way home,” said Kanawha County Commissioner Lance Wheeler. “When we invest in connectivity, we invest in our people and our future. I want to thank Governor Morrisey, Secretary Ruby, the Charleston Area Alliance, and the City of Charleston for their partnership and shared commitment to progress. Together, we’re showing that West Virginia is open for business, open for visitors, and open to bringing our people back home.”

“We have seen time and time again, with partnership and collaboration between the City, County and State, we can compete with anyone in the country,” said Charleston Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin. “This partnership will help provide essential services to our residents while allowing Charleston, and our region, to continue to be a major destination for travelers, which spurs jobs, economic growth and a strong future for our state.”

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OBITUARIES

Donald Mullins

Donald Mullins, 83, of Frankford, WV, passed away Sunday, July 6, 2025, at his home. Born Apr. 4, 1942, in Iaeger, WV, he was the son of the late Isom Andrew and Lola Scruggs Mullins. Donald was a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Helen Faulkner, Margie Gibson and Marie Blankenship and brothers, Lee, Ray, Herman, Harold, Ernest, and Earl Mullins.

Survivors include his loving wife, Cheryl Ann Mullins, son, Donald Ray Mullins, brother, Sherman Mullins (Suanne), sisters, Shirley Boggs (Roger), Bonnie Spinks (David) and Penny Boggs, and several nieces and nephews.

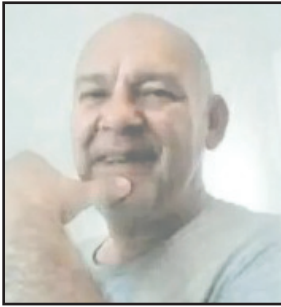
Graveside service was held at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 10, at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Frankford, WV. There will be no visitation. Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

and Lois Evelyn Hodges Sams. Linda retired as a Registered Nurse.

Survivors include her loving husband, Ronald Eugene Porterfield, daughters, Gina Bergeron (Geoffrey) and Julie Donaldson, 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandson.

It was Linda’s wish to be cremated. There will be no service at this time. Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements entrusted to Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

John Burton Hutsenpiller, Jr.



John Burton Hutsenpiller, Jr., 63, of Rainelle passed away on July 11, 2025, at White Sulphur Springs Center following a short illness. He was born Jan. 13, 1962, to the late John Burton Hutsenpiller and Inez Blanche Hutsenpiller (Ratliff) in Cleveland, Ohio.

John was an EMT for West End Ambulance Service, a truck driver, and a mechanic. He also was a welder at the Newport News Shipyards. He graduated from Max Hayes Technical School where he became a master mechanic. John was a perfectionist and did everything at the slow steady pace of a turtle.

Those left to cherish the memories are his sisters Paula Cetera of Florida, JoAnn Kantor of Ohio,

Sherry Murray (Robert) of Florida, Teresa Morgan (Michael) of South Carolina and Lucinda Hutsenpiller of Rainelle, WV, along with many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 20, at Wallace Memorial Mausoleum in Clintonville, WV, with Pastor Greg Scott officiating.

The family will receive friends Saturday, July 19, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Smathers Funeral Chapel, Rainelle, WV.

Smathers Funeral Chapel is honored to have been entrusted to care for John and his family during their great time of need.

Online condolences may be made at www.smathersfuneralchapelinc.com

Shelby Mae “Dee” Starrett



Shelby Mae “Dee” Starrett, 70, of White Sulphur Springs passed away peacefully on July 5, 2025.

Shelby was born Mar. 13, 1955, in Greenbrier County to the late Junior Lee McCartney and Marguerite Evelyn Allen Gregory. She was raised by her grandmother, Ida Mae Allen in White Sulphur Springs.

She attended and graduated from Greenbrier East High School in 1975. She worked in the laundry at

The Greenbrier Hotel and retired in 2020 after 42 years of service.

Shelby was a loving and dedicated mother, grandmother and dedicated her life to her family. Providing a safe, happy and loving home to her family, they were her life’s work. She loved being a grandmother; she enjoyed ceramics, crocheting, holiday baking and spending time with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed being outside and watching and feeding birds.

Shelby is preceded in death by her husband, Ayrigel Ray Starrett, her parents, grandmother, sister Janet Rhodes and brother Joseph Gregory, who she greatly missed.

She is survived by her children: Jennifer Rose Starrett (Chuck) of Beckley and son James Ray Starrett of White Sulphur Springs; grandchildren; Dorian Blaine Bailey, Delany James Starrett and Tatum Rose Starrett; her twin brother Sherman “Bo” McCartney; and multiple cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held Aug. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs.

Per her request her ashes will be spread at the Hillcrest Cemetery where her family members are laid to rest.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Linda Jane Coleman Gray

Linda Jane Coleman Gray, 75, of Alderson passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at CAMC, General Division.

She was born on Feb. 16, 1950, at Layland, the daughter of the late Herbert Coleman and Silvia Hicks Coleman.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Melvin “Buck” Gray; a daughter, Carolee Gray; two sisters, Barbara Gray and Wanda Kelly; and brother, Robert Coleman.

Survivors are daughter, Brigit Stickler; sons, Thomas (Crystal Bennett) Gray, and John Gray; grandchildren, Kaylee (Timmy), William, Joshua, Caleb, Lucas, Madison, Paige, Ethan, Cristian, Damian, Alexia, Alexander, Anthony (Amber), Erica, Aryana, Cassie, John Lee; great grandchildren, Haisley, Carter, Kash, Sara, Madalyn and Zachary; brother, Willie Coleman and sister, Mary Ann Hicks.

Per her wishes, she will be cremated.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 26, at Wallace & Wallace, Rainelle.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.wallaceandwallacefh.com

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

Jerry Agnes Reed



Jerry Agnes Reed, 74, of Danese, passed away Friday, July 11, 2025, in the Rainelle HealthCare Center, following a long illness.

Born July 18, 1950, in Majestic, KY, she was the daughter of the late Avery and Opal (Beasley) Reed.

Jerry was a homemaker and caregiver. She was of the Holiness Faith.

Survivors include her son Prentiss Moody (Melissa) of Danese; her granddaughter Ariel of Danese; and her beloved dog, Sadie.

Per her request, Jerry will be cremated and there will be no service.

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Local DAR Chapter nets several awards at District meeting

The Southern District of the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution met on July 12 in Princeton for its annual meeting. Vice Regents Suzanne Cronquist and Judy Deegans represented the General Andrew Lewis Chapter.

The Chapter and members of the Chapter won numerous awards. The Lineage Research Committee of the DAR recognized



Southern District Director Stella Moon (left) and Chapter Vice Regent Judy Deegans received the award for Deborah Phillips.



Chapter Vice Regent Suzanne Cronquist (left) received the award for Sandra Cowan from State Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson (center), and Southern District Director Stella Moon.

Sandra Cowan for her outstanding service as the Chapter Registrar. A Certificate of Appreciation and a lovely pin was given to Deborah Phillips for her outstanding and dedicated service as an officer to the Southern District.

The General Andrew Lewis Chapter was recognized as a sustaining supporter for ten consecutive years. The Chapter was given a Blue Ribbon for the Chapter Achievement Awards, and the Membership Committee was given the Discover Treasured Gems Award. In addition, the Membership Committee received the “Sparkle More in ’24” award.

A Memorial Service was conducted and General Andrew Lewis Chapter Member Lynn Brody was remembered. Vice Regent Judy Deegans cited Brody’s dedication to historical preservation and her love of Lewisburg. Brody had been a member of the Chapter since 2004.

Senior Day Out set for August 21

Join Village Caregiving on Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at WVSOM’s Roland Sharp Alumni Conference Center for a day of fun and networking! This first annual event aims to showcase resources our community has to offer our seniors. Enjoy bingo all day long, door prizes, games, helpful information, snacks, and free health screenings.

Admission is free, and resources and information will be geared towards seniors and their families.

If you would like to be a part of this event, reach out to Morgan Stover by email at morganstover@villagecaregiving.com or by calling 304-992-6816. Participation is free and spots are filling up! The WV-SOM Roland P. Sharp Alumni Conference Center is located at 400 Lee Street North, Lewisburg. Call 681-293-2720 with any questions.

Area Catholic Family Picnic set for July 20 in Greenbrier Valley

The annual area Catholic family picnic will be held July 20 in the Greenbrier State Forest near White Sulphur Springs and is open to all Catholics and their families in the Greenbrier and Meadow Rivers Valleys.

Hosted by the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus, the picnic will be in Shelter #1, about six miles south of the Caldwell/White Sulphur Springs Exit off I-64.

The Knights will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, all the fixings; all the paper products and plastic ware; soft drinks and bottled water; and ask those who can to bring a covered dish of a vegetable, salad, or dessert for the serving table.

“We also encourage any family to bring their favorite table or yard games to be shared,” a spokesman for the Knights added. “We will serve lunch beginning at 2 p.m. and have a vesper service in the 4-4:30 p.m. timeframe.”

Games can continue until early evening and the Knights will have a limited number of tickets for the Forest’s swimming pool for children under 12.

Parishes and chapels serving the Greenbrier Valley include St. Patrick Church of Hinton; Sacred Heart Chapel of Spring Dale; Sacred Heart Church of Rainelle; St. John Neuman Church of Marlinton; St. Bernard’s Chapel at Snowshoe; St. Mark, the Evangelist, Chapel, Bartow; St. Charles Borromeo Church, White Sulphur Springs; St. Catherine of Siena Church, Ronceverte; Church of Mary Immaculate, Williamsburg; and St. John, the Evangelist, Chapel in Sweet Springs.

Earlier this month, the GV Council 8689 delivered a van loaded with cleaning supplies and human needs to St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Wheeling for distribution to those in need following the disastrous flood in the northern panhandle. The pastor at St. Michael’s was most recently served at St. Patrick’s Church in Hinton and Sacred Heart in Rainelle.

For further information about the area picnic, telephone the Office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or the Knights of Columbus 304-645-1373.

‘Oh no, we’ve been scammed!’

The Williamsburg CEOS Club had a very educational meeting on July 8 at the Williamsburg Historical Foundation Museum. Members learned about “Living Gluten Free” from Health Motivator Shela McComsey and did some standing exercises.

Members shared their community service activities which included LauraAnn Tiller and Lyne Jones having cleaned the inside of the museum.

Participating in the lesson, “Your Grandson’s Not In Jail: How to Avoid Being Scammed” led by Shela McComsey, were Loretta Shirley, Cassandra Perkins, Lyne Jones, Linda Spencer, LauraAnn Tiller, Burl and Patty Post. Guests participating were Sandra Schmocker, Hazel Lee, and Naomi. Everyone had experienced potential scams and the lesson was very helpful in learning ways to avoid being “scammed”!

Members brought items for the auction to support the Helping Hands Organization which will be held at the Greenbrier County CEOS Picnic on July 23.

The club will also have an exhibit at the 76th Williamsburg Community Fair on July 25 and 26. There will also be items for sale to support the Helping Hands.

The club will meet at the museum on Aug. 12 at noon. The lesson will be “Emergency Preparedness 101.” All are welcome to come and learn!

Reunions

Bennett

The Bennett Family Reunion, descendants of JC “Jimmy” & Nora Myrtle Sawyers Bennett, will be held Saturday, July 26, 2025, at Hollowell Park, Matthew Street, Lewisburg. We plan to eat around 1 p.m. Bring a covered dish and visit with your relatives and friends. Share a good meal, family history, family pictures and a good time! Let’s make more good memories together! If you have any questions, feel free to call Joyce Morgan at 304-661-6455, Charlotte Morgan at 304-645-1179 or Genevieve Wiley at 304-645-2573.

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Vacation Bible School at Lewisburg Baptist Church

Lewisburg Baptist Church is pleased to announce details of its Vacation Bible School from July 21 through July 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Registration is at 10:30 a.m. on July 21. The program is available for preschoolers through rising 9th graders. There will be exciting Bible lessons, team games, prizes and lunch daily. Transportation is available through the Church Bus Ministry. Lewisburg Baptist Church is located at 246 Grand Avenue in Lewisburg. Further information is available at www.lbcwv.com, on Facebook, or please call Noah at 630-429-6804.

Celebrating Recovery program at Mt. Hermon UMC

Please join us for our Celebrating Recovery program at Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church in Renick. If you are dealing with any type of addiction issues, we invite you to join us each Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. Childcare is available and a meal is served prior to each meeting. For more information call 304-618-9298. We are located at 27404 Seneca Trail North, Renick, WV.

Worship Services and other events at Lewisburg Baptist Church

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2025 Ketron Homecoming

The community is invited to join us at Ketron Church on Aug. 3, 2025, as we celebrate Ketron Church, the people and its legacy.

Located outside of Ronceverte on Rockland Road, Ketron Church sits on the mountaintop with the cemetery and picnic shelter in a small grove just below the church.

Worship service begins at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Christopher Dunbar from Ronceverte. We hope you will join us for worship and singing in the “old country church.” Please notify Ray Crist or Michelle Jones of any persons you would like added to the memorial list.

Following the worship service, we will gather at the Frank Whanger Picnic Shelter for a potluck lunch and a brief business meeting. We will be electing new officers this year. Paper products and utensils will be provided.

Your donations for the upkeep of the church and mowing the cemetery are becoming more critical every year. If you have a loved one buried at Ketron Cemetery, please consider honoring their memory by making a donation to Ketron Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 251 Ronceverte, WV 24970. Please plan to attend and bring your family and friends as we visit and fellowship together.

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The proposed operation is discharging into unnamed tributaries of/and Mill Creek and Big Clear Creek of Meadow River of Gauley River of Kananwha River and is located 2.75 miles, southeast of Quinwood in Meadow Bluff District of Greenbrier County, Longitude 80° 40' 46" and Latitude 38° 1' 36" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

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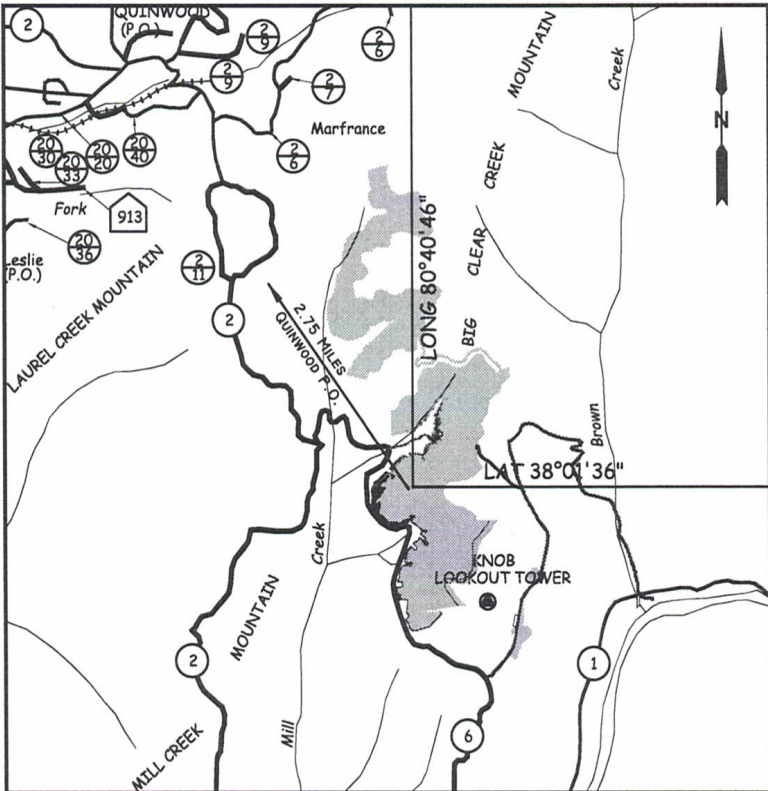
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BUSINESS

WVSOM’s Drema Hill appointed to West Virginia Health Care Authority board

West Virginia Gov. Patrick Morrisey has appointed Drema Hill, Ph.D., vice president for community engagement and chief operations officer of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM), to the West Virginia Health Care Authority (WVHCA).

The WVHCA’s mission is to collect information about health care costs and ensure accessibility to appropriate health care services in the state. The board consists of five members who serve part-time and without compensation.

WVSOM President James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., said Hill is an excellent choice for the WVHCA board.

“Dr. Hill is a respected leader in public health in

our state and across the nation. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this board,” he said.

Hill expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve West Virginia.

“I am honored to be appointed to the board of the West Virginia Health Care Authority. I look forward to representing West Virginians to ensure accessibility to quality, affordable health care,” Hill said. “As a Boone County native, I grew up in the West Virginia rural health care system. My career has allowed me to work with local health departments, hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers, rural health centers and specialty care centers.”

She said her work at WVSOM has helped prepare her for membership on the board.

“My role at WVSOM has afforded me the opportunity to help place well-trained physicians across our state and to work with and hear from community members about their health care issues. I hope to contribute my expertise to the board of the Health Care Authority,” Hill said.

Hill has been recognized at the national and state levels for her efforts in public health care.

In 2023, the American Public Health Association awarded Hill its Excellence in Health Administration Award, which recognizes exceptional and sustained achievement in public health administration. In 2024, she was recognized as a ‘West Virginia Wonder Woman’ by WV Living magazine for her work in making a positive change in health care in the state.

Hill has a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, a Master of Science degree in public service management and a Ph.D. degree in human services with a specialization in health care administration. She has more than 40 years of experience in public health leadership positions.

She served on the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health for more than 20 years in several director positions, including director of the Office of Rural Health and associate director of the Office of Community Health Systems.

Hill moved to Nashville, Tenn., and served as director of the Infectious Diseases Section of the



Drema Hill

Tennessee Department of Health. She later became chief executive officer of the Nashville Health Management Foundation and Comprehensive Care Center, one of the country’s largest HIV/AIDS clinic systems.

Upon her return to West Virginia in 2010, she became director of the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services. She completed her career in state government as executive director of the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department, a six-county regional health system.

Hill joined WVSOM in 2016.

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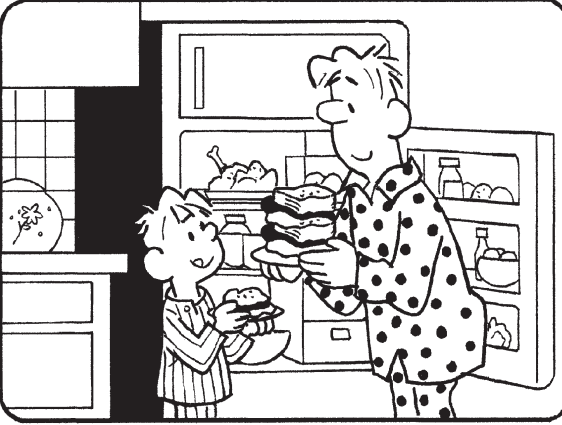
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HOCUS-FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Freezer handle is wider. 2. Upper cabinet is wider. 3. Sandwich is larger. 4. Cookie jar is smaller. 5. Fridge door is not as wide. 6. Countertop is thicker.

SCRAMBLERS

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


Pretense
CHEADAR

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BLAMER

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TODAY'S WORD



"I ran into your old flame today. Looks much younger than I do, but then, of course, he never _____."

Weekly SUDOKU

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Super Crossword

AMERICAN CINEMA

ACROSS

1 Gender-inclusive pronoun phrase

8 Recording on a cassette

14 Drab military wear

20 Jostled, in a way

21 Fill with love

22 Wear away

23 1987 Nicolas Cage crime comedy

25 Evening party

26 Second-string sports squad

27 Screw up

28 Revered Fr. woman

30 Singer Anita

31 "Absolutely!"

32 1991 Denzel Washington drama

39 Certain Slav

40 Novelist Gay

41 "Help!," asea

42 1999 Russell Crowe comedy-drama

47 Tango move

49 Actor Linden

52 Wear away

53 Cribbage pins

54 Voluntarily

56 Messy sort

57 Executive nix

59 1961 Elvis Presley romantic comedy

61 Take an ax to

62 Amigo

63 Got close to

66 Ronstadt of song

67 1978 Maggie Smith comedy

71 Pretend to be

74 Pontificated

75 "— Miniver"

76 37-Down container

79 1984 Harry Dean Stanton road movie

82 Maple fluids

84 Jesting Jay

85 Tablelands, French-style

86 Org. looking for aliens

88 Deserve

89 Ecol. or biol.

90 Film bomb

91 2004 Olsen twins teen comedy

95 "General" on a Chinese menu

97 Even (with)

99 Fleming and McKellen

100 1991 River Phoenix drama

105 Morning times, in brief

108 — avis

109 Dusting cloth

110 Talking- — (lectures)

111 Smack the baseball hard

113 Flaxen-haired woman

115 Fictitious college whose name would be fitting for this puzzle

121 Apple media player

122 Quiz show fodder

123 Designed to fit most people

124 Argon and radon

125 Shiny fabrics

126 Ingredient in emollients

DOWN

1 Well-seasoned, in a way

2 Fill with joy

3 Some theater awards

4 Parks who stayed put

5 Pool contest

6 Pullet, e.g.

7 Slips past carefully

8 Naturalist

9 DiFranco of song

10 La —, Bolivia

11 "I believe," to a texter

12 Prefix with profit

13 Holds firmly

14 DJ Casey

15 "Watchmen" network

16 Melodious

17 Reality TV family name

18 Paragon

19 "Adios!"

24 Skill, to Cato

29 Many a '60s T-shirt

33 Sale bin abbr.

34 Antlered deer

35 Get lippy with

36 Sort

37 Soup veggie

38 Road paving materials

39 Wild guess

42 Net fabric

43 Harvard rival

44 Pack away

45 Germane

46 "Il Trovatore" heroine

48 German "I"

50 Caustic liquid

51 Sister of Luke

54 Amigos

55 Tot's injury

57 Kilmer of film

58 Director Roth

59 Soft cheese

60 Brings about

62 Relayed

64 Epochs

65 Wee colonist

67 Reality star

Jenner, familiarly

68 Actor Jamie

69 Sports arbiter

70 TeleTax org.

71 Downloads for iDevices

72 Class taken after trig

73 Like turncoats

76 Land of Lima

77 Tending to the matter

78 Lavish love (on)

80 Fraternity "T"

81 Writer Welty

83 Inhaled stuff

84 Eye part

86 Smack hard

87 Literary Jane

88 Studies as a secondary focus

91 Like sailors' mil. branch

92 Ecol. monitor

93 South Korean compact car

94 — -jongg

96 "— Way" (Proust novel volume)

98 Dark periods

100 Head honcho

101 Crimean port

102 Part of UPI

103 "— my pleasure"

104 "Cock-a-doodle- —!"

105 "... to fetch — of water"

106 Actress Gaynor or McCall

107 Artist Jan

112 "You never had — good!"

114 Bad grade

116 — pro nobis

117 Ignited

118 VII octupled

119 Yang's partner

120 Genetic ID

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ENTERTAINMENT



Carnegie Hall's 2025-2026 Mainstage Performance Season (clockwise from top left) Stayin' Alive, Blind Boys of Alabama, Big Shots, A Christmas Carol, WV Symphony Orchestra, 3 Redneck Tenors, Sweet Honey in the Rock, and Della Mae.

Carnegie Hall season tickets now available

Unforgettable performances, exclusive savings, and the return of the classics

Carnegie Hall proudly announces the launch of Season Tickets for its 2025–2026 programming, showcasing a vibrant Mainstage Performance Series and the celebrated return of the Classics Series featuring Steinway Living Legend Barbara Nissman.

Get ready for a season of unforgettable evenings at Carnegie Hall's Mainstage Performance Series! The energy kicks off on Thursday, Sept. 11, with Stayin' Alive, the world's top Bee Gees tribute band, followed by the powerful harmonies of gospel legends Blind Boys of Alabama on Saturday, Oct. 18. November heats up with Big Shots, a rollicking tribute to Billy Joel, on Saturday the 8th, and takes a festive turn with A Christmas Carol - a fresh spin on the beloved classic - on Sunday, Nov. 30. As December begins, the WV Symphony Orchestra fills the hall with holiday magic in Sounds of the Season on Friday the 5th. Then, warm up winter with laughter and vocal fireworks as the 3 Redneck Tenors bring "Down Home Laughs, Big City Music" on Friday, Feb. 13. Spring arrives with soul-stirring vocals from Grammy-winning a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey in the Rock on Friday, Mar. 20, and wraps in vibrant harmony with Della Mae, the Grammy-nominated all-woman string band, on Saturday, Apr. 11. From timeless classics to thrilling tributes, this series invites you to experience

music that moves you.

Mainstage Season Tickets are now available, offering you the chance to secure your favorite seat for an entire season filled with eight unforgettable performances. Season Ticket holders not only save 15% on the full season but also enjoy exclusive early access to next year's Carnegie Hall Season Subscriptions. Choose your preferred seating level: Level I - \$295, Level II - \$260, and Level III - \$150 per season ticket. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of a remarkable season of music, theater, and live entertainment.

Season Tickets are also available for the Carnegie Classics Series which offers a rare opportunity to experience the profound artistry of renowned pianist and Steinway Living Legend Barbara Nissman. Returning with three captivating concerts, the series features "The French Connection," joined by guest violinist Russell Fallstad; "Naughty, Naughty, Mozart," celebrating the playful side of the composer alongside Barbara's West Virginia musician friends; and a grand finale with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, where Barbara will perform as soloist in the Grieg Piano Concerto.

A passionate advocate for expanding access to classical piano music, Barbara brings contagious enthusiasm and deep connection to the composers she interprets. Her ability to make classical music both accessible and exhilarating makes her the ideal artist to grow new audi-

ences. Carnegie Hall WV, with its intimate setting and community-centered mission, offers the perfect backdrop for this endeavor.

Classics Series Season Tickets include all three performances, with a 15% discount when subscribing to the full series. Pricing tiers are available at \$75 (Level I), \$66 (Level II), and \$51 (Level III).

Mark your calendar: individual tickets go on sale July 28, 2025. In the meantime, Season Tickets are available now at CarnegieHallWV.org or by calling the Box Office at 304-645-7917. Carnegie Hall WV invites you to be part of a season where each performance is a vibrant celebration of artistry, emotion, and community.

Carnegie Hall also offers discounts for members, seniors, military, and students. Thanks to the Carnegie Cardinal Fund Greenbrier County students, grade K-12, receive free entry while funds last. To take advantage of any of these discounts, call the Box Office at 304-645-7917.

Carnegie Hall WV is a member-driven nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. For more information visit www.carnegie-hallwv.org.

Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace continues with Windfall

Carnegie Hall continues the 2025 Ivy Terrace Concert Series Thursday, July 24, at 6:30 p.m. with Windfall from Floyd, Virginia. Sponsored by City National Bank, the concert takes place outside on Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace as attendees watch from the expansive lawn in front of New River Community and Technical College. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic to enjoy live music. All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, open to the public, and alcohol free.

Friendly as a familiar old porch swing, warm and cozy as sitting around the fire, and fresh and honest as the Blue Ridge breeze, Windfall grabs an audience and takes them for a wonderful ride through the eclectic landscape of Americana and roots music.

Windfall began in Floyd, Virginia, in 2006 playing venues and festivals in the New River Valley and quickly branched out across Virginia and Maryland. With a mix of original material and carefully crafted covers of some of the best Americana artists, Windfall delivers a compelling sound that keeps the listener engaged and looking forward to the next song.

Concerts will move inside if inclement weather dictates, so follow and like Carnegie Hall's Facebook page for updates. For more information, please visit www.carnegiehallwv.org or call 304-645-7917.

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