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## After nearly six decades, Penny Pitch announces dissolution

*Organizers encourage support of other local groups*



**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**  
Donations Big and Small, Together Making Change

Earlier this week, organizers with Penny Pitch announced that unfortunately the 501c3 will be dissolved. Penny Pitch has provided relief for numerous families during the holiday season and beyond since 1967. Every year this community-wide effort has provided food and Christmas gifts for children, and over the past decade, Penny Pitch has been able to help many of those families with utility payments.

“Things in our community have changed, and there are many other efforts raising funds to do this work at Christmas-time,” states their notice. “Additionally, Penny Pitch has always been supported by local service clubs, and those groups are seeing declines in membership. For the past two years, we have not met our fundraising goals and have struggled to meet the needs of the people who apply for help. As a result, we have made the difficult decision to discontinue Penny Pitch and dissolve our 501(c)(3). We are deeply grateful for all of the donations, all of the support from civic organizations, and all of our volunteers and partners. We had a great run, we did a lot of good, and we made a difference. Now we hope that everyone who helped us will support the other worthy efforts to make a better Christmas for our local children and families and

for the efforts to ease the area’s food insecurities. Thank you for 58 years of ‘Neighbors Helping Neighbors.’”

Any remaining funds will be divided between the local food banks, of which Penny Pitch was a hearty supporter of. Penny Pitch organizers encourage donations this holiday season to any of the food banks in our area.

### Local food bank information is as follows:

- In Alderson, food is distributed on the third Friday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Brian DeRouen at 304-445-5231 or Anthony Carter at 304-661-0670.

- In Lewisburg, food is distributed at Old Stone Church (644 Church Street) on the third Saturday of each month from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. For assistance, contact Bill Martin at 304-647-0069 or Gloria Martin at 304-645-7842.

- In Quinwood, food is distributed on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact Eric White at 304-992-6058 for more details.

- In Rainelle, distribution takes place at First Baptist Church (345 7th Street) on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. Contact Ann Thomas at 304-438-5104.

- In Renick, food is distributed at the Church of God Lane (27420 Seneca Trail) on the third Saturday of each month from 8 to 9 a.m. Contact Debbie Betsell at 304-956-0190.

- In Roncverte, food is distributed at 434 Monroe Avenue on the second and fourth Satur-

days of each month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Contact Molly McDade at 304-647-8646.

- In Rupert, Wellspring of Greenbrier distributes food every other Wednesday (typically the second and fourth) at 524 Nicholas Street. A free hot meal is also served on Thursdays from 12 to 2 p.m. For more information, call 304-392-2095.

- In White Sulphur Springs, the Methodist Church (136 Hanna Lane) holds distributions on the first Monday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on the third Monday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Contact Louise or Wayne Feury at 304-536-1353.

- The Pentecostal Holiness Church (190 Ingleside Avenue, White Sulphur) also distributes food on the second Saturday of each month starting at 9 a.m. until supplies run out. Contact Gene Sizemore at 304-647-8804.

- In Williamsburg, food is distributed on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. at 6571 Shoestring Trail. Contact Tina Noe at 304-392-5537.

- Additional feeding programs include Meals on Wheels, available Monday through Friday, and senior nutrition sites in Rupert and Fairlea, also operating Monday through Friday. These are managed by the Greenbrier County Committee on Aging, which can be reached at 304-392-5138 or 304-645-1978.

- The Shepherd’s Center also provides weekly meal deliveries to seniors and can be contacted at 304-645-4196.

## Greenbrier Valley preps for 100th State Fair of West Virginia



As August fast approaches, Greenbrier County is preparing for the influx of visitors to the region thanks to the 100th annual State Fair of West Virginia. The installation of The Wild Mouse on the Midway is a telltale sign that festivities are just around the corner for fairgoers. This year, the fair is set for 10 days of fun from Aug. 7 through Aug. 16 and will feature musical performances from T-Pain, Kansas & 38 Special, Zach Top, Cornell Gunter’s Coasters, Nate Smith, Wyatt Flores, Lauren Daigle, Jeff Dunham, Miranda Lambert, and more!

Our award-winning State Fair Guide will be included in the Aug. 2 edition of the Mountain Messenger and will outline everything there is to do at the fair this year.

## Fritz’s Pharmacy announces closure after 40 years of service

*Prescription services to transition to Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy*

**By Sarah Richardson**

After four decades of dedicated service to Greenbrier County and the surrounding areas, Fritz’s Pharmacy has announced that they will officially close their doors on Thursday, July 31.

Owner and pharmacist Fritz Glasser explained the reason for the closure in a letter to his customers, stating, “I want to personally thank you and everyone else in Greenbrier and the surrounding counties that supported Fritz’s Pharmacies for the past 40 years. I feel that God has blessed me with the opportunity, the guidance, and great and dedicated employees... all of which I will be forever grateful.”

Fritz cited the evolving nature of the healthcare industry and rising financial challenges as the reasons behind

the difficult decision. “Healthcare has changed. The pharmacy business has become a commodity, not a service,” he said. “Humana, Aetna, and a few other Medicare D providers have made it financially impossible for a small town pharmacy.”

He explained that his pharmacy has “lost money on approximately 20% of our prescriptions (up to \$40 on inhalers and insulins), we have been reimbursed less than \$1 on another 20%, less than \$2 on another 20%, less than \$5 on another 20%, and on the last 20% we do make \$10 profit (mostly WV Medicaid).”

“It has been a difficult and painful decision to make,” said Fritz.

Fritz’s Pharmacy will continue filling prescriptions through Wednesday, July 30. See “Fritz’s Pharmacy” \_\_\_\_ Page 2

## Rural flights could be grounded after passage of Big Beautiful Bill

**By Stephen Baldwin, RealWV**  
**www.therealwv.com**

A program that has successfully brought daily air travel to rural West Virginia for more than 40 years faces an uncertain future following the passage of the Big Beautiful Bill in Congress earlier this month.

In 1978, the federal government began an experiment in subsidizing flights from rural airports to regional hubs. It was called Essential Air Service (EAS).

According to the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), which operates EAS, “The Essential Air Service program was put into place to guarantee that communities...maintain a minimum level of scheduled air service. This is generally accomplished by subsidizing, when necessary, two round trips a day with 30- to 50-seat aircraft, or additional frequencies with smaller aircraft, usually to a large- or medium-hub airport.”

The program emerged from the Airline Deregulation Act, with the intent of ensuring that rural communities could connect to the National Air Transportation System without having to drive long distances to a regional airport.

It was authorized for 10 years initially. “After multiple extensions of that period, the program is now permanently authorized by Congress,” says the USDOT.

Jon Vrabel, Airport Director for the City of Morgantown, says the program has stuck around because it works.

“Back when the program started, it was supposed to be short-lived,” he explains. “It did so well connecting small communities to national and international routes, and that’s the reason it has stayed around for so many years.”

\$20 million impact in the Mountain State

Last year, EAS subsidized local flights in 112 rural



**Greenbrier Valley Airport**

communities across the United States plus another 65 in Alaska.

The total cost? \$550,008,083 as of October 2024, the last time USDOT released statistics.

West Virginia received approximately \$20 million last year from EAS at five airports—Beckley (\$2.8M), Clarksburg (\$5.5M), Lewisburg (\$6.4M), Morgantown (\$3.3M), and Parkersburg (\$2.1M).

The airports don’t receive the fund directly. USDOT provides direct subsidies to the airlines who provide flights from the airports. Without those subsidies, though, the airports say they’d be in trouble.

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# Joint investigation leads to arrest on child pornography charges

Following an extensive joint investigation and search warrant conducted by the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Department and the West Virginia State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, Robert Bond Sipos, 62, of Snake Run, Alderson, has been charged with possession of child pornography. Sergeant D. Vaught of the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office is the lead investigator.

The investigation resulted in Sipos being formally charged and subsequently taken into custody. His bond was set at \$75,000.

Both agencies remain committed to safeguarding children and holding indi-

viduals accountable for crimes involving the exploitation of minors. Additional details regarding the investigation will be released as appropriate and in accordance with ongoing legal proceedings.

Sheriff Bart Baker would like to caution parents to closely monitor what their children are doing on the internet. Predators use the internet and social media platforms to gain access to children. Our children are our most precious resource and must be protected. If you target our children, we will target you! The Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office is dedicated to protecting our youth and will work tirelessly to find those who harm or exploit them and put those perpetrators in prison.

# AWANA resumes at First Baptist Church in Fairlea

First Baptist Church of Fairlea is happy to announce another AWANA year continues Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 6:45 p.m. AWANA, which stands for “Approved Workers Are Not Ashamed” (2 Timothy 2:15), is a free program for children ages three (if potty-trained) through 5th grade, enabling churches and parents to teach their children to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. This program is open to the community, and all are welcome to join! AWANA is held each Wednesday from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

The unique design of the AWANA program allows children to sign up at any time throughout the school year. However, join us as soon as possible to begin



making friends and be a part of the fun! A typical AWANA evening includes not only Bible lessons and verse memorization, but also games, mission projects, special themed nights, pledges, snacks, and an AWANA awards store.

For more information, call the church at 304-645-3533, or if possible, preregister AWANA children online at [www.fbcfairlea.com](http://www.fbcfairlea.com). Hope to see you Sept. 3!

## Fritz’s Pharmacy Continued from Front Page

31, with services ceasing permanently afterward. Starting Friday, Aug. 1, prescription records and remaining inventory will be transferred to Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy (GMAP) in Fairlea, where services will resume on Monday, Aug. 4.

To ensure continuity of care, Leatherman has worked closely with GMAP to support a smooth transition. Rick Leatherman, RPh, who began his pharmacy career at Fritz’s after graduating from WVU in the mid-1990s, will continue serving patients with the same level of hometown care. In addition, Fritz’s longtime pharmacy staff, Jake and Priscilla, will be joining the GMAP team to help maintain familiar faces and reliable service.

Patients are encouraged to call 304-647-5121 with any questions and to coordinate prescription pickups or inquire about delivery services offered by Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy.

## Rural Flights

“Most of the airports in West Virginia wouldn’t be able to survive without it,” says Vrael. “Charleston and Huntington have vital air service and are not EAS airports. They would be able to stand on their own. The rest (of the airports) that have air carrier service, we need the EAS to provide flights.”

In the fall of 2024, Morgantown signed a contract with SkyWest Airlines, an affiliate of United Airlines for EAS flights. Here’s how the process works.

“For instance, in Morgantown, the USDOT will put out a bid for EAS at the airport,” explains Vrael. “Several carriers will submit bids. They will have what cities they’ll fly to from your airport. Then we as a community can put together a team to interview those carriers. Then we make a recommendation to the USDOT who we’d like to see in our community and why they’re a good fit. They ultimately make the decision who is chosen, and it could be based on price or the service provided.”

The Morgantown committee recommended SkyWest. Even though they weren’t the low bidder, they flew more routes to more places via their affiliation with United Airlines, and USDOT approved the recommendation.

“You can go anywhere in the world from Morgantown. We didn’t have that capability before,” adds Vrael.

Big Beautiful Bill cuts EAS by more than half

But now, those EAS flights to five West Virginia airports and 167 other American communities fear they may be grounded. The Big Beautiful Bill championed by President Trump and approved by Congress earlier this month includes a \$308 million cut to EAS.

The bill was sweeping in its scope, and the cuts to air service received little attention from lawmakers or the media. But now airports are left wondering what the impact will be.

The WV Airport Managers Association, via Jon Vrael, told RealWV they are awaiting details from the USDOT.

“We haven’t received any communications yet,” he says. “We’re waiting to see what USDOT puts out and see how it will affect our airports. It’s hard to say what will happen. There will be some scrutiny on the program going forward. There may be things USDOT will have to do to live within that budget. More than likely, there’s

## Ruritans to hold informational meeting in Ronceverte

The Maxwelton Ruritan Club will host an informational meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 26, beginning at 6 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 373 Pocahontas Avenue, Ronceverte, in the basement.

We want to tell you about Ruritan and why having a club would be great for your community. No commitment, just an informal meeting giving you all the information needed to start a Ruritan Club in Ronceverte.

Please plan on attending. Invite your friends, co-workers, neighbors, and your church pew buddy. Bring your ideas on how to make Ronceverte a better place to live, work and raise a family.

We are looking forward to meeting everyone. Light refreshments will be served.

going to be communities that lose air service.”

RealWV reached out to the USDOT, via the office of Secretary Sean Duffy, for comment to see what airports could expect from the cuts and who they would affect. Our request was not returned.

Vrael is hopeful that West Virginia’s congressional leadership will go to bat for the airports.

“Sen. Capito (R-WV) does a lot for our area. She also has a lot of power. She will try to keep that service here,” he says.

Martha Livesay, Director of the Greenbrier Valley Airport, echoes those sentiments. “We remain optimistic about working with our congressional delegation to demonstrate the value this program provides to communities like ours. We encourage our representatives to consider the significant impact that EAS funding has on rural connectivity and economic development as they evaluate federal spending priorities.”

RealWV reached out to Sen. Capito’s office and asked about the EAS program cuts, but our request was not returned.

Local leader calls EAS ‘critical’ to tourism in WV

Kara Dense (right) is the President and CEO of Experience Greenbrier Valley, an organization devoted to promoting tourism and travel in southern West Virginia. She strongly supports EAS for the local impact it makes.

“Essential Air Service is critical to the success of tourism in the Greenbrier Valley,” says Dense. “It provides a gateway for visitors across the country to experience our unique blend of outdoor adventure, rich history, and warm hospitality.”

Dense further cited a recent WV Department of Tourism study which showed that travelers spent almost \$400 million in the Greenbrier Valley in 2024, supporting nearly 3,000 jobs. She attributes that economic impact in part to daily air travel via EAS.

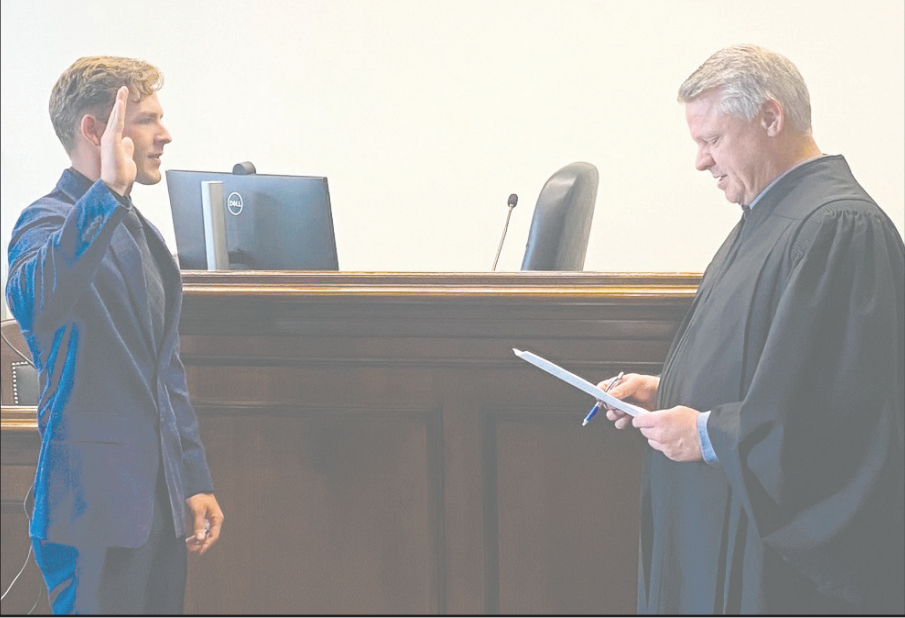
“With two daily connecting flights to major hub airports, access to our region is significantly improved, making attracting leisure visitors and groups easier,” says Dense. “Without reliable air access, we risk limiting the growth of our visitor economy and weakening the local businesses and jobs that depend on tourism.”

## Shepherd’s Center prepares for annual Community Service Award luncheon

This year, Shepherd Center’s annual Community Service Award luncheon honoring John and Connie Manchester will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the WVSOM Student Center. Lunch will be served and there will be a silent auction filled with unique items. Luncheon tickets are \$100.

To purchase tickets and inquire about sponsorships, call 304-645-4196, or visit our office at 1133 East Washington Street in Lewisburg,

# New Greenbrier County Deputy Sheriff sworn in



Thaddaeus R. Fullen is the newest Greenbrier County Deputy Sheriff.

The Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office would like to welcome Thaddaeus R. Fullen as its newest member as a Deputy Sheriff. Thaddaeus, who is also known as Thad, is from Monroe County, WV and was raised in Union. Thaddaeus previously spent four years in active duty status with the United States Marine Corp and

stationed in Camp Pendleton, CA. He received an honorable discharge in 2024 and has been employed by Fullen’s Excavating since that time. On Jul. 18, 2025, he was sworn in as Deputy Sheriff of Greenbrier County by the honorable Patrick Via, Circuit Court Judge of Greenbrier County.

“I personally would

like to welcome Thaddaeus into our ranks. Thaddaeus appears to be highly motivated, respectful, and family oriented. I feel he will be a great asset to the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office and will serve the citizens of Greenbrier County with integrity and respect,” says Chief Deputy Joshua J. Martin.

## PICK OF THE LITTER

**BIRD**

Bird is a six-year-old hound mix and weighs 47 pounds

**STREAK**

Streak is a two-month-old male domestic shorthair

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

## DON'T SHOP • ADOPT!



# Briefly

## Committee on Aging to require appointments for donations

Due to limited storage space, the Greenbrier County Committee on Aging will accept donations of medical items by appointment only. Items must be clean and in working order, some items still remain available for those who need them. Please call with any questions and before delivering or picking up, Lewisburg/Fairlea area is 304-645-1978 and the Western site in Rupert is 304-392-5138.

## 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.

### Greenbrier County Commission

will meet Tuesday, July 29, at 10 a.m. in Room 203 (new addition). LIVE STREAM FROM <https://www.facebook.com/gbrcourthouse/> and <http://www.youtube.com/@GreenbrierCo> On the agenda:

- Regular Business:
  - Approve Minutes - July 8, 2025 regular meeting
  - Settlements of Estates - Cora Louise Davis, Martha Jane Hicks, Linda Carole Smith, Charles Edward Gragg, Arta Lee Nutter, Celina Brown Bostic, Clifford Marshall Church, Farrell Dolores Brown, Martha Lee Nolen, and Anita June Judy
  - Exonerations/County Splits/Consolidations
- Financial Approvals:
  - Arts & Recreation Transfer
  - Budget Revisions
  - Line-Item Transfer
  - Pay Bills
- Presentation
  - Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center – Tag Galyean
  - Greenbrier Valley Bio Hub Groundbreaking & WVSOM Bio Forum – Don Smith
- New Business
  - Consideration of Proclamation to support West Virginia Goes Purple initiative during the month of September 2025, National Recovery Month.
  - Opening of bids received for After Hours Janitorial Services at the Greenbrier County Courthouse.
  - Consideration of member re-appointment to the Greenbrier County Planning Commission.
  - Consideration for Letter of Support to be included in grant application for an upcoming Abandoned Mine Lands and Economic Revitalization grant to be submitted to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for the Adventure Meadow River Welcome Center.
  - Consideration of Lease with the Greenbrier Valley Airport Authority for the premises occupied by the Greenbrier County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency.
  - Consideration of payment for Resolution #14 for Greenbrier County PSD#2 Phase II Waterline Extension Project.
  - Consideration of payment for Draw Request #12 for Greenbrier County GigReady Broadband Project.
  - Confirm separation of employment of Whitney Harris from the Greenbrier County Emergency 911 Communications Center effective date of July 17, 2025 (Date of hire 2/5/2024).
  - Confirm separation of employment of Bev Nelson from the Greenbrier County Prosecutor’s Office effective date of July 30, 2025 (Date of hire 4/15/2019).
  - To consider and act upon a Resolution of the County Commission which would set a public hearing date and provide notice of such public hearing regarding the approval of (i) the Tax Increment Financing Application (the “TIF Application”) with respect to the proposed amendment to Project Plan No. 2 for the development/redevelopment district known and designated as Greenbrier County TIF District #1 (White Sulphur Springs) (the “TIF District”); (ii) submission of the the TIF Application to the West Virginia Division of Economic Development for consideration of approval; and (iii) approval of other items in connection there with.
  - Consideration of reimbursement resolution for TIF Project Fund.
- ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DAY REPORT ROOF PROJECT
- ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR COURTHOUSE WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Next regular meeting Aug. 14, 2025.

### Greenbrier PSD #1

will meet Wednesday, July 30, at 8 a.m. in regular session at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - June 27, 2025
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Phase B project-related business
- 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

## For the Record

### Deeds

Richard G. Cardillo III to IMOG LLC: lots 20 & 21, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 0049.

Reuben L. Dancey and Sherry G. Dancey to Hayley Robbins: P’L lot 24, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60K Parcel 9.

JD-SD Investments LTD to Jobalie LLC: waiver of repurchase option, lot 11 Lodge Cottages, White Sulphur District.

JD-SD Investments LTD to Jobalie LLC: 0.282 acres, lot 11 phase 2, Lodge Cottages, White Sulphur District, Map 26M Parcel 15.

Charles Washington to Keith D. Lewis: lots 16-18, Rupert District, Map 5 Parcel 280.

Andrew W. Wellman Jr. to Max R. Morrison: 28.25 acres, Falling Spring District, Map part of 41 Parcel 15.

Cleveland K. Benedict Family Limited Partnership to Lawrence R. Cline: lot 22 Woodhaven SD II, Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 0036 0018.

Terry Secret to Cindy L. Gum: 0.54 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60L Parcel 0072/073.

Blair Haarolow and State Auditor Mark A. Hunt (by appointee) to Christine Asmann and Thomas France: 338.361 acres, Oil, gas & methane, Irish Corner District, Map 9999 Parcel 0000 0025 3038.

Diane L. Milan to William Bell and Lesa Bell: lots 1A 1-3, 10-12, & alley, 0.53 acres lot 7, Rainelle District, Map 5 Parcel 245, 251.

Wirt S. Winebrenner Jr. to Caleb M. Warden and Claire I. Warden: 1.31 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 29 Parcel 0153.

Kevin Kipp to Christopher A. Nottingham and Casey Nottingham: 2 tracts, 1.17 and 0.43 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 10 Parcel 0012, 0013.

Susan C. Lucas (by AIF) to Eric A. Hicks and Taylor M. Hicks: lot 43, Blue Sulphur District, Map 26 Parcel 66.

James C. Justice III to Helicopter Powerline Services LLC: lot 9 of Traveller’s Hill, White Sulphur District, Map 27 Parcel 73.

Kay E. Shirey to Lisa J. Wilkes: unit 9 Lewisburg District, Map 21A Parcel 0010.

Freddie W. Hedrick and Deloris J. Hedrick to Kendra Morgan: lot 45 of Crichton SD, Meadow Bluff District, Map 22R Parcel 0017.

Tina Alvarez to Richard R. Hanna and Megan H. Hanna: 2 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 3 Parcel 57.

George Hefner and Andrew L. Hefner to Andrew L. Hefner: 57.4 acres more or less, Anthony Creek District, Map 9 Parcel 0016.

Jess S. Ziegler and Anne E. Ziegler to Sammy Lovelace: 1885.18, Blue Sulphur District, Map 43 Parcel 0003 000.

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

David W. Cook, Saint Albans, improper turning, fine \$15, NCP

Stephen J. Mazzaro, Cincinnati, OH, speeding, fine \$5, GP

James T. Adwell, Caldwell, littering, fine \$100, GP

Jason Eric Lewis, Lewisburg, fishing without license, fine \$30, GP

Carl C. Bailey, Knoxville, MD, speeding, fine \$5, NCP

Emory L. Edmonds-Leaseburge, Lewisburg, defective equipment, fine \$10, NCP

Mark P. Pressler, Charlottesville, VA, speeding, fine \$24, NCP

Jose A. Oliva, Richmond, VA, speeding, fine \$30, NCP

## Suits

New Cases from 7/16/25 to 7/23/25

New Civil Cases

Elizabeth LaRue v. West Virginia CVC Pharmacy, LLC d/b/a CVS/Pharmacy Store 6333

T5 Reinsurance Company, Inc v. Capital Automotive, Inc

Jessica Richards v. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Credit Acceptance Corporation v. Kenneth L Marshall

CAPITAL ONE, N A SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO DISCOVER BANK v. WILLIAM HINKLEY

CAPITAL ONE NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO DISCOVER BANK v. DONNA L BOWLING

CAPITAL ONE NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO DISCOVER BANK v. JAMES MURPHY

CAPITAL ONE N A SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO DISCOVER BANK v. ANNABELLE PARSONS

CAPITAL ONE N A SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO DISCOVER BANK v. TODD V ARBUCKLE

New Divorces

Bethany Nichole Peake and Scottie Ray Peake

Savannah Marie Rajguru and Aniket Anil Rajguru

### Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Aug. 11, at 5 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street West, to hear the following applications.

- Eric and Jessica Hall, 1599 Washington St East - install Black Architectural Shingles with K Style gutters
- Louise Pettier, 256 Echols Lane - replace sidewalk, install Black Aluminum railing to match existing to match front porch
- Z 2 LLC, 779 Court St South - exterior building painting
- Christian and Christy Hughart, 2122 Washington St East - addition to existing home
- Tom Campbell, 164 Greenbrier Ave - exterior painting.
- Merritt Withrow, 456 Foster St - paint exterior of the house and shutters
- Approval of July Minutes
- Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer
- Comments from the Commission

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission will be held Monday, Sept. 8, at 5 p.m., with deadline of Aug. 14, at 10 a.m.

William L. Johnson Jr. to David H. Johnson: 25.36 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 11 Parcel 180.

Joan M. Waid to John C. Waid and Aaron S. Waid: 0.54 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 40S Parcel 8.

Historic General Lewis Inn to Sparrow E. Huffman and Aaron W. Huffman: 29,985 square feet, Lewisburg District, Map 26 Parcel 48.

Real Property Investments LLC to Danny Sims and Christi Sims: 75 x 200, Meadow Bluff District, Map 564R Parcel 11.

Crystal Y. Hodge to Robert J. Eggert: 17.30 and 17.60 acres, Falling Springs District, Map 65 Parcel 42.

Briarwood Farms LLC to OC Farms LLC: 116.91 RSVY parcels 25.1 & 26-29, Frankford District, Map 22 Parcel 26.

Betty D. Crookshanks (by heirs and AIF) to Stepheney A. Newman: 6,250 square feet, Rupert District, Map PART of 5, Parcel PART of 155, 156.

Joseph T. O’Hanlan Jr. and Barbara O’Hanlan to John S. Montgomery: lot 2 Robertson Addition, Lewisburg District, Map 26 Parcel 52.

Jeffrey H. Biederman and Amber F. Biederman to John C. Stump and Lisa C. Stump: lot 13, Fairway Cottages Neighborhood, White Sulphur District, Map 2H Parcel 3.

Argolica LLC to Frank A. Liguori Jr.: 0.631 acres, Main Street, Meadow Bluff District, Map 54K Parcel 0009.

Jerry A. Hoover and Paula C. Hoover to Phillip Gregory to Phillip G. Duba and Jessica L. Duba: lot 3, Frankford District, Map PART 14 C, Parcel 1.

Brenda C. Carr Maust, Patsy J. Carr Friedley, Barbara Gail Carr Dority, Johnny W. Carr (heirs of Elise L. Carr) to Ebert C. Edward: lot 4, 40 x 110, White Sulphur District, Map 16 Parcel 20.

4 Kids LLC to Lake Sworder: unit 204, Lewisburg District, Map 16 Parcel 115.

Daniel B. Compton to Christopher Majewski and Tiffany Girardi: 7.10 acre, Meadow Bluff District, Map 63 Parcel 56.1.

Larry E. Roth to Nicholas Eisenberg and Ashley Eisenberg: 119.78 & 29.835, Falling Spring District, Map 33, 33 Parcel 8, 17.

Dianna Lowers to Michael Welch: 0.76 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 58 Parcel 66.

Stafford G. Warren to William M. Wolf Revocable Trust (by trustee): 10 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 82.

Linda L. Hunter to Julia A. Reed and Kelsey L. Perdue: transfer on death deed, 2.44 and 5.71 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 72 Parcel 10, 13.

Linda L. Hunter to Robert L. Hunter: 22.77 and 15.3 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 72, Parcel 24.1, 24.2.

Melissa L. Meisenheimer and Jesus Vasquez: lot 2 Hope Village, White Sulphur District, Map 1 Parcel 25.2.

William R. Sherwood and Jennifer T. Sherwood to Caitlyn. B. M. Sherwood and Cameron R. Sherwood: 2.53 acres & 30 RW, Frankford District, Map 15 Parcel 63.

Gerlene A. Sims to Jerry B. Daley: 40.00 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 27 Parcel 42.

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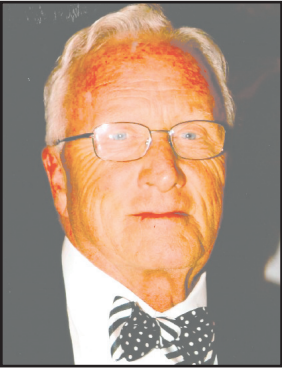
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# OBITUARIES

## Jerry Richard Galyean



Jerry Richard Galyean died July 16, 2025, in Peyton Hospice House, Lewisburg, WV, at the age of 87, from cancer and a long illness. He was born in Huntington, WV, raised in Charleston, traveled the world and made homes in Asheville, NC, Knoxville, TN and Lewisburg, WV.

Jerry grew up as the oldest son of six siblings, five brothers and one sister. His parents were Tinsley Azariah (TAG) Galyean and Jane Elliott Galyean.

Jerry’s life had many chapters. He was a young model train and photography enthusiast, a teenage magician, neighborhood newspaper publisher and radio broadcaster, and junior high school president. He graduated from Phillips Academy-Andover, MA, and earned a degree from Stanford University focusing on cinematography. His graduate school thesis film won the San Francisco Film Festival.

Jerry graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in the early 1960s. Shortly thereafter, the United Nations contracted him as a documentary cinematographer to make films in Africa and the Middle East. Following those years, he was employed by Hugh Downs, Today Show anchor, as his expedition photographer and cinematographer on Mr. Down’s well-publicized sailing voyage from Florida to Tahiti. Jerry’s reports appeared frequently on the Today Show and 20/20.

In 1970, Jerry filmed and produced the documentary “Hard Chargers” for Time Life Magazines. The film, which chronicled the early history of stock car racing, was aired nationally in prime time on Time Life’s Sunday evening series.

In the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s Jerry was a successful car dealer in Asheville, NC, and Knoxville, TN. He was also a dedicated supporter of University of Tennessee sports, particularly the championship woman’s basketball team. He traveled with the team to most of their away games.

He moved to Greenbrier County in 2003 and was active in retirement. He guided bunker tours at The Greenbrier Hotel and served in the Simulated Patient Program for West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WV-SOM).

Jerry found irony and humor in his varied experiences and often told true life stories that entertained and educated. He particularly enjoyed being included as the extra player in the “Girls Bridge Group” and they loved him too.

Jerry and Galya Galyean, married in 2004, lived in Sinks Grove, Monroe County and then Lewisburg. Their wedding was at Kate’s Mt., Greenbrier and the center piece of the Carnegie Hall benefit “My Big Fat Fantasy Wedding” Gala. They have enjoyed and entertained a large

group of friends and have had “a wonderful life together” at home, in Vero Beach, FL, and cruising with friends Ingrid and Ora Arnolds.

Jerry became the kind of person who made every room warmer, every moment lighter. His laughter was contagious, his kindness effortless, and his ability to find humor even in the toughest times was a gift to us all.

Rest easy, Jerry. You are loved beyond measure and missed beyond description.

Jerry Richard Galyean is survived by the “love of his life” Galya Galyean, daughters Deigh Galyean, Marietta Harvey, and granddaughter Caroline Chaney; his brothers Tinsley Azariah (TAG) Galyean, Jr., (Annabelle), Brent Beasley Galyean (deceased), Kyle Elliott Galyean, Gary Anderson Galyean (Annie) and sister Jane Elizabeth Vail (Mark). Also important to Jerry are his nephews Tinsley Galyean 3rd (Nicole - daughters Tinsley Jane and Piper), Taylor Galyean (Marilyn - daughter Lucy), Wilson Galyean (Lisa – daughter Eleanor and son Ben) and his nieces Elizabeth Reardon (John – sons Mark and Charlie), Barbara Vail, Angela Wilcox (Benjamin – son Horatio and daughter Winifred), Caroline Metsch, and Mary Brent Galyean.

Jerry’s body will be donated to the WVSOM and the celebration of life will be at the end of the year.

Memorial donations can be sent to: The Jerry Galyean Fund-GVAC (Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center) 896 Maplewood Ave., Lewisburg, WV 24901. Phone 681-484-7037 Tax Exempt Federal ID #83-0858673.

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## Mary Lou Huffman



Mary Lou Huffman, 68, of Peterstown, WV, passed away Sunday, July 13, 2025. Born Oct. 14, 1956, in Lewisburg, she was the daughter of the late Leo Elmer and Ruby Jean Napier Sheppard.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Daniel Huffman, brother, David Sheppard and sister, Brenda Reynolds.

Survivors include her children, Natasha Chinault (Derik) and Christopher Huffman, siblings, Junior Sheppard (Debbie) and Loretta Boone (Rodney), grandchildren, Harley, Brady, Jaden and Paul, and several nieces and nephews.

It was Mary’s wish to be cremated; there is no service scheduled at this time. Online guestbook can be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net).

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

## James McVay Lockhart



James McVay Lockhart, 68, of Lewisburg, WV, passed away Saturday, July 19, 2025, at his home. Born Oct. 29, 1956, in Beckley, he was the son of the late Dondal Lockhart. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Peggy Lockhart.

Survivors include his children, Jeannie Lockhart Hardiman (Richard Hardiman), James Lockhart, Jr. (Alexandria) and David White, sister, Brenda Clegg, grandchildren, Eliza Hardiman, Angel Lockhart, James D. Lockhart, Waylon Alexander Lockhart and his beloved dog, Fii-bee.

Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 26, at the Fairlea Baptist Church. Online guestbook can be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net).

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

## Boyd Lee Brown



Boyd Lee Brown, 72, of Frankford, departed his earthly home at Bo-De Farm to join his Lord and Savior, on July 19, 2025.

He was born Aug. 24, 1952, in Ronceverte, to the late Byrl Boyd and JoAnn Adams Brown. He was a graduate of Greenbrier East High School and attended West Virginia University.

Boyd was a member of the Frankford Presbyterian Church and attended the Frankford United Methodist Church where he participated in the charge choir, the Men’s Fellowship group, and served as the Chairman of the Church Council.

He was a dairy and beef farmer most of his life, but also skilled in the construction and horticulture industries. Boyd held memberships with the Frankford Ruritan Club, WV Farm Bureau, Lewisburg Elks Club, Greenbrier Masonic Lodge # 42 AF & AM, as well as a Beni Kedem Shriner. Boyd was passionate about local youth sport and civic organizations, agriculture, gardening, golf, faith and friends, but his love for his family remained the center of his life.

In addition to his parents, Boyd was preceded in death by his son, Butler Boyd Brown, and his brother Clarence Wayne “C.W.” Brown.

Those left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife and caretaker of 46 years, Deborah Ames Brown and daughter, Sara Brown (Shane Johnson) of Frankford, WV; daughter-in-law, Letisha “Tish” Cole Brown and his cherished grandson and best little buddy, Griffin Butler Brown, of Morgantown, WV; sisters, Valerie

Warren (Ralph “Chub”) of Lewisburg, WV, and Robin Hall (Darrell) of Pfafftown, NC; brothers Rodney Brown (Susan) of Deerfield Beach, FL, Terry Brown (Evelyn) and Brian Brown of Frankford, WV; sister-in-law Amy Brown Pence (Greg Pence) of Ocala, FL; along with numerous beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, July 24, from 5 until 7 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, WV.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 25, at the Frankford United Methodist Church with Pastor Pete Scott and Pastor Tyler Hylton officiating. Graveside service to follow at the Morningside Cemetery in Renick, WV.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Memory of Boyd Lee Brown to the Frankford United Methodist Church, 1022 Washington St. E. Lewisburg, WV 24901; Frankford Presbyterian Church, 160 Wise St., Frankford, WV 24938; or the Frankford Ruritan Club. 323 Dick Spencer Rd. Frankford, WV 24938.

Those serving as pallbearers include: his brothers, Rodney Brown and Terry Brown; brother-in-law, Darrell Hall; nephew, Jordan Brown; and special friends, Shane Johnson, Curtis Hill, Rick Hawver, and Ron Eggleston. Honorary pallbearers are Ralph “Chub” Warren, Sam Warren, George Lemon and Griffin Brown.

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## Wanda Lee Burns



Wanda Lee Burns, 84, passed away on Sunday, July 20, 2025. She was a long-term resident of Organ Cave, WV. She was born in Sinks Grove, on Apr. 2, 1941, and was the daughter of Homer Hampton Howard and Cinda Helvey Howard.

Wanda was preceded in death by her devoted husband, James Howard Burns; her brother, Robert (Bob) Howard; and her sister-in-law and closest friend, Myrtle Burns and several other brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

She is survived by her daughter, Tina Ratliff (Alan), and her son, Curtis Burns (Tammy). Wanda also leaves behind five treasured grandchildren - Keri Galford (Kevin), Justin Ratliff (Tiffany), Britany Blankenship (Randy), Tracey Hylton (Kenny), and Baylee Burns - and nine beloved great-grandchildren: Kash, Klaire, Harley, Rhiannon, Krew, Hunter, Ruger, Townes, and Kori. Among those who will miss her dearly

is her beloved brother, Joe Howard (Tina) and family, sister-in-law Jenny Francisco; brothers-in-law, Larry Burns (Gerri) and Lewis Burns; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Wanda, or as many knew her as Hoots or Hotrod Wanda, was a devoted member of Salem Presbyterian Church, where she found comfort in her faith and community. At home, she spent her days doing the things she loved - drawing, sewing, cooking, baking, and losing herself in a good book. Each year, she marked holidays and birthdays with homemade treats, sharing her pound cakes, friendship (zombie) bread, salt-rising bread and chocolate chip cookies with family and friends as a quiet but meaningful way to show her love. Her traditions, like her ever-famous rolls or the fruitcake that traveled a thousand miles, became lasting memories that will always be part of her story.

We’re hosting a come-and-go Celebration of Life for Wanda on Friday, July 25th starting at 6 p.m. at the Organ Cave Community Center. Stop in whenever you’d like to share stories, hugs, and memories. It’s a relaxed gathering to honor Wanda’s life and the love she shared with all of us.

In keeping with Wanda’s wishes, a graveside service will be held at the Burns Family Cemetery near Morgan Cemetery Road on Saturday, July 26 at 11 a.m. All friends and family are warmly invited to join us in celebrating her life.

In lieu of flowers, we encourage charitable donations to be made to HospiceCare and Peyton House Hospice in Lewisburg, WV. The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the dedicated staff of HospiceCare and Peyton House Hospice. Your compassionate care and unwavering support made Wanda’s final days peaceful and dignified, and we are forever grateful for the kindness shown to her and our family during such a tender time.

Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com)

## Alan Eugene “Sonny” Wells



Alan Eugene “Sonny” Wells, 88, formerly of Tampa, FL, died peacefully at home on July 20, 2025, surrounded by family. He had been a resident of Hico for nearly 50 years.

Born Nov. 10, 1936, in Cokesbury, SC, he was the son of the late Worcester Allen Palmer and Marguerite Alexander Palmer, also stepfather Rodman Ellis Wells.

He enlisted in 1954 and retired a MSgt of the US

Air Force with 20 years active service. He was a member of the Air Force Sergeants Association and the Retired Enlisted Association. Foreign service included Alaska, Panama Canal Zone, Vietnam and Thailand. Decorations and awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Small Arms Marksmanship Medal, Air Force Longevity Medal and Vietnam Service Medal.

He was preceded in death by his sister Mary McClean. In addition to his wife, Barbara, he is survived by his son Mark (Tara) Wells and daughter Kimberly (Doug) Seelinger; grandchildren Kaitlin (Matt) Coles, Jessica (Austin) Slater, Allison (Mitchell) Ryan, Emily (Nathan) Wallace, Lauren (Isaac) Richards, Caleb Wells, Jennifer Seelinger, Hannah Wells, Benjamin Seelinger, Joshua Wells, Kristen Seelinger, Gabriel Wells, Rachel Wells, Kayleigh Wells, Luke Wells and Jessalyn Wells; great-grandchildren John “Jack” Coles, Eleanor Coles, Brooks Slater, Evelyn Slater, Hazel Richards and Elijah Wallace. Other survivors include nieces Candi Greer and Sunny Gay Ploch of Florida, many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews and their families.

Friends will be received at Lookout Baptist Church on July 25, from 1 to 2 p.m. Funeral services with Pastor Daniel Bennett officiating will be held at the church with military internment to follow in Restlawn Memory Gardens, 151 Restlawn Cemetery Road, Victor, WV.

The family respectfully requests no flowers be sent for the services. For those wishing to make donations in memorial, please send them to the Beckley VA Medical Center ([www.cdceportal.va.gov](http://www.cdceportal.va.gov)), the Hospice of Southern WV ([www.hospicecarewv.org](http://www.hospicecarewv.org)) and/or the Lookout Baptist Church, 29862 Midland Trail, Lookout, WV.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.wallaceand-wallacefh.com](http://www.wallaceand-wallacefh.com).

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

## Alicia Rose “Lee” Holliday



Alicia Rose Holliday “Lee”, 45, passed away peacefully at the home of her parents, Kermit and Rosa Holliday of Smoot on July 17, 2025, from pancreatic cancer.

She was born May 29, 1980.

Alicia is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Charlie and Bertha Redden and paternal grandparents, Kenneth See “Obituaries” \_\_Page 5

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The Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners graduate four new members of the Class of 2025. These graduates have taken a total of 17 classes over a wide variety of topics including botany, pest control, pruning, propagation etc. In exchange for their education these graduates will commit to volunteering for 40 hours a year to give back to Greenbrier County. Volunteer projects include working in the Demonstration Garden at the Fairgrounds, maintaining the garden beds at Montwell Commons, and the Greenbrier River Trail.

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

New Master Gardeners: **Patty Grady (left), Pamela Carter, and Ellen Voss.**  
(Not pictured: Sara Clapham)



Demonstration Garden a staple of the State Fair



The Master Gardener’s Demonstration Garden is a time honored fixture and beloved fixture at the WV State Fair. The Demonstration Garden debuted over 20 years ago and has seen numerous changes and expansions over the years. This year the garden features a raised bed vegetable garden, an espalier orchard, Children’s Garden, and a Perennial and Herb Garden. This year for the first time, the Master Gardeners will be featuring clinics throughout the Fair. These clinics will include such topics as propagation, pruning, deadheading, seed collecting and repotting. Stop by the Demonstration Garden Aug. 7 through 16 and catch Master Gardeners in action tending to the garden, answering your questions, and teaching a free clinic.

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Church Bulletin

Worship Services and other events at Lewisburg Baptist Church

Please join us for services and events at Lewisburg Baptist Church - a Bible believing and gospel preaching church nestled in the heart of Greenbrier County. Worship services are conducted on Sundays at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Sunday School for children and for adults are on Sundays at 10 a.m. Van pick up is also available on Sundays and Wednesdays. Lewisburg Baptist Church is located at 246 Grand Avenue in Lewisburg. Further information is available at [www.lbcwv.com](http://www.lbcwv.com), on Facebook, or please call 304- 645-3797.

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.

Hedrick / Shepherd

The 58th Hedrick/Shepherd Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025, starting at 12 noon at the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church picnic shelter near Fort Spring. Eating utensils and meat will be provided. Please bring a covered dish, a beverage, family pictures, and stories to share with everyone. Neighbors, friends, and all descendants are invited to attend our 58th celebration. For more information or directions, please contact Steve Hedrick at 304-645-2630.

Obituaries

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Alicia Rose “Lee” Holliday  
obituary continued

and Katheryn Holliday. Survivors include her parents, Kermit and Rosa Holliday of Smoot; two sisters, April Pusey “Mark” and Brittany Carr “Danny”; two sons, Kaese and Noah; one daughter, River all of Smoot; a nephew, Kori whom she loved dearly. She was a light in all who knew her! Per her wishes, she will be cremated and a memorial service held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.wallaceand-wallacefh.com](http://www.wallaceand-wallacefh.com) Wallace & Wallace, Inc. of Rainelle, WV is in charge of arrangements.

Duane Allen Sykes



Duane Allen Sykes, 72, of White Sulphur Springs, passed away Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg. Born Sept. 26, 1952 at Clintonville, WV, he was a son of the late Lloyd L. Sykes and Margie R. Walkup Sykes. Duane was a loving Husband, Dad and “Pop Pop”; was a U.S. Army Veteran; was employed by The Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs as a Room Service Attendant and worked his way up to Head Security Officer with over 35 years service. He was a member of Wild Meadow Baptist Church and attended Greenbrier Valley Baptist Church in

later years. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings, brother, Orville “Bub” Sykes (Kathleen “Kathy” Messerschmidt Sykes); his niece, Melinda “Mindy” S. Sykes; brother, Edward “Eddie” Sykes and a sister, Sharon Louise Craft. Survivors include his loving wife of 29 years, Angelia L. Mabry Sykes; daughter, Sheena Sykes (Larry Spence) of White Sulphur Springs; sons, Dan Sykes of Gap Mills, Aundrae’ Sykes of Fairmont and Blake Sykes (Ashley) of Kalamazoo, Michigan; his grandchildren, Ian Sykes and Ethan Sykes of Fairmont and Layton Sykes and Laurel Sykes of Kalamazoo, Michigan; three brothers, Mike Sykes (Ginger) of Dawson, Doug Sykes (Cindy) and David Sykes (Jane), all of Clintonville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at Wild Meadow Baptist Church, with Pastor Lowell O’Dell officiating. A reception for the immediate family will follow in the church fellowship hall after the service.

A visitation will be from 12 noon until 2 p.m. at the church on Saturday.

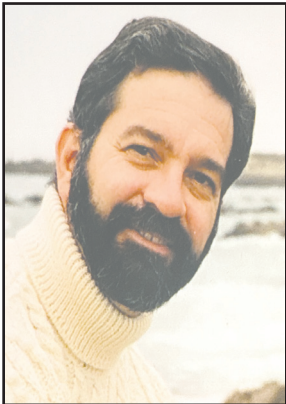
In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to assist in the upkeep of the Little Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, c/o Jason Childers, 3478 Little Creek Road, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986.

Lucy Nancy Paulin

Lucy Nancy Paulin, 98, died peacefully on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at Vincentian Home in Pittsburgh, PA. She was the daughter of the late Vincent and Luella (Blankenship) Paulin, born Jan. 28, 1927. Lucy lived with her family on Butler Moun-

tain, Renick, WV. Following graduation from West Virginia Business College, Lucy was employed by Chubb Insurance as an administrative assistant for 40 years. After her retirement, she became nanny for two children, whom she lovingly looked after for 15 years. Lucy was devout Catholic and a longtime member of St. Jude Parish. She loved her church, babies, dogs, cats, playing bingo and going to the races. She was a kind and gentle spirit who will be long remembered. She was the last of seven children, sister to the late Alex, Jim, Bartley, Lewis, Robert and Frances Paulin Musselman. She is survived by numerous beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Catholic Mass will be Saturday, July 26, at 12 noon at the Church of Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Williamsburg, WV, with Mons. Kevin Quirk officiating. Interment will follow in the Church of Mary Immaculate Cemetery. The family will have a visitation from 11 a.m. until service time at the church.

Roger Allen Wolfe



Roger Allen Wolfe, 76, of Lewisburg departed this life on July 22, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. He is predeceased by his parents, Jackson Clark and Imogene Ruth Wolfe, son Matthew Elliott Wolfe, and daughter Katherine Ashley Wolfe. He is sur-

vived by family members who will miss him dearly including his wife, Colleen Gwyn Wolfe, daughters Theresa Rae Wolfe and Rebecca Wolfe Smith, sister Pamela Jean Riddle, and grandchildren Ethan Adler Wolfe, Emma Claire Quizon and Spencer Thomas Quizon. Roger was born on Aug. 25, 1948, in Charleston, WV. He graduated from Dunbar High School and attended West Virginia University. Following graduation, he attended West Virginia University School of Law, where he distinguished himself as an editor of the WVU Law Review. Roger graduated Order of the Coif in 1973 and began his legal career by clerking for U.S. District Court Judge K.K. Hall. After his two-year clerkship, Roger joined Jackson, Kelly, Holt & O’Farrell in 1975. He practiced with Jackson Kelly for the remainder of his career, becoming well known and respected in the legal community for his courtroom skills. He was continually honored as one of West Virginia’s premier labor and employment attorneys for several decades. In 2017, he was inducted as a fellow in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, an organization honoring the leading lawyers nationwide in the practice of employment law. Roger also shared his love of research and legal writing with his students over the years while serving as an adjunct professor at the WVU College of Law. Beyond practicing law, Roger was an avid outdoorsman. He shared his love of the outdoors with his family, who cherish memories of spending summers and weekends outdoors with Roger at “the farm,” the family’s property in Roane County. Roger also was an accomplished vocalist, who performed with several vocal

groups in the area with his wife Gwyn, including as a soloist with the West Virginia Symphony Chorus, and member of the Light Opera Guild, Opus, Cantabile, Larry Parsons Chorale, the St. John Episcopal Church Choir, and the Old Stone Presbyterian Church Choir. Roger was known for his quick wit and mischievous smile. Roger was a kind and gentle soul who loved his family deeply, including his dogs, “the wolf pack,” who were an ever-present part of his life. Roger was a member of the Old Stone

Church in Lewisburg. A memorial service will be held at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Charleston at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to The Kanawha Humane Society, 1248 Greenbrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25311. Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com)

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Dear Recycle Lady,

What are orphan wells and why are they a concern?

*Learning About the Environment*

Dear Learning,

Orphan wells are oil or gas wells that have been abandoned by the industries that extracted the oil or gas. These wells have no known legal owner responsible for their care and closure, and they are polluting the air with climate-warming methane and contaminating groundwater. They also can leak benzene and other cancer-causing toxic chemicals into the air, surface water and ground water. They are a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. According to Wikipedia, the Interior Department has documented the existence of 130,000 orphaned wells nationwide and an EPA study estimated that there are as many as two

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to three million orphan wells nationwide. The nation’s first commercial oil well was drilled in Pennsylvania in 1859. The Department of Environmental Protection has used old paper coal-mine and farm maps in their attempt to locate these orphan wells. They have been found in 27 states under schools, homes, retirement communities and convention centers. Currently, drones are being launched in northwest Pennsylvania to hunt for these wells. The drones are outfitted with magnetic sensors that can detect metal underground, and special detectors to identify leaking methane emissions. However, according to planetizen.com, finding them is “just the beginning of a costly and urgent cleanup effort.”

Dear Recycle Lady,

Several nonprofit organizations are sending coins glued to their letters requesting donations. After removing the coins there are globs of glue left on the letter. Must this glue be removed before recycling the letter?

Avid Recycler

Dear Avid Recycler,

Yes, the glue dots that hold the coins on the letter must be removed as the glue can cause problems for the paper shredding machine during the bailing process. After the glue dots are removed put the letter in with office paper or magazines. Most glue dots can be removed simply by rubbing your thumb over them, or they can be cut out.

Dear Recycle Lady,

This isn’t about recycling, but I thought it was

good information for readers, especially dog owners. Kentucky-based veterinarian, Dr. Matt McGlasson, has cautioned that there are potentially fatal consequences if dogs eat sugar-free foods such as candy, gum, baked goods, pudding snacks and peanut butter as they contain a sugar substitute called xylitol.

Dog Lover

Dear Dog Lover,

Thanks for alerting readers to the dangers of xylitol. According to <https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet/xylitol-toxicity-in-dogs>, when dogs eat xylitol, the xylitol is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream and can cause a profound drop in blood sugar (hypoglycemia). Higher doses can cause seizures and liver failure. Call Pet Poison Helpline 800-213-6680 immediately if xylitol has been ingested by your dog.

Happy Coral Reef Awareness Week! Coral is a living marine animal made up of tiny creatures called polyps that lives in bustling underwater neighborhoods called reefs. These polyps build hard exoskeletons of calcium carbonate, creating the vibrant, colorful structures we know as coral reefs. They provide habitat for fish and other marine species, and they produce large amounts of oxygen.

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

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By William “Skip” Deegans

Seventy-five years ago this week, Wythe County, Virginia, had the largest outbreak of polio in the United States. One in every thirty people in Wytheville came down with the disease and ten percent died. No one knew what was causing the disease, how it spread, or how to treat it. The town almost completely shut down. Parents were scared to let their children leave the house. By August, the number of cases had slowed, and to this day it has not been determined why the incidences of polio jumped in Wythe County.

In 1952, 21,000 Americans contracted a paralyzing form of polio and 3,000 died. Patients who were unable to breathe on their own were dependent on the iron lung, an electric machine that was invented at Harvard University in 1929 to help patients maintain respiration. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was paralyzed by polio, was instrumental in the founding of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (NFIP) and it’s March of Dimes promotional effort to raise money for research and treatment. Older readers may recall visiting the West Virginia State Fair in the 1950s and seeing the annual live exhibit of a person confined to an iron lung. These exhibits were meant to increase awareness of polio and encourage vaccination, but they came to an end when it was determined that at least some exhibitors were seeking donations for themselves and not helping the quest for a cure of the disease. The exhibits were certainly effective in frightening children.

Finally, in 1955 with support from NFIP, a vaccine that was developed by Albert Sabin was deemed safe to administer. For the most part, polio was eventually eradicated in the United States until recently when under-vaccinated citizens have led to an increase in cases.

Sources: Atlantic, March of Dimes, Virginia Humanities, The State Journal-Register (Illinois).



# SCHOOL

## Nine counties join WVDE for National Literacy Recognition

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) congratulates several counties identified in a recent national report for sustained increases in student literacy proficiency. The Dynamic Districts report issued by Upswing Labs highlights states and districts that have at least 3% gains in third-grade literacy over the course of three years. West Virginia is joined by nine counties to earn this literacy milestone. Cabell, Kanawha, Logan, Marion, Mercer, Monongalia, Ohio, Putnam, and Raleigh counties are among the 260 districts nationwide that have elevated literacy assessments above the 3% mark since the

Covid-19 pandemic. As previously reported, West Virginia joined Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina as the four states with sustained increases. The 5% increases over the past three years in the Mountain State is second in the country. “We are very proud of the counties earning this recognition. It is a reflection of the hard

work that is going on in these areas,” said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. “There is success beyond these areas, and we anticipate hearing more good news from other regions as well. Our educators statewide are working hard to support our children academically, developmentally, and social emotionally. I commend them for this work.”

In 2022, the West Virginia Board of Education initiated a statewide program called

Ready, Read, Write, West Virginia. An aggressive professional development scheduled was rolled out to equip counties with a better foundational understanding of the Science of Reading. This program provided young learners with the building blocks of literacy to ensure they had the skills for lifelong learning. The West Virginia Legislature, working closely with the WVDE, successfully passed the Third Grade Success Act - a milestone statute that requires all schools to

teach using the Science of Reading (an instructional approach rooted in research on how the brain learns to read), while also providing critical resources in classrooms and schools to support student learning.

Thanks to the combined efforts of educators, families, leaders, and community partners, West Virginia is one of the few states seeing gains in early literacy among young learners.

“It was a very heavy lift to build our comprehensive early-learning literacy initiative in a short period of time, but it was important to start with the young learners and prepare them with the tools that help them development a love of reading,” said Superintendent Blatt. “Our literacy specialists are continuing to work with older grades, and we are expanding he initiative beyond the third grade to support older students with learning gaps. Although the national recognition is good, we are thrilled with the success our educators are witnessing in their classrooms and students who are learning to read and growing the skills every day.”

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SUMMARY OF YOUR OPTIONS

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#2 DO NOTHING	You will not be eligible to receive any compensation under this Settlement.

For detailed information on this settlement, visit [www.WVLipitorclaim.com](http://www.WVLipitorclaim.com), call toll-free (833) 820-1935, or write to Lipitor Anti-Trust Settlement, c/o ILYM Group, Inc., P.O. Box 2031, Tustin, CA 92781.

**PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**

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### GREENBRIER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

In accordance with chapter 8A of the West Virginia Code and the Public Participation Plan adopted by the Greenbrier County Planning Commission, notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission will meet to conduct a public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan proposed for adoption. The hearing will take place on Wednesday August 27, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Greenbrier County Courthouse located at 912 Court Street E., Lewisburg, WV.

**Under consideration at the public hearing will be the Draft Comprehensive Plan proposed by the Greenbrier County Planning Commission for adoption by the Greenbrier County Commission. The Draft Comprehensive Plan is an update to the plan adopted in 2014 and applies only to unincorporated areas of the county.**

The Draft Comprehensive Plan is available for review in the Courthouse, in local public libraries, and is also available for viewing and download on the county website at: [www.greenbriercounty.net](http://www.greenbriercounty.net). The public is invited to attend the hearing on August 27, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Courthouse, which will provide attendees an opportunity to submit comments. The public may also submit written comments on or before August 27, 2025 to:

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Mineral	Des Nedhe Resources, LLC, 304-2555 Grasswood Road East, Saskatoon, SK S7T OK1, N/A 19801
Surface	Kathryn Merry, 846 8th Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701
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Mineral	Des Nedhe Resources, LLC, 304-2555 Grasswood Road East, Saskatoon, SK S7T
Surface	Kathryn Merry, 846 8th Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701

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 9/8/25, or thirty (30) days from the date of **final publication**. A copy of the application will be available for review until 9/8/25, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

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# BUSINESS

## Mountain State Co-Hop launches Appalachian Cellar Online Marketplace featuring hundreds of shelf-stable products from statewide producers

*Prominent West Virginia chef launches season 2 of popular “Recipes and Roadmaps” YouTube series in support of effort*

The Mountain State Co-Hop is excited to announce the launch of their newly created Appalachian Cellar brand - an online wholesale marketplace showcasing a unique selection of shelf-stable items that highlight Appalachian producers and their handcrafted products.

This initiative is supported by a federal USDA grant that seeks to enhance the competitiveness of local farmers and producers’ products by enabling their market entry into a broader retail market.

The marketplace includes more than 330 value-added products from over 30 producers statewide. Featured items include jams, richly flavored syrups, honey, coffee and rejuvenating personal care products that have all been sourced from small-scale producers who practiced traditional methods honed over generations. Each product tells a story - from the hands that made it to the techniques that were employed.

The online marketplace is live, and select stores carry the items, including West Virginia state parks, as well as Oglebay in Wheeling and Riffle Farms Market in Norfolk, Virginia. The co-hop is currently working on a future rollout in regional stores.

Matt Welsch, prominent West Virginia chef and owner of Vagabond Kitchen in Wheeling, is supporting the launch through his popular “Recipes and Roadmaps” YouTube series. He was recently named the Executive Chef of the West Virginia state parks and was a 2018 winner on Food Network’s Guy’s Grocery Games (GGG).

Welsch has travelled far and wide to expand his culinary education and eventually brought his knowledge and wisdom back to his home state, where he champions local businesses highlighting their love for Appalachia.

Season two of “Recipes and Roadmaps” will include eight episodes released on a monthly basis, starting in July, with two episodes released in November and December.

July’s episode recently premiered featured Ronk

Family Farm near Charleston, where a variety of products including maple syrup are made. The rest of the season will feature a multitude of other products from the marketplace. With a rising food scene - which highlights comfortable classics with an elevated twist - Appalachia is having its moment.

There will be three distinct sections of the “Recipes and Roadmaps” YouTube videos:

1. The Inspiration: Welsch will travel to eight producers statewide to gather insight and creativity. The sites include the following locations, in no particular order:

- Ronk Family Farm, Alum Creek
- Aroma of the Andes, Linn
- Sugar Bottom, Ovapa
- Handmade WV Market, Hillsboro
- Andor Peppers, Rowlesburg
- Harvest Trails, Martinsburg
- JarHead Farm, Alderson
- Tippy Roo’s, Charleston

2. The Development: He will take the inspiration and develop one entree in his inviting home kitchen, highlighting specific value-added products from each site.

3. The Reception: He’ll create this entrée in a private, invite-only event for guests to enjoy this summer. The locations include:

- 1010 Bridge, Charleston
- Bop & Nana’s Farm, Chloe
- Hudson Farms, Charleston
- Marlinton Town Square, Marlinton
- Carrico Wine Bar, Rowelsburg
- Lot 12 Public House, Berkeley Springs
- General Lewis Inn, Lewisburg
- GoMart Ballpark, Charleston

“Appalachian Cellar celebrates the heritage and history from the West Virginia hills. These products not only preserve the summer harvest to enjoy down the

road, but they preserve our long-standing tradition of self-reliance - and provide for our neighbors by sharing our bounty. There is a true West Virginia style of wealth in each of these goods, and you can taste it in every bite,” said Matt Welsch, Appalachian Cellar Brand Ambassador.

“We’re finally having our moment in Appalachia, and I’m so proud to be a part of the success in making West Virginia a destination for food lovers. People travel from far and wide to witness the true beauty of our state – and now they can have a culinary experience here as well. The Appalachian Cellar is the perfect avenue to highlight West Virginia’s amazing producers statewide,” said Paul Smith, Owner of 1010 Bridge in Charleston – and the state’s first James Beard Award recipient.

For further information and products sold through the Appalachian Cellar, visit <https://appalachiancellar.com/>

The Recipes and Roadmaps series will be aired on Welsch’s YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@theVagabondChefRides>.

For Welsch’s social channels:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thevagabondchefrides>

- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/thevagabondchef/>

- TikTok: [@thevagabondchefrides](https://www.tiktok.com/@thevagabondchefrides)

Visit the Appalachian Cellar social channels as well:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/appalachiancellar>


- Instagram: [@appalachiancellar](https://www.instagram.com/appalachiancellar)

*About Mountain State Co-Hop:*

Mountain State Co-Hop was founded in 2023 to support producers statewide in showcasing their handcrafted products. The co-hop started out working with hops producers and have since expanded to shelf-stable products, launching the newly created Appalachian Cellar brand.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Cover is missing from waiter's tray. 2. Straw is missing. 3. Exit sign is lower. 4. Back of chair is different. 5. Apron is missing. 6. Stripe is added to sleeve.

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!

Poke

DEGUN

Piece

CLEAN

Border

ARMING

Repay

VEEGAN

TODAY'S WORD

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

"WHERE'S THE BEEF?"

ACROSS

1 Predicaments

9 Metallic car trims

16 Sporty German cars

20 Cosmos

21 What a flushed person has

22 Uncommon

23 Start of a riddle

26 Advance, as money

27 Japanese pond fish

28 Bad with musical pitches

29 Letter-shaped girder

33 Feared fly

37 Wine barrels

38 Riddle, part 2

44 Before now

45 Indent keys

46 Poodle, e.g.

47 Org. fighting trafficking

48 Particular mag. edition

51 Letter following 36-Down

52 Supports for broken arms

55 Supersonic speed unit

57 Scissor cut

58 Fetuses-to-be

60 Riddle, part 3

64 BLT offerer

65 Listen (to)

67 Post-workout discomfort

68 Swelled head

70 Queued up

72 Comedic sort

73 Like the pope

77 Trattoria

80 Wee bits

83 Riddle, part 4

85 Ottawa's province

87 Seoul soldiers

88 "A little dab'll —"

89 Noisy napper

91 Marina — Rey

92 Corrosive cleanser

93 Place to input a PIN

94 Frat party dispenser

97 Language of Pakistan

98 — Fridays (restaurant)

99 End of the riddle

104 Father of Hector and Paris

107 Ready to go, as a car

108 Actor Dick Van —

109 Reaps

112 Spunk

114 Use a keypad

118 Riddle's answer

125 Beef cut

126 Attacked with a jump

127 Refrigeration slows it down

128 Paquin of "The Piano"

129 Intertwists

130 Tinkered (with)

11 Nutrition fig.

12 Frequently, poetically

13 Lusterless photo surfaces

14 Cave sound

15 Not hidden

16 Like many white gowns

17 Features of zebras' necks

18 Inflict, as havoc

19 Medieval menials

24 Cousin of emo

25 Joe causing no jolt

30 Itsy- —

31 Like a clock with hands

32 Giovanni of "Avatar"

34 Roush of baseball

35 Albeit, for short

36 18th Greek letter

38 Abhorred

39 Best competitive effort, slangily

40 Surprised second look

41 IRS datum

42 Like Popeye and Rambo

43 Former anesthetic

48 Apropos of

49 Knights, e.g.

50 1974 CIA spoof flick

53 Pop's Stefani

54 Big scissors

56 "Plus" point

57 Hyundai model

59 The "R" of ERA

61 College "Eli"

62 Bracelet sites

63 Hem, e.g.

66 French spa city

69 "Nice one!"

71 Twelve p.m.

73 Key near Alt

74 Cry on a ship

75 Samsung or LG product

76 "Where — from ..."

78 Really hot

79 In the future

81 San — Padres

82 Not at all iffy

84 Made of a certain sturdy wood

86 Place for a car jack

90 "— Lips Are Sealed"

93 "Bibleman" star Willie

95 Nest nugget

96 "Aw, shucks"

99 Cuban capital

100 Sight-related

101 Simple putts

102 Greek Mars

103 In fine — (doing well)

104 Big city in Penna.

105 Betray by blabbing

106 Novelist Shaw

110 Store lure

111 Subsequently

113 "You! Look over here!"

115 Calendar unit

116 Calendar unit

117 — out a living (barely scraped by)

119 H.S. transcript stat

120 & so forth

121 "The Simpsons" tavern keeper

122 Fed. cleanup group

123 DeLuxe of "Silent Movie"

124 Drink a little

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Williamsburg Community Fair set for July 25-26

Blue Jeans and Country Dreams is the theme for the Williamsburg Community Fair this year, which will be held this weekend on July 25 and 26. On Thursday evening, exhibits for food, photos, flowers, painting, quilts, crochet, needlework, vegetables, eggs, and others are to register from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Community Building. For a complete list of exhibit categories visit [www.WilliamsburgWV.com](http://www.WilliamsburgWV.com) under events. Anyone may exhibit, and there is no fee or preregistration.

On Friday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. enjoy hot dogs, barbecue, and baked beans. Games of Bingo will run from 6 to 8 p.m. for just \$1 a game. Daubers will be available for purchase or bring your own. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy listening and dancing to Cody Wickline who will provide the music in the firehouse starting at 7:30.

Start your Saturday from 8 to 9:30 a.m. with breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy, eggs and more. Then visit the Thrift Shop at the old schoolhouse from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for a \$1 everything bag sale.

Then step out their doors and view the parade that begins at 10:30 a.m. Parade line up and registration runs from 8 to 9:45 a.m. with judging at 10. Everyone is invited to be part of the parade. Following the parade enjoy lunch at the concession stand in the community building. There will be vendors and health screenings, as well.

Cruise over to the vintage and hot rod car show at cruise-in, play games (most are free), visit fun stations, play dime

pitch, make crafts, jump in the bouncy house, climb a rock wall, have an animal made from balloons, face painting, hair tinsel, enjoy cotton candy, Dippin’ Dots, popcorn, or try your hand at our horseshoe tournament and cornhole tournament.

Outdoor entertainment under a tent will be a great afternoon. Bring your chair and relax while listening to Ben Hersman and the Sons of the Mountains from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., go inside and listen to the Midland Trail Band from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and go back under the tent to listen to Will Sarver from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

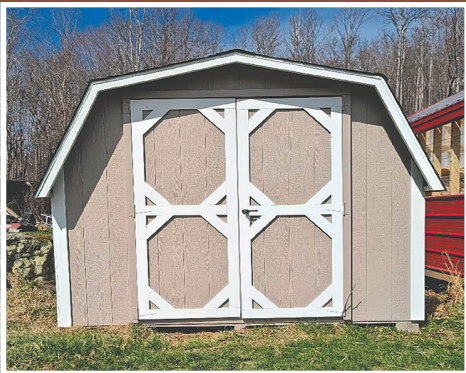
Beginning at 2 p.m. there is a free paint party with Sandy Schmocker where you can paint a turtle (class size limited to 20). There will also be organized games at 2:45 p.m. for all ages, followed by the cool down from the traditional fire truck spray.

In the evening enjoy bingo again at 4 to 6 p.m. followed by a ham dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. A dance concert begins at 7 p.m. with The Goodson Boys in the fire house bay. Cap the night off with fireworks beginning at 9:30.

For a full schedule and event information, visit [FBWilliamsburgwv.com](http://FBWilliamsburgwv.com) (events) or [www.WilliamsburgWV.com](http://www.WilliamsburgWV.com). Location of the festival is 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg, WV.

The community fair is sponsored by the Williamsburg Community Action and Williamsburg Ruritan Club and Fire Department. Special thanks to an Arts and Recreation grant.

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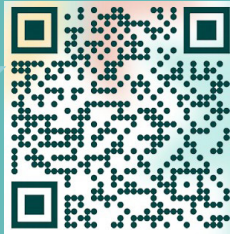


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**200 Armory Dr., Beckley, WV 25801**

## Greenbrier Valley Event Calendar

*Courtesy of Experience Greenbrier Valley*

### Saturday, July 26

• Author Talk with William Kerrigan at North House Museum 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

If Civil Way history is your passion, this event is for you! Join author William Kerrigan as he discusses his new book, West Virginia's War: The Civil War in Documents, which explores the history of West Virginia, the only state born out of the Civil War. Spaces are limited so please RSVP to: [bit.ly/kerriganauthortalk](http://bit.ly/kerriganauthortalk).

814 Washington Street W, Lewisburg  
[www.greenbrierhistorical.org](http://www.greenbrierhistorical.org)

• Humble Band at Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company 7 to 10 p.m.

Grab a cold local brew, tasty food from The Hangar and enjoy the music of this 3-piece band of brothers who share a love of good roots music. Free show!

862 Industrial Park Road, Maxwelton  
[www.gvbc.beer](http://www.gvbc.beer)

### Sunday, July 27

• Yoga with Jacque Minarik at Hawk Knob 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Relax and enjoy the WV vistas and yoga with Jacque Minarik. Cost per class is \$10 with no preregistration required, just bring a mat. Stay for Sunday brunch at Hawk Knob from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2245 Blue Sulphur Pike, Lewisburg  
[www.hawkknob.com](http://www.hawkknob.com)

• Brunch & Live Music with Zach Elmore at Hawk Knob 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enjoy a delightful brunch at Hawk Knob accompanied by the mellow tunes of WV native Zach Elmore.

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• Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center “Art In The Valley” Shows The Greenbrier Valley

Visitors Center presents two delightful art displays in July. The Gallery features “Once Upon A Time” - a display of book illustrations by Summers County resident Danielle Rogers. The Art Alcove highlights Jorn Lynae Mork’s Garden Metalwork and Things with Wings. Purchase one of Jorn’s creations for your own home!

905 Washington Street W, Lewisburg  
[www.greenbrierwv.com](http://www.greenbrierwv.com)

### Farmers Markets

• Alderson Farmer Market Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m.

1447 Riverview Avenue E, Alderson

• White Sulphur Springs Farmers Market

Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. (May-October)  
Main Street, next to Gustard’s Bistro Ronceverte Community Market

Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m.

• Main Street

Courthouse Farmers Market

Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (April-October)  
Robert C Byrd Clinic Parking Lot 1464 Jefferson Street North, Lewisburg

• Robin’s Nest Farm Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon

July-September 8282 Raders Valley Road, Williamsburg

• Montwell Commons Demonstration Garden Sundays at 3 p.m.

Join Tommye, farmer and gardener extraordinaire, as she shares her expertise on different gardening skills. New and experienced gardeners are welcome! Montwell Commons, 970 Jefferson Street N, Lewisburg

• Flea Market City of Ronceverte Flea Market

7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays & Saturdays  
\$10 set up fee

Island Park, Ronceverte

## Classic Ranch Retreat



### 268 MOUNTAIN VIEW DR, BIG SPRINGS, WV

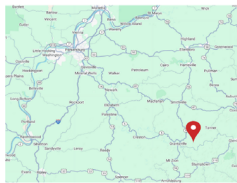
Welcome to this classic ranch retreat offering over 2,500 square feet of thoughtfully designed living space. The expansive front porch invites you to relax and take in the scenic views. Inside, enjoy custom hardwood floors and a beautifully crafted kitchen with custom cabinetry, island, and newer stainless steel appliances. The home features two spacious bedrooms-with potential for a third-and two full bathrooms, including an in-law suite perfect for guests or multigenerational living. Start your day in the sun-drenched Florida room or step outside to explore the impressive outdoor features. A detached garage, 4-vehicle parking pad, and nearby carport offer ample space for vehicles and equipment. A whole-house Generac generator adds peace of mind. Outdoors, you'll find fenced garden area, mature fruit trees, a grape arbor, storage shed, and a life-size dollhouse for creative use or play. Located just 2 miles from a 2,000-acre gun club, this is an ideal setting for hunters, nature lovers, or those seeking solitude. Don't miss this unique opportunity to own a peaceful country retreat!



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