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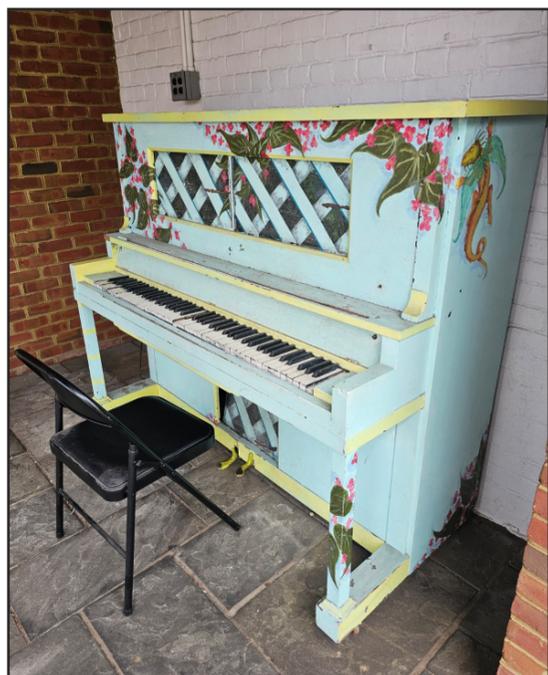
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Lewisburg seeks artist to paint new piano



The piano is located just outside of City Hall near the Green Space, and will soon be replaced thanks to a generous donor. Artists are invited to submit designs to paint the new piano.

The City of Lewisburg has received a generous donation of a piano to replace the one in the covered area beside City Hall, but it needs a creative touch!

- Details:
- Artist will have 60 days to paint and seal the piano once selected
 - The selected artist will receive \$500 for time and supplies once the project is completed
 - DO NOT include your signature anywhere on your submitted design (to ensure anonymous selection) but we will want your signature on the finished product
 - Mayor White will select the winning design. - Submit your design and application to City Hall by 4 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 10.

Bring your creativity and help make this piano a unique work of art for Lewisburg!
Applications and information available at City Hall during regular business hours or by email request to cityclerk@lewisburg-wv.org.

Community supports TSA workers at Greenbrier Valley Airport during shutdown

By Sarah Richardson

A partial government shutdown has been in effect since Feb. 14, disrupting several federal agencies, including the Transportation Security Administration, U.S. Coast Guard, FEMA, U.S. Secret Service, and ICE. As the shutdown continues, Ha Nguyen McNeill, the senior official performing the duties of TSA administrator, said that “around 95%, or more than 61,000, of TSA employees are deemed essential and must continue working to protect the traveling public during a shutdown, while not getting paid.”

Locally, the shutdown is affecting TSA officers at Greenbrier Valley Airport. In a social media post last week, airport officials said their TSA team remains fully staffed with eight employees and operations are continuing as normal despite the circumstances.

“We are especially grateful for their dedication as they continue to serve our community each day,” the airport stated. “Many have asked how they can support these officers during this time. Donations for a TSA Support Collection are greatly appreciated and help support local officers and their families.”

Following the post, community members stepped forward with donations, including grocery and gift cards, nonperishable food, pantry staples, household essentials, and pet food.

Airport Director Martha Livesay expressed appreciation for the generosity shown to local TSA workers.

“I would just like to extend my deepest gratitude to our community for the tremendous support given to our TSA workers,” Livesay said. “I commend each of our TSA workers for their true dedication to their airport and the professionalism they continue to abide by through this difficult and challenging time. The items donated by the wonderful people in our community have been greatly appreciated and have helped our TSA



Just some of the recent donations received for local TSA employees in the wake of the government shutdown. (Photo courtesy LWB)



The Greenbrier Valley Airport FBO is the site of the donations for TSA employees. (Photo courtesy LWB)

workers. They tell me every day how much it has helped.” A local TSA officer echoed that sentiment, emphasizing the importance of community support during uncertain times.

“From the TSA at LWB, we are very grateful for the community’s outpouring of support,” the employee said. “You are very much appreciated in this hard time.” The airport also highlighted the effort in a recent post, calling the response “incredible” and noting that donations continue to come in for TSA employees and their families. Items collected range from groceries to house-

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Greenbrier County Commission addresses broadband project, funding, and county business at recent meeting

By Dakota Baker

The Greenbrier County Commission met to review a full agenda that included funding approvals, project updates, and personnel decisions. Key topics included support for local arts and recreation events, progress on the Greenbrier GigReady Broadband Project, and updates on infrastructure, community development opportunities, and county operations.

Financial approvals for arts and recreation were granted as follows: \$4,144.02 to Williamsburg Community Action for the 2025-2026 community fairs, and \$8,850 to Alderson 4th of July for 2025-2026 event entertainment, security, and sanitation services. This brings the total approved amount to \$12,994.02, which will be transferred from checking to savings to cover invoiced expenses, as approved by the commission.

Discussion of Budget Amendment #2 for the Greenbrier GigReady Broadband Project followed, as Amanda Smarr joined the meeting via video call and explained that “...because the project is gearing up for construction, it reallocates the matching funds to fit with the commission’s request to make sure the matching funds are going to be expended during the project performance period. So, after conversation with the legal team and the commission, it was requested that the matching funds be placed in the construction line items, mainly. So, that is what this budget reflects.”

Commissioner Holliday followed up by asking Amanda if the change was the \$1,675,000, to which Amanda clarified, “There

is no change in the budget amendment, the total amount that’s committed by the commission and the total grant amount does not change. The only thing that changes is

where the matching funds were allocated and what specific line item in the budget itself. So, whereas up until

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Greenbrier West’s FBLA students celebrate state winners

Greenbrier West High School is proud to announce the outstanding achievements of our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students at the 2026 West Virginia FBLA State Leadership Conference, held in Huntington, WV on Mar. 23-24.

Under the leadership of advisor Arline Mooney, our students demonstrated exceptional skill, dedication, and professionalism while competing against top students from across the state.

State Winners:

- Ben Butler and Wyatt Smith - 1st Place, Marketing
- Lukas Dorsey - 2nd Place, Computer Problem Solving
- Tessa Burns - 2nd Place, Organizational Leadership
- Olivia Gonzalez - 2nd Place, Entrepreneurship
- Madilyn Sweet - 2nd Place, Public Service Announcement
- Jacob Mooney - 3rd Place, Insurance and Risk Management
- Olivia Gonzalez - 3rd Place, Cybersecurity
- Diana Porter - 4th Place, Economics
- Morgan Simms - 4th Place, Introduction to Social Media Strategy
- Tessa Burns, Diana Porter, and Macey Redden - 4th Place, Social Media Strategies

We would also like to recognize Emory Sanford, Colton Nutter, Patrick Tharp, and Oliver O’Quinn for their participation and representation of Greenbrier West at the state conference. The success of our chapter is built on the hard



Future Business Leaders of America from Greenbrier West High School secured several wins at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Huntington, WV earlier this week. (Photo Greenbrier County Schools)

work, dedication, and commitment shown by all of our students who competed.

These accomplishments reflect the hard work and commitment our students have put into developing their business and technology skills. We are incredibly proud of each of these students for representing Greenbrier West with excellence!

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this point it has been an even 75% grant, 25% matching funds; once construction begins, if we start moving around the matching funds, some of those line items are going to have a higher cost split than 75/25.” In short, funds are being reallocated within the existing budget to cover bid items, but the total project cost remains unchanged. The revision was approved.

The commission next considered documents needed to proceed with construction on the Greenbrier GigReady Broadband Project. Amanda stated, “This is only the debarment form, which basically confirms that the contractor that was selected, Quanta Telecommunication Systems, is not on the debarment list and they have an active SAM.gov registration, which they do and is also provided.” Commissioner Holliday asked if the documents were checked, which Amanda confirmed they were. The documents were approved.

The commission then considered Draw Request #19 for the project. According to Amanda, this request reflects the state’s direction to hold off on submitting draw requests until the budget amendment is submitted. This item was tabled until the new grant disbursement sheet is completed.

The Greenbrier Forest State Park Trails Project proposal, part of the WSS TIF Project, stems from a funding opportunity tied to regional outdoor development efforts. According to John Tuggle, “This is an opportunity that was presented a year ago and is in partnership with the West Virginia Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative, who indicated they could pursue an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) POWER grant to support a significant trail project, requesting over \$2 million and requiring a 30% local match because it is in Greenbrier County.”

Building on that opportunity, a significant portion of the proposed trails would be located within Greenbrier Forest and the TIF district, making the project directly relevant to local development planning. The proposed approach would use TIF funds as the required match, aligning local resources with grant requirements.

At this stage, however, the application is not ready to submit, and further discussion is needed to determine how the project will ultimately play out. Commissioners were informed of the potential request for support at a later date.

Commissioners also considered final payment under Resolution #11 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection Project (WSS TIF Project). This final resolution included a payment of \$13,616.36 to the contractor, exhausting the remaining contract balance, and a final engineering invoice from E.L. Robinson in the amount of \$849.68. The combined total is \$14,466.06. Resolution #11 was approved.

Next, the commission reviewed a new hire application for a deputy sheriff position with the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Department. Sheriff Bart Baker recommended Grayson Bruce Hosey to fill a deputy sheriff position within the Sheriff’s Department. Hosey is a member of the National Guard and has fulfilled all civil service requirements and passed a background check. Sheriff Baker stated, “I personally interviewed the young man, I think he’s a fine young man, I think he’ll do a great job.” The hiring recommendation was approved.

Then, commissioners considered and accepted the retirement of County Attorney Britt Ludwig effective Mar. 31, 2026. Commissioner President Lowell Rose stated, “Britt has done quite a bit of work for the county. She’s brought us up to legal status on a lot of things. So, we appreciate her work over the last several years.”

Additionally, there was consideration of an appointment to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Holliday made the motion to appoint Josh Peplowski to fill that vacancy. The motion was approved.

Furthermore, commissioners considered whether to “opt in” to a new opioid settlement involving six remnant defendants: Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and

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Governor signs legislation creating WV Office of Entrepreneurship

“Today is a giant leap forward for entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship in West Virginia,” said WV Secretary of State Kris Warner after Governor Morrisey signed Senate Bill 878 into law creating the WV Office of Entrepreneurship. The bill was signed on Wednesday, Mar. 25 at the State Capitol.

Senate Bill 878 created the nation’s first Office of Entrepreneurship that operates under the direct responsibility of a statewide elected official. Eight other states have similar offices that fall under an agency or authority. The legislation goes into effect on July 1.

The WV Office of Entrepreneurship will help guide entrepreneurs through the earliest stages of starting a business. Proposed to the Legislature by WV Secretary of State Kris Warner, the initiative has been discussed in recent years between the WV Secretary of State’s Office and leaders with the WV Entrepreneurship Ecosystem including the Benedum Foundation, the WV Small Business Development Center, WVU, Marshall, the University of Charleston, and the national Right to Start organization.

“I want to thank the West Virginia legislature and Governor Morrisey for their confidence and support. Now, the Secretary of State’s Office of Entrepreneurship is the tip of the spear for helping stakeholders navigate red tape

to create a vibrant ecosystem for entrepreneurs and small businesses to thrive and grow,” said Secretary Warner.

The WV Office of Entrepreneurship will serve as a statewide entrepreneurship ombudsman to help founders navigate state agencies and processes. The Office will coordinate prompt referrals to the appropriate agencies or partners, identify systemic barriers in business formation processes, and work collaboratively with other agencies to solve administrative and policy issues that hinder economic growth—all without duplicating the responsibilities or services of other state agencies.

Secretary Warner said that he is looking forward to attending the 2026 Entrepreneurship Conference during Bridging Innovation Week held this year in Morgantown from Apr. 27 - May 1. The Entrepreneurship Conference will be held on Apr. 28 and is hosted by the WV Entrepreneurship Ecosystem.

“I want to extend a personal invitation to legislators and to the Governor to join me in Morgantown for this year’s Entrepreneur’s Conference,” said Secretary Warner. “We will recognize the passage of this historic legislation, share our progress with getting the office up and running, and celebrate entrepreneurship in West Virginia.”

For more information on the Conference, click on this link: <https://www.wveshipecosystem.org/>

Dr. Matthew A. Davis of Lewisburg named to University of Tennessee’s ‘Volunteer 40 Under 40’ Class

Dr. Matthew A. Davis, DO, MBA, MHA, a statewide physician leader and employed by WVU Medicine, has been named to the University of Tennessee’s prestigious “Volunteer 40 Under 40” Class of 2026, recognizing outstanding alumni who demonstrate exceptional professional achievement, leadership, and service.

Dr. Davis is a graduate of the University of Tennessee Haslam College of Business Physician Executive MBA program and is being recognized for his leadership across West Virginia’s healthcare landscape. He currently serves in senior leadership roles within several major statewide medical organizations, including the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians, West Virginia Chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, West Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association, and West Virginia State Medical Association.

In addition to his leadership roles, Dr. Davis actively practices in numerous Emergency Departments within the WVU Medicine system, providing care to patients across the state. He also serves as a Clinical Professor at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, where he is involved in training and mentoring the next generation of physicians, and is the Seneca District Chair for the Buckskin Council, Scouting America, supporting youth programming and development in six West Virginia counties.

The University of Tennessee’s Volunteer 40 Under 40 program highlights alumni who embody the Volunteer spirit through leadership, service, and impact in their communities and professions. Dr. Davis was selected among a distinguished group of honorees, including nationally recognized figures such as Trey Smith, offensive guard for the Kansas City Chiefs; Ramon Foster, former offensive lineman for the Pittsburgh Steelers; and Rachel Cruze, #1 New York Times bestselling author and nationally recognized financial expert, to name a few.

“I am deeply honored to be recognized by the University of Tennessee,” said Dr. Davis. “This award reflects the principle of servant leadership, giving back to the profession and the communities we serve. Throughout my career, my focus has been on supporting my col-



Dr. Matthew A. Davis

leagues, advocating for my patients, and strengthening the healthcare organizations that care for our communities. I share this recognition with the many mentors, peers, and team members who make that work possible every day.”

Dr. Davis’s recognition reflects not only his professional accomplishments but also his ongoing dedication to advancing physician leadership, improving access to care, and serving communities throughout West Virginia.

WVDA announces Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, encourages farmers to apply now

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is pleased to announce the return of the West Virginia Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) for the 2026 growing season.

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) provides eligible low-income senior citizens with access to fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables. Seniors can sign up for vouchers through their local county senior services offices and redeem them at approved farmers markets and vendors across the state.

Vouchers, valued at \$30, will be available beginning June 1 at local senior centers. Seniors interested in participating are encouraged to contact their local senior center for additional information.

Farmers wishing to participate in the program are encouraged to apply now. Applications are currently available and must be submitted by Apr. 15. Program details and application materials can be found on the WVDA website: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/senior-farmers-market-nutrition-program/>

For more information, contact SeniorFarmersMarket@wvda.us or Amanda Kittel at akittel@wvda.us or 304-558-2210.

PICK OF THE LITTER



ROSCOE

Roscoe is a two-year-old male hound mix



JETT

Jett is a two-and-a-half year old mixed breed, and is potty trained and loves to play fetch

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

Easter In The Park in Renick

On Mar. 28, at the Renick Park. Egg Hunt starts at 11 a.m. The Easter Bunny and Pals will be there! Hundreds of filled eggs, prizes for all children, photo ops, hot dogs, drinks and chips for everyone. Children age infant to 12 years old are welcome to join the fun! Sponsored by the Renick Community Center, the Renick Ruritans and the Town of Renick. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Pruning Workshop March 28

On Saturday, Mar. 28, the Greenbrier Valley Master Gardener Association will host a pruning class at the Demonstration Garden at the State Fair of West Virginia from 1 to 4 p.m. where you will receive hands on experience on how to prune. The garden is in front of the WVU Building on the fairgrounds. Dr. Mira Danilovich will be showing you how to best prune your trees and shrubs. She is the state coordinator for the West Virginia Master Gardeners, and a consumer horticulture specialist and associate professor with WVU Extension. This program is free and open to the public.

Mountaineer Horseshoe League Recruiting members for 2026

The Mountaineer Horseshoe League in Ronceverte is recruiting adult male and female pitchers, youth boys and girls for Cadet Division (under 13 years old), and young men and women for a Junior Division (13-18 years old). Pitching will begin on May 12 at 6 p.m. at the horseshoe courts on Island Park. The last day to sign up is May 5. For more information contact Allen Withrow at 304-667-1374 or puwithrow@gmail.com. The league would welcome all new members, and any past members that would like to rejoin us.

Marriages

Zachary Hudnall & Heather Walker
Robert Tincher & Nancy Richmond

Suits

New Cases from 3/18/26 to 3/25/26

New Civil Cases

Taylor Made Golf Company, Inc v. For the Love of Golf, LLC
Capital One, N.A., Successor by Merger to Discover Bank v. Jordan M Penn
Capital One, N.A., Successor by Merger to Discover Bank v. Michael G Burgess

New Divorces

Nicole Leigh Cary and Shatique Mazumbali Oglesby
Brandi Nicole Garner and Joshua Noel Garner
Rebecca Jo Johnson and Rickie Edward Johnson
Courtney Lewis and Colten Lewis
Heather Bennett and Christopher Bennett

Treasurer Pack

announces winning bid from first online firearms auction of 2026

State Treasurer Larry Pack announced the winning bid amount from the February online firearms auction was \$82,299.10 placed from a federal firearm licensed dealer in Georgia. This was the Office's first online firearms auction held in 2026, and sixth overall online firearms auction since last year.

More than 18 bids were submitted from licensed dealers spanning across 10 states. There were 527 firearms sold from 19 law enforcement agencies across West Virginia that were up for bid.

"This auction was a success in terms of participation both from law enforcement and firearm dealers placing bids, as well as the value we received that will go back to those agencies," Treasurer Pack said. "My Office is thrilled to return this money to 19 law enforcement agencies across the state. Safer communities are crucial to a better West Virginia. That is why we must do everything in our power to support these departments."

The following agencies participated in the February online firearms auction: Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office, Doddridge County Sheriff's Office, Lewis County Sheriff's Office, Clay County Sheriff's Office, Monongalia County Sheriff's Office, Roane County Sheriff's Office, Cabell County Sheriff's Office, Parkersburg Police Department, Spencer Police Department, Mount Hope Police Department, Clarksburg Police Department, Beckley Police Department, WV Division of Natural Resources Police – Parkersburg and Alum Creek Detachments, and the WV State Police – Madison, Sutton, Weston, Charles Town, Huntington Detachments.

Last year, the Treasurer's Office sold 2,347 firearms for a total of \$452,073 from one in-person live auction and five online auctions.

More information about State Treasurer's Office's firearms auctions is available at www.wvtreasury.gov/FFL-Auction.

To learn about the unclaimed property program or to find out if the Office is holding any money for you or your family, visit www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov.

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For the Record

Deeds

Thalheil Inc. to Dustin R. Durden and Abigail W. Durden: 2.0 acres, Lewisburg District, Map part of 12 Parcel part of 30.

Bobbie Burns to Ammie E. Brewster: lot 11, White Sulphur District, Map 1 Parcel 25.11.

Bobbie Burns to Taylor Feury: 0.39 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 6F Parcel 4.

Carolyn Boster to Madeline P. Tackett and Jonathan Tackett: 0.23 acres & 1.98 acres, Frankford District, Map 23L Parcel 10.

Brad W. Clevenger and Beth M. Clevenger to Clavin Clevenger Jr. and Darrell Clevenger: 6.59 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 69 Parcel 32.

Homeless Inc. to Volusia Ventures LLC: 0.14 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 14 Parcel 87.

Irie N. Beaver to City of Ronceverte: 75 x 100 feet, Ronceverte District, Map 10 Parcel 0120000000.

Nancy E. Scurlock to Ralph F. Hinkle and Elizabeth C. Hinkle: 18,388 square feet and 3,764 square feet, Lewisburg District, Map 30 Parcel 0005.

Robert E. Bonner, Joel R. Bonner, Diane Franklin, Fred D. Bonner, Marvin Bonner, Larry R. Bonner, and Christine Chapman to Stanley Hollinghead: part of lot 17, Meadow Bluff District, Map 31F Parcel 31.

Timothy A. Paige to Scott D. Masciantoni and Theresa J. Bromley-Masciantoni: 7.479 acres more or less, Frankford District, Map 4 Parcel 0014.

Nicholas Mandella and Pamela Mandella to Salt Cave and Spa LLC: part of lot 40 Greater Gretna Green Addition, White Sulphur District, Map 11 Parcel 0186.

Bertha K. Phillips to Jesse Clark: 0.287 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 9 Parcel 23.

Edward L. Robinson and Jeannette Robinson to Thomas F. Trebilcock and Christine W. Trebilcock: lot 114A, waiver of repurchase option, White Sulphur Dist. Edward L. Robinson and Jeannette Robinson to Thomas F. Trebilcock and Christine W. Trebilcock: lot 114A, White Sulphur District, Map 26 Parcel 123.

John T. Bartenslanger and Kelly P. Bartenslanger to Arthur C. Bartenslanger and Ruth J. Bartenslanger: 20.42 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 9 Parcel 151.1. Bryana E. Steen to Hunter Goulart and Ashton Holiday-Goulart: 10.230 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 48 Parcel 34.3.

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.

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet Thursday, Apr. 2, at 5 p.m. in Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street, to hear the following agenda:

- Florian Schleiff, 151 Feamster Road/1033 Court Street North - lot-line adjustment
- Greenbrier Honda/Nissan within the Greenbrier Automotive Development, 1686 Jefferson Street North
- Approval of Minutes
- Comments from the Public
- Comments from the Planning and Zoning Department
- Comments from the Commissioners

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Planning Commission will be Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Renick Town Council

will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Apr. 21, at Renick Town Hall. Agenda items are as follows:

- Meeting called to order
- Community comments
- Minutes from March meeting
- Financial reports from March meeting
- Old business
- New business
 - Officially lay the 2026-2027 levy/budget
 - Create 2026-2029 mowing and snow, and removal bid sheets
- Committee reports - building committee, maintenance committee, park, festival and special activities, streets, finance, and other

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Jillian Nicole Garner, Lewisburg, speeding, fine \$36, NCP

Andres Ramirez, Elgin, IL, speeding, fine \$38, GP

Austin Edward Ramsey, White Sulphur Springs, speeding, fine \$5, NCP

Austin Emory Harper, White Sulphur Springs, speeding, fine \$100, GP

Sandra D. Cohernour, Renick, driving while license revoked, fine \$200, GP

Lashonda A. Tucker, Bayville, NJ, speeding, fine \$34, GP

Eric Jason Keister, Meadow Bridge, 1) expired registration, fine \$25; 2) driving suspended, fine \$100, NCP

Jedidiah Seth Turner, Lewisburg, indecent exposure, jail 90 days - time served, NCP

Kyndall M. Vann, Ronceverte, 1) driving suspended, fine \$100; 2) no insurance, fine \$200, NCP

Jack Michael Johnson, Davisville, WV 1) fishing without license, fine \$30; 2) no trout (class D) stamp, fine 450, NCP

Thomas Scott Grinstaff, White Sulphur Springs, 1&2) illegal possession of wildlife (2 counts), fine \$50 per count/charge; 3) hunting without a license (2 counts), fine \$50 per count/charge; 4) failure to check (2 counts), fine \$50 per charge, GP

Jeremy Crookshanks, Ronceverte, driving while license suspended, fine \$100, NCP

Jeremy Crookshanks, Ronceverte, no insurance, fine \$200, NCP

Roy A. Hicks (heir of Joan C. Hicks Estate) to Roy A. Hicks and Rebecca Hicks: 3.00 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 3 Parcel 50.

Dogwood Enterprises LLC to Annie K. Kevork-Hammond and Mitchel F. Hammond: 35,677 square feet, Lewisburg District, Map 27 Parcel 29.

Marjorie B. McMillan and William T. Shiffer Jr. and Shiffer-McMillan Family Trust: 3.575 acres and 3.777 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 13 Parcel 0003 0001.

Cleveland K. Benedict Family Limited Partnership to Lawrence R. Cline: 1.078 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 0036 0018 0000.

Atlantic Wallace LLC to Auto Real Estate Holdings LLC: lot 38, White Sulphur District, Map 11 Parcel 188.

Joanna C. Barnett and Clarence J. Childers to Amanda N. Erskine and Alexander Erskine: lot 22, Lewisburg District, Map 13G parcel 93.

Cleveland K. Benedict Family Limited Partnership to Lawrence R. Cline: lot 21 of Woodhaven II, Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 00360017.

John Preston to Maxwell J. Crawford and Morgan M. Martino: 0.335 acres more or less, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 0090 0000.

Lee J. Shockey and Patricia A. Shockey (trustees of the Lee Jackson and Patricia Ann Shockey Trust) to Patrick Kiely: lot 39, phase 3 Overlook at Greenbrier, 35.71 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 12 Parcel 0013. Samuel S. Taliaferro III to Thomas Rastin Declaration of Trust (by trustee Thomas Rastin): waiver of repurchase option, lot 8, Travellers Hill Neighborhood, White Sulphur District, Map 27 Parcel 72.

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hold essentials, helping offset the financial strain caused by missed paychecks.

Donations that are still being accepted include: non-perishable food (canned goods, pasta, snacks, etc.); hygiene products (toiletries and personal care items); and pet supplies. Gift cards are allowed with a few guidelines: they must be for amounts that are \$20 or less, store-specific cards only (grocery or gas preferred), and no prepaid debit/credit-style cards. Federal regulations prohibit TSA officers from accepting cash or cash-equivalent donations.

Donations are accepted daily at the Greenbrier Valley Airport FBO. Please call 304-645-3961 ext 0 if you need assistance. Organizations interested in donating meals can contact the airport at 304-645-3961, ext. 221, 223, or 226.

"We are proud to be part of such a strong and caring community," the airport shared. "Thank you for showing up, giving back, and supporting those who help keep our airport running safely every day."

To stay up-to-date with our local airport, follow "Greenbrier Valley Airport" on Facebook or visit www.mylwb.com.

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United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics). Commissioners voted to opt in based on their attorney's recommendation.

Moreover, the commission reviewed and approved the poll worker list for the May 2026 Primary Election. Some changes are needed, as several of the lists had all new poll workers and there needs to be at least two experienced workers at each precinct. The commission approved the poll worker list as presented while allowing the county clerk, Robin McCullough, to make necessary adjustments to ensure the elections run as smoothly as possible.

Finally, commissioners announced the open request for the courthouse drainage project. The request will be posted on the county website and social media, with a mandatory pre-bid meeting scheduled for Mar. 31 at 1 p.m.

In closing, arts and recreation applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 27, in the commission office.



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OBITUARIES

Marie Dunn Reynolds



Marie Dunn Reynolds, 103, passed peacefully on Mar. 21, 2026. She was born on Mar. 10, 1923 to the late Edna and Rush Dunn. A faithful disciple of Christ, Marie personified service to others and always had a gentle, loving spirit to everyone.

During World War II, Marie went to Washington, DC to answer her nation's call by serving with the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department to aid in deciphering enemy codes. Marie also volunteered at Walter Reed National Center, serving hundreds of hours caring for injured soldiers during her time in Washington.

Marie's devotion to Clifton Presbyterian Church included serving as the second-ever woman deacon, elder of the church, chair of the Women's Circle, and many ministries to serve those in need. She continued her service to her community by working at the West Virginia Legal Services with those who were most vulnerable.

Marie loved and served her family as a faithful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She married the love of her life, the late Robert Reynolds in 1946.

She is survived by her two loving children, Sherry (the late Jack McCoy), of Highpoint NC, and Bobby (Erica Reynolds) of Huntersville NC; four grandchildren, Kevin (Tonya McCoy), Krista Stafford, Courtney (Joe Hill) and Dalton (Lindsay Reynolds); five great-grandchildren, and sister Mary Anna Harvey, along with many nieces, nephews, and many friends and family whom are left to cherish her memory. She was predeceased by her late sister Virginia McClung.

The family will host a celebration of life on Saturday, Mar. 28, at Clifton Presbyterian Church in Maxwelton, WV, where she attended and served faithfully for nine decades.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. followed by service and reception at 2 p.m.

Grady Lee Reed

Grady Lee Reed, 94, of Rupert passed away on Tuesday, Mar. 24, 2026 at his home.

He was born on Aug. 19, 1931, the son of the late Alex M. Reed and Lillie J. Stacy Reed.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Shelby Jean Kessler Reed; son, Steven Lee Reed; sisters, Margie, Delsie and Elsie; brothers, Eddie and Charlie.

Grady was an Army veteran and a coal miner. He enjoyed going to church and attended the Orient Hill Tabernacle and Amwell Baptist Church, being outdoors and he was an avid fisherman and hunter. His testimonies in church always included all the things God did for him, his fish stories and

often a song that he wrote. He will be missed by all his family, church family and friends.

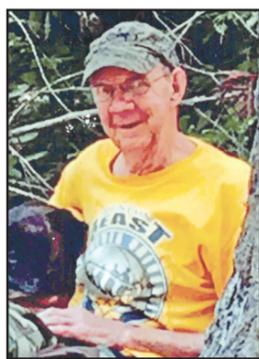
Survivors include two sons, Grady Allen Reed and Glen Darrin Reed both of Rupert; grandchildren, Stephanie and Sara; five great-grandchildren; brother, Gerald Reed of Rupert; nieces, nephews; extended family and friends.

Service will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Mar. 30, at Wallace & Wallace Chapel, Rainelle with Pastor Andrew Bailes officiating. Burial will follow in Wallace Memorial Cemetery, Clintonville. Friends may gather with the family one hour prior to the service.

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

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

Elmer Clayton Wykle



Elmer Clayton Wykle, 75, a dedicated professional and beloved family man, passed away on Mar. 21, 2026, in Lindsie, WV. Born on July 28, 1950, in Frankford, Mr. Wykle lived a life marked by commitment to both his career and his loved ones.

Mr. Wykle graduated from Frankford High School and was an active member of Enon Baptist Church, where he found spiritual nourishment and community. His professional life was distinguished by a remarkable forty-year tenure as a trackman with CSX, retiring after decades of devoted service. His work ethic and loyalty made him a respected figure among colleagues and friends alike.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Elmer was a passionate outdoorsman who cherished hunting and fishing, often accompanied by his brother Joe. He was also an enthusiastic sports fan, showing ardent support for West Virginia University Athletics and the Cincinnati Reds Baseball team, passions that brought him joy and connection.

Elmer's family was the centerpiece of his life. He is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Mikki Massie Wykle, who loved him deeply and will miss him immensely. They shared a life enriched by their daughter, Tracy Wykle Hunter, and granddaughter, Laney Hunter, both of whom carry his legacy forward.

His surviving siblings include Jim Wykle and wife Paula, Jerry Wykle and wife Gisela, Jack Wykle and wife Nadine, Joe Wykle, Joyce Walton, and Mary Ellen Whitt, all of whom were a vital part of his close-knit family circle. The bonds they shared reflected years of mutual support and affection.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Anna Wykle; his son, Eric Wykle; brothers Layton "Bub" Wykle and Randy Wykle; sister Carolyn Mankins and sis-

ters-in-law Cindy Wykle, Marian Ann Wykle and brothers-in-law Don Whitt and Larry Walton.

Elmer's life was marked by dedication to family, faith, and hard work. His steadfast presence and warm spirit touched many, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the honor to know him. He will be remembered not only for his professional achievements but for the deep love he showed to his family, especially his devoted wife, daughter, and granddaughter.

His legacy endures in the hearts of those he leaves behind, a testament to a life well-lived with purpose and affection.

It was Elmer's wish to be cremated, there will be no services. Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements entrusted to Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Beatrice Hope Wikle



Our beloved mother, Beatrice Hope Wikle, 91, of White Sulphur Springs, WV, peacefully went to her heavenly home on Monday, Mar. 23, 2026.

Beatrice was born on Jan. 8, 1935 at Glace, WV, to the late Neoma Mae and Jesse Bostic.

Beatrice lived her life as a testament to her faith bringing warmth and kindness to everyone she met. She loved the Lord with all her heart and read her Bible daily until she lost her ability to see.

Beatrice was an avid gardener and could be seen almost daily working in her flower gardens. She loved reading and cherished time spent with her family.

In addition to her parents, Beatrice was preceded in death by her husband, George "Mike" Wikle; grandson, Joshua Heath; brothers, Divus Bostic, Cody Bostic, Maxwell Bostic and sister, Juanita Brant.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her daughters Pam Sarver and husband Pete of White Sulphur Springs and Debbie Heath and husband Craig of Logan, OH; granddaughters, Alyssa Masters and husband Jared of White Sulphur Springs and Taylor Bland and husband Dylan of Pickerington, OH; great-granddaughters Sophia Masters and Eloise Bland; brother, Burless Bostic and wife Barbara; sisters, Joyce Wickline and Rose Mary Hoke and sister-in-law, Barbara Webb Bostic.

We thank God for the blessing of her life and take comfort in knowing she is now at peace and reunited with her husband Mike.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 26, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs. The funeral service will follow at 2 p.m., with Pastor Ron Heath officiating. Burial will follow in Whatcoat Cemetery in White Sul-

phur Springs.

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

Melinda Kay Whitlock



Melinda Kay Whitlock, 66, of Ronceverte, passed away on Mar. 23, 2026 at Peyton Hospice House following an extended illness.

She was born July 28, 1959 in Frankfort, KY, the daughter of the late Howard and Iva Richmond Fortner.

Melinda was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Beckley. She was a proud Registered Nurse having worked at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center and then with Dr. Speilman. Her greatest accomplishment was being a proud mother and grandmother.

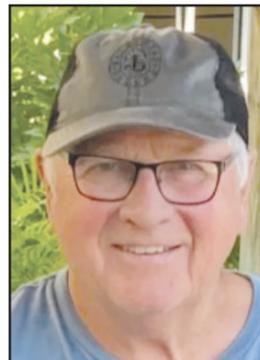
Other than her parents she was preceded in death by son Jimmy Hammons, Jr., granddaughter Season Hammons and brother C. J. Fortney.

Surviving are her husband Timothy Whitlock of Levisay; daughters, Selena Struckman of Lewisburg; son, Nathan Hammons (Amber Hoard) of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Haley Struckman, Kameron Bradley Hammons and Landon Hammons; great-grandchildren, Malia King and Estella Bell; sisters, Matilda Sweeney of White Sulphur Springs and Lynn Duba (Phillip) of Frankford; brother, Butch Richmond of Gloucester, VA. and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Melinda will be Sunday Mar. 29, at 2 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Mr. Phillip Duba officiating with interment to follow in Rosewood Cemetery in Lewisburg.

The family will receive family and friends from 1 until 2 p.m. on Sunday, Mar. 29, at the funeral home.

Jerry Leon Lively



Jerry Leon Lively, 74, of Rainelle, WV, passed away peacefully on Mar. 21, 2026. Born Mar. 19, 1952, he was the son of the late William "Hub" and Mary Lively of Rainelle.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded

in death by his siblings, Jack Lively, Jim Lively, Delores Fleshman, and Polly Clevenger.

Jerry is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 42 years, Karen Lively of Rainelle; his son, Jeremy (Amber) Lively of Ashland, KY; and his daughter, Autumn (Andrew Kenney) of Rainelle. He was the proud and loving grandfather of Emma and Allison, who were truly his pride and joy. He is also survived by his sister, Pat (Marvin) Vaughan of Rainelle, and his beloved companion, his fur buddy Maggie.

Jerry was an avid bowler and a member of Greenbrier Hills Golf Club. He found great joy in gardening and spending time outdoors. He started each day with Maggie by his side, taking walks and enjoying the beauty of nature together. He and Karen shared a love for travel, often exploring warmer destinations together in their camper. Jerry especially cherished time spent coaching and watching his children and granddaughter play sports. He spent his career with West Virginia Paving, where he was known for his strong work ethic and dedication.

He was an active member of Sewell Valley Baptist Church. Jerry also had a passion for thrifting and finding great deals. He loved the thrill of discovering hidden treasures, learning their stories, and sharing that knowledge with those he loved.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry's memory to Sewell Valley Baptist Church.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held on Friday, Mar. 27, from 1 p.m. until the time of service at 2 p.m. at Sewell Baptist Church in Ranielle. A private interment will follow.

Jerry will be remembered for his deep love of family, his strong values, and his willingness to help anyone in need. He will be deeply missed but cherished by those who had the honor of knowing him.

Jayda Elizabeth Froggatt



With heavy hearts, we announce the sudden passing of Jayda Elizabeth Froggatt, who left this world far too soon at the age of 15. Jayda was deeply loved by everyone fortunate enough to know her. Her radiant smile, fearless spirit, and warm heart touched countless lives.

Jayda was an avid outdoorswoman who found joy in hunting, swimming, fishing, camping, and riding ATVs. Brave, beautiful, and courageous, she embraced every new adventure with excitement and confidence. She loved spending time with her family and friends, and her ability to bring people

together was one of her greatest gifts.

Recently, Jayda had moved to West Virginia, where she was truly blossoming into the remarkable young woman she was becoming. She was an honor roll student at Greenbrier West High School, excelling academically while also discovering new passions in art, electrical work, and plumbing classes. Jayda dreamed of becoming a cardiology surgeon, a testament to her ambition, intelligence, and desire to help others.

Jayda's absence leaves an immeasurable void, but her memory will forever remain a blessing. We are endlessly grateful for the time we were able to share with her.

She is survived by her mother, Dannielle Attwood (Aaron Haines); her father, Daniel Froggatt; her step-siblings Montana, Skye, and Hunter; her grandparents Lynda Attwood (Nana) and Daniel Froggatt (Dama); her aunts and uncles Mark and Tyler Attwood, Vincent, Dana and Allen Froggatt; and many extended family members and friends who loved her dearly. She will also be missed by her pet snake, Medusa.

Jayda was preceded in death by her grandfather Mark Attwood, her grandmother Evelyn Leidy, her uncle Joseph Froggatt, and many other loved ones who now welcome her with open arms.

A scholarship will be established in Jayda's honor to continue her legacy of passion, kindness, and perseverance.

Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, Mar. 28, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home, Rainelle.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the GoFundMe created in her memory: <https://gofund.me/309cf6a5e>

Christopher Douglas Caples



Christopher Douglas Caples, 23, of Ronceverte, passed away Saturday, Mar. 21, 2026 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

He was born Nov. 28, 2002 in Morgantown, WV, a son of Mary F. Thomas of Ronceverte.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Elba Lee and Demma Lemasters Coulter, Jr.; an uncle, Russell Lee Coulter, and cousins, Justin Morris and Shaelynn Morris.

In addition to his mother, Mary, he is survived by aunts and uncles, Pam and Mike Hunter, Barbara and Mitch Morgan, Richard and Sherry Coulter and Susan and Aaron McCormack along with many, many cousins.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on

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Club & Church

Progressive & Tri-City CEOS meet at Extension Office

The Progressive Community Educational Outreach Service Club (CEOS) met on Mar. 10, 2026 at the Extension Office. Also in attendance were members of the Tri-City CEOS.

President Patty Gray called to meeting to order with a poem and welcomed all members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Betty Jo McNeel and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Lynn Humphreys. I twas decided by all members present to donate \$100 to the Community Food Locker, leaving a balance of \$119.08.

Health motivator tips were given by Patty Gray on mental health, nutrition, and eating a balanced diet.

President Gray and all members present approved Progressive CEOS and Tri-City CEOS be merged together into one CEOS club. We will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Ronceverte Baptist Church at 1 p.m.

The CEOS have combined their planned meetings for the remainder of this year. An updated officer list, meeting dates, and membership roll will be sent to all members.

Achievement Day will be May 19 at the WVU Building. There will be a \$10 fee for lunch.



CEOS meeting: Front row: Sally Holliday (left), Drema West, Betty Jo McNeel, and Ida Lea Gosik; Back row: Lynn Humphreys (left), Annette Thompson, Patty Gray, and Melissa Gosik.

Lynn Humphreys presented the program, "Happy Healthy Hobbies." She stated that many hobbies are more than just fun, they can make us physically healthier and mentally stronger too. Hobbies are essential for keeping our minds sharp, bodies active, and moods positive.

Next meeting will be April 14 at the Ronceverte Baptist Church.

The door prize was won by Patty Gray. Refreshments were served by hostess Sally Holliday to members Ida Lea Gosik, Melissa Gosik, Patty Gray, Sally Holliday, Lynn Humphreys, Betty Jo McNeel, Annette Thompson, and Drema West.

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Christopher Douglas Caples obituary continued

Friday, Apr. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, with a service starting at 7 p.m. officiated by Pastor Robert Hefner, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home, 884 Jefferson Street, N., Lewisburg, WV 24901.

H. Walter Crone



H. Walter Crone, 90, recently of Martinsburg, WV, former long time resident of Union and Sinks Grove, passed away Mar. 21, 2026. He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years Mary (Onfrey) Crone, his parents Roy and Margaret (Falls) Crone, his siblings Everett Crone, Frances Erskine, and Loretta Kelly, and his son Doug Crone. He is survived by his children Denise (Joe) Corio, Dwight (Ronda) Crone, Dana (Paul) Pastro, nine-grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

While his family moved around a bit during his youth, Walter grew up in the Lewisburg, WV, area on Muddy Creek Mountain. Walter was employed by the FBI as a statistician for almost 40 years. As a manager, he was responsible for publishing the annual Uniform Crime Report. He and Mary raised their children in Dale City, VA, before retiring to West Virginia.

Walter believed in and trusted in God. He shared generously of his time, talents, and treasure with many organizations through the years including scouts, historical society, local outreach, the church, and others in need. He was a mentor at

Mountain View elementary and middle school for many years. By example, he taught those who knew him how to live life with zest and adventure, how to love one another, and how to laugh together. He loved spending time with his family.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Walter's name to St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Ronceverte, WV, or to a charity of your choice.

Mass will take place at 11 a.m., Saturday, Mar. 28, at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Ronceverte, WV. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Mar. 29, in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens, Lewisburg, WV.

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

Milton Blair Renick



Milton Blair Renick, 77, of Frankford, WV, went to be with the Lord on Mar .24, 2026 at CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center with his family by his side.

Milton was born on Sept. 11, 1948 in Renick, a son of the late Robert and Edna Kellison Renick. He was a 1966 graduate of Frankford High School, a US Army Vietnam Veteran and a member of the Spring Creek Presbyterian Church. He was a former employee of the Kellwood Company and a member of the VFW Post 6737 in Renick.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brothers, Robert (Bob) Renick, Benjamin (Benny) Renick; sisters, Nellie Renick Canterbury, Verla Renick Christian, Kay Renick Parr, Carol Renick Hinkle, twin sister Marjorie Re-

nick Richard; nephews Dwayne Hinkle, Robbie Hinkle, Kenny Sizemore and Chris Renick; nieces, Kristina Hinkle and Dawn Sizemore.

Milton is survived by his wife of 59 years, Brinda Ray Renick; their three sons, Kevin and his wife Sheila of Maxwilton, Keenan Renick of Renick and Travis Renick of Frankford; his special grandchildren, Kolten and Haley Renick, Josie and Brandon Baker, Taylor and Issac Morgan, Wyatt and Lauren Renick, Cassidy Renick and Garrett White and Cole Renick; 11 great-grandchildren who brought such much joy to his life; Braxton, Aaron, Emma, Kathryn, Brodey, Samuel, Bayler, Dolly Ray, Stella, will and Eli; two sisters, Jane McClintic and her husband Bobby of Williamsburg and Elaine Hefner of Ohio; sisters in law Mary Renick and Sue Renick. Milton is also survived by many special nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be Saturday, Apr. 4, at Spring Creek Presbyterian Church in Renick from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a Memorial Service to start at 1 p.m. with Steve Cort officiating. Per Milton's wishes his body was donated to the Human Gift Registry at West Virginia University.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to Morningside Cemetery, c/o Sandy Holmes, P.O. Box 135, Renick, WV 24966.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg submitted this obituary. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH@gmail.com

William Herring Hancock

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of William Herring Hancock, who passed away peacefully on Mar. 18, 2026, aged 83 years.

Born on Oct. 3, 1942, in Albemarle County, VA, Bill was the fourth child and second son of the late Dr. Henry Hurt and Grace Hortense Herring Han-

cock. He spent his early years surrounded by the rolling hills, fertile farmland, and mountain vistas of Monroe County, West Virginia, in the heart of the Greenbrier Valley.

Bill returned to Virginia to attend Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, graduating in 1960. He continued his studies at the University of Virginia, where he was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, and earned his Bachelor of Arts in English in 1964. Upon completion of his degree, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and subsequently promoted to Captain, serving with distinction in Japan and Korea.

Following his military service, Bill returned to the University of Virginia to complete a Master of Education and then made his home once more in Monroe County, dedicating himself to a life of service. He worked as a counselor at the Monroe County Health Center, where he also served on the Board of Directors. As Mayor of Union and a member of the West Virginia Municipal League (WVML), Bill took great pride in leading successful grant efforts to overhaul the town's municipal water system and spearheading the reconstruction and beautification of Main Street-two achievements that reflected his commitment to im-

Church Bulletin

First Baptist Church of Rainelle

Food Pantry. 2026 Saturday

distribution schedule
Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 23, June 27,
July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26, Oct. 24,
Nov. 21, & Dec. 19.

Food distribution is the fourth Saturday of each month, with the exception of the holiday in November and December, which will be the third Saturday. First Baptist Church of Rainelle is located at 345 Seventh Street, Rainelle, WV. For more information call 304-438-6311 or email FoodPantry-FBCR@outlook.com

2026 Summer Camp - Early Bird registration at Greenbrier Christian Retreat

Greenbrier Christian Retreat, a ministry of Lewisburg Baptist Church, announces discounted early bird registration for its 2026 Summer Camp is available now through Mar. 31. Greenbrier Christian Retreat specializes in summer camps and special events for Churches. Summer Camp dates are June 8-12 for Junior Week (currently in grade 3-6) and June 15-19 for Teen Week (currently in grade 6 - 12). Greenbrier Christian Retreat is located at 1234 Victory Valley Drive on a 400-acre retreat in Crawley, WV, among the beautiful Appalachian Mountains. The updated facilities and cabins are heated and air-conditioned and can accommodate 200 people per week. Further background and camp information is available at www.greenbrierchristianretreat.com.

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 304-667-2532. We are located at 27404 Seneca Trail North, Renick, WV.

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proving the community.

Bill's dedication extended beyond public office. He was a lay reader and treasurer of All Saints Episcopal Church, proprietor of a local floral business, and a "gentleman" farmer (that is, not on the farm all that often). Above all, he was a caring and compassionate citizen, deeply committed to the well-being of his neighbors, friends, and family.

Bill often remarked that his greatest achievement was his family, of whom he was immensely proud. He is survived by his brother, Mr. Henry Hurt Hancock, Jr., and his sister-in-law, Patricia Leach Hancock; his four children, Christopher Herring Hancock, Leigh Hancock Kimbro, Matthew McMillan Hancock, and Anne Coleman Hancock-McGraw; sons-in-law Jeffrey Butler Kimbro and Eric Sean McGraw; daughter-in-law Michela Marie Merchant Hancock; and ten beloved grandchildren: Caroline McKay Hancock, Kathryn Carter Hancock, William Herring Hancock II, Cole-

man Hancock Kimbro, Amelia Anne McGraw, Andrew Campbell McGraw, Iris Elizabeth McGraw, George Christopher Wilson Hancock, Anne Elizabeth Lanier Hancock, and Alice Amelia Grace Hancock.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Katherine Lanier Hancock Shiflet and Margaret Dale Hancock Crosier, as well as by his cherished grandchildren, Arabella Elizabeth Louise Hancock and Carter Hancock McGraw.

A memorial service in his honor will take place at All Saints Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Mar. 28. His remains will be laid to rest in Greenhill Cemetery, Union, WV, and in the Hancock family plot in the graveyard at South Plains Church, Keswick, VA.

Remembered as an officer and a gentleman, Bill will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Those wishing to send online condolences or would like to sign the online guestbook, please do so by visiting www.groves-mann.com.

Easter Cantata to be held at Old Greenbrier Baptist Church in Alderson

The Old Greenbrier Baptist Church Choir and Friends will present their annual Easter Cantata on Sunday, Mar. 29 at 3 p.m. at the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church in Alderson. The title is "Hosannas and Hallelujahs" (the week that changed everything) arranged by Dennis Allen. This cantata leads us through the Triumphant Entry into Good Friday and the celebration of the Resurrection Sunday. The music is sure to inspire you during the Easter Season.

It's our privilege to share this musical directed by Dell Wood and accompanied by Nancy Wood. The participating choir members are: Sopranos - Rose Carter, Charlotte Grimmett, Jo Honaker, Sylvia Keaton, Carolyn Jo Knapp, Sarah Hampton, Regina Holliday, Mary Mitchell, Brenda Patterson, Patty Reinhold, Kari Still, Shirley Tolosa, and Louise Wood-Dixon. Altos - Cheryl Bice, Lea Ann Gwinn, Jeanne Luce, Lynda Neff, Amy Shelton, Lori Williams. Tenors - Greg Holliday, Peggy Patterson, Tony Tolosa, Curtis Pauley, and Brennan Wood. Basses - Darrell Croy, John Robert Holliday, Lawrence Lewis and Charles Mulkey. The narrator for the cantata is Sheila Harris. The soloists are Greg Holliday and Brennan Wood. The trumpeter is Brennan Wood.

We invite the public to attend this Easter Cantata and worship with us through music. A reception will follow the performance in our fellowship hall.

Dear Recycle Lady



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Dear Recycle Lady,
What is the difference between a landfill and a dump? I always thought they were the same thing.

Dump or Landfill
Dear Dump or Landfill,
A landfill and a dump are definitely not the same thing. A landfill must meet certain state and federal requirements for isolating waste from the environment. It also must meet requirements for long-term management and restoration of the waste site. Any waste site that does not meet these criteria is a dump. In West Virginia, it is illegal to create an open dump, burn waste or bury waste on your property. The Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority oversees the Greenbrier County Landfill and meets all the criteria for landfill management. Locally, waste is picked up by Greenbrier Valley Solid Waste or Lusk Waste and taken to the Greenbrier County Landfill for proper disposal.

Please note, the Greenbrier COUNTY Solid Waste Authority and the Greenbrier VALLEY Solid Waste are two distinct organizations. The Greenbrier COUNTY Solid Waste Authority is a branch of WV state government that oversees landfills and recycling. Greenbrier VALLEY Solid Waste is a privately owned garbage service and trash pickup business. Need trash pickup or a dumpster? Call Greenbrier VALLEY Solid Waste (304-645-1470). Have questions about the landfill or recycling? Call the Greenbrier COUNTY Solid Waste AUTHORITY (304-645-2489).

Dear Recycle Lady,
What is upcycling? Is it the same as recycling?
What's The Difference

Dear What's The Difference,
Upcycling is a special kind of recycling. When an item is upcycled, it is recycled into a product that has a higher value than the value of the original recycled item, or the original recycled item is used to create something entirely new. Most recycling is downcycling when a lower grade version of the recycled item is made. An example of upcycling is making new shoes

from recycled plastic bottles, while an example of downcycling is making lower quality plastic bottles from the recycled plastic bottles. Upcycling supports a circular economy in which goods are used and reused many times instead of getting thrown out after one use. A circular economy is more sustainable as it uses what we have instead of creating new products out of new materials. It also reduces landfill wastes and minimizes carbon emissions.

Dear Recycle Lady,
I have gone to the landfill to take household trash and to the Recycling Center in Ronceverte to take items for recycling. Can items for recycling be taken to the landfill? Do you accept eligible recyclables sorted or mixed? If sorted, how do you categorize and sort by type?

Returning to Recycling
Dear Returning to Recycling,
Recycling is now available at both the Recycle Center in Ronceverte on Monroe Avenue and at the landfill. Regardless of the location, items for recycling must be separated and placed in the proper bins. We do not accept mixed bags. Both locations have the following 11 bins for your convenience: aluminum cans, steel cans, #1 plastics, #2 clear plastics, #2 colored plastics, newspapers, office paper, magazines, cardboard, shredded paper, and toothbrushes.

Interesting Info: Coral reefs, mangroves, seagrasses, and saltmarshes absorb up to 97% of wave energy, neutralizing its force and helping protect coastlines from storms. Preserving these natural coastal defenders is crucial. Thanks to the support of Free the Ocean Plastic Plus members and Greater Good Charities, a team recently helped restore Tampa Bay's struggling shorelines, removing harmful debris like fishing lines and crab traps while rebuilding vital habitat. (fto.com)
Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests Recyclelady7@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

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A Look Back

SCRAMBLERS

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1. Parade; 2. Manner
3. Mental; 4. Sacred

Today's Word
SEPARATE

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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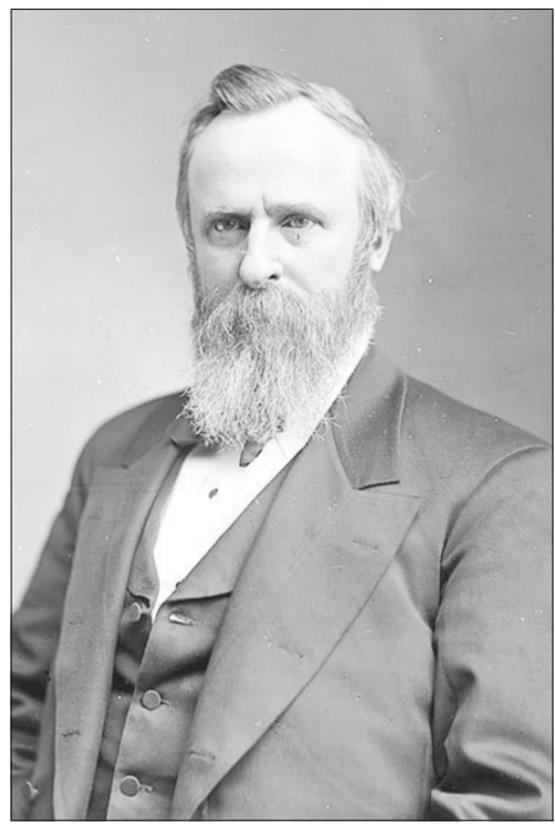


Photo: Courtesy of The Library of Congress.
By William "Skip" Deegans Major Rutherford B. Hayes, who would become
According to his diary, our nineteenth president,

overnight at Mrs. Bell's hotel in Lewisburg (now occupied by Greenbrier Real Estate) in December 1863. A graduate of Kenyon College and Harvard Law School, Hayes was a Cincinnati lawyer when the Civil War began. An opponent of slavery, he volunteered to serve in the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Although alarmed by the inhumanity he saw in both armies, he served with distinction in the Union Army and rose to major general.

In 1864, Hayes, a Republican, was elected to Congress, and in 1867 he was elected Governor of Ohio. He campaigned on a platform that advocated for African American suffrage. Once elected Governor, he ratified the 15th Amendment in Ohio that gave African Americans voting rights.

In the most contested presidential election in United States history, Hayes was elected president in 1876. He was concerned with the welfare of minorities, the poor and immigrants. He removed the last remaining federal troops from southern states after exacting promises from southern politicians that they would protect the civil rights of African Americans. As President, Hayes initiated civil service reform to end the patronage and corruption of the Grant administration. A strong advocate for public education, he pushed, unsuccessfully, for federal aid for education. He allowed female attorneys to appear for the first time before the United States Supreme Court.

In 1879, after his first two years as president, The Atlantic magazine wrote, "When the nation has outgrown and is ashamed of the fierce sectional temper which now deforms patriotism, hinders perfect union, and vexes liberty; when industry and commerce, nourished by an honest currency, again spread contentment through all our borders; when the public service has ceased, as some time it must cease, to be the spoil of parties, a delivered people will refer with honor and gratitude to the administration of President Hayes as the beginning of the republic's better day."

Hayes promised he would serve only one term. He stuck to that promise, returned to Ohio, and continued to fight for the rights of African-Americans. He died in 1893 at the age of 70.

Sources: West Virginia Daily News, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library, PBS, The Atlantic.

REAL ESTATE AUCTION

BID ONLINE NOW through Tuesday, April 7, 2026
14501 Seneca Rd Lindside, WV 24951 | 7pm

Directions: I-77 Princeton Exit, Follow US-460 East to Left onto US-219, Turn Right onto Old Virginia Ave, Left onto Federal St, Continue Left onto Market St, Go approx. 14 miles to Building on Left.

Large multi-use building with endless potential! Enter through the front doors into a spacious main room previously used as a sanctuary, with an office and restroom conveniently located to the left and accessible by two entryways. Continue into the newer addition featuring an unfinished entry area with multiple wired outlets, double doors, and shiplap walls leading to a large multi-purpose room with stage. The addition also includes two storage rooms, two bathrooms, two offices, and a well-designed kitchen with attractive countertops, eye-catching lighting, large center island, double and single sinks, abundant cabinetry, and space for a double oven and countertop range. Three exterior doors provide convenient access. Recent updates include new wiring, plumbing, and a Whirlpool energy-efficient 40-gallon hot water tank. Ideal for a church, office headquarters, community center, or event space.

Real Estate Terms: A 10% Buyers Premium will be held as a Non-Refundable deposit and held as earnest money until the transaction is completed and paid as commission to the broker. The deposit will be made payable to Century 21 Full Service Realty and is due to the office by Wednesday, April 8, 2026 with the balance paid at closing within 90-180 days. The deposit may be paid by personal check, cashier's check, or wire transfer (with an \$18 wire fee added). Buyer may take possession at closing. No financing or inspection contingencies. Real Estate sells AS IS. Century 21 Full Service Realty and Cooper's Auction Service, LLC are acting as an agent for the seller and the seller only. Buyer understands that they will receive a quitclaim deed from the seller.

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BUSINESS

Style meets story: msiJs Ltd blends fashion, vintage, and paper goods



Lory Van Buren —Photo credit Debra Smith

By Debra Smith

A new boutique offering distinctive fashion, vintage treasures, and specialty paper goods is now welcoming customers in downtown Lewisburg. msiJs, Ltd., owned and operated by Lory Van Buren, has opened its doors at 850 Court Street North, inviting visitors to discover a thoughtfully curated selection designed to help women feel confident, comfortable, and inspired.

When asked what she hopes customers will experience when they walk into her shop, Van Buren said her vision is rooted in empowerment and personal style.

"I want women to have a choice of clothing that gives them a feel-good style and way of living," Van Buren said, "I want women to feel good about themselves and offer clothing that will embrace them."

With that mindset, Van Buren opened msiJs, Ltd., a boutique featuring Boho-inspired fashion from well-known brands including Jaded Gypsy, Alluring Romance, Creative Change and Hartley.

In addition to clothing, shoppers will find a carefully selected collection of vintage quilts, linens and one-of-a-kind vintage jewelry, some of which is handmade by Van Buren's mother, adding a personal and meaningful touch to the store's offerings.

The boutique also features a selection for paper enthusiasts, including Italian paper goods, decorative napkins, stationery, and note cards, making the shop a destination for both fashion and thoughtful gifts.

Van Buren says plans are underway for a grand opening celebration, but customers don't have to wait to visit.

"I am planning a grand opening for the shop soon," Van Buren said. "But I am in the shop now a few days each week and

invite customers to stop in and explore what I have to offer."

msiJs, Ltd. is located at 850 Court

Street North in Lewisburg. Customers may also learn more or browse online at msjs-ltd-co-llc.shopify.com.



msiJs Ltd offers clothing, linens, jewelry, and more.

—Photo credit Debra Smith

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Meter is moved. 2. Tag on dress in window is missing. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Foot is moved. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Awning is not as wide.

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 gap.

Display **EARPAD**

Process **RAMENN**

Crazy **LAMENT**

Divine **SCARED**

Today's Word:

"First of all, we want _____ bills..."

Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

Super Crossword MEAGER MEAL

- ACROSS**
- 1 Colon's meaning in analogies
 - 5 Casino IOU
 - 9 Honcho
 - 13 Fruits to bob for
 - 19 Flow slowly
 - 20 Jay of jest
 - 21 Sinful
 - 22 Artist Monet
 - 23 Free
 - 25 — avis (unusual thing)
 - 26 Ottawa's land
 - 27 Start of a riddle
 - 30 By means of
 - 31 Response to a punch
 - 32 Clunker
 - 33 State whose cap. is Boise
 - 35 Riddle, part 2
 - 46 Touch-me- (explosive plants)
 - 48 Cellphone game, often
 - 49 — Trapp family
 - 50 Stable animal
 - 51 Riddle, part 3
 - 58 Locality
 - 59 Squirms, as in pain
 - 60 Film critic Roger
 - 61 Propelled a bicycle
 - 63 Acting prize
 - 64 Made a run for it
 - 65 — extra cost
 - 66 The, in Paris
 - 67 Riddle, part 4
 - 73 Pool length
 - 76 "Jeepers!"
 - 77 Margarine, quaintly
 - 78 — salts
 - 82 Vocalist with the 2018 hits "Boo'd Up" and "Trip"
 - 84 Lyric poets
 - 86 Sweet wine of Portugal
 - 88 Map out
 - 89 Riddle, part 5
 - 92 Gobble down
 - 94 Big Brit. lexicon
 - 95 Tooth doctor's org.
 - 96 Auth. unknown
 - 97 End of the riddle
 - 104 British verb suffix
 - 105 Toward a boat's back
 - 106 Wriggly fish
 - 107 Klutzy type
 - 109 Riddle's answer
 - 120 Regain a conscious state
 - 121 Challenge
 - 122 Fitness club machine
 - 123 Consolidator
 - 124 Iran's home
 - 125 "Jeepers!"
 - 126 Around H'wood, e.g.
 - 127 Go to bed
 - 128 Comply with
 - 129 Lone
 - 130 Novelist Jennifer
- DOWN**
- 1 Caesar's "vidi," translated
 - 2 "Late Night" host Meyers
 - 3 Able to read minds
 - 4 Express a view
 - 5 Musical staff symbol
 - 6 One who saves the day
 - 7 Wild about
 - 8 Pomeranian, e.g.
 - 9 Deprived (of)
 - 10 Egg-shaped
 - 11 Assistant on iPhones
 - 12 Pomeranian, e.g.
 - 13 Accumulate, as interest
 - 14 Modeling compound for kids
 - 15 Twinge of guilt, e.g.
 - 16 Oahu feast
 - 17 Water whirl
 - 18 Briny body
 - 24 Sharp remark
 - 28 Cry of Homer Simpson
 - 29 Actor Byrnes or fielder Roush
 - 33 Halved
 - 34 Entryways
 - 36 Go very fast
 - 37 Numbered musical work
 - 38 FedEx rival
 - 39 State firmly
 - 40 Variety
 - 41 Like most musical works with five sharps
 - 42 Civil rights figure Parks
 - 43 Dentist's tool
 - 44 Lauder of cosmetics
 - 45 Oboe inserts
 - 47 Occupy, as a table
 - 52 Morel or enoki, informally
 - 53 Narrate
 - 54 Comply with
 - 55 City that's home to Tufts University
 - 56 As far as
 - 57 Carnival shelter
 - 62 End of a college's URL
 - 64 Go very fast
 - 65 Earlier
 - 68 Language of Bangkok
 - 69 Infamous Idi
 - 70 Ye — Shoppe
 - 71 Relaxation
 - 72 Met offering
 - 73 Cartoon skunk Pepé
 - 74 Islamic God
 - 75 "Oro y —" (Montana's motto)
 - 79 Representing
 - 80 Often-twisted cookies
 - 81 French river or department
 - 83 "... some kind of —?"
 - 84 Ran in the wash
 - 85 Q7 or A8 carmaker
 - 86 Lead-in to care or gap, in health care
 - 87 Impose — on (illegalize)
 - 90 Gear tooth
 - 91 Owns
 - 93 Book of hymns
 - 98 From the distant past
 - 99 High degree
 - 100 Conquer
 - 101 That gal
 - 102 A-list groups
 - 103 Yummy
 - 108 Apt first name for a general?
 - 109 Actress Skye
 - 110 Leave off
 - 111 — pot (congestion clearer)
 - 112 Cain's father
 - 113 Flower jar
 - 114 Lake abutting Ohio
 - 115 Thus
 - 116 Close tightly
 - 117 Lose vibrancy
 - 118 Spanish pot
 - 119 — Bator, Mongolia
 - 120 Mean mutt

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BUSINESS

Report places West Virginia fourth nationwide in osteopathic physicians per capita

West Virginia, the home state of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM), has the fourth highest number of osteopathic physicians per capita, according to a new report.

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) recently publish edits inaugural Osteopathic Medical Education Impact Report, which analyzes how osteopathic medical schools drive local economies and address primary care and rural health shortages. AACOM is a nonprofit organization that supports the 44 accredited osteopathic medical schools in the U.S.

The report notes that only three states have more osteopathic physicians per capita than West Virginia. Michigan, Maine, and Pennsylvania rank first, second, and third highest, respectively. It states that there are 1,216 osteopathic physicians practicing in West Virginia.

Of the schools participating in AACOM's report, WVSOM ranks second nationwide in the percentage of alumni who practice in rural areas. The report states that 29% of WVSOM graduates work in rural areas, compared with 12% among graduates of all osteopathic

medical schools and 10% among allopathic and osteopathic physicians combined.

Additionally, the report indicates that WVSOM ranks sixth nationwide in the percentage of alumni who practice in medically underserved areas. It states that 26% of WVSOM graduates work in medically underserved areas, compared with 16% among graduates of all osteopathic medical schools.

James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WVSOM's president, said the school has long been a leader in producing physicians for rural locations.

"WVSOM is the leading contributor to West Virginia's physician workforce and has been recognized nationally," Nemitz said. "I am pleased our state has such a large number of physicians who are trained in osteopathic medicine, and I am proud many of this school's graduates do the essential work of caring for patients in rural and medically underserved communities throughout the nation."

The report also details the economic impact of each school, based on data from the 2023 fiscal year and using a model by IMPLAN, a company that provides

economic impact data and analytical applications. It states that WVSOM's total impact for that year was \$136 million, including direct, indirect and induced impacts.

AACOM's report, which was conducted by EY Quantitative Economics and Statistics, states that nationwide, nearly 30% of all medical students are enrolled in osteopathic medical programs. A total of 8,428 D.O. degrees were conferred in 2024 in the U.S.

Robert Cain, D.O., AACOM's president and CEO, said in a press release that osteopathic medical schools play a key role in addressing the nation's primary care and rural health shortages.

"Across America, communities are facing the harsh realities of the national physician shortage and an overstretched health care system. This report demonstrates osteopathic medical education's vital role in shaping a healthier future for all. Our schools are training physicians who serve where they're needed most and fueling local economies along the way," Cain said.

Seneca Health Services, Inc. celebrates 50 years of service in WV communities

Seneca Health Services, Inc. proudly announces the celebration of its 50th anniversary, marking five decades of dedicated service to individuals and families across West Virginia.

Founded in 1976, Seneca Health Services has remained steadfast in its commitment to providing compassionate, high-quality care for individuals experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorders, and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Over the past half-century, the organization has grown from a small local provider into a trusted regional nonprofit serving Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas, and Webster counties.

In October 2024, Seneca achieved designation as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) through the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services—further strengthening its ability to provide comprehensive, integrated care. Today, Seneca offers a full continuum of services, including mobile crisis response, psychiatric medical services, primary care, outpatient counseling, peer support, and innovative telehealth options.

"Reaching 50 years is a tremendous milestone," said Marcie Vaughan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Seneca Health Services. "This anniversary is not only a celebration of our history, but also a reflection of the dedication of our staff, the trust of our clients, and the unwavering support of our communities."

Vaughan emphasized that Seneca's longevity is rooted in its core values: being a responsible provider of quality, evidence-based practices; ensuring services are

accessible regardless of county of residence, diagnosis, or ability to pay; and remaining progressive in service delivery through telehealth and emerging treatment modalities. "By staying true to these principles, we have built a system of care that will continue to grow and serve future generations," she added.

Throughout 2026, Seneca Health Services will host a series of commemorative events and initiatives, including staff celebrations, expanded community outreach efforts, and special recognition of

the individuals, partners, and stakeholders who have contributed to the organization's success over the past five decades.

About Seneca Health Services:

Founded in 1976, Seneca Health Services is a nonprofit Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic serving central West Virginia.

With a mission to promote mental health, prevent substance use, and support recovery, Seneca provides a comprehensive continuum of care tailored to meet the unique needs of individuals and families throughout the region.

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Lewisburg will hold a Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers for PUBLIC HEARING of the following topic:
1. Greenbrier Honda/Nissan within the Greenbrier Automotive Development, 1686 Jefferson Street North
The application is available for review at Lewisburg City Hall during regular business hours.

LEGAL

BID ADVERTISEMENT

The Country Roads Food Cooperative which includes Greenbrier County Schools, is accepting sealed bids for Food Products for child nutrition programs in the following counties: Boone, Greenbrier, Logan, McDowell, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers, Webster and Wyoming, effective March 10, 2026 to March 25, 2026. All eligible food distributors are invited to submit bids. Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting Linda Knott at lknott@k12.wv.us or 304-466-6000 x 1103. Bids are due by March 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM. Bids will be opened and read aloud on April 22, 2026. The County Roads Cooperative reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and waive minor informalities. All bids must be in compliance with Federal procurement regulations 2 C.F.R.

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The Country Roads Food Cooperative which includes Greenbrier County Schools, is accepting sealed bids for WV Local Meat Products for child nutrition programs in the following counties: Boone, Greenbrier, Logan, McDowell, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers, Webster and Wyoming, effective March 10, 2026 to March 25, 2026. All eligible food distributors are invited to submit bids. Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting Linda Knott at lknott@k12.wv.us or 304-466-6000 x 1103. Bids are due by March 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM. Bids will be opened and read aloud on April 22, 2026. The County Roads Cooperative reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and waive minor informalities. All bids must be in compliance with Federal procurement regulations 2 C.F.R.

LEGAL

The Greenbrier County Commission has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Drainage Project to be completed at the Judicial Annex of the Greenbrier County Courthouse; 912 Court Street N., Lewisburg, WV 24901. For project specifics and bid information/details, please contact Kelly.banton@greenbriercounty.net or review and download the project documents at www.greenbriercounty.net. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on March 31, 2926 at 1 p.m. in the County Commission Meeting Room. Sealed bids must be received by the County Commission by Friday, April 17, 2026 at 4 p.m. at 912 Court St., N., Lewisburg, WV 24901. The County Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

LEGAL

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027 LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	
Unassigned Fund Balance	1
Property Taxes - Current Expense	261,210
Tax Loss Restoration	1,000
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	5,000
Excise Tax on Utilities	140,000
Business and Occupation Tax	400,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	130,000
Animal Control Tax	400
Hotel Occupancy Tax	15,000
Sales Tax	36,050
Parking Violations	50
Licenses	8,000
Building Permit Fees	8,450
Miscellaneous Permits	400
Franchise Fees	12,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	55,000
Parks & Recreation	30,000
Municipal Service Fees	222,000
Rents, Royalties and Concessions	86,000
Refuse Collection	373,500
Police Protection Fees	203,000
Fire Protection Fees	137,525
Federal Government Grants	5,000
State Government Grants	5,000
Gaming Income	58,000
Reimbursements	15,000
Filing fees	100
Accident Reports	1,000
Video Lottery (LVL)	9,000
Miscellaneous Revenues (provide details on "Explanations" tab)	8,120
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 2,225,806

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance (Coal Fund Only)	\$ 5,988
Coal Severance Tax	8,000
Interest Earned on Investment	1
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 13,989

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office	3,677	-
City Council	3,284	-
Recorder's Office	647	-
City Manager's Office	30,748	-
City Clerk's Office	21,635	-
Police Judge's Office	32,360	-
City Attorney	40,148	-
City Auditor	4,000	-
Contributions to Comms /Authorities	6,673	-
Regional Development Authority	900	-
Planning & Zoning	22,561	-
Elections	3,700	-
City Hall	110,236	-
Contingencies	16,453	1,398
Police Department	783,271	-
Fire Department	130,950	-
Streets and Highways	208,661	-
Street Lights	33,000	-
Central Garage	126,174	-
Garbage Department	397,735	-
Parks & Recreation	143,328	7,800
Visitors Bureau	7,500	-
Swimming Pools	82,165	-
Library	10,500	4,791
Beautification Programs	5,500	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,225,806	\$ 13,989

MUNICIPALITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS Regular Current Expense Levy

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027

CLASS I	Certificate of Valuation		Taxes Levied
	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 45,574,510	25.00	\$ 113,936
Personal Property	14,682		37
Total Class II	\$ 45,589,192		\$ 113,973
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 36,627,260	50.00	\$ 183,136
Personal Property	24,965,868		124,829
Public Utility	8,661,456		43,307
Total Class IV	\$ 70,254,584		\$ 351,272
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 115,843,776		\$ 465,245
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	23,262
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	8,840
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			166,602
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 266,541
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	5,331
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 261,210

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF GREENBRIER
MUNICIPALITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

I, David Dillon, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 16th day of March, 2026.

David Dillon
Recorder

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SPORTS



The Sea Dragons competed in the WV Short Course State Championship earlier this month, placing fourth. Emily Hobbs qualified to compete in Orlando, FL, at the Southern Zone Age Group Championships.

GVAC Sea Dragons compete in State Championship

The GVAC Sea Dragons swim team competed in the WV Short Course State Championship Meet in Bridgeport March 13-15. All of the swimmers had significant time drops, achieving 92 personal best times and setting 22 new team records.

The 9-10 Girls 200Y medley relay team (Kennedy Willis, Lennie Taylor, Zoey Hobbs, Kensley Routson) and 200Y freestyle relay team (Kennedy Willis, Dolly Knight, Kensley Routson, Zoey Hobbs) both placed 4th in the state. Swimmers with individual top 10 finishes included Addi Alderman (50Y and 100Y back), Emily Hobbs (500Y and 1,000Y Free; 400Y IM, 200Y Back), Zoey Hobbs (200Y Free), Avery Hodges-McGuffin (400Y IM), Solomon Rodebaugh (100Y Breast), Luke Taylor (200Y Free; 50Y, 100Y

and 200Y Breast; 100Y IM), Mary Taylor (100Y Breast), and Kennedy Willis (100Y Breast). Additional swimmers who qualified for finals were Harper Bostic, Pierce Necessary, Albert Liu and Stella Rodebaugh.

Emily Hobbs became the first Sea Dragon in the history of the team to qualify for Southern Zone Age Group Championships based on her performance at states. She will travel to Orlando in July with other West Virginia qualifiers and compete with swimmers from all over the Southern US. This is a huge accomplishment made possible by hard work, dedication, and supportive teammates.

The Sea Dragons appreciate all of the sponsors and community members who have helped to make competitive swimming possible in this area.

SCHOOL

James Monroe Technical Center JROTC completes second round of JLAB

By Cadet Captain Aiden Sapp
JMTC Maverick Battalion Public Affairs Officer

James Monroe High School/Technical Center's JROTC program achieved a significant academic milestone this year: our JLAB team advanced to the second round of the national JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl (JLAB). This competition includes JROTC programs from across the United States as well as Department of Defense schools located on U.S. military bases overseas, making advancement highly competitive.

The JLAB competition is known for its rigorous academic focus, challenging students in math, science, language arts, current events, and JROTC curriculum knowledge. Cadets work as a team to complete a timed, online academic assessment that helps strengthen their

problem solving abilities and critical thinking skills.

Participating cadets were Lexi Bird, Alexis Broyles, Sean Fuhrer, Christopher Kubes, Austin Riley, and Aiden Sapp. Advancing to the second round is achieved only by teams that perform strongly on these assessments.

In addition to building leadership skills, JLAB supports students' academic growth, particularly in preparation for college entrance exams. The team's advancement reflects their readiness and willingness to take on the challenge, as well as their commitment to academic success.

For more information, please contact Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Rebecca Crispin or Master Sergeant Jonathan Broyles at the JMTC JROTC Office at 304-753-6906 or audrey.crispin@k12.wv.us / jonathan.broyles@k12.wv.us.

ENTERTAINMENT

Greg Norman to deliver keynote at 2026 GameChanger/WVU Medicine Event

Sports legend turned businessman will also participate in the golf event

Golf legend Greg Norman, who was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame with a higher percentage of votes than any other inductee in history, has accepted an invitation to deliver the keynote speech and play in the golf portion of the sixth annual GameChanger/WVU Medicine Dinner and Golf Classic May 27-28 at The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs.

Among the most successful athletes to turn to business in any sport, the "Great White Shark" has won more than 90 tournaments worldwide, including two Open championships, and holds the distinction of defending his No. 1 position in the world golf rankings for 331 weeks.

"Protecting our youth from the deadly impact of fentanyl and opioid misuse is one of the most important challenges we face today globally," Norman says. "GameChanger is making a real difference through prevention education, and I'm honored to support an organization that is working so hard to protect the next generation."

Regarded as one of the most prolific players in the game's history, Norman adds to the prestige of previous GameChanger keynote speakers: Nick Saban, Brad Paisley, Roy Williams, Jennifer Garner and Tim Tebow. Norman is elated to participate in an event for such a worthy cause.

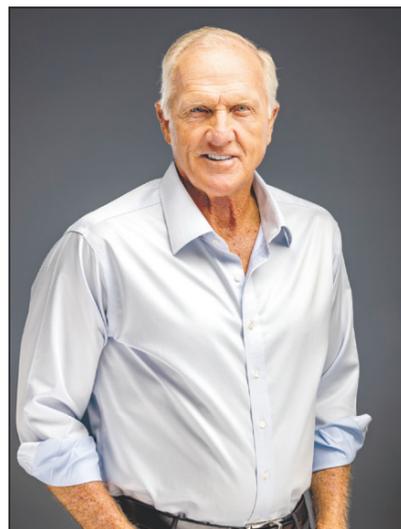
Norman now transcends the game of golf with more than a dozen companies around the world bearing his name and his iconic shark logo as part of the Greg Norman Company, which he leads as chairman and CEO. His internationally recognized brand boasts more than 140 golf courses across six continents, a global real estate collection, award winning golf-inspired lifestyle apparel, and a diverse investment division.

Today, Greg Norman's legacy extends far beyond the golf course. He remains a bold innovator, global business leader and relentless advocate for progress in the sport.

GameChanger founder and executive director Joe Boczek says it is a tribute to GameChanger and its prevention education staff that the program has grown so much in such a short time while continuing to attract people of Norman's stature who want to help.

"Greg Norman's reputation as not only a legendary golfer but as an internationally renowned businessman speaks for itself, but his willingness to step up to the plate to help save our kids speaks volumes for him as a person. The tremendous work of our team of prevention specialists has resulted in GameChanger being recognized as among the best and most innovative prevention education programs in the nation."

The sixth annual classic, which began in 2021 featuring Nick and Terry Saban, is set for May 27 and 28 with the reception and dinner on May 27 at 6 and 7 p.m. respectively. The 18-hole golf scramble on the Greenbrier's world-



Greg Norman will be the keynote speaker at the GameChanger/WVU Medicine dinner and golf classic May 27 and 28.

famous Old White Course will take place May 28 with a golfer's breakfast from 7 a.m. until the 9 a.m. first tee start.

GameChanger is an innovative, comprehensive K-12 student-powered substance misuse prevention model that delivers a holistic approach to prevention education. Through evidence-based and evidence-informed programming, community awareness initiatives, and the intentional cultivation of supportive school environments, GameChanger reduces substance misuse while empowering youth to make healthy, informed decisions as they develop into leaders of tomorrow.

To learn more about GameChanger visit www.gamechangerusa.org

Save the Date:

30th annual Derby Day set for May 2

Gateway Industries presents the 30th annual Derby Day Run for the Roses on Saturday, May 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Cecil H. Underwood Building at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds.

Tickets are \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door. There will be cocktails, food, two half-and-half drawings, a huge silent auction, a most spectacular hat contest, and the Kentucky Derby on big screen TVs.

Pick your favorite horse and watch the race. There will be live music all day by The Goodson Boys. Call 304-645-3165 with any questions.

Master Gardeners announce Spring Pruning Clinic

Master Gardeners of Greenbrier Valley announce a Spring Pruning Clinic. This free clinic will take place Saturday, Mar. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden located at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds in Fairlea.

The clinic will be taught by Dr. Mira B. Danilovich, Extension Specialist Consumer Horticulture and Associate Professor with the WVU Extension Service and WVU Davis College of Agriculture Natural Resources and Design. Additionally, Dr. Mira serves as

State Coordinator for the West Virginia Extension Master Gardener Program.

The topics that will be covered will include "How and when to prune garden and fruit trees, bushes and vines, and what type of pruning equipment you need and how to care for them." This clinic is free and is open to the public.

If you are interested in attending this clinic or becoming a Master Gardener, please call Mary Dameron at the Greenbrier County Agriculture Extension Office at 304-647-7408.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Spring 2026 classes at Carnegie Hall offer hands-on learning for all ages

Carnegie Hall will be offering the following selection of classes in upcoming weeks:

Hanging Birdhouse Basket - On Friday, Apr. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., regional basketmaker Kathy Talley will lead a full-day intermediate workshop for participants age 16 and older. Students will create a functional and decorative woven birdhouse basket using traditional techniques, including shaping and weaving back to form an opening. All materials are provided.

Cost: \$135 for members / \$155 for nonmembers, with automatic scholarships available reducing tuition to \$75.



Hanging birdhouse basket



Creation of traditional face jugs



Two 6-week ceramics courses

wheel experience. Participants will explore advanced techniques including larger forms, closed vessels, throwing off the hump, and two-part construction.

Cost: \$225 for members / \$250 for nonmembers.

All classes are intentionally small to ensure personalized instruction, and many are expected to fill quickly. Early registration is strongly encouraged. Carnegie Hall invites community members to take part in these enriching experiences - whether learning a traditional Appalachian craft, exploring the ceramic arts, or stepping onto the fencing strip for the first time.

To register or for more information visit www.carnegiehallwv.org or call 304-645-7917.

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Woodturning 101 (in partnership with Lee Street Studios) - This five-week introductory course meets Saturdays, Apr. 11 and 18, and May 2, 9, and 16 from 9 a.m. to noon. Taught by rotating instructors from the West Virginia Woodturners Association (WVWA), the class is open to adults 18 and older and limited to just four students for individualized instruction. Participants will learn safety, tool use, sharpening, wood preparation, and the complete process of turning, sanding, and finishing a wooden bowl. Cost: \$200 for members / \$250 for nonmembers, plus a \$35 WVWA membership fee (paid directly to WVWA).

Traditional Face Jugs - On Saturday, Apr. 11 from 12 noon to 4 p.m., ceramic artist Sean O'Connell leads a hands-on workshop exploring the history and creation of traditional face jugs. Open to age 16 and older, the class introduces hand-building techniques while connecting participants to a rich Appalachian folk art tradition. Finished pieces will be glazed and fired for later pickup. Cost: \$65 for members / \$75 for nonmembers.

The Art of Fencing - Carnegie Hall introduces a five-week beginner fencing series led by Dr. Russell Amundson, meeting Tuesdays, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Open to age 12 and older, the class provides instruction in footwork, bladework, and strategy while exploring the history and discipline of fencing. Equipment is provided (limited protective gear available). Cost: \$225 for members / \$250 for nonmembers, with a \$125 student scholarship rate.



Woodturning 101



5-week beginner fencing series

Wheel Throwing Clay for Beginners - This six-week introductory series meets Tuesdays, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5 and 19 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. (no class May 12). Open to age 17 and up, the course covers clay preparation, centering, and creating foundational forms such as cylinders, bowls, and plates, along with glazing and finishing techniques. Cost: \$225 for members / \$250 for nonmembers.

Wheel, Too! Intermediate Throwing Clay - Meeting Thursdays, Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7 and 21 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. (no class May 14), this six-week intermediate series is designed for students with prior



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Great Greenbrier River Race set for April 25

The Greenbrier River Trail Association is proud to announce the 40th Anniversary of the Great Greenbrier River Race, a cherished triathlon event bringing together the local community, athletes, and supporters. This milestone celebration honors the enduring spirit of the Greenbrier River Trail and the dedicated efforts to maintain and enhance its amenities for everyone.

The 40th Great Greenbrier River Race will take place on Saturday, Apr. 25, with participants competing in a triathlon format. It is not too late to register for this unique triathlon that you can experience as an individual or a team (of up to four). This family-friendly event is a run, boat, and bike triathlon in scenic Pocahontas County on the Greenbrier River and Greenbrier River Trail (GRT). The race starts and ends in Marlinton, WV, with a 3-mile run, down Second Avenue and then north on the GRT for an out-and-back course. The race then continues through a transition zone into the river via kayak or canoe for four miles downstream. The final leg of the race is a 10-mile bike ride, starting by heading south on the GRT, then turning back and heading north, finishing at back in Marlinton. The day begins with race packet pickup at Marlinton Presbyterian Church, available Friday, Apr. 24 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Apr. 25 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Racers are invited to join the Pre-Race Warmup and Meeting at

Gazebo Park at 10:30 a.m. The race will officially start at 11 a.m.

The PreParty on Friday, Apr. 24, kicks off the weekend from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Mountain Tavern in Marlinton. Sponsored by Old Spruce Brewery, Greenbrier Bikes, Trailhead Pizza, and Mountain Tavern, this evening features Happy Hour with live music by Nathan Seldomridge.

Racers will enjoy lunch provided by Amy's Cakes and Cones and Old Red Mill Taphouse Grille of Lewisburg. The awards ceremony will honor top finishers, and music by the Sodapop Gypies will be provided throughout the day to keep the celebration going.

The Greenbrier River Race is made possible through the generosity of event sponsors, donors, and community partners. A special shout-out to major cash donors including the Great Greenbrier River Marathon, Forren Soil, Jaensson's Law Firm, Cindy Chesler, Greenbrier Automotive Group, and Dunmore Admiral, LLC. All proceeds directly support the maintenance and improvement of the Greenbrier River Trail's amenities. For a complete list of sponsors and more information, please visit the Greenbrier River Trail Association webpage or the Race Registration webpage.

We invite the community, racers, and supporters to join in celebrating 40 years of the Great Greenbrier River Race. Your participation and support help preserve the Greenbrier River Trail for future generations. Mark your calendars and be a part of this landmark event!



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WV Picklefest expands to State Fair of West Virginia with full weekend celebration this April

WV Picklefest is back - and in 2026, it's getting bigger than ever. What began as a grassroots celebration at Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company has grown into one of the region's most anticipated spring events, and now it's officially making the move to the State Fair of West Virginia. Join us Apr. 24 through 26 as Picklefest expands into a full-scale weekend experience with more room to roam, more to taste, and more music to enjoy.

At its heart, WV Picklefest is a celebration of community, craft, and a shared love of all things pickled. The move to the State Fairgrounds allows the festival to level up in every way - more vendors, more food trucks, bigger contests, and more music than ever before. Fans can also expect plenty of their favorite pours, with Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company and Hawk Knob Appalachian Hard Cider front and center all weekend long.

Music lovers will feel right at home with a strong bluegrass-focused lineup that carries the laid-back, high-energy spirit Picklefest is known for. The weekend kicks off with a Pre-Party at Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company on Friday, Apr. 24, setting the tone before the main festival takes over the State Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, Apr. 25 and 26.

Festival highlights include:

- Signature pickle contests, including crowd-favorite competitions
- Multiple pickle-inspired beer and cider releases from Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company and Hawk

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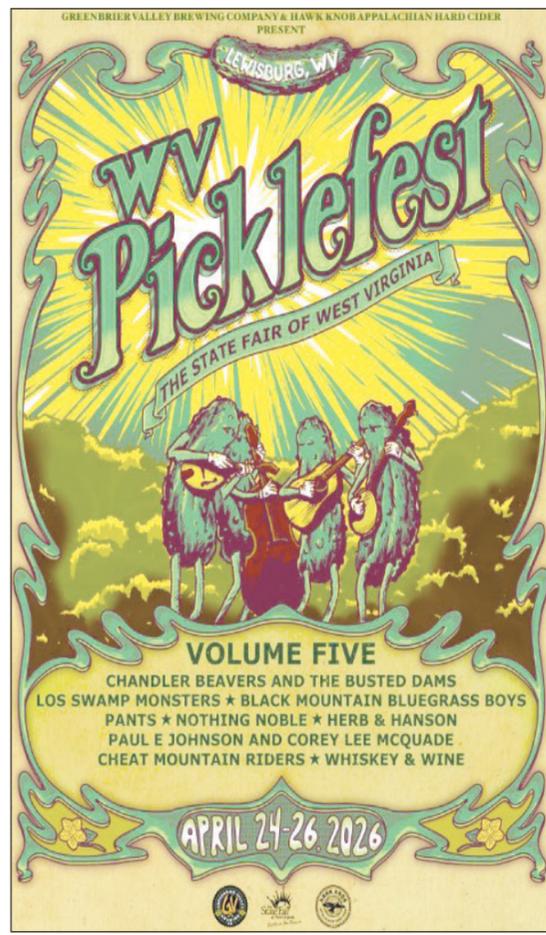
- Food trucks and specialty vendors from across the region
- Expanded live music programming rooted in Americana and bluegrass
- Kids Zone with family-friendly activities
- Primitive camping on the State Fairgrounds, included with weekend passes. RV camping is available for purchase.

"WV Picklefest has outgrown its original footprint at GVBC, and this move lets us build the festival it's always wanted to be," said organizers. "Partnering with the State Fair of West Virginia is huge and allows us to expand the music, vendors, contests, and overall experience - while keeping the heart of WV Picklefest rooted in Appalachian culture and community."

Presale tickets are on sale now and include primitive camping for the weekend at the State Fairgrounds, plus entry to the official WV Picklefest Pre-Party on Friday night, Apr. 24, at Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://events.statefairwv.com/event/wv-picklefest/>. For more information visit their Facebook event page, "WV Picklefest 2026!"

Additional announcements, including the daily music lineup, vendor applications, and contest details, will be released soon. Get ready for a weekend that's louder, tastier, and more fun than ever before. It's going to be a really big dill.



WV Picklefest returns this April with a pre-party at Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company on Apr. 24, and two days of the main festival at the State Fairgrounds on Apr. 25 and 26.



Della Mae

Carnegie Hall Mainstage Performance Series continues with Della Mae

Carnegie Hall welcomes Della Mae, the Grammy-nominated, all-woman string band known for their electrifying musicianship, global reach, and unwavering commitment to elevating women and girls in music. The performance takes place on Saturday, Apr. 11, at 7 p.m. as part of the Hall's acclaimed Mainstage Performance Series. Guests are invited to come early for the free Club Carnegie Preshow Reception from 6 to 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room located adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium. A cash bar and snacks are available.

Founded by award-winning fiddle player Kimber Ludiker, Della Mae features powerhouse vocalist and guitarist Celia Woodsmith, dynamic guitarist Avril

Smith, and acclaimed bassist Vickie Vaughn. Hailing from across North America and shaped by a wide range of musical traditions, the quartet has earned a reputation as one of the most charismatic and engaging roots bands touring today.

With performances spanning more than 30 countries, Della Mae has used their music as a bridge for cultural exchange, peacebuilding, and connection. Their mission extends beyond the stage: the band is dedicated to showcasing top female musicians and expanding opportunities for women and girls through advocacy, mentorship, programming, and performance.

"Carnegie Hall is thrilled to present artists whose work resonates far beyond the music itself," said Mary Leb, Carnegie Hall's

Performance Director. "Della Mae's artistry, energy, and commitment to empowering the next generation make them an inspiring addition to our Mainstage season."

Tickets are \$42/adult and \$20/student and only a limited number of tickets are still available. Thanks to the Carnegie Cardinal Fund, Greenbrier County Students attend for free, but still must reserve a seat. Call to take advantage of the discounts that are available for Carnegie Hall members, students, senior citizens, and military. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, please request seats on audience left as the interpreter will be situated on stage right.

To purchase tickets, call Carnegie Hall, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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Love Child in Lewisburg hosts author Blair Campbell as she debuts her first children's fiction book. This is book one in a series dubbed Jamlachia. In this book, The Campbells Go Camping, you read about family, life in Appalachia, and the value of love. There will be a book signing, debut, and reading on Friday, Apr. 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Love Child (933 Washington Street, Lewisburg).

Ever the problem solver and bringer together of people, Momma Campell takes you along with her loving family on a camping trip that reminds her just how precious life is. A book for kids and parents, Jamaica and Appalachia come together for a tale about love, family, and spending time together. Life is full of twists and turns and ups and downs. This story reminds you to take time and enjoy life. This book is designed to be read aloud with your child. Explore the pictures and reminisce about your own family as you take this epic trip with Momma, Poppa, Penelope, and Oliver Campbell.

LEWISBURG, APRIL 10TH & 11TH

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

IMMERSIVE HISTORY: GENERAL ANDREW LEWIS, GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON, & WOMEN IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Visit Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg on Friday, April 10th at 7PM for dramatic presentations of General Andrew Lewis and General George Washington by Daniel Cross, along with an exploration of Women in the American Revolution by Emma Cross.

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Saturday, April 11th

IMMERSIVE HISTORY AT THE LEWISBURG CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

Emma Cross will interpret a Revolutionary War female camp follower and help serve hot chocolate at the North House Museum during the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival, including reenacting George Washington's orders for hot chocolate to be served to Revolutionary War soldiers when coffee supplies were low.

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