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## Possible human remains found in Greenbrier County

The following statement is being issued by the Greenbrier County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in conjunction with the West Virginia State Police regarding an ongoing missing person investigation:

Law enforcement agencies conducted a coordinated search operation on Tuesday, May 19, in a wooded area of Greenbrier County in connection with the investigation.

During the operation, investigators located possible human remains. The scene is currently being processed by the West Virginia State Police Crime Scene Team with assistance from the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department and additional law enforcement personnel.

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## Lewisburg City Council plans for July opening date of dog park, announces winner of new piano design, and more

By Sarah Richardson

The Lewisburg City Council met on Tuesday to sign a proclamation for National Police Week, announce the winner of the new City Hall piano paint design, hold readings for several ordinances, and other matters.

Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White read a proclamation acknowledging National Police Week for 2026, stating in part, "To honor the service of all law enforcement officers and the sacrifices of the men and women killed in the line of duty in 2025 while guarding our communities, and defending our democracy. We salute the men and women who do the difficult and dangerous work of safeguarding our communities." National Police Week was observed from May 10 through May 16, 2026.

Next, Mayor White announced that D. Ray Bozic of Caldwell was the winner of the new piano design contest, held earlier this year. His submission, titled "County Roads Piano" will grace the front of the piano located out of City Hall downtown. "I am pleased to award this to him, and we can't wait to see the rendering he will do, the pitch is beautiful," said White.

Councilmember Arron Seams detailed recommendations from the Finance Committee meeting held earlier this month, with several task orders approved for Chapman Technical Group, including HVAC replacement at City Hall and funding for the water plant project and South Lafayette Street stormwater mitigation. It was also approved to hire Chapman Technical Group to act as the engineering service related to

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## Dandelion Festival comes to White Sulphur this weekend

By Sarah Richardson

Downtown White Sulphur Springs is set to come alive once again as the annual Dandelion Festival returns for a full weekend of community fun, live entertainment, family activities, and local tradition. From Friday, May 22, through Sunday, May 24, residents and visitors alike can enjoy everything from art shows and concerts to contests, food vendors, races, and the beloved parade through town. Organizers say this year's festival offers something for all ages as the community gathers to celebrate one of the area's favorite annual events.

**Friday, May 22**

Art show and wine and cheese: 6 to 8 p.m. at the White Sulphur Springs Library. Enjoy art accompanied by music from Leah Trent. Tickets available at the door.

Dinner and live music: 7 to 9 p.m. at Butler Hall, St. Thomas, featuring Ryan Cain & The Ables. Tickets available online and at the door.

**Saturday, May 23:**

Dream Chaser 5K: Start your morning with a run at 7:30 a.m. on the Schoolhouse Hotel Lawn.

Children's Fishing Derby: 8:30 a.m. at WSS National Fish Hatchery.

Walkin' & Talkin' like a Chicken Contest: 9:30 a.m. at the Hatchery Amphitheater with prizes on the line.

Food Vendors: Available from 10 a.m. on Main Street.

Kids Zone: Free Inflatables and activities from 10 a.m. till dusk at Old Mill Park.



WSS Library Book Sale: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the park with the clock tower but will move to the library if there is rain. Hardbacks are \$2, everything else \$1. Bag sale goes from 5 to 6 p.m.

Art Show: Open to the public at 11 a.m. in the WSS Library.

Live Music: Multiple performances including Jesse Milnes & Emily Miller at 1 p.m., and Aristotle Jones at 5:30 p.m. on the Main Stage.

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## 'Blessing of the Animals' for cats & dogs at the Greenbrier Humane Society

By Jenny Harnish  
RealWV, www.therealwv.com

Joan C. Browning had 16 cats and a "perfect" dog named Gabriel. For each of the 12 years of his life, she brought him to be blessed.

"I saw how special it was to me, and I thought it might be special to others," Browning said. She began offering blessings for people's pets and eventually had a realization.

"It occurred to me that the animals I bless are already blessed," Browning said. "They have homes and are taken care of in every possible way. It occurred to me that the animals that really need to be blessed are those that are waiting for homes at the Greenbrier Humane Society."

On Monday, Browning sat on a bench as workers at the Greenbrier Humane Society

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Joan Browning blessed cats and dogs at the Greenbrier Humane Society this week. (Photo Jenny Harnish, RealWV)

## Morrissey signals potential cuts to WV's childcare assistance, clothing voucher program due to debt

*'I'm not going to support cutting childcare subsidies or clothing vouchers at all,' said Del. Evan Worrell, R-Cabell*

By Amelia Ferrell Knisely  
for West Virginia Watch

Cuts could be coming to West Virginia's childcare assistance and a voucher program that helps low-income families afford school clothes.

Those programs - along with several children's support services - are funded through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families money, a federal block grant that the states administer.

On Monday, Gov. Patrick Morrissey announced that the state has a projected \$40 million deficit in its TANF funding. After TANF received an infusion of COVID-19 relief funds, Morrissey explained that programs' budgets ballooned and stayed that way after pandemic dollars expired.

"The emergency spending levels created a big structural deficit, and quite frankly, we had these silos operating within (the Department of) Human Services that led to inad-

equately oversight of the TANF budget, so we're obviously looking to fix that," Morrissey said during a news conference at the state Capitol.

Deanna Palmer, executive director of the Lewis County Family Resource Network, worried about the potential impact on services for vulnerable children and families in her area. Her FRN offers parenting classes, GED support, job training and support for grandparents raising grandkids.

FRNs, which operated in all 55 counties, could see potential funding cuts due to TANF issues, she said.

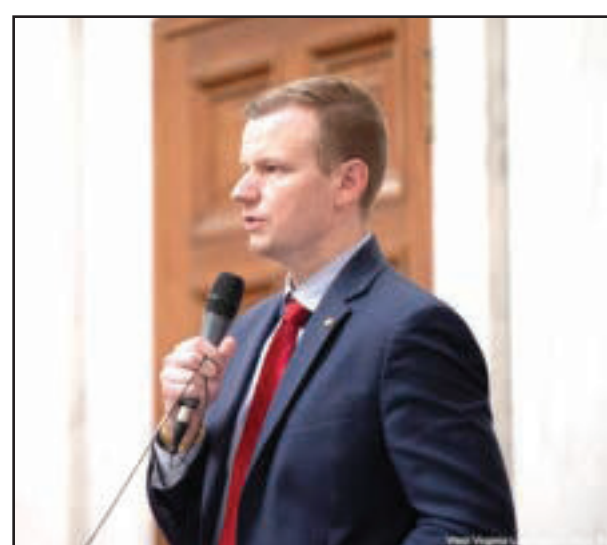
"With six weeks to go until the end of our current fiscal year contracts, I am deeply concerned about the lack of information we have, and about the rumors we continue to hear about potential budget and contract cuts starting July 1," Palmer said. "A reduction in services would directly impact families, and would mean loss of dozens of local jobs, across West Virginia."

Del. Evan Worrell, R-Cabell, said, "I'm not going to support cutting childcare subsidies or clothing vouchers at all."

"I'd like to see the data on how we're \$40 million in deficit on TANF, because our family support centers, our resource centers ... they rely on these funds, so it's a big deal," added Worrell, who serves as chair of the House Committee on Health and Human Resources.

He questioned if the governor could reallocate the money after lawmakers already approved around \$177 million in TANF funding in their Fiscal Year 2027 budget. It could require a special legislative session, Worrell said.

Morrissey also on Monday announced a number of state agency audits that revealed a potential \$168 mil-



Del. John Williams, D-Monongalia (Photo by Perry Bennett/WV Legislative Photography)

lion in savings, but the audits did not contain information related to TANF or a program deficit.

"I know (Morrissey) just announced an audit through DoHS with potential savings there. Can we not fill that gap with that without cutting childcare?" Worrell said.

West Virginia uses TANF dollars to support a number of organizations focused on assisting foster children and vulnerable families.

West Virginia has a childcare subsidy program that offers income-based assistance to parents who are working or in school. It currently helps thousands of children access childcare.

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## Carnegie Hall seeking volunteers for 2026 Kids' College

Carnegie Hall is now recruiting volunteers for the 33rd annual Carnegie Kids' College, taking place July 6-10 and July 13-17, 2026.

Kids' College offers rising Kindergarten through 7th grade students a unique opportunity to explore artistic and scientific subjects in a safe, creative, and encouraging environment. Volunteers play a vital role in supporting teaching artists across a wide range of classes, including pottery, origami, baking, basket weaving, painting, archaeology, music, and more.

Volunteers are encouraged to commit to at least one full weeklong session. Morning shifts run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and afternoon shifts run from 12:45 to 4:15 p.m.

Placement is first-come, first-served and may be influenced by instructor needs and enrollment. Adults and youth entering 9th grade and above may register at [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org) or by visiting <https://fs26.formsite.com/6usHp2/qb-vt6mrag/index>.

For questions or additional information, contact Education Director Harmony Flora at 304-645-7917 or [education@carnegiehallwv.org](mailto:education@carnegiehallwv.org).

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising events such as TOOT and the Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.



**Kids' College will run from July 6-10, and July 13-17.**

## Gov. Morrisey announces West Virginia joins 'A Home for Every Child' initiative with HHS

Governor Patrick Morrisey joined Assistant Secretary Alex Adams of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to announce West Virginia's participation in the national "A Home for Every Child" initiative, a collaborative effort aimed at improving outcomes for children and strengthening the foster care system.

"Every child deserves the opportunity to grow up in a safe, stable, and loving home," said Gov. Morrisey. "West Virginia is committed to strengthening families, supporting foster parents, improving permanency outcomes, and ensuring our child welfare system is focused on what matters most - protecting children and helping them thrive. This partnership allows us to continue modernizing our system while empowering frontline workers and community partners to better serve children and families across our state."

The initiative seeks to increase the ratio of foster homes to children in foster care while giving states greater flexibility to modernize child welfare systems, reduce unnecessary bureaucracy, and focus on measurable outcomes for children and families.

Gov. Morrisey and Assistant Secretary Adams made the announcement during an event highlighting West Virginia's ongoing child welfare reforms, including expanded prevention efforts, stronger coordination with providers and faith-based organizations, implementation of the SAFE (Safety Assessment and Family Evaluation) Model, improvements to foster parent recruitment and retention



**Gov. Morrisey (right) announces that West Virginia has joined "A Home for Every Child" initiative with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families.** (Photo courtesy WV Governor's Office)

efforts, and enhanced accountability measures throughout the system.

"Momentum continues to build behind A Home for Every Child. The Trump administration is thrilled to welcome West Virginia as the 19th state to join our national initiative aimed at increasing the ratio of foster homes to children in foster care," said Assistant Secretary Alex J. Adams. "Under Governor Morrisey's leadership, the state will be able to strengthen efforts that keep families safely together and support foster family recruitment and retention to ensure no child has to wait on a safe, loving, stable home."

The "A Home for Every Child" initiative is part of President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania Trump's broader effort to improve outcomes for children and families through prevention-focused reforms, stronger permanency efforts, and increased state flexibility within the child welfare system.

As part of the initiative, participating states work collaboratively with ACF to improve foster home availability, strengthen kinship care, reduce unnecessary administrative burdens, and modernize child welfare accountability systems.

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### Blessing

brought her kittens, cats, and dogs to be individually blessed.

"I bless you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May you find a loving home where you can love and be loved as your Creator intended," she said, while placing her hand over the animals as they meowed and licked.

This was the second time Browning brought her blessings to the animals waiting for adoption at the Greenbrier Humane Society. Last year, she and other pastors blessed 70 cats and 60 dogs.

"I don't know that it does anything for the animals, but it helps us remember that they are also God's creatures and are precious in God's sight," she said. "Actually, they said that after we blessed the dogs, seven of them were adopted pretty quickly - so maybe it helps with adoption."

After her dog Gabriel passed away, Browning decided to donate her stock in Chewy to the Greenbrier Community Foundation and set up an endowment in his name. The money goes to the Greenbrier Humane Society, and Browning said anyone who wants to can donate.

"We hope the animals we bless today are adopted into homes where they love and are loved," she said. "I don't think you can over-bless anybody or anything. I think we could all do with some blessings."

### Human Remains

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The remains have been submitted to the West Virginia State Police Crime Laboratory and Marshall University for forensic examination and identification.

This investigation remains active and ongoing. At this stage, no additional information will be released pending positive identification and notification of next of kin.

The Greenbrier County Prosecuting Attorney's Office will continue to work closely with investigating agencies as the investigation proceeds.

Anyone with information related to missing persons investigations is encouraged to contact the Lewisburg Detachment of the West Virginia State Police.

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### WV Childcare

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Lawmakers recently passed their first landmark childcare bill, which included better support for the childcare subsidy program. Supporters of the Republican-sponsored bill hoped it would expand childcare slots in the state by better supporting providers.

**Morrissey declined to sign the measure before it went into law.**

Del. John Williams, D-Monongalia, worried that any funding cuts to the childcare subsidy were "going to take three steps back after taking that one step forward."

"I'm really concerned when you consider that childcare is a public utility that's absolutely essential for families," Williams said. "The cost of childcare as a percentage of household income is enormous compared to what it used to be. I think what we heard from the governor today was sort of a soft launch that he's going to cut childcare dollars from TANF."

Worrell said that it "just seems kind of weird to talk about cutting childcare subsidies that we just supported in this past legislative session."

Potential funding reductions could affect family support centers around the state.

"Family Support Centers are the local backbone for West Virginia's child abuse prevention infrastructure. They are one of the most effective strategies available to reduce the number of children entering foster care," said Jim McKay is state director of Prevent Child Abuse West Virginia. "They are designed to help stabilize families before a crisis reaches a level requiring Child Protective Services intervention or a child's placement in out-of-home care."

Research shows a \$4.93 return on investment for every tax dollar invested in Family Support Centers, he added.

West Virginia had around 4,200 TANF cases in December, according to state data. The federal dollars help support Legal Aid, Good News Mountaineer Garage, student support services and community and technical colleges, and more.

**Morrissey said that the state needs to have better tracking of TANF dollars.**

### Dandelion Festival

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Cruise In: 2:30 to 5 p.m. on Main Street.

RC Races: 3:30 p.m. on Scott Lane.

Dandy Legs Contest: 7 p.m. on the Main Stage.

Evening Concert: Enjoy Corduroy Brown at 7:30 p.m. on the Main Stage.

**Sunday, May 24**

Community Worship: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Veteran's Memorial Service & Reception: 12 to 12:30 p.m.

Food Vendors: Available from 12 p.m.

Kids Zone: Free activities continue from 12 to 4 p.m.

Gospel Sing: Live music from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the Main Stage.

Parade: Line up at 4 p.m., with the parade starting at 5 p.m.

With three days packed full of music, food, and entertainment, the Dandelion Festival promises another memorable weekend in White Sulphur Springs. Whether attending for the live performances, family-friendly activities, competitions, or the annual parade, attendees are encouraged to come out and enjoy all the festivities downtown throughout the holiday weekend.



**West Virginia has a projected \$40 million deficit in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funding. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources is located at One Davis Square in Charleston, West Virginia.** (Photo by Leann Ray/West Virginia Watch)

"The program can go on potentially for up to 18 months, but we have to now make the changes that are going to make sure that there are no structural deficits within TANF," the governor said. "This is all achievable, and we're prepared to move forward administratively with the number of initiatives."

The governor plans to brief the Legislature on the potential changes.

"You'll be seeing that we'll have those briefings with the Legislature with an opportunity to solve a number of these problems," he said. "We're certainly committed to being fiscally responsible while also helping people who are very much in need, our kids and our families definitely need the help from that TANF program."

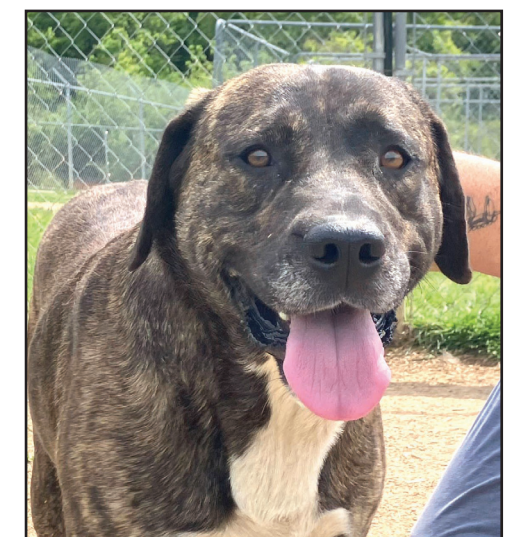
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## PICK OF THE LITTER



### ALIBI

Alibi is a one-year-old female Jack Russell mix and weighs 24 pounds



### CAT DOG

Cat Dog is a two-year-old bull mastiff and weighs 82 pounds

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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# Briefly

## Notice: Woodland Cemetery meeting scheduled May 23

The annual meeting re: Woodland Cemetery will be held at 10 AM on May 23, 2026. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of Woodland Church. Board of Director's meeting to follow.

## Marriage Certificates Issued

Elijah Blaine Sprouse & Pamela Sue Richardson

William McCabe Riter & Margaret Parry Oberkircher

Blake Nathaniel Baker & Sophia Rose Romano

Michael Clayton Lyons & Andrea Rebecca Schultz

Trevor Williams Sparks & Branda Paige Neff

## Public Meetings

### Rainelle Town Council

meetings are held every second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Rainelle City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

### Greenbrier County Farmland Protection Board

meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Greenbrier County Courthouse, 912 Court Street North, Lewisburg, WV 24901 in the County Commission Meeting Room. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

### Greenbrier County Commission

will meet Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 10 a.m. in Room 203 (new addition). LIVE STREAM FROM <https://www.facebook.com/gbrcourthouse/> and <http://www.youtube.com/@GreenbrierCo>

On the agenda:

- Regular Business:
  - Approve Minutes - May 11, 2026 regular meeting and May 18, 2026 special meeting
  - Settlements of Estates
    - Lewis Spencer Halterman, Randy Dewayne Jensen, Robert Alondo Hopkins, Kurt Joseph Mcardle, Sr., Linda Carol Porterfield, Bonnie Marie Sampson, Teresa Faye Birchfield, Helen S. Wiley, Clara Jeanette Meadows and Chester Franklin Feamster
  - Exonerations/County Splits/Consolidations
- Financial Approvals
  - Arts & Recreation Transfer
  - Budget Revisions
  - Line Item Transfer
  - Pay Bills
- New Business
  - Consideration of Proclamation for Community Action Month in Greenbrier County
  - Consideration of Funding Request for Greenbrier State Forest Trails Project – WSS TIF
  - Consideration of award allocations of 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Arts & Rec Grants
  - Consideration of member reappointment to Greenbrier County Airport Authority.
  - Consideration of Change Order to Courthouse windows project
- ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MOWING AND TRIMMING OF THE MEADOW RIVER TRAIL

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Alaina M. Stern, Washington, DC, speeding, fine \$40, NCP

John D. Simms, Jr., Rainelle, expired registration, fine \$50, GP

Hussein A. Rassam, Lewisburg, following too closely, fine \$15, GP

Karli Nicole Lusher, Lewisburg, expired registration, fine \$50, NCP

Thomas Morrison, Renick, 1) no operator's license, fine \$50; 2) no insurance, fine \$200, NCP

Savanna Renee Sims, Beckley, petit larceny, fine \$100, jail 60 days - suspended unsupervised probation 12 months, NCP

Jeremiah Sizemore, Crawley, possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, GP

Eli Payne Pritt, Lewisburg, DUI - impaired state, fine \$100, jail 1 day - served, NCP

Bradford Shively, Ronceverte, simple assault, fine \$50, NCP

Bryant S. Defibaugh, Union, seatbelt violation, fine \$25, NCP

Kajal Patel, Solon, OH, speeding, fine \$8, GP

Zachary Matthew Garner, Lewisburg, shoplifting 1st offense, fine \$100, restitution \$50, NCP

Raven Danell Bumgarner, White Sulphur Springs, 1) no proof of insurance, fine \$200; 2) expired registration, fine \$40; 3) expired inspection sticker, fine \$40, NCP

Andrew J. Tilley, Lewisburg, passing in no passing zone, fine \$50, NCP

Tyler Elmore, Beaver, speeding, fine \$10, GP

## For the Record

### Deeds

Greenbrier Smokeless Coal Mining LLC to West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways - Temporary construction easement, Meadow Bluff District

James Daniel Wohlbach III to West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways - Temporary construction easement, Blue Sulphur District

Nancy E. Spielman to Benjamin Long et ux - 3.128 acres, Lewisburg Corp District

Nancy E. Spielman to Savannah Long et vir - 3.128 acres, Lewisburg Corp District

United Asset Management LLC to AP Properties LLC - Lots 20 & 22, Fort Spring District

RLTR Holdings LLC to Nancy Spielman - Unit 220, Lewisburg Corp District

Sandra Patterson to Kitty Sue Morton et als - 102.94 acres, Blue Sulphur District

Sandra Patterson to Brenda Patteson et als - 102.94 acres, Blue Sulphur District

Sandra Patterson to Dixie Wickline et als - 102.94 acres, Blue Sulphur District

Deeds:

4 Kids LLC to Edward E. Cables et ux, Unit 207, Lewisburg Corp, Map 16 Parcel 115

Deline Bethany et al / Deline Abigale et al to Carl Keith Bryant, .31 AC, Meadow Bluff Dist., Map 555 Parcel 008

Rosencrance Zachary J, Successor Trustee to WFR Acquisition LLC, 74.80 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 16 Parcel 1.1

WFR Acquisition LLC to Clearco Processing Corporation, 74.80 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 16 Parcel 1.1

Hunt Mark A, State Auditor (by appointee) to Austin David Lilly, .25 acre, Meadow Bluff District, Map 56P Parcel 0057

Hunt Mark A, State Auditor (by appointee) to Waingriv LLC, 260 x 55 x 290, Irish Corner District, Map 10C Parcel 0001

Hunt Mark A, State Auditor (by appointee) to WVTK LLC, 16,776 sq ft, Frankford District, Map 22M Parcel 0012

Kilcollin Debra L. et vir / Kilcollin Mark C. et ux to Charleston House LLC, Lot 1 (.200 AC), Lewisburg Corp, Map 19 Parcel 0095

Hillcrest Community Cemetery Association to John M. Clark et al / Cheryl Clark et al, Cemetery deed, graves 329, plots 7 & 8

Bromke Keith E. Sr. et ux to Susanne H. Bromke et vir / Bromke Family Living Trust, 0.19 acres, Lewisburg Corp, Map 25 Parcel 0092

Hobbs John Levi et al / Hobbs Hannah G et al to Elvin Fisher et al, 0.41 acre, lots 7 & 8, Fort Spring District, Map 9H Parcel 0148

Audrey S. Moye to Harold Wendell Moye II et al / Delaney Maye Moye et al, Lots A & B / Lot 9, Rainelle Corp, Map 5 Parcels 273 & 277

Halderman Logan Mackenzie et al / Halderman Katelyn Renee et al to John Levi Hobbs et al, Tracts 3 & 4, White Sulphur Corp, Map 11D Parcel 0012

Sharon Simmons to Rebekah Simmons, 1.201 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 5 Parcel 0025.0001

Justin Scott Deeds et al / Claudia Elaine McDaniel (aka Deeds) to Stephen Michael Petre et al / Dawn Jean Petre et al, 1.15 acres, Lewisburg Corp, Map 8S Parcel 004

Nancy Lee Sartor to Tammy Lynn Perry, Lot 1, Barnett Subdivision, Ronceverte Corp, Map 9 Parcel 50

Charles D. Edwards to Eleanor S. Edwards, 1.666 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 35E Parcel 13

Eleanor S. Edwards to Charles D. Edwards II et al / Jeremy L. Edwards et al, 1.666 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 35E Parcel 13 (Transfer on Death Deed)

Cato Energy LLC to Bradley Layton Clark et al / Jessica Marie Clark et al, .26 acre, Rainelle Corp, Map 3 Parcel 13

Hines-Danz Drue to Taylor S. Barr et al / Samantha Barr et al, Lot 1 (.635 AC), Lewisburg Corp, Map 30 Parcel 0009

Douglas Dillely to Richard II Jones, 1.23 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 6 Parcel 0002.0001

Stanley L. McQuade to Stanley L. McQuade et ux / Restona McQuade et vir, Lots 3 & 4, Falling Spring District, Map 54 Parcel 64

Justin Rich Crisp et ux / Latosha Crisp et vir to Briar Jackson Cales et al / Sierra Nichol Cales et al, Lot 39, Quinwood Corp, Map 4 Parcel 1111

COCKERHAM DESSIE L ET ALS → (Not specified) 2.279 acres in Frankford District

OWENS BRIAN K ET ALS → (Not specified) 2.279 acres in Frankford District

OWENS GERALD L ET ALS → (Not specified) 2.279 acres in Frankford District

KELLEY SCOTT ET AL → (Not specified) 2.279 acres in Frankford District

KELLEY AMANDA ET AL → (Not specified) 2.279 acres in Frankford District

BUTCHER MARK A ET UX → BUTCHER TRACE ALAN 1.543 acres in Blue Sulphur District

EITZ-BUTCHER BOBBIE JO ET VIR → BUTCHER TRACE ALAN 1.543 acres in Blue Sulphur District

PAULEY WINIFRED JOYCELYN → TAYLOR FRED

Power of attorney

ZIMMERMAN CHARLES EDWARD (Administrator) ET AL → BROWN TRACY ET AL Property in Williamsburg District

ZIMMERMAN CHARLES EDWARD (Administrator) → MOORE KENNETH ET AL Property in Williamsburg District

BRUGH STUART → WOODRIDGE USA PROPERTIES, LP 6.427 acres in White Sulphur District

HARDESTY KAY M. → TRUIST BANK Release of trust deed

CLEMONS JEANIE (Estate of Kay Moss Hardesty) → HILL BRIAN E. ET AL Lots 4-7 in Fort Spring District

CLEMONS JEANIE (Estate) → HILL TONY M. ET AL Lots 4-7 in Fort Spring District

KENNEY MARGARET A → FINKES CASSANDRA A ET AL Lots in Meadow Bluff District

KENNEY MARGARET A → SIMONE KARAN C ET AL Lots in Meadow Bluff District

PATTERSON JAMES ET AL / BEARD HEATHER ET AL → INBODY LESLIE ET AL 5.75 acres in White Sulphur District

PATTERSON JAMES ET AL → INBODY ANN MARIE ET AL 5.75 acres in White Sulphur District

MARTIN PHYLLIS A. → MARTIN MICHAEL F. 7.24 acres in Meadow Bluff District

VOLUSIA VENTURES LLC → HIGH MOUNTAIN LODGE, LLC Lot in Rainelle Corporation

SPEILMAN DANIEL E. ET AL → USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK Release of trust deed

BRUGH STUART → ICKES LARRY J. Release of trust deed

VANCE PHILIP E. ET AL / VANCE BETTY C. ET AL → FIRST CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY Release of trust deed

SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT → AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP Assignment of trust deed

MB REALTY GROUP LLP → SCHLEIFF MARGARET SWANSON Lot in Lewisburg Corporation

DIEHL GLEN R ET UX / DIEHL TWYLA B ET VIR → DIEHL GLEN R ET UX Right-of-way

STIDOM JAMES LEE → CARROLL THEDA DOLORES 2 acres in Frankford District

HILL BRIAN E ET AL / HILL TONYA M ET AL → WRIGHT WAY, LLC

Lots in Fort Spring District

GOODALL JUDITH C ET AL / JOHNSON DAVID H ET AL → POE DENISE BETH

4.391 acres in Irish Corner District

CORNELL HELEN SUE ET AL / HARPER CONNIE SUE ET AL → CITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

Lot in White Sulphur

PATTERSON ROGER D JR ET AL → STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA Judgment release

LOBBAN FUNERAL HOME INC → STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA Judgment release

THOMAS JOSEPH JOHN ET UX / THOMAS JACQUELINE ET VIR → DORRELL PETER GORDON

Multiple lots in Frankford District

BUTLER KASELYNN ELIZABETH ET AL / BUTLER MEMPHIS ET AL / BUTLER COREY ET AL → REED

AMANDA Lots in Meadow Bluff District

AVIAGEN TURKEYS, INC → CITY OF LEWISBURG

Easement

MAIN EMORY S ET UX / MAIN LISA ET VIR → THE EMORY S. MAIN TRUST AND THE LISA DERRICK TRUST Lot in White Sulphur District

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# OBITUARIES

## In Loving Memory

**Richard Lee Aide**  
January 23, 1943 -  
May 22, 2025



Richard Lee Aide passed away on May 22, last year, in the comfort of Peyton Hospice House. On this anniversary, Richard's family is pleased to make a gift of gratitude in his memory.

Room #4, where Richard received exceptional medical care and hospitality, is now dedicated in his name. This gift will assist with the upkeep of the room's medical equipment and furnishings.

The Peyton House is an 8-bed facility located in Lewisburg, WV, serving the community since 2014. It provides a peaceful retreat for patients and families during end-of-life care and respite stays. Lewisburg Hospice covers Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers, and Pocahontas Counties.

**William F. "Bill" Dahmer**



William F. "Bill" Dahmer, 68, of White Sulphur Springs passed away on May 14, 2026 at his residence.

He was born July 11, 1957 on Chestnut Flats (Lewisburg) and was the son of the late Howard Forest and Georgia Yates Dahmer.

Bill was retired from Sears as an appliance repair and installation man after 28 years of service.

Other than his parents he was preceded by his brothers, Homer and Edwin; and his brother in law Sam Morrison.

Bill is survived by his companion of 19 years Sharon Racey Ridgeway; sons, Travis Dahmer of Loudon County, VA. and Anthony Dahmer of Lew-

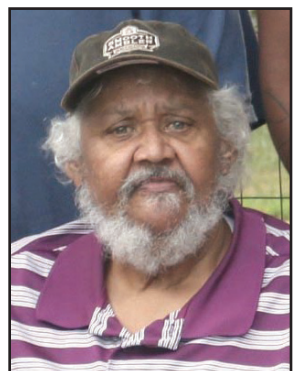
isburg; sister Peggy Morrison of Hinesville, GA.; step children, Samantha Martin Figueroa (Anthony) of Ronceverte, Jerry Ridgeway of White Sulphur Springs, grandchildren, Keyana Taylor, J. T. Windon, Will Dahmer, Kendall Ridgeway, Kingston Figueroa and Jaiden Walton; Kenny and Brenda Shafer and their children Michelle Shafer Guy (David), Amber Shafer Martin (Travis) and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Life will be held on Sunday May 24, at 2 PM at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Pastor Gary Price officiating.

The family will receive family and friends from 1 PM until time of services at the funeral home on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com)

**Richard Edward Walker**



Richard Edward Walker, 71, of Fairlea, WV, gained his heavenly wings and was reunited with the love of his life, Myra Erskine, on May 10, 2026, at his home following a short but hard-fought battle with cancer.

Richard was born on Jan. 19, 1955, in Ronceverte, to the late Charlotte "Sue" Walker Thomas. He was a graduate of Greenbrier East High School. Following graduation, he worked briefly at The Greenbrier Hotel before earning his CDL license. Throughout his career, Richard paved roads for the State of Virginia, drove long-distance trucks, and later retired from the City of Ronceverte, where he faithfully served as Maintenance Supervisor for over a decade.

Known affectionately as "Bug" by his family, Richard may have appeared strict at times, but those who knew him best understood he was deeply loving, caring, and devoted to the people he cherished.

In addition to his mother and fiancée, Richard was preceded in death by his brother, Rodney Walker; his grandparents, Richard and Edith Sears Walker; his aunts, Alma and Virginia Walker; his uncles, William, Kyle, Lyle, and Charles Walker; and his close cousins, Pamela Walker-Anglin and George Spotts.

Richard leaves behind to cherish his memory his brother, Eric J. Walker of Ronceverte; nephews, Jason Walker of Lakeland, FL, and Jayvonn Walker of Ronceverte; grandson, Deanté Erskine of Orlando, FL; close cousins, Mike Walker of Lewisburg, Greg Walker of Lexington, KY, Kim Walker of Covington, VA, Cheryl Walker-Bates of White Sulphur Springs, Patrick Walker, Rasman Walker of Lewisburg, Jeannette Walker of Ronceverte, Casey Leonard of Columbus, OH, Tyshaun Walker of Ronceverte, Cecilia Grant of Atlanta, GA, Garrett Wooding of Manassas, VA, De'Shawn Wooding of California, and Matthew Walker of Ronceverte, along with a large host of other beloved cousins and family members. He also leaves behind close friends, Dwain Wilmer and Dale Young.

Richard's homegoing memorial service will be held on May 30, at 3 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte with Pastor Greg Scott and Overseer Pastor Ivette Wilmer officiating. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the start of services at 2 p.m.

Per Richard's wishes, he will be cremated and laid to rest in his family cemetery. Repass will follow at the Ronceverte Lions Club.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com)

**Malachi Free Blankenship**



Malachi Free Blankenship, 32, of Rainelle, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

Born June 14, 1993 at Lewisburg, he is the son of Brad Darron Windon and Sherry Yvonne Blankenship.

Malachi worked for Ayers Construction in Union, WV and enjoyed working on trucks, but his most favorite thing was spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Christina Blankenship, his children, Emily, Ashlynn, Kevin, Jr. and Brantley; his parents, Brad (Brenda) Windon and Sherry (Eddie) Flack; two sisters, Amy and Jade; three brothers, Nathan (Tiffany), Matt and Brandon. He is also survived by his mother and father-in-law, Vera Getsie and Jeffrey (Lisa) Jones; brothers and sister-in-law, Heather (Clifton), Shawn (Alesha), Michael (Elena) and Ronnie; and nieces and nephews, Ayden, Layla, Adaline, Gabby, Clifton, Addy, Remington, Zoey, Eyleigh, Maddy,

Branson and Braylee.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 18, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, with Pastor Freddy Bostic officiating. Burial will follow in Wallace Memorial Cemetery at Clintonville.

A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home, 884 Jefferson Street N, Lewisburg WV 24901, to help with the cost of the funeral.

Pallbearers will be Nathan Blankenship, Ronnie Diamond, Pat Baldwin, Clifton Senter, Michael Jones and Shawn Jones.

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**Evelyn Mae Fortney**



Evelyn Mae Fortney, 75, of Valley Head formerly of White Sulphur Springs passed away on May 14, 2026 at Ruby Memorial Hospital.

She was born July 8, 1950 in Ronceverte, the daughter of the late Charles and Hazel Donovan Hutchison, Jr.

Evelyn was a homemaker. She enjoyed embroidery, cross stitch and sewing and made pillows for her family. She was an amazing Aunt who selflessly helped to raise many nieces and nephews. She was an excellent cook who made the absolute Best macaroni and cheese. She was loved by all who knew her and her loss will deeply be felt by those closest to her. She is irreplaceable as are her bear hugs and her love for all things purple.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her first husband John Bittinger, son-in-law Russell Florida; granddaughters Jasmine Dawn Fortney and Katalina Harrison; nephews Donovan Gahm; Dereck Fortney, Eric Sturdivant and great-nephew Joshua Fortney, brothers-in-law Richard Fortney and Donald Fortney.

Surviving are her husband of 30 years Delmas Clyde Fortney; her step children; Norma Florida of Warren, OH, Katie Kramer of Valley Head, Delmas "JR" Fortney of Mill Creek and Zachary Fortney (Kayla) of Valley Head; sister, Jennie Burns (David) of Virginia; Nieces and nephews, Melanie Lee and Becky Burns, Timothy "T.W." Bittinger (Jennifer), Christina Weese (Bill), Leah Spence, Dale Bittinger (Karen), Delphia Copper-smith (William), Alisha

Marshall (Kelly), Olivia Spence and Megan Bittinger; Tim Cogar, Phillip Cogar, Jeremy Fortney, Matthew Fortney, David Bennett, Wayne Bennett, Theresa Bennett, Daniel Welch, Lisa Welch, Dustin Fortney, Donnie Fortney, Brian Fortney, Jennifer Skiles and Jessie Boyce. Sisters-in-law Agnes Spence (George) and Anna Bernstein; brother-in-law Timothy Bittinger, sisters-in-law Janet Bennet (Howard, Mary Tricket (James) and Billie Robinson (Rick), brothers-in-law, Jerry Fortney (Connie) and Harold Fortney (Joan Pifer). Great-nieces and nephews; too numerous to name.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 19, at 2 PM at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Chapel in White Sulphur Springs, interment will follow at the Mapledale Cemetery.

The family will receive family and friends on Tuesday, May 19, from 12 noon until time of services.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com)

**Robert "Bobby" Keith Cooper, Jr.**

Robert "Bobby" Keith Cooper, Jr., 67, of Ronceverte, formerly of Florida, passed away May 18, 2026.

Bobby was born Mar. 31, 1959 at Macon, GA to the late Robert Keith Cooper, Sr. and late Amelia Louise Heisler Cooper.

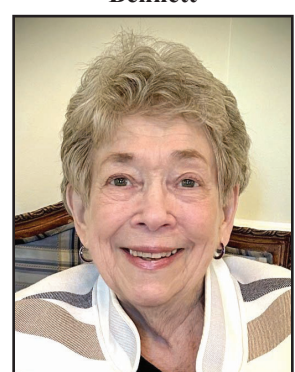
He was a cabinet maker. Other than his parents, Bobby is preceded in death by his adopted parents, Jeanette Florence and George W. Farr.

Survivors include his sister, Mary Jane Cooper of Port Richie FL and William "Billy" Cooper of Brooksville, FL; niece, Ruby Vargas and nephew Fred Such; very special friends Terry Farr and his wife Tracy of Ronceverte, WV; also surviving is the Farr family that he grew up with.

Bob's wishes were to be cremated and there will be no services.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com)

**Jacqueline Richardson Bennett**



Jacqueline Richardson Bennett, 85, of Lewisburg, WV, died at The Peyton Hospice House, on Sunday, May 17, 2026. Born Aug. 5, 1940, in Marlinton, WV, she was the daughter of the late Jack Richardson and Vivian Musgrave Richardson. Jackie was a graduate

of Lewisburg High School and West Virginia University. She was a retired teacher. She taught Home Economics at West Virginia University, as well as Kanawha and Greenbrier County Schools.

Following her retirement from teaching, she became a realtor for several years. She was an active member of Old Stone Presbyterian Church where she served as an Elder as well as the Care Committee. She was a 50-year member of P.E.O. Chapter O, where she served as President from 1979-80; the Savannah Garden Club; an All Star 4-H member and Leader; member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority; a past member of the City of Lewisburg Planning Commission, and she loved playing in her Tuesday Bridge Club.

Jackie was a creative and gracious hostess to her family and friends as well as a prolific gardener, artist, seamstress, and gourmet cook. Her famous rolls were always treasured by everyone with whom she shared them.

Jackie is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 36 years, R.B. "Sonny" Bennett; her brothers, Thomas E. Richardson and John M. Richardson; and her sister, Marianne R. Brewster.

She is survived by her children, Mary Curran Dotson Rose, Thomas C. Dotson, M.D. (Nicole); Laura Beth Dotson Sheppard (Rich); grandchildren Michael D. Rose (Ashley), Philip T. Dotson, Joseph A. Dotson (Claire), Elizabeth S. Caudle, D.O. (Zach), and Ann E. Sheppard, Esq.; great-grandchild Wesley S. Caudle; brother Charles. J. "C.J." Richardson (Debbie Rhodes); sister-in-law Elizabeth F. Richardson; brother-in-law Jerry Laufer; nephews Christopher Brewster and Jack Richardson (Melisa), J.T. Richardson (Mary Ann); nieces Anne G. Brewster (Rob Rayome), Betsy Richardson, and Kate Wright; and several great-nephews and nieces.

A memorial service celebrating Jackie's life will be held on Wednesday, May 20, at the Old Stone Presbyterian Church at 1 p.m. A reception will be held immediately following the service for the family to receive guests.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Old Stone Presbyterian Church, 644 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901, or the Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Ave., Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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## City Council

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the North 219 CDS Grant for a water project, with the city manager negotiating a task order and City Attorney Tom White acting as attorney for the project.

A public hearing held in conjunction with the second reading of Ordinance 328 regarding downtown parking saw no public speakers. The second reading was held and then passed, with all council members voting in favor except for John Little.

The first reading of several new ordinances: Ordinance 329 for a site plan review, Ordinance 330 regarding the Board of Zoning appeals, Ordinance 331 regarding conditional use standards, Ordinance 332 for administrative items, and Ordinance 333 for the permit fee schedule were all held and approved unanimously. Councilmember Arron Seams noted that the permit fee schedule was also approved and recommended by the Finance Committee.

In other news:

City Manager Misty Hill said that Lewisburg hosted members of the Municipal Board for the first time "in several decades," with attendees "raving" at a board meeting stating they will love to revisit the city "as soon as possible."

Councilmember Franklin Johnson said that work on the Lewisburg Dog Park is underway, with an anticipated July opening date. He also noted that several grants have been submitted, with no response yet, to try and secure funding for new playground equipment at Lowell Park.

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## Club / Church

## TriCity CEOS explore WV history

Two Greenbrier County CEOS groups recently merged into one club. Progressive CEOS joined the members of TriCity. Since the members of both clubs are from the Lewisburg, Fairlea, and Ronceverte areas they decided to retain the TriCity name.

At the May 12, 2026 meeting held at the Ronceverte Baptist Church the group studied the history of the salt industry in the Kanawha valley and the part West Virginia played in World War II. Melissa Gosik told about the origins of salt production in the 1800's and the continued operation of the Dickinson Salt Works in Maldin, WV. Each member received a jar of Dickinson Finishing Salt. Patty Gray related West Virginia's role in training soldiers for WW II. Camp Dawson in Preston County, the Potomac Highlands, and Allegheny Mountains were used for preparation to fight in mountainous terrain and included rock climbing at Seneca Rocks. The Greenbrier Resort served as a detention center for German, Italian, and Japanese diplomats. It later became Ashford Gen-



Front Row: Sally Holliday (left), and Ida Lea Gosik; Back Row: Patty Gray (left), Lynn Humphreys, Annette Thompson, and Melissa Gosik. (Not pictured: Betty Jo McNeel)

eral Hospital where 24,000 injured soldiers were treated.

In the business meeting members voted to make a donation to the 2026 Greenbrier County 4-H Camp. Plans were made to attend Achievement Day on May 19 at the WVU Building at the WV State Fair.

Greenbrier County Ceos welcome new members. Clubs are located in several areas around the county. If interested, contact the WVU Extension Office by calling 304-647-7408.

## This Week in WV History

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

**May 24, 1896:** Confederate General John Echols died in Staunton, VA. Echols served in the Kanawha Valley in 1862 and commanded Confederate forces at their defeat at the Battle of Droop Mountain in November 1863.

**May 25, 1903:** Industrialist and philanthropist Bernard Patrick McDonough, Jr. was born in Texas. Starting with a Parkersburg construction business in the 1930s, McDonough built a Fortune 500 company with operations in hand tools, building materials and barge building. The Bernard McDonough Foundation remains one of the largest private foundations in West Virginia.

**May 25, 1937:** William H. "Teepi" Kendrick died in Morgantown. Kendrick was a pioneer in WV's 4-H program. He broadened the program to emphasize more than just agriculture, and he was primarily responsible for establishing the state 4-H camp at Jackson's Mill.

**May 26, 1802:** City founder Alfred Beckley was born in Washington, DC, where his father, John, was serving as the nation's first Librarian of Congress. Alfred Beckley established what would become the Raleigh County seat in 1838 and named it for his father.

**May 26, 1895:** Athlete Ira Errett "Rat" Rodgers was born in Bethany. He was WVU's first football All-American, lettering in 1915-17 and 1919.

**May 26, 1923:** Playwright Maryat Lee was born in Kentucky. In 1970, she moved to Summers County and developed her Eco Theater into a national organization.

**May 27, 1912:** Golf legend Sam Snead was born at Ashwood, VA. When The Greenbrier reopened as a resort after World War II, Snead returned as the golf pro. Snead is tied with Tiger Woods for most career wins on the PGA Tour: 82.

**May 27, 1922:** Labor leader Bill Blizzard was acquitted of treason charges following the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain. The trial was held in the Jefferson County Courthouse in Charles Town, where John Brown had been convicted of treason against Virginia in 1859.

**May 28, 1920:** Elmer Bird - "The Banjo Man from Turkey Creek" - was born in Putnam County. He was named best old-time banjo player in the country four times in his 60s.



**May 28, 1938:** Basketball player Jerry West was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. West led East Bank High School to the state basketball championship in 1956 and then rewrote the record books at West Virginia University and with the Los Angeles Lakers.

**May 28, 1998:** The Robert C. Byrd United States Courthouse in downtown Charleston was dedicated. The 440,000-square-foot building incorporated Neoclassic, Egyptian and Art Deco designs.

**May 29, 1778:** Dick Pointer, an enslaved man, helped defend Fort Donnally near Lewisburg from an attack by Shawnee Indians during the Revolutionary War.

**May 29, 1949:** Singer-songwriter and labor activist Elaine Purkey was born in West Hamlin, Lincoln County. She is best remembered for her labor anthem "One Day More."



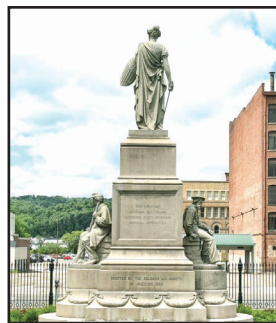
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**May 29, 1961:** Alderson and Chloe Muncy of McDowell County received the first food stamps in the nation. He was an unemployed coal miner, and they were the parents of 15 children.

**May 30, 1883:** The Soldiers Aid Society of Wheeling dedicated the Soldiers and Sailors Monument to honor Civil War Union veterans. It now stands beside West Virginia Independence Hall in Wheeling.



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## American Legion Midland Seneca Post 69 to pay respects at area cemeteries

On Sunday May 24, 2026, The American Legion Midland Seneca Post 69 will again visit the following cemeteries and pay our respects to those Comrades who served our Country and have passed from this life. The following Schedule will be adhered to as close as possible. Family and Friends of the departed, are invited to join in at the cemeteries for these Memorial Service. All Veterans and volunteers who would like to assist in the placing of the flags will meet at the Emory E. Sweet Memorial Hall, 816 South Jefferson Street at 8:15 a.m.; the Services will begin at Calvary Church Cemetery at Richlands 8:45 a.m.; Roach Cemetery 9:15 a.m.; Falls Cemetery 9:45 a.m. Coffman Cemetery 10:30 a.m.; Confederate Cemetery 10:45 a.m. Memorial Gardens 11 a.m.; Lewisburg Cemetery 11:15 a.m. Flags will be placed on graves in

the Rosewood Cemetery before lunch, then there will be a break for lunch at Shoney's. Services at Rosewood Cemetery will be at 1 p.m.; Clifton Cemetery 1:30 p.m.; Neal Chapel 1:45 p.m.; Lewis Chapel 2:15 p.m.; Henning Church of God 2:35 p.m. Enon Baptist Church 2:50 p.m.; the last site being the Frankford Cemetery 3:15 p.m.

Should a service person's burial site in these cemeteries be missed, please contact the American Legion Post 69 and a flag will be provided for that fallen soldier. All veterans who wish to help show their respects are invited to join in and assist in this Memorial Day Service. For information concerning this event please contact Gordon Campbell, Commander 1-404-900-8262 or Joe Hendricks, Adjutant at 304-497-3212.

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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](mailto:FoodPantry-FBCR@outlook.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.

Celebrate Recovery at  
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There is a welcome space for anyone seeking healing from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. This faith-based recovery group focuses on spiritual growth through biblical principles, helping individuals find strength and purpose through their relationship with God. Participants benefit from a supportive community where they can share openly, build accountability and develop meaningful connections. The program encourages personal reflection, forgiveness and lasting change rooted in faith. Many find that combining recovery with spiritual guidance brings deeper healing than traditional methods alone. Whether you are struggling personally or supporting someone who is, Celebrate Recovery provides hope, encouragement and a path forward. If you wish to attend a meeting, just show-up on Mondays at 6 pm at the River of Life Church of God, 503 Highland Trail. For more information contact Pastor Anthony Carter at 304-661-0670.

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# Dear Recycle Lady

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Why have the Trex boxes been closed or removed? What do I do with my plastic film now?  
*Distressed Recycler*

**Dear Distressed Recycler,**  
A chapter in our recycling journey has closed as Trex has discontinued its program of exchanging 1,000 pounds of sorted plastic film for a Trex sustainable bench. However, here's the good news - the recycling efforts of everyone who put their plastic film in the Trex boxes weren't in vain! Over the past two years, our community has earned eleven beautiful benches thanks to all of you.

While the structured rewards program is ending, we're not stopping the recycling mission! Plastic bags can still find a home at your local Kroger, Walmart, or Lowe's. Every bit counts and your commitment to keeping our community green is truly appreciated. Thank you for being such wonderful environmental champions these past two years!

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
This morning before putting a Kleenex box in the recycling bin I noticed that there was a piece of plastic over the opening. Does this plastic need to be removed before recycling the box?  
*Puzzled*

**Dear Puzzled,**  
The answer to your question depends on your local

recycler. Some Recycling Centers accept the boxes with the plastic liner left on the box and some do not. The Greenbrier Recycling Center requests that the plastic liner be removed in order to reduce contamination of recycled cardboard. While the tissue boxes are recyclable, the tissues are not. They should be put in the trash or flushed down the drain. Toilet paper breaks down, but tissues do not, so they can clog up the drainage system. Have you considered using washable cloth handkerchiefs instead of tissues which end up in the landfill? Another alternative is to purchase tissues made from recycled paper. Seventh Generation, Whole Foods, Natural Value, Earth Friendly and Trader Joe's all have tissues made with 80 percent or more recycled paper. If you need a place for storing extra plastic bags, an empty tissue box under the sink makes a good collection box.

**Dear Readers,**  
Happy World Bee Day! Celebrated on May 20 each year, the World Bee Day celebrates the role of bees as pollinators for the ecosystem. Bees are indeed amazing! They pollinate 35% of the world's food crops and 75% of the fruits, vegetables and nuts grown in the US. One bee must fly approximately 90,000 miles and gather nectar from two million flowers to make one pound of honey, but the average bee only makes 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime. That 12-ounce jar of honey in your pantry represents the life's work of over 860 bees.

Bees have several special structures to help them collect pollen. There is a saying that something is "the bee's knees," meaning that it is of the highest quality. However, bees don't have a kneecap, so they don't have knees. What they do have are jointed legs – a six-leg section connected by a joint. Tiny pollen baskets on their hind legs, along with hairy bodies enable them to collect pollen via electrostatic charge. Their claws and foot pads enable them to grip the flower and gather the pollen. The practice of beekeeping has been going on for at least 4,500 years and, according to <https://irescuebees.com>, there are 80 to 101 million beehives in the world. Even the White House has beehives on the South Lawn. A local artisan hand crafted the new beehive in the image of the White House, and it will add two more bee colonies to the existing two colonies.

**Good News:** The recent shrinking of the ozone hole is an encouraging sign that it's slowly healing after decades of damage. This recovery is largely due to the Montreal Protocol, a global agreement that phased out many ozone-depleting chemicals. While natural conditions can affect the ozone hole from year to year, the long-term trend shows that coordinated environmental efforts can lead to real, measurable progress.

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

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*solution*

1. Chime; 2. Insane  
3. Deluxe; 4. Slice

*Today's Word*  
**EXCUSES**

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

1	9	7	8	3	5	4	6	2
4	5	3	6	1	2	8	7	9
8	6	2	7	4	9	1	5	3
2	1	5	9	8	6	7	3	4
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9	8	6	4	7	3	5	2	1
5	7	9	2	6	4	3	1	8
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**Super Crossword**

Answers

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## A Look Back

**By William "Skip" Deegans**  
Using the labor of recent immigrants and freed African American slaves, the stretch on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad from White Sulphur Springs to the Ohio River was completed in 1873. Anticipating the completion, Pennsylvania coal operator and Civil War veteran, Col. Joseph E. Beury, formed the New River Coal Company and opened a mine at Quinnimont in Fayette County. The Engineering & Mining Journal estimated that a capital investment of \$2,000 would open a mine capable of producing 2,000 tons weekly or 52,000 tons annually. Beury was the first operator to ship coal from the New River field. His coal was loaded onto small railroad cars called "buck jennies" and shipped to Richmond. These hopper cars that were more commonly used to haul iron ore could hold 10 tons each. Modern coal cars contain 100-125 tons. Shown in the undated photograph are early miner's log homes. Photograph courtesy of the West Virginia University



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Sources: The West Virginia News, Wheeling Daily Intelligencer, National Park Service, C&O Historical Society.

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# Top scams reported to the WV Attorney General's Office

The West Virginia Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division is committed to educating West Virginians about the latest scams targeting our communities and how consumers can protect themselves. Everyone is encouraged to visit the office's website for information about the latest scams, techniques scammers use and how to protect yourself.

For the month of April, the Consumer Protection Division received 120 scam complaints.

The top 5 scams reported:

1. Medicare Scams - Fraudsters pose as Medicare representatives to steal your personal information or bill for services you never received.
2. Computer Phishing Scams = Fake emails or websites impersonate trusted companies to trick you into entering passwords, account numbers or other sensitive information.
3. Robocalls - Automated calls pushing unsolicited offers or urgent warnings about funeral expenses, car warranties, loans and credit card purchases. Hang up - these are never legitimate.
4. DMV Text Scams - Texts impersonating the DMV that claim you owe money for unpaid tolls or traffic

tickets and threaten legal action or fines if you don't pay immediately.

5. Fake Court Notices - Texts or messages posing as county or municipal courts, claiming you have an outstanding traffic violation and demanding immediate payment.

"It is incredibly important for everyone to educate themselves on the tactics scammers are using to steal your money and your identity. Especially now that scammers are using artificial intelligence - specifically for voice cloning and deepfake videos and images - I encourage everyone to be extra careful. If you receive unexpected communication by phone, email or text, take a moment to investigate. My office is here to help consumers verify whether they have been targeted by a scammer - and if they have, help them navigate the next steps," Attorney General JB McCuskey said.

### Ways to protect yourself

- Be aware that criminals can "spoof" phone numbers - Your caller ID may show familiar numbers that aren't actually calling.
- Be wary of any contest winnings, especially if you didn't enter.

• Hang up and call back using numbers you have on file if calls seem suspicious - don't engage with callers.

• Keep detailed records - Document all interactions with service providers and financial transaction.

• Research before you trust - Verify identities, companies, and claims independently.

### What not to do

- Don't handle money transfers for strangers - You could unknowingly participate in money laundering.
- Never accept or forward packages for online acquaintances - This may involve illegal activity.
- Never pay anyone with gift cards - Legitimate companies don't accept gift cards as payment.
- Never pay money to claim prizes - Real contests don't require payment.
- Never provide personal or financial information over the phone to unsolicited callers.
- Never send money to people you haven't met in person - This includes online romantic interests.

You can find out more about scams, ways to protect yourself and file a scam report at ago.wv.gov. You can also call our Consumer Protection Hotline and speak with our Scam Coordinator at 1-800-368-8808.

## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tie is different. 2. Hat is smaller. 3. Handle is added to purse. 4. Window is not as wide. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Arm is longer.

### SCRAMBLERS

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

Ring: MIHCE

Mad: NANIES

Plush: EXCLUDE

Piece: CELSI

TODAY'S WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

"Whoever said there's nothing new under the sun never heard your \_\_\_\_\_ for being late!"

## Super Crossword POOL PLAY

- |  |   |  |                                     |  |   |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>ACROSS</b>  | <b>56</b> Ultimatum end   | <b>95</b> In spite of the fact that, in brief                          | <b>3</b> Certain small pooch        | <b>41</b> Actress Swenson                | <b>81</b> Old autocrat                          |
| <b>1</b> Clipboard's larger relative                       | <b>58</b> Assist  | <b>96</b> Itty-bitty   | <b>4</b> Reveries                   | <b>43</b> Pad thai pans                  | <b>82</b> In a spiral-shaped way                |
| <b>8</b> Nintendo game system                              | <b>60</b> Anticipates a treat, maybe                                  | <b>98</b> Scot's refusal   | <b>5</b> Zeta follower              | <b>47</b> Cut, as ties                   | <b>83</b> 1960s World War II series, with "The" |
| <b>11</b> Styled after                                     | <b>61</b> Stridex target  | <b>99</b> Ocask of the Cars  | <b>6</b> [not my typo]              | <b>48</b> Reality shows, to some people  | <b>84</b> Ostrich kin                           |
| <b>14</b> Funny Foxx                                       | <b>62</b> Some schlumpy physiques                                     | <b>100</b> Put a tear in   | <b>7</b> Desert region in Africa    | <b>51</b> Not a one                      | <b>85</b> Arena level                           |
| <b>19</b> Law of motion topic                              | <b>66</b> Bits of land in the ocean, in French                        | <b>101</b> Resume play after accidentally sinking the white pool ball? | <b>8</b> Devitalize                 | <b>52</b> Singer Barry                   | <b>88</b> John of plows                         |
| <b>20</b> Behind bars                                      | <b>67</b> Label anew  | <b>109</b> Pool variety with 22 balls                                  | <b>9</b> Vacation stop              | <b>54</b> Similar                        | <b>90</b> Ottawa loc.                           |
| <b>22</b> Fabric design                                    | <b>69</b> Toddler who's a whiz at pool?                               | <b>110</b> Observe a hole in a pool table?                             | <b>10</b> Long-range nuke carrier   | <b>55</b> Baseballer Hodges              | <b>91</b> Abbr. on a bad check                  |
| <b>23</b> Execute the opening pool shot perfectly?         | <b>72</b> Really heavy herbivore                                      | <b>115</b> La mer filler   | <b>11</b> Gets mature               | <b>57</b> Guides, biblical-style         | <b>93</b> Not looked for                        |
| <b>25</b> Iowa senator Joni                                | <b>76</b> Lackluster  | <b>120</b> Jetson boy  | <b>12</b> Grasslands                | <b>59</b> "A little dab'll —"            | <b>97</b> Cen. divisions                        |
| <b>26</b> Mid-voyage                                       | <b>78</b> Street in Manhattan's Alphabet City                         | <b>121</b> Last shot of a pool game?                                   | <b>13</b> Last name of singer Adele | <b>63</b> Mahmoud of Palestine           | <b>101</b> Tiny drink                           |
| <b>27</b> Inquire  | <b>80</b> Scandinavian thunder god                                    | <b>125</b> Be at a slant   | <b>14</b> Many PC pics              | <b>64</b> "seaQuest —" (sci-fi series)   | <b>102</b> Over the line                        |
| <b>28</b> Unable to find your pool stick?                  | <b>81</b> Having a trio of components                                 | <b>126</b> Mass in the throat  | <b>15</b> Alcove-hiding tapestry    | <b>65</b> Old Big Apple stadium          | <b>103</b> Central New York lake                |
| <b>30</b> Actor Caine                                      | <b>86</b> Alex and — (jewelry brand)                                  | <b>127</b> Admiral Nelson  | <b>16</b> Mixture baked in pies     | <b>68</b> — -Roman                       | <b>104</b> Complain                             |
| <b>34</b> 1950s-'60s Egyptian president                    | <b>87</b> "Quickly" or "slowly," e.g.                                 | <b>128</b> Liv of "Super"  | <b>17</b> Aetna offering            | <b>70</b> Decade                         | <b>105</b> Turkey's tallest peak                |
| <b>35</b> Puts spin on a pool ball with no further tricks? | <b>89</b> Perimeter of a pool table that people have plopped down on? | <b>129</b> Riddle-me- —  | <b>18</b> Kin of -ess               | <b>71</b> Grande of pop, for short       | <b>107</b> Breadth                              |
| <b>42</b> Animal throat                                    | <b>92</b> Habituate (to)  | <b>130</b> Facial locale   | <b>21</b> Grande of                 | <b>24</b> "Ozark" actor Morales          | <b>108</b> More bashful                         |
| <b>44</b> Chicken —  | <b>94</b> Org. for cavity fillers                                     | <b>131</b> Frightful flies   | <b>29</b> "Uh-uh"                   | <b>29</b> "Uh-uh" Huckabees" (2004 film) | <b>110</b> Ohio-to-Utah direction               |
| <b>45</b> River of Bern                                    |   |  | <b>31</b> "No bid"                  | <b>32</b> Attacked as a cat might        | <b>111</b> Suffix with fungi                    |
| <b>46</b> "Cops" sound                                     |   |  | <b>33</b> The, to Jules             | <b>33</b> The, to Jules                  | <b>112</b> Large joint                          |
| <b>47</b> Office scribe                                    |   |  | <b>35</b> Hoopla                    | <b>35</b> Hoopla                         | <b>113</b> Berlin article                       |
| <b>49</b> Road furrow                                      |   |  | <b>36</b> Info provider             | <b>36</b> Info provider                  | <b>114</b> General — chicken                    |
| <b>50</b> Basie's music                                    |   |  | <b>37</b> Breadth                   | <b>37</b> Breadth                        | <b>117</b> Witty sayings                        |
| <b>53</b> Pool triangle packed in a suitcase?              |   |  | <b>38</b> Not a one                 | <b>38</b> Not a one                      | <b>118</b> Steinbeck migrant                    |
|  |   |  | <b>39</b> "Despicable Me" antihero  | <b>39</b> "Despicable Me" antihero       | <b>119</b> Old Olds cars                        |
|  |   |  | <b>40</b> Thigh locales             | <b>40</b> Thigh locales                  | <b>122</b> Large joint                          |
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

# SCHOOL

## New dean's 'leadership has been instrumental' WVSOM president says

Gail Swarm, D.O., who became the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's (WVSOM) interim dean in January, has been appointed vice president of academic affairs and dean and chief academic officer starting May 30.

James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WVSOM's president, said the longtime faculty member's appointment follows an extensive search process.

"After a national search, Dr. Swarm was selected as the best candidate for the position," Nemitz said. "Her leadership has been instrumental in advancing curriculum quality, accreditation readiness, faculty development and student centered educational initiatives. I am grateful for Dr. Swarm's continued commitment to WVSOM and confident in the experience she brings."

Swarm joined WVSOM in 2003. She served as an assistant professor, associate professor and professor of family medicine at the school, and chaired the Department of Clinical Sciences from 2013 to 2016 before becoming the department's assistant dean in

2020. She also has served as director of WVSOM's Clinical Evaluation Center.

As the 11th dean in the school's 54-year history, Swarm said she hopes to continue its legacy of high-quality academic stewardship.

"I'm fortunate to follow strong leaders who guided this institution through significant challenges, including the pandemic and major curricular advancements. I look forward to building on that foundation as we continue advancing our mission," she said.

She said she is enthusiastic about helping to lead WVSOM at a time when health care and medical education are evolving rapidly.

"From advances such as artificial intelligence to changing patient needs, we must continue adapting while staying grounded in our mission to educate compassionate, highly skilled physicians," she said. "I am also grateful to be part of a community where faculty, staff and preceptors are so deeply invested in student success. Their dedication makes this institution

special."

A board-certified family physician and fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Swarm practiced in the Ohio cities of North Royalton, Akron and Cleveland before relocating to Lewisburg.

During her time at WVSOM, Swarm has led projects including virtual reality and artificial intelligence applications in medical training. She worked with a third-year medical student to obtain grant funding to develop an app to allow medical students to access video of special physical diagnosis tests using wearable glass. A second app was later launched to provide access to the physical exam videos on YouTube.

Swarm is an associate editor for the West Virginia Medical Journal and serves as an accreditation reviewer for the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. She recently completed the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine's Senior Leadership Development Program.

WVSOM is a national leader in educating osteopathic physicians for



Gail Swarm, D.O.

primary care medicine in rural areas. Visit WVSOM online at [www.wvsom.edu](http://www.wvsom.edu).

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### FOURTH WAY PROPERTIES

## FOR RENT

#### Sunset Terrace Motel, 106 Pomeroy Circle, Lewisburg

Monthly furnished room with small refrigerator, microwave, TV, Wi-Fi, and coin operated laundry room. All utilities included. Half mile from downtown Lewisburg, local shops and restaurants.

**\$800** MONTHLY + \$100 Advance Cleaning Fee

#### 298 1/2 Randolph Street, Lewisburg WV 24901

One bedroom one bathroom with open living room and kitchen floor plan. Full bath, washer dryer connection, lots of closet storage space. Walking distance to the WVSOM, local restaurants and shops. Water, sewer, and trash pickup included.

**\$975** MONTHLY + ELECTRIC & \$975 SECURITY DEPOSIT

#### 205 Patterson Street, Apt. 3, White Sulphur Springs WV

One bedroom, one bath, full kitchen, dining room and living room, walking distance to the Greenbrier Resort Hotel, local restaurants, and shops. \$650 Rent, plus electric, water and trash pickup, heat included.

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## SNHU announces Spring 2026 President's List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Spring 2026 President's List. The spring terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Local students named to the President's List include Savannah Turner of Rainelle; Abby Bedard of Ronceverte; and Maxwell Dunz, Levi Schneider,

Darrell Hughes, and Brooke Adams of Lewisburg.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 93-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.



#### Greenbrier Valley Fitness (SOUTH)

8486 Seneca Trail S.  
Ronceverte, WV 24970  
681-318-3340

Monday-Friday 5:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.  
Saturday 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Closed Sunday

#### Greenbrier Valley Fitness (NORTH)

213 Coleman Drive  
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### The Mountain Messenger

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**BID INSTRUCTIONS**

Greenbrier County Board of Education  
School Year 2026-2027

For: Unleaded Gasoline - Minimum Octane Rating 87 - 20,000 gals.  
Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel Fuel 140,000 gals.  
\*estimated 60,000 gals. with winter additive (time period October 1 - March 30)  
\*estimated 80,000 gals. without additive  
Pre-mix Nitrite free OAT Extended Life Coolant (ELC) - approx. 500 gallons. To be delivered in 55 gal. drums as needed. Successful bidder must furnish pump FREE OF CHARGE.  
CK4 15-40 oil-must meet all diesel specs. Approx. 1,100 gals. bulk. Successful bidder must furnish tank, pump, reel and meter nozzle FREE OF CHARGE.

Bids Must Specify As Follows:  
Bidders shall submit the current rack price from their supplier and their markup fee listed separately. Markup fee will be a fixed rate throughout the school year.

Any decrease or increase in prices shall be pursuant to Greenbrier County Board of Education, Policy 6320, Submission of Sealed Bids: J (enclosed)

The successful bidder shall furnish copies of invoices or other official notifications from his supplier to the Greenbrier County Board of Education to verify price changes as they occur. Fax daily rack prices with markup included. SUCH NOTIFICATION SHALL ACCOMPANY INVOICES AT EVERY BILLING. Also, you will find enclosed a "Non-Collusion Affidavit", which must accompany each bid and be signed.

Product:  
Product will be accepted based upon item meeting referenced standards and specification. The board reserves the right to cancel contracts if the product bid does not meet specification or delivery is unsatisfactory. Only the amount of product actually required will be purchased, even though such need may be more or less than the approximate stated in the specification section.

Also, successful bidder on HEATING OIL MUST RECORD THE TANK NUMBER ON EACH INVOICE and NAME OF SCHOOL/FACILITY where delivered.

All bids must be in the Office of Operations, 391 Judyville Road, Lewisburg, WV, by 10:00 a.m. on June 4, 2026.

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**NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS FOR PROPANE**

The Greenbrier County Board of Education, 391 Judyville Road, Lewisburg, WV will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on June 4, 2026 for the following product:

- Approximately 20,000 gallons of Propane
- Successful bidder will furnish tank with monitoring and must include the following:
  - tank set fee charges or initial set up fees
  - tank rental, monthly or annually
  - tank monitoring fee
  - lock in price for the school year with no hidden fees such as hazmat, delivery fee, paper. Invoice fee or any other fees other than WV taxes that are subject to change
  - termination fees due to loss of bid and pump out fee for refund for propane
  - emergency call out fees for an empty tank

Product is for Greenbrier County Schools with the following tank locations:

- Greenbrier East High School (2 tanks)
- Smoot Elementary School
- Crichton Elementary School
- Frankford Elementary School

All tanks are 1,000 gallon with a 120 gallon tank at Greenbrier East High School.

Preferred method of payment by VISA.

All bids must be sealed and will be competitive. Bid instructions and requirements are available at the Greenbrier County Board of Education, Office of Operations, Lewisburg, WV.

Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on June 4, 2026. The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids presented.

All bids should be forwarded to: Greenbrier County Schools  
Attention: Curtis Webb  
Director of Operations,  
Maintenance/Transportation  
391 Judyville Road  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

Curtis Webb, Director of Operations, Maintenance/Transportation  
Greenbrier County Schools  
5/15/2026

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**GREENBRIER COUNTY SCHOOLS**

391 Judyville Road  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

We request price quotations for the provision of school bus seat repair/replacement, installed. Request as follows:

- Furnish & Install High Back Covers \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Furnish & Install High Back Foam \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Furnish & Install 39" Cushion Cover \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Furnish & Install CE White Cover \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Furnish & install CE White Foam \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Weld & Repair Seat Frame \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Replace Seat Board as Needed \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Refasten Loose Back Covers \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Furnish & Install Driver Seat Back and/or cover \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Furnish & Install Driver Seat Cushion and/or cover \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PRICES QUOTED REQUIRE AND SHALL INCLUDE:

- A. All work performed at our facility, Judyville Road, Lewisburg, WV and/or Greenbrier East High School.
- B. Vendor provision of all tools and equipment needed.
- C. A work list for each bus before work begins and updated as completed.
- D. Work must be completed June 10-July 10 or July 20-August 11 once work starts it must be completed.
- E. Use of only state and federal approved materials.
- F. Materials matched to manufacturer's colors for all models 2001-2026.
- G. Invoice submitted upon completion of work with billing net thirty (30) days from invoice. Preferred method of payment by VISA.
- H. Bus interiors and work areas will be left clean (as found) condition.
- I. Seat bottoms must be secured properly.

Please contact Paul Gwinn at (304) 647-6475 for information regarding potential scheduling and estimated numbers of covers, etc.

Send quotations to: Greenbrier County Schools  
Curtis Webb, Office of Operations  
391 Judyville Road  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

DEADLINE FOR BIDS: 10:00 a.m. June 4, 2026

**LEGAL**

Lewisburg Planning Commission  
Thursday, June 4, 2026  
Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers  
942 Washington Street, Lewisburg, West Virginia

The City of Lewisburg will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, to hear the following agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Henne Rausenberger, 725 Washington Street West, minor sub-division
3. Comments from Public
4. Comments from Planning and Zoning Officer
5. Comments from Commissioners
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Planning Commission will be on July 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The deadline for completed application submission is Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 10 a.m.

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**"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"**

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the **Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Intended Use Plan** for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Program. A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2027 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2027 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

**Contact**

Katheryn Emery  
WV Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water & Waste Management  
Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds  
601 57th Street, SE  
Charleston, WV 25304  
(304) 926-0499 Ext. 43830  
Katheryn.D.Emery@wv.gov  
**Google Meeting information**  
Video call link: meet.google.com/hfk-ktgm-fei  
Dial in number: (US) 1-352-888-6340  
PIN: 710 382 982#

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF:

Holly Ramdalynn Lilly  
(minor under the age of 18)  
Rebecca Marie Lilly CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-D-76  
662 E. Foster Street  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO:

Holly Sophia Ramadalynn Fain

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the **30th day of June, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** Jonathon Fain will apply by Petition to the Family Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and will appear before the Family Court Judge, R. Grady Ford, at the Greenbrier County Courthouse, 912 Court Street North, Lewisburg, WV for the entry of an Order by said Court changing her name from Holly Ramadalynn Lilly to Holly Sophia Ramadalynn Fain, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the Greenbrier County Circuit Clerk's Office at 912 Court Street North, Lewisburg, WV 24983  
Paul S. Detch, Esquire  
895 Court Street North  
Lewisburg, WV 24901  
304-645-1993.

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**ADVERTISEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that Warrior Energy Resources, LLC, PO Box 211, Zelenople, PA 16063 has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 28 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number U300715 to coal underground in the Pocahontas - 7 - Pocahontas seam of coal.

The operation is discharging into unnamed tributaries of/and Meadow River of Gauley River of Kanawha River and is located 0.75 miles northwest of Charmco in Meadow Bluff District of Greenbrier County, Longitude 80° 44' 45" and Latitude 38° 00' 38" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Warrior Energy Resources, LLC	P.O. Box 221, Zelenople, PA 16063
Rex Coal Land Company, Inc.	P.O. Box 564, Lewisburg, WV 24901
Tri-County Holdings, LLC	165 McClung Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901

\*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Rex Coal Land Company, Inc.	P.O. Box 564, Lewisburg, WV 24901
Tri-County Holdings, LLC	165 McClung Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901
Highland Mineral Resources, LLC	Five Concourse Parkway, NE Suite 1650, Atlanta, GA 30328

And the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

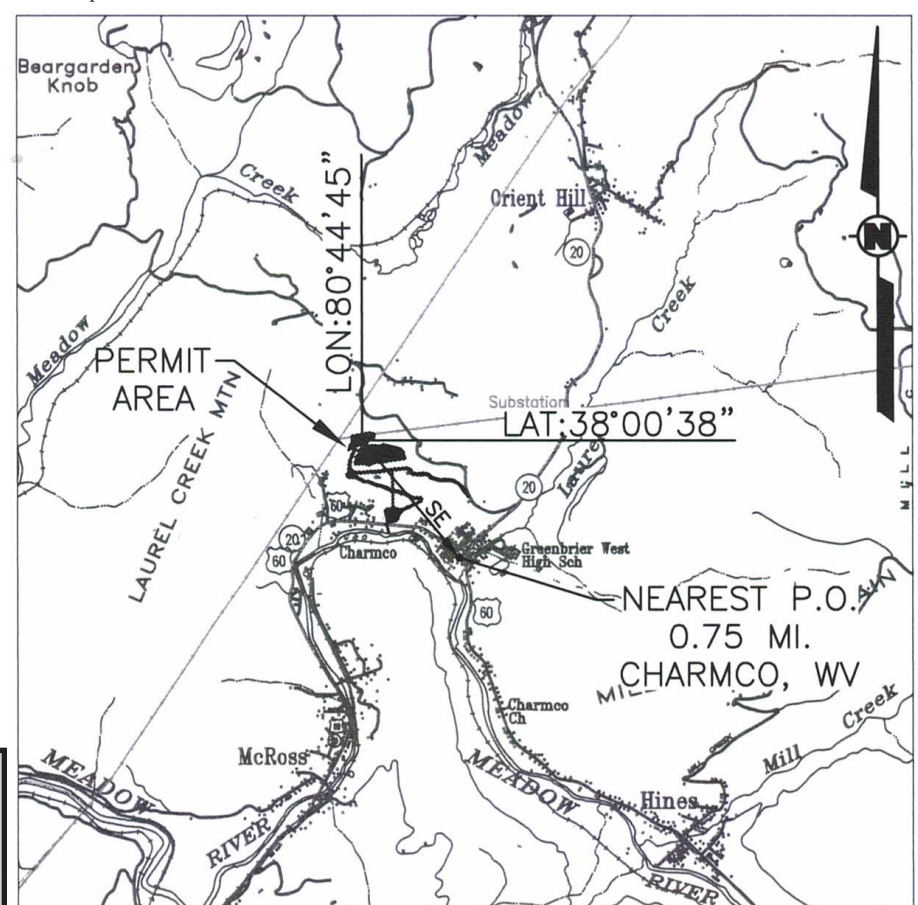
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Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Michael & Denise Geres et. als.	10 Leonardine Ave, South River, NJ 08882

Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until 7/13/26, or thirty (30) days from the date of **final publication**. A copy of the application will be available for review until 7/13/26, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/\_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm  
The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.  
DEP Telephone Number: 304-574-4465 Permit Number: U300715



**LOCATION MAP**

PERMIT NO. U-3007-15

TAKEN FROM 7.5' U.S.G.S QUADRANGLES  
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MEADOW BLUFF DISTRICT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY  
SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. NOIR APCO and WHEELING 26A  
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Notice of Intent to File General Base Rate Case.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES**

On April 6, 2026, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (Companies) filed a Notice of Intent to file a general base rate case (NOI). On April 16, 2026, the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) issued an Order in the above-referenced proceeding and with respect to the NOI (Order) stating that the "Commission has considered the potential impact of such a filing, and whether there is any alternative that could extend the timing between general base rate cases, levelize, and moderate the magnitude of future rate increase requests, incentivize the Companies to control costs so as to reduce the need for, and magnitude of, general base rate cases and, at the same time, consider the needs of the Companies to timely recover reasonable and prudently incurred costs." As the alternative, the Order authorized the Companies to increase their existing base rates pursuant to a "limited inflation-based revenue adjustment" effective June 1, 2026, if the Companies agree to withdraw their NOI and not make a filing to change their base rates on or before June 1, 2027, subject to the Companies agreeing to certain conditions.

The Companies have accepted this alternative and the conditions. Consequently, on April 23, 2026, in accordance with the Order, the Companies filed the affidavit of an authorized corporate executive wherein the Companies: (1) agreed that they have reviewed the Commission's Final Order entered on March 31, 2026 in Case No. 25-0310-E-P and will proceed with the securitization authorized therein, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, subject to the Companies alerting the Commission of certain corrections and adjustments in that Order; (2) agreed to file a motion to withdraw the NOI; and (3) agreed not to file a West Virginia base rate case prior to June 1, 2027, thereby satisfying the Commission's conditions and allowing the inflation-based rate adjustment to base rates become effective on June 1, 2026.

Once effective on June 1, 2026, the Commission-approved inflation-based rate adjustment to base rates will increase the Companies' residential and commercial base rates by 4.0 percent and will increase the Companies' industrial base rates by 2.5 percent, excluding Special Contract rates, resulting in an overall base rate increase of 3.5 percent, or approximately \$40.1 million. The impact of the inflation-based rate adjustment to base rates on an average monthly bill by customer category will be as follows:

	(\$) Increase/(Decrease)	(%) Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$5.12	2.77%
Commercial	\$11.32	2.57%
Industrial	\$2,797.00	0.99%
Other	\$0.00	0.00%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. A residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month would experience a monthly increase over current rates of \$4.84, or 2.74 percent.

Also on April 23, 2026, the Companies filed with the Commission updated Tariff Sheets reflecting the above-described inflation-based rate adjustment and resulting revised base rates, effective as of June 1, 2026. A complete copy of the Companies' Tariffs, as well as a representative of the Companies to provide information requested concerning them, are available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the offices of the Companies.

Copies of the Companies' Tariffs are also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

**APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY**

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# Carnegie Hall Kids' College registration now open

Registration is now open for Carnegie Hall's 33rd Annual Kids' College, which will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 6-10 (Week One) and July 13-17 (Week Two). This year's program is open to rising kindergarten through seventh-grade students.

Kids' College is a unique opportunity for children to expand their artistic and scientific horizons in a safe and nurturing environment. All classes, taught by trained teaching artists, are held in Carnegie Hall. Children can take classes in pottery, archeology, baking, painting, fashion, theatre, 3D-Art, fly fishing, and more.

The cost of Kids' College is \$175 for half days or \$350 for full days, for rising second through seventh grade students, per week. Rising kindergarten and first grade students can enroll for morning classes at \$175 per week. Scholarships are available thanks to United Way of Greenbrier Valley and generous individual donors. To apply, indicate you would like a scholarship application when you enroll your child.

Register at [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org). Class sizes are limited, so register early. Student families will be notified of their child's schedule before the beginning of Kids' College. Paper brochures are also available at the Carnegie Hall Box Office. For more information, contact Education Director Harmony Flora at 304-645-7917.



Kids' College 2025

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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**Melissa Hylton's State Farm®**  
202 N. Marion Avenue  
Covington, VA 24426

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026**  
11:30 a.m.  
Open House Immediately Following until 3:00 p.m.

*Snacks, drinks & goodies provided by Melissa Hylton State Farm*

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**THE GREENBRIER COUNTY COWBOYS**

RETURNED HOME WITH BUCKLES FROM THE  
★★ **2025/2026** ★★  
*West Virginia High School & Youth*  
**RODEO ASSOCIATION FINALS**

**SAWYER "BAM BAM" JUDY**

- ★ GRAND CHAMPION CHUTE DOGGING
- ★ RESERVE CHAMPION MINI BULL RIDING
- ★ RESERVE OVERALL COWBOY

**ALDEN HOLLIDAY**

- ★ GRAND CHAMPION MINI BULL RIDER
- ★ RESERVE CHAMPION CHUTE DOGGING

**THESE BOYS ARE LIKE BROTHERS**  
— BOTH IN THE ARENA AND IN EVERYDAY LIFE.  
Over the last three years, they have come so far on this journey, and we couldn't be prouder of the young men they are becoming.  
**TOUGH AS NAILS, DETERMINED, AND NEVER AFRAID TO GET BACK UP AFTER BEING KNOCKED DOWN.**

As Channing posted a few days ago:  
*"The ones who fall down and get up are much stronger than the ones who never fall."*

★ THIS COMING SEASON... ★

**BAM BAM**  
HEADS INTO THE  
YOUTH 5TH GRADE DIVISION

**ALDEN**  
WILL MOVE UP TO THE  
JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION

IT MAY BE EARLY, BUT I TRULY BELIEVE WE'LL ONE DAY SEE  
**BOTH OF THESE BOYS ON NATIONAL TELEVISION**  
★ RIDING IN THE PBR. ★

*Thank You!*

TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED THESE BOYS ALONG THE WAY — FOR THE PRAYERS, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND SUPPORT.  
THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILIES FOR TRAVELING NEAR AND FAR TO CHEER THEM ON,  
AND MOST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO GOD FOR KEEPING THEM SAFE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

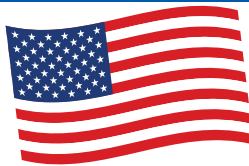


OVER 200 UNITS TO CHOOSE FROM ON **NORTHSIDE DRIVE**

# MEMORIAL DAY SALE DOWN

**2016 TOYOTA TACOMA SR**  
STK# U14050  
4D Access Cab

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
MSRP.....\$21,514  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**\$22,089**



**2020 JEEP GLADIATOR RUBICON**  
STK# 17520  
4D Crew Cab

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
MSRP.....\$31,101  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**\$31,676**

**2017 TOYOTA RAV4 XLE**  
STK# U14102

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$344<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2020 CHEVROLET TAHOE LS**  
STK# 800219

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$464<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2020 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT**  
STK# 17534  
4D Crew Cab

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$532<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2021 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT**  
STK# 4260848  
4D Crew Cab

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$559<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



## SHOP THE DEALERS THAT ALWAYS GIVE BACK

**2021 SUBARU CROSSTREK SPORT**  
STK# 800218A

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$345<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2021 TOYOTA RAV4 XLE**  
STK# 426231B

MSRP.....\$24,836  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$25,411**



**2022 FORD EXPLORER TIMBERLINE**  
STK# U14108

MSRP.....\$32,420  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$32,995**



**2022 RAM 2500 TRADESMAN**  
STK# U14000  
4D Crew Cab

MSRP.....\$39,326  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$39,901**



**2022 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LS**  
STK# 126220A

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$356<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2022 FORD RANGER XLT**  
STK# U14006  
4D Crew Cab

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$559<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2022 HYUNDAI TUCSON SEL**  
STK# 17524  
4D Sport Utility

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$397<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2023 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER LT**  
STK# U14058

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$375<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2023 FORD ESCAPE ST-LINE ELITE**  
STK# U13964

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$424<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



## NO CREDIT..BAD CREDIT..LET US HELP

**2023 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE OVERLAND**  
STK# 4G081A  
4D Sport Utility

MSRP.....\$34,987  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$35,562**



**2024 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LS**  
STK# U14069

MSRP.....\$23,726  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$24,301**



**2024 FORD F-150 LARIAT**  
STK# U14038  
4D SuperCrew

MSRP.....\$57,694  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$58,269**



**2024 GMC SIERRA 1500 ELEVATION**  
STK# 126265A  
4D Crew Cab

MSRP.....\$42,025  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$42,600**



**2024 HYUNDAI TUCSON SEL**  
STK# 126214A

MSRP.....\$24,665  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$25,240**



**2024 NISSAN PATHFINDER SL**  
STK# 17550  
4D Sport Utility

MSRP.....\$32,915  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$33,490**



**2024 RAM 1500 LARAMIE**  
STK# 17522  
4D Crew Cab

MSRP.....\$42,300  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$42,875**



**2024 RAM 2500 BIG HORN**  
STK# 17527  
4D Crew Cab

MSRP.....\$46,661  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$47,236**



**2024 SUBARU WRX BASE**  
STK# 4F185A  
4D Sedan

MSRP.....\$29,878  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$30,453**



**2023 NISSAN KICKS S**  
STK# 17528A  
4D Sport Utility

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$335<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2023 NISSAN ROGUE SV**  
STK# 426092B

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$399<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2023 NISSAN ROGUE SV**  
STK# 800209

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$397<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2023 TOYOTA BZ4X XLE**  
STK# U13951

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$349<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2024 CHEVROLET TRAX 1RS**  
STK# 4G039A  
4D Sport Utility

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$371<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2024 CHEVROLET TRAX LT**  
STK# 425286A

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$359<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2024 HONDA HR-V SPORT**  
STK# 800228

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$466<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2024 SUBARU CROSSTREK PREMIUM**  
STK# U14074

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$497<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2024 TOYOTA COROLLA LE**  
STK# 17495A  
4D Sedan

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$390<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2024 TOYOTA RAV4 LE**  
STK# 17497  
4D Sport Utility

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$478<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



## ALL VEHICLES GO THROUGH A 135 POINT INSPECTION

**2025 BUICK ENVISTA SPORT TOURING**  
STK# U13930

MSRP.....\$23,726  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$24,301**



**2025 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER LT**  
STK# 17556  
4D Sport Utility

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$452<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2025 CHEVROLET TRAX 2RS**  
STK# U14067

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$399<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2025 JEEP COMPASS TRAILHAWK**  
STK# 17531  
4D Sport Utility

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$478<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2025 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 RST**  
STK# 800208  
4D Crew Cab

MSRP.....\$48,420  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$48,995**



**2025 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500HD LT**  
STK# 126254A  
4D Crew Cab

MSRP.....\$58,413  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$58,988**



**2025 JEEP COMPASS TRAILHAWK**  
STK# 17511  
4D Sport Utility

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$475<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2025 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER SPORT 2.0 ES**  
STK# 17552  
4D Sport Utility

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$380<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2025 NISSAN SENTRA SV**  
STK# 800215

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$343<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH



**2025 DODGE DURANGO GT**  
STK# U14043

MSRP.....\$33,872  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$34,447**



**2025 FORD BRONCO SPORT BADLANDS**  
STK# U13962

MSRP.....\$30,887  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$31,462**



**2025 FORD BRONCO SPORT OUTER BANKS**  
STK# U13961

MSRP.....\$28,964  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$29,539**



**2025 FORD ESCAPE HYBRID ST-LINE ELITE**  
STK# U14003

MSRP.....\$30,115  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$30,690**



**2025 FORD EXPEDITION ACTIVE**  
STK# U13826

MSRP.....\$57,748  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$58,323**



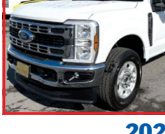
**2025 FORD EXPLORER ACTIVE**  
STK# 800210

MSRP.....\$38,239  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$38,814**



**2025 FORD F-250SD XLT**  
STK# U14076  
4D Crew Cab

MSRP.....\$52,470  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$53,045**



**2025 GMC SIERRA 1500 PRO**  
STK# 426266A  
2D Standard Cab

MSRP.....\$36,020  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$36,595**



**2025 HONDA CR-V EX**  
STK# 17547  
4D Sport Utility

MSRP.....\$31,404  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$31,979**



**2025 HYUNDAI TUCSON SEL**  
STK# 800203

MSRP.....\$24,155  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$24,730**



**2025 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED**  
STK# U14079

MSRP.....\$27,048  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$27,623**



**2025 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED**  
STK# 17539  
4D Sport Utility

MSRP.....\$27,122  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$27,697**



**2025 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED**  
STK# 17526  
4D Sport Utility

MSRP.....\$28,024  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$28,599**



**2025 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT S**  
STK# 17553  
4D Sport Utility

MSRP.....\$35,219  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$35,794**



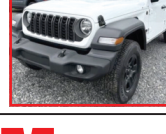
**2025 TOYOTA TACOMA TRD OFF-ROAD**  
STK# 17551  
4D Double Cab

MSRP.....\$41,700  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$42,275**



**2026 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT**  
STK# U14004

MSRP.....\$33,845  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
**\$34,420**



## FRESH TRADES..COME SEE THEM

**2017 JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED**  
STK# 4G048A  
4D Sport Utility

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
MSRP.....\$15,797  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**\$16,372**



**2024 RAM 1500 CLASSIC SLT**  
STK# 17567  
4D Quad Cab

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
MSRP.....\$30,917  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**\$31,492**



**2022 JEEP COMPASS LATITUDE**  
STK# 17565  
4D Sport Utility

**EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE**  
MSRP.....\$19,420  
DOC FEE.....\$575  
**\$19,995**

