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The 2026 Ivy Terrace Concert Series will kick off on Thursday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Carnegie Hall kicks off Ivy Terrace Concert Series celebrating America250

Carnegie Hall launches the 2026 Ivy Terrace Concert Series on Thursday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m., kicking off the summer season with an evening of music, community pride, and America250 celebration on the Ivy Terrace lawn.

This year's opening concert features a performance by the West Virginia Jazz Orchestra, along with special appearances by Greenbrier East High School Choir, who will perform the national anthem. Winning entries of the Patriotism in Poetry Contest will also be read by the two winners. The event is supported with financial

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Ronceverte City Council approves budget adjustments, tables police policy review again

By Dakota Baker

The Ronceverte City Council met on Monday, June 1, at 7 p.m. With Mayor Deena Pack absent, the meeting was chaired by Leah Smith. Council members opened the meeting by reviewing and approving the minutes from the previous month's meeting.

Council then addressed old business concerning revisions to the Police Department's existing Use of Force Policy. Discussion of the policy had been tabled at previous meetings while updated versions were being developed. Two revised versions have now been completed by the Mayor; however, council members have not yet had an opportunity to review them. As a result, further discussion was postponed and the matter was once again tabled.

Next, council members reviewed and approved Resolution 10, authorizing payment of invoices associated with Phase 4 of the water project, including costs related to environmental study publications.

Under new business, Council reviewed and approved the reappointment of Pam Arnold to the Library Board of Trustees for an additional five years. Additionally, council members reviewed and approved two budget resolutions.

Budget Resolution 2026-01 addressed the Coal Severance Fund. Following the receipt of additional revenue, council approved reallocating those funds to support street and highway projects, resulting in a total budget increase of \$6,271.

Budget Resolution 2026-02 concerned the General Fund. Council approved the reallocation of a portion of unassigned funds to departments and programs with greater funding needs, including the City Manager's Office, Elections, City Hall, municipal buildings, contingencies, the Fire Department, and Parks and Recreation. The resolution resulted in a net budget increase of \$107,390.

Lastly, council reviewed and approved a request from the Ronceverte Food Pantry to hold a bucket drive on Main Street on Thursday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Upcoming events:

- Ronceverte River Festival - June 12 and 13
- The Skyline Bluegrass Festival on the River - July 18

The next city council meeting will be held on July 6 at 7 p.m., and City Hall will be closed on July 3 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

Greenbrier State Forest Trails Project to receive funding from County Commission

By Dakota Baker

The Greenbrier County Commission met on May 26 for its regularly scheduled meeting, and approved several Arts and Recreation fund transfers related to the Meadow River Trail, including \$2,321.25 for engineering services eligible for AML reimbursement, \$7,500 for mowing expenses, and \$2,360 for consulting services partially reimbursable through AML and TAC grants. The transfers total \$12,181.25 and will be moved from the savings account to the checking account to cover the invoices.

The Commission also considered a funding request for the Greenbrier State Forest Trails Project through the White Sulphur Springs Tax Increment Financing (WSS TIF) program. Representatives requested matching funds for an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) POWER Grant that will support the development of approximately 20 miles of new trails within Greenbrier State Forest.

The Greenbrier Valley Off-Road Biking Association (GVORBA) sought an assessment, design, and construction planning services for approximately 20 miles of multi-use and mountain bike optimized trails in the Greenbrier State Forest near WSS. The field design was based off of design work provided by International Mountain Biking Association Trail Solutions in the Lewisburg/White Sulphur Springs Trails Master Plan from June 2023. Project partners include GVORBA and the WVU Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative.

"There is a desire for quality natural surface trails and more opportunities for youth in the Greenbrier County cities of Lewisburg and WSS. Trail additions in Greenbrier State Forest will focus on trail suitable for youth



The Greenbrier County Commission authorized \$500,000 in funding to go towards trail development in the Greenbrier State Forest at their latest meeting. (Photo GVORBA.org)

and new riders while offering more progressive trails to advance on," states documents submitted to the Commission. "These include multi-use trails in the Hart's Run Road corridor and the Kate's Mountain Road corridor. There are two mountain bike trail zones east of Hart's Run Road in the vicinity of the existing trails of Twin Pines, The Holler, and Black Bear."

As part of the grant's matching requirement, \$500,000 was requested from WSS TIF funds, with an additional \$200,000 to be applied toward the match, bringing

the total local match commitment to \$700,000. A motion was made to use \$500,000 from the TIF funds for a match if the other grant applications were to be approved, this motion passed.

Next, the Commission considered the award of allocations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year Arts and Recreation grants. A motion was made and approved to allocate \$387,431.46 to fund eligible Arts and Recreation grant applications for the upcoming fiscal year. Award notification letters will be sent to the recipients.

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Report disputes claims about recent ICE arrests in WV, says 75% of immigrants had no criminal record

An analysis by ACLU-WV and Dragline said Operation Country Roads, a targeted immigration crackdown in January, 'looked little to nothing like how it was described to the public.'

By Amelia Ferrell Knisely for West Virginia Watch

A new report from the American Civil Liberties Union of West Virginia said that numerous statements made by state officials about a winter immigration crackdown in West Virginia were false or misleading. Three-quarters of the people arrested during the 15-day immigration arrest - called "Operation Country Roads" - had no criminal record, the group said.

"This analysis of ICE data shows the operation looked little to nothing like how it was described to the public," ACLU-WV Executive Director Eli Baumwell said. "Records show zero detentions for sexual assault or any crime involving children and just two of the 593 arrests in West Virginia were for drug possession - both of which were misdemeanors."

Under the direction of Gov. Patrick Morrisey, West Virginia has participated in the federal 287(g) program that allows specially-trained police officers and jails to perform specified immigration enforcement functions under U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's oversight.

It's one of the most wide-ranging agreements a state has forged with ICE under President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown.

Morrisey also directed the West Virginia National Guard and the state Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation to participate in the immigration detainment program.

In January, ICE and local law enforcement announced the arrests of more than 600 undocumented individuals in West Virginia during a two-week surge earlier in the month. The event was dubbed "Operation Country Roads."

A press release from ICE quoted Gov. Patrick Morrisey as saying the arrests "removed danger-

ous illegal immigrants from our communities and made our state safer for families and law-abiding citizens."

The ACLU-WV on Monday said they found several false claims made by officials about the operations' success." The 23-page report was written by Kyle Vass of Dragline, a publication supported by ACLU-WV; he analyzed arrest records obtained by the Deportation Data Project via the Freedom of Information Act about the 15-day crackdown.

"The dataset shows zero convictions involving children, zero convictions for endangering the welfare of a child, and two misdemeanor drug-possession convictions, despite the press release placing child sex abuse, child endangerment, and drug crimes at the center of its narrative," the report said.

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Quilts of Valor presented to area veterans



Veterans receiving quilts from the Greenbrier Valley-Alderson Quilt Guild were (Standing, left to right) Todd Spencer, Travis Cadd, William Fertig, Lonnie Bryson, Dale Boggs; (Seated, left to right) Ralph Boone, Bradford Stuart, Theodore R. Wallace, Sr., Christy Bryson, and Steve Ervin.

The Greenbrier Valley-Alderson Quilt Guild held a Quilts of Valor presentation at the Edgewood Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg on Sunday, May 31. Ten veterans received beautiful, red, white, and blue patriotic quilts and a certificate of valor in recognition of their dedicated military service to the United States of America.

Amber Hinkle offered a prayer of appreciation, support

and thanks for all military service personnel. Nan Shetlerly made the presentations, assisted by Nadine Wykle and Ann Rapp. Grace Boxwell, Chair of the Guild’s QOV Committee, was thanked for providing oversight in coordinating the construction of the quilts and organizing the presentation ceremony and refreshments.

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West Virginia Democrats prepare for June 6 leadership election

The public is demanding a reformed and revitalized Democratic Party, and the Party must satisfy those demands urgently. It is not enough to fill Democratic candidate vacancies; the Democratic Party and its Chair must work to support those candidates to victory, including raising sufficient funds and ensuring transparency and collaboration. Under the current chair, the Democratic Party has lost seats in the West Virginia House and Senate. The Party must grow and be ready in November to gain seats in the Capitol.

In response to reports, Wheeling Attorney and current First Vice Chair of the Party Teresa C. Toriseva has confirmed she is running for Chair of the State Democratic Party. After being heavily recruited by Democrats statewide and conducting one-on-one conversations with Democratic Committee members, Toriseva said “The Party has lost confidence in the current Chair. I will rebuild broken relationships and be a Chair that never stops fighting for working people and their families.” She is endorsed in this race by the West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women. About the Federation endorsement, she says “The candidate support provided by the Democratic women is key to election victory. I’m thrilled to have their support now and moving forward.”

Current Second Vice Chair and DNC Committeeman Sam Petsonk stated “This party is positioned to begin building and winning elections, not because of any one



Teresa C. Toriseva



Sam Petsonk



Cindy Lavender-Bowe

person, but because of the tireless efforts of all of the volunteers around the state in the county committees, the women’s clubs, labor organizations, and the candidates who have stepped up to run. What must be recognized is that work includes organizing, fundraising, and direct voter contact.” Petsonk said. He is running to be the Party’s First Vice Chair.

Cindy Lavender-Bowe, former member of the House of Delegates and of the Democratic Executive Committee said “Our Party has made real progress in recent years. We’ve recruited more candidates. We’ve expanded our outreach and we’ve brought new energy to county committees all across our state. This teamwork only continues with a team leader. Teresa Toriseva is that leader.” Lavender Bowe is seeking election as the Party’s Second Vice Chair.

The election for Chair of the Democratic Party, First and Second Vice Chairs and other officers will take place June 6, 2026 in Charleston pursuant to State Law and party bylaws.

‘Here’s Your (Farm) Sign’ to celebrate Century Farms, 250th U.S. anniversary

To celebrate the nation’s 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, the West Virginia Century Farm Program wants to celebrate farmers by collecting photos of our participants’ Century Farm signs across the state.

The “Here’s Your (Farm) Sign” coordinators ask that you email, no later than June 22, a photo of your already posted Century Farm, Sesquicentennial Farm, Bicentennial Farm, or Sestercentennial Farm signs to Ken Brown at retiredtch20023@yahoo.com and/or Davin White at dwhite@wvca.us. Please write in the email subject line: “Century Farm sign photo.”

Submitted photos will be used to make a photo collage of the farm signs around the state, as well as a video celebrating the farms. The video will be shared widely on social media to celebrate July 4th and the 250th anniversary.

Photos can include family members gathered around the sign, or the sign alone. Brown also welcomes a scenic photo or two of the farm to accompany the primary Century Farm sign photo. Please limit submissions to no more than four photos. Historical photos contrasted with current (before and after) photos of the farm are welcome, too.

“Just as we are celebrating our nation’s 250th birthday, we also want to celebrate the birthdays of our West Virginia family farms across the state,” Brown, a Guyan Conservation District supervisor who oversees the Century Farm Program, said. “Farmers, we want to see pic-



Sesquicentennial Farm - Brown Family Farm established 1851

tures of your sign and your farm.”

Brown, of Cabell County, also said that interest in the Century Farm program and in obtaining farm signs has increased tremendously this year.

The West Virginia Century Farm Program is designed to recognize those families who have been farming the same tract of land for at least 100 years. Century Farms, Sesquicentennial Farms, Bicentennial Farms and Sestercentennial Farms are recognized annually.

A Century Farm is one that has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 100 years. A Sesquicentennial Farm (at least 150 years), a Bicentennial Farm (200 years) and a Sestercentennial Farm (250 years) has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least its minimum number of years.

For more about the Century Farm program, visit www.wvca.us/education/century_farms.cfm.

Wild Trails Festival set to begin in three weeks

With just three weeks to go, the State Fair of West Virginia is gearing up to welcome music fans from across the country for the Wild Trails Festival, taking place June 18-20, 2026, at the State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg.

Headlining the three-day event are Koe Wetzel, Tucker Wetmore, Ian Munsick, and Shane Smith & The Saints, joined by an impressive lineup that includes Kolby Cooper, Kaitlin Butts, Larry Fleet, Bayker Blankenship, Evan Honer, The Creekers, The Jack Wharff Band, and more.

Now in its second year, Wild Trails Festival brings together live music, camping, and outdoor adventure in the heart of “Wild, Wonderful West Virginia.” Held over West Virginia Day weekend, the festival offers fans the chance to experience top country and Americana artists, discover rising talent, and enjoy everything the Mountain State has to offer.

Festival organizers encourage fans to secure their tickets now! Three-day passes, VIP packages, and camping options are currently on sale at wildtrailswv.com or by calling 1-800-314-ETIX (3849).

“Wild Trails is more than a music festival-it’s a celebration of everything that makes West Virginia special,” said Kelly Collins, CEO of the State Fair of West Virginia. “With only three weeks until festival weekend, we’re excited to welcome guests from near and far to experience incredible music, great company, and the unmatched beauty of our state.”

Building on a successful inaugural year that welcomed visitors from more than 40 states and multiple Canadian provinces, Wild Trails Festival continues to grow as one of the region’s premier summer music destinations. The event not only delivers unforgettable performances but also showcases West Virginia’s natural beauty and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Festival-goers can enjoy on-site camping, a variety of food and craft vendors, and easy access to nearby hiking, fishing, and local attractions throughout the Greenbrier Valley-making Wild Trails a true destination experience.

Don’t miss your chance to be part of one of the summer’s most anticipated weekends. Purchase your tickets today and join us June 18–20 in Lewisburg for Wild Trails Festival 2026.

PICK OF THE LITTER



CAIN

Cain is an 80-pound boxer mix and is housebroken and leash trained. He must be the only pet and would do best with older children.



ETHEL

Ethel is a six-year-old hound mix. She is housebroken, walks well on a leash, and is good with other dogs and kids.

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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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.

Historic Landmarks Commission
will meet Monday, June 8, at 5 p.m. in Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. On the agenda;

- 1362 Washington St E - Kim McBride - install whole home generator
- 963 Washington St W - Dianne Beale - install signs for Stockton Mortgage
- 445 Randolph St - Lezley Dale - retaining wall
- 1423 Washington St E - Paul Skorich - retaining wall
- Comments from the public
- Comments from Commissioners
- Approval of Minutes

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg historic Landmarks Commission will be held Monday, July 13, at 5 p.m. The deadline for completed application submission is Friday, June 26, 2026, at 10 a.m.

Greenbrier Co. Board of Education
will meet Tuesday, June 9, at 1 p.m. at 430 Academic Drive, Lewisburg. On the agenda:

- Time Out for Applause
- Delegations
- Consent Agenda Items
 - Minutes
 - Financial Items
 - Out-of-State Travel Requests
 - Work-Based Learning Sites for SY 2026-27
- New and/or Revised Policies for Public Comment
- Personnel
- Other Business/Information
- Date of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - July 9, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Lewisburg Building Commission
will meet Tuesday, June 9, at 5 p.m. in Paul R. Colley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street W. On the agenda:

- Approval of bid for Farha Signs for signage at Public Works/Water Plant
- Communication from members
- Approval of Minutes - Mar. 10, 2026

Lewisburg City Council
will meet Tuesday, June 9, at 7 p.m. in Paul R. Colley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street W. On the agenda:

- Ordinance
 - Ordinance 329 Site Plan Review 2nd Reading and Public Hearing
 - Ordinance 330 Board of Zoning Appeals - 2nd Reading and Public Hearing
 - Ordinance 331 Conditional Use Standards - 2nd Reading and Public Hearing
 - Ordinance 332 Administrative - 2nd Reading and Public Hearing
 - Ordinance 333 Permit Fee Schedule - 2nd Reading and Public Hearing
 - Ordinance 334 Health and Sanitation Code - 1st Reading
- Resolution
 - Resolution #600 Water System Improvements Project - Pay Request #49
- Proclamation
 - Greenbrier EAST Girls Track & Field State Champions
- Communications from Mayor White
- Communications from City Manager Hill
 - Approval of Part-Time ISeasonal Employee Wage Increase
 - Wage Increase for James Dillon Cales
 - Pay Increase and Title Change for Nick Sloan - Planning and Zoning
 - WV Corp Liability Insurance Renewal
 - WV Workers Compensation Renewal
 - Water Fund Budget Fiscal year 2027
 - Mills Group Contract Renewal
 - Hudnall Wildlife Services
 - Triple H Outdoors Contract Renewal
 - Task Order No. 41: Design, Bidding, and Construction Phase Engineering Services for the AMI Water Meter Replacement Project
 - Task Order No. 42: Preliminary Engineering Report for US 219 N Waterline Upgrade Project
 - Bid approval from Farha Signs for signage at Public Works / Water Plant
- Communications from City Council Members
- Communications from Commissions
- Communications from Council Committees
- Communications from Police Department
- Communications from Fire Department
 - Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement Frankford Volunteer Fire Department
 - Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement - White Sulphur Springs Volunteer Fire Department
 - Automatic Interstate Mutual Aid Agreement White Sulphur Springs Volunteer Fire Dept.
 - Report from Chief Thomas
 - Public Works Department Report
 - Approval of Minutes - Special Session, Mar. 25, 2026 & Regular Session, May 19, 2026
- Visitors' Reports: (3 min. limit per subject not on agenda)

United Way of Greenbrier Valley announces 2026 Community Impact Grant recipients

United Way of Greenbrier Valley has announced its 2026 Community Impact Grant recipients. Funding was awarded to nonprofit organizations serving residents across Greenbrier, Monroe, and Pocahontas counties through support from workplace campaigns, corporate partnerships, individual contributions, and other community giving efforts.

The grants support programs addressing a variety of community needs, including food assistance, housing and emergency support, education, health services, youth programs, and family resources throughout the Greenbrier Valley region.

United Way of Greenbrier Valley continues to invest in local programs and partnerships focused on improving quality of life and expanding access to essential services across the region.

2026 UWGBV Partner Organizations and Funded Programs:

- Alderson Hospitality House (Healthy Food, Happy Families)
- Appalachia Service Project (Home Repair and Replacement)
- Bethlehem Farm, Inc (Repairing Homes, Renewing Communities)
- Carnegie Hall, Inc (Kids’ College Scholarships)
- Catholic Charities West Virginia, Inc (Emergency Assistance Program)
- Child and Youth Advocacy Center (Prevention and Education)
- Children’s Home Society of West Virginia (Support for The Independent Living Program’s Young Adults)
- Communities in Schools of Greenbrier (Integrated Student Supports)
- Davis Stuart, Inc (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program)

Marriage Certificates Issued

Olvin Javier Rodriguez Zuniga & Iris Marleny Perez Reyes
Mark Clayton Dameron & Carrie Lynn Dragg

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Emma Gale Brandstetter, Rainelle, obstructing during investigation - materially false statement, fine \$75, NCP
Amber R. Campbell, Ashburn, VA, speeding, fine \$46, GP
Jonathan D. Garrison, Rupert, seatbelt violation, fine \$25, GP
Evan L. Jefferies, Lansing, MI, possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, GP

Quilts of Valor

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The Guild has 40 members who helped with all aspects of each quilt’s assembly. Over 70 family members, friends and Guild members attended the event to honor the ten veterans for their dedication. Statistical information noted nationwide 2,294 quilts were presented in April, 8,704year-to-date, and 444,683 since the Quilts of Valor Foundation was created in 2003.

The Guild routinely meets or holds class at 10 a.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at Edgewood Presbyterian Church. We welcome new members. For additional information email gvaldersonquiltguild@gmail.com.

ICE Arrests

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The ACLU-WV also said the government inflated the total number of West Virginia arrests by about 10%, claiming 650 people were arrested in the state.

“Records indicate the actual number was 593. The remaining arrests occurred in Pennsylvania,” according to ACLU-WV’s findings.

The report also highlighted how the immigration arrests contributed to additional overcrowding in West Virginia jails, which has been reported by West Virginia Watch since the state began its participation in the 287g program.

West Virginia has been renting jail beds to ICE for \$90 a day.

“At the peak of Operation Country Roads, 336 people were crammed into West Virginia’s jails on ICE detainees (seven times the 48-bed cap the state had contracted to provide ICE),” the ACLU-WV report said.

Federal judges have ordered the immediate release of numerous immigrant detainees - many without criminal records - who were held without due process then put in West Virginia jails.

In March, U.S. District Judge Joseph R. Goodwin issued “a final notice” to the federal government over continued unlawful detaining of immigrants in West Virginia while ordering the release of another immigrant detainee.

Shortly after, the state’s regional jail system suspended accepting immigrant detainees.

Vass also analyzed 10,729 ICE detention records and 2,772 arrest records generated between Sept. 30, 2022, through Mar. 10, 2026, for all ICE detentions where a person was detained in or sent to a West Virginia detention facility.

“Since the inauguration, the profile of the average ICE detainee in a West Virginia jail is far less likely to have a criminal history,” the report said. “Before Jan. 20, 2025, 90% of people detained through West Virginia facilities had prior criminal convictions. After, 17% did.”

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The United Way of Greenbrier Valley announced the annual Community Impact Grant recipients at an event held earlier this month at Carnegie Hall.

- Family Refuge Center (Youth Enrichment and Prevention)
- Fruits of Labor (The Seed Project)
- Gateway Industries (Emergency Assistance for Participants)
- God’s Way Home (Financial Peace University & Workforce Readiness)
- Greenbrier County Committee on Aging, Inc (Senior Nutrition)
- Greenbrier Valley Hellbenders Youth Mountain

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For the Record

Deeds

Mark Bondurant et al., Lauren Saltzman et al. to Natalie Cortez Estrada, 1/2 Lot 11, Rainelle Corp District, Map 5, Parcel 0060
Jossie A. McGuire (aka Brooks) to Adam S. McGuire, 2.87 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 20K, Parcel 5
James L. Bennett et al., Dawn R. Bennett et al. to Brit-tany M. Duncan et al., 21.2503 acres & 0.83 acre, Irish Corner District, Map 2, Parcels 0005, 0001
Virgil D. McMahan et ux., Josephine E. McMahan et vir. to Skylar Jones, 38.31 acres (less easement), Fall-ing Spring District (Map 65, Parcel 51
Jeremy Zeichner Revocable Trust to Theodore Boll et al., Unit 9, Honeysuckle Cottages at Spring Row, White Sulphur District
Jeremy Zeichner Revocable Trust to Theodore Boll et al., Unit 9 Honeysuckle, White Sulphur District, Map 26, Parcel 199
Bennett Logging & Timber Inc. to Wouth Anna River Bluffs LLC, 481.39 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 64, Parcel 11
Aaron Ambler et ux., Lynda Ambler to Charles Edward Ryan et ux., Lot 17, Underwood, Lewisburg Corp Dis-trict, Map 17, Parcel 4
Juja Properties LLC to Scott Wolfe, Lot, Lewisburg Corp District, Map 14, Parcel 13
Daren K. Morgan et al. to Daren K. Morgan, 31.34 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 20, Parcel 40
Daren K. Morgan et al. to Duane S. Morgan et al., 60.94 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 20, Parcels 40 & 40.1

Suits

New Cases from 5/27/26 to 6/3/26

New Civil Cases

Drema Farley, Administratrix of the Estate of David Farley, Administrator v. Pennsylvania Leasing Co. d/b/a Rainelle Healthcare Center
Ashland Credit Union v. Hunter Stover

New Divorces

Harold Ray Salmons and Adrienne Nichols Salmons
Alainna Rose Reaser and Curtis Reaser
Tommy Raye Keeney III and Tanya Yvonne Johnson
Hannah Elizabeth Moringstar Stout and Nicholas Cage Stout

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OPINION

Commentary

High Rocks thanks Senators Justice and Capito for support of Rural Workforce Investment

High Rocks Educational Corporation today expressed its deep gratitude to Senators Jim Justice and Shelley Moore Capito for including High Rocks in their FY27 workforce development and funding priorities through the first round of congressional earmark funding requests.

The proposed earmark investment would support the High Rocks Rural Workforce Initiative, a statewide effort to expand paid internships, earn-and-learn opportunities, and registered apprenticeships that connect West Virginians to career-relevant work experience while strengthening employer capacity across rural communities.

“Senators Justice and Capito send a powerful message that West Virginia’s young people and rural workforce matter,” said High Rocks Educational Corporation Executive Director Sarah Riley. “This investment helps create opportunities for talented young people to build their futures here in West Virginia. We are grateful for their continued support of the Mountain State and its communities.”

West Virginia communities continue to face persistent workforce challenges, including low labor force participation, limited access to paid, career-relevant experience, and ongoing out-migration of young people seeking opportunity elsewhere. Employers across the state consistently report that talent exists, but that applicants often lack the practical work experience required to succeed.

This congressional earmark would help bridge that gap by expanding:

- Paid internships
- Earn-and-learn opportunities
- Registered apprenticeships
- Career pathways that strengthen West Virginia’s workforce pipeline
- Opportunities that help retain young talent within the state

This initiative builds on and expands workforce development efforts already underway at High Rocks. With this investment, the organization would further strengthen a statewide internship and apprenticeship ecosystem that aligns education, workforce systems, and employer needs while advancing High Rocks’ mission of transforming lives and strengthening communities across West Virginia.

“Too many young people feel they must leave West Virginia to build a future,” Riley added. “Thanks to the support of our Senators, more West Virginians would be able to gain meaningful experience, build careers, and contribute to their home communities.”

Final decisions about federal earmark proposals will be made by Congress in the coming months, and High Rocks hopes that with the support of our Senators, the funding will be awarded to help strengthen workforce development training and career pathways.

United Way

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Bike Team (Coach’s Summit, Racer Scholarships, New Bikes)

- Greenbrier Valley Theatre (Youth Education Program)
- High Rocks Education Corporation (The Hub)
- HospiceCare (Peyton Hospice House Services)
- Monroe Coalition for Children and Families (FCOC Flex Fund/Feed JMHS Students)
- Monroe Early Childhood Association, Inc (Child-care Scholarships)
- Northern Greenbrier Latchkey Kids, Inc (Childcare Scholarships)
- Pocahontas County Family Resource Network (Warming Hands and Hearts)
- Pocahontas County Senior Citizens (Meals on Wheels)
- Reining Warriors (Equine Therapy Scholarships)
- Renick Community Center (Non-food Pantry)
- Shepherd’s Center of Greenbrier Valley (Gwen’s Meals)
- The MARVEL Center (MARVEL Meal Program)
- The Salvation Army of Beckley (Greenbrier Angel Tree)
- Wellspring of Greenbrier, Inc (Choice Food Pantry)

United Way of Greenbrier Valley allocated over \$252,000 to these community organizations that support United Way’s four impact areas: Financial Security, Youth Opportunity, Healthy Community, and Community Resiliency.

The mission of the United Way of Greenbrier Valley is to improve lives and build a stronger community by bringing people and organizations together to respond to local needs, foster collaboration, and empower individuals and families. For more information and to get involved, visit www.unitedwaygbv.org.

OBITUARIES

Janet Mae Hoover Johnson



Janet Mae Hoover Johnson, 78, of Lewisburg, WV, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, May 17, 2026. The daughter of the late William Gates and Ollie Mae Jackson Hoover, she was born on Sept. 29, 1947, and grew up on a farm in Organ Cave, WV.

Janet was a graduate of Greenbrier High School and Greenbrier College for Women.

She lived a life committed to service - to her family, friends, church and community. She was a member and elder of the Salem Presbyterian Church and faithfully attended Sewell Valley Baptist Church during her time living in Rainelle. Janet worked several early years in the banking industry and retired from the City of Lewisburg after 28 years. She was a dedicated member of the Rainelle Volunteer Fire Department Firemanettes for over 30 years. She wholeheartedly supported her daughters in school and extracurricular activities. Janet was a talented baker making birthday and wedding cakes from scratch for many years.

She was involved in 4-H from the time she was a youth member earning her All Star pin and was recently recognized for 45 years of service to the Greenbrier County 4-H program. She was also a dedicated member of the Community Educational Outreach Service program both in the Rainelle and Organ Cave clubs for 50 years. Janet also served on the Greenbrier County Youth Camp board for many years. After retirement her creative energy was spent making quilts for family and 4-H fundraisers. Her greatest loves were her family and church family.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 54 years, Charles Lee Johnson.

Left to cherish her mem-

ory are daughters, Charlena Johnson Moul (Robert) of Statesville, NC and Marilea Johnson Butcher (Matthew) of Renick; grandson, Alex Moul; granddaughter, Emily Moul; and great-granddaughter, Skylar Rayne all of Statesville, NC; sister-in-law, Carolyn Johnson Hunter (Kermit) of Rainelle; brother-in-law, Jerry Johnson of Tampa, FL; nieces, Christina Martin and Susan Simms; her special cousin whom she considered her sister, Nancy Duffee of Richmond, VA; as well as a host of close cousins, relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 21, from 6-8 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 22, at Salem Presbyterian Church at Organ Cave with Rev. Kristi Shay Moore and Pastor Kermit Hunter, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in the Salem Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Salem Presbyterian Church at P.O. Box 71, Ronceverte, WV 24970 or to the Greenbrier County 4-H Leaders Association at P.O. Box 586, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Charlie McKinley Lucas



Charlie McKinley Lucas, 91, of Ronceverte, went to be with the Lord after being in the Seneca Trail Health Care Center following a long illness.

He was born Dec. 14, 1934 at Second Creek to the late Grover and Goldie Hoke Lucas.

Charlie loved to sing, work in the yard and loved to sit on his porch and tell stories of his childhood. He retired in 1997 from the Department of High-

ways, after 34 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his wife June Elizabeth Lucas; 5 brothers and 5 sisters.

He is survived by three children, Regenia Bunting, Douglas Lucas and Joseph Lucas; three grandchildren, Jessica, Sarah and Hannah; two great-grandchildren, Zavien and Myleah; two sisters, Nancy Erskine of Elkins, WV and Phyllis Elmore of Union, WV; several nieces and nephews and a special friend and brother-in-law, Mack Preston of Second Creek, WV.

He will greatly missed by his children and those whose lives he touched.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte, with Mr. Harry Vance officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Park Cemetery, Second Creek, WV.

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

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

Jeffrey Lee Duryea



Jeffrey Lee Duryea, born Mar. 20, 1950, went home to be with the Lord on May 31, 2026. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, China Bell (Brown) Duryea, his brother Rick, and his parents Denny and Bea.

He is survived by his daughters, Dorcus (Mike) Teubert of Lewisburg and Teresa Patterson of Rainelle, grandchildren Samantha (Michael) Brown, Jeanea Teubert of Boones Mill, Virginia, Jessica (Scott) Reigel of Lewisburg and Jillian (Kalab) Hughart of Alderson.

The family would like to express special thanks to White Sulphur Springs Health Center and also Dr. Olexo and staff (RMC) for

all the care over the years.

Per Jeffrey’s wishes there will be no services.

The staff and directors of Alderson Funeral Services and Smathers Funeral Chapel are honored to have been entrusted to care for Jeffrey and his family during their great time of need.

Online condolences may be made at www.smathers-funeralchapelinc.com

Maxel Lacy Bowyer



Maxel Lacy Bowyer, known to many as Max, peacefully passed away at the age of 91 on May 29, 2026, at his home in Alderson, WV. Born on July 2, 1934, in Sinks Grove, WV, Max lived a life marked by dedication to his family, community, and his work, leaving an enduring legacy in the region he called home.

Max was the proud owner of Max Bowyer Drilling, a respected local well drilling business that served the community with integrity and skill. His hands-on expertise extended beyond his professional pursuits; he was passionate about small engine repair and had a cherished love for growing tomatoes and gardening. These interests not only reflected his practical nature but also his commitment to nurturing and cultivating growth, both in his work and personal life.

Everyone who knew Max loved him for his warmth, kindness, and the genuine care he showed to those around him. His personality brought light to countless lives, and his presence was a source of comfort and strength in his community.

Max is survived by his

beloved companion of 68 years, Florence Anne Brookman, whose partnership was a testament to enduring love and loyalty. He is also lovingly remembered by his son, Ray Bowyer, and his daughter, Beverly Matthews. Max’s family legacy continues through several grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Additionally, he is survived by several nieces and nephews, all of whom were touched by his generous spirit.

Max was preceded in death by his parents, Mack and Edna Bowyer, along with four brothers and two sisters. Though they went before him, their memories remain interwoven with the rich fabric of Max’s life story.

Maxel Lacy Bowyer’s life was a tribute to hard work, devotion, and love. His absence is deeply felt by all who were fortunate to know him, yet his spirit lives on in the hearts of his family, friends, and the community that held him in such high regard. May he rest in peace, forever remembered with affection and respect.

It was Max’s wish to be cremated with no services. Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements entrusted to Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

William Joseph “Billy” Edwards



William Joseph “Billy” Edwards passed away peacefully on June 3, 2026. Born Apr. 10, 1959, at Larson Air Force Base in Moses Lake, Washington, Billy lived the majority of his life in Union, WV, with his family.

Billy was born a special needs child, the result of

which impaired his emotional growth. Physically he became quite the man, but emotionally Billy remained the sweetest child until his death.

Billy was preceded in death by his father, Harrison Edwards, and mother, Berniece Edwards. He is also preceded in death by his sister, Doris Brown.

He is survived by brother, Roger Smith (Judy) of Union, and sister, Joanie Edwards Newton (Rick), also of Union. He is also survived by many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Services will be held Sunday, June 7, at Groves-Mann Funeral Home in Union. Visitation for family and friends will begin at 1 PM, followed by funeral services at 2 PM, with Pastor George Clarkson officiating. Interment will be held in Carmel Cemetery in Gap Mills.

Those wishing to send online condolences or would like to sign the online guestbook, please do so by visiting www.grovesmann.com. Arrangements by Groves-Mann Funeral Home, Union, WV.

Carol Jewel Collins

Carol Jewel Collins, 66, of Lewisburg, passed away Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Seneca Trail Healthcare Center in Lewisburg.

Born July 9, 1959 at Greenville, WV, she was a daughter of the late Russell Ray Collins and Mary Jane Allen Collins.

Carol was employed by the Kellwood Corporation in Maxwelton, WV and later the B. F. Goodrich Aerospace Corp. in Union, WV. She was also a U. S. Air Force veteran.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a sister, Gail Blankenship.

She is survived by two sons, Jamie Collins of Ronceverte and Troy Collins of Palm Bay, FL; a sister, Vicki Dunbar of Union, WV; a niece, Tina Dunbar and nephew, Josh Dunbar.

Carol will be cremated and no services are currently scheduled at this time.

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Club / Church

West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women’s District Three East hosts gathering in Ronceverte

On Friday, the West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women’s District Three East held a gathering at the Hollerwood house, co-hosted by the Greenbrier County Democratic Women’s Club and the Summers County-based Three Rivers Democratic Women. The event brought together over 60 attendees from Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Raleigh, Summers, and Wyoming counties.

In this beautiful setting, community members enjoyed each other’s company, formed new connections, and shared values, strengthening local networks and discussing issues affecting their communities.

In addition to community members, local and state-wide candidates, Christina Baisden, Christy Cardwell, Rhanda Faulkner, Vince George, Kent Gilkerson, Sarah Morris, and Sarah Umberger attended the gathering. This provided an opportunity to learn about the candidates’ stances on critical issues within the region.

The West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women, an all-volunteer organization, unites county Democratic Women’s clubs together for the success of the Democratic Party and its candidates. For more information about upcoming events or the West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women, please visit greenbrierdemwomen.org or wvfdw.org.



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Lewisburg House and Garden Club holds June meeting



Joan Montgomery (left), Mary Montgomery Lindquist, and Carol Olsen

The Lewisburg House and Garden Club met for the June meeting at the historic home of Mary Montgomery Lindquist. Joan Montgomery and Carol Olsen were the hostesses. The June meeting is traditionally the luncheon meeting, and each member brought something especially tasty.

Those in attendance were President Ghee Gossard, Second Vice President Mimi deOlloqui-Turner, Recording Secretary Mary Lindquist, Treasurer Peggy Brown, Judy Deegans, Delores Dotson, Jill Gwinn, Susie Harkness, Sharon Holliday, Karen Lee McClung, Sue McKinney, Joan Montgomery, Carol Olsen, Martha Perilli, Deb Phillips, Carrie Sanders, Lynn Weikel and Marit Withrow.

Following a delicious lunch, Jill Gwinn gave a report on the plans for the upcoming house and garden tour. The club is responsible for one house, for the floral decorations in the house, and to serve as docents.

The regular order of business was discussed, committee reports were given and a motion to adjourn was heard and passed.

The next meeting will be held on July 22 at Peony Hill, 1598 Washington Street E., the home of Mimi deOlloqui-Turner. All members are urged to attend.

Church Bulletin

First Baptist Church of Rainelle Food Pantry. 2026 Saturday distribution schedule
June 27, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 21, & Dec. 19.

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

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 River of Life Church of God

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.

God’s Way Home Inc.

Our mission is to help men in our area suffering from drug and alcohol addiction by teaching them who Jesus Christ is and what he has done for them to set them free in his name and through his blood. As well as, how to become effective and productive men. We are located at 477 Main Street, Rainelle, WV. For more information, please contact Andrew Bailes at 304-646-6655 or email andrew@godswayhome.org

Reunions
Frank Honaker Family Reunion

Please join us for the annual Frank Honaker Family Reunion, Sunday, June 7 at 1 PM, at the Earl Morgan Shelter located on Coffman Hill Road. Bring a covered dish, lawn chairs and enjoy fellowship with family and friends.

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assistance from the West Virginia Semi-quincentennial Commission.

The concert also serves as an Appreciation Show for Carnegie Hall’s 2025-2026 Volunteers, honoring the individuals who help make the Hall’s programming vibrant, welcoming, and accessible throughout the year.

Sponsored by City National Bank, the concert takes place outdoors on Carnegie Hall’s Ivy Terrace, with attendees enjoying the performance from the expansive lawn in front of Carnegie Hall and New River Community and Technical College. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic for a relaxed summer evening of live music.

All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, open to the public, and alcohol free. In the event of inclement weather, performances will move indoors. Audience members are encouraged to Follow and Like Carnegie Hall’s Facebook page for the latest updates.

The Ivy Terrace Concert Series is a beloved Greenbrier Valley tradition, offering free outdoor concerts throughout the summer and celebrating the power of the arts to bring the community together.

For more information, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org or call 304-645-7917.

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

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The Commission also considered the reappointment of a member to the Greenbrier County Airport Authority. A motion was made and approved to reappoint Mike Rose to the Authority for an additional five year term.

Lastly, the Commission certified the results of the 2026 Primary Election. A motion was made and approved to certify the election results, and the commissioners formally signed the certification documents.

OBITUARIES

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Thomas “Tom” Michael Cardis



It is with deep sadness that our family announces the passing of Thomas “Tom” Michael Cardis on May 27, 2026.

Born June 29, 1945, in Indianapolis, IN, to the late Frank and Eleanor (Koers) Cardis. Tom grew up in a large, lively, and supportive family. Tom and the family were always very active and supportive of the community and church. Tom is survived by his wife and best friend, Sheila (Olohan); sons Michael (Liz), and Daniel (Payton) and William (Robin); and his

brother John and sisters-in-law Phyllis Cardis and Janine Cardis.

We take comfort in knowing that he is now reunited with his beloved son, Thomas (Gwen), as well as his siblings Frank Cardis, Mary Alice Pluckebaum, James Cardis, Richard Cardis, Rose McGowan and Nora Thompson. Tom was also the proud grandfather of Drew, Davis, Liam and Bertie Lane, and a beloved uncle to three dozen nieces and nephews.

Tom was a retired chemical engineer, earning a Bachelor’s degree from Marian University and a Masters degree in analytical chemistry from Roosevelt University. He lived a life defined by laughter, generosity, and a passion for sports. He was also a gifted poet, and to many in the community, Tom was more than a friend. He and Sheila never closed their door to those in need, and their home was a known sanctuary for many. Tom’s kind heart, wry sense

of humor, and signature smirks and winks will be missed most of all.

A celebration of Tom’s life will be held at a later date. Our family would like to express our sincere gratitude to the community for the overwhelming support provided during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Carilion Clinic Hospice in Roanoke, Virginia or Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, WV.

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Is bigger than the stars at night
With as many miles on the road
To always be there.

In goodness and sorrow.
And now we cry, cry, cry.
For now, until we meet again.
Greeted by that wry, crooked smile.

- By Tom’s niece,
Julia Cardis

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Fan of Pollinators

Dear Fan of Pollinators,
Thanks for your question. Moths are definitely

pollinators. In fact, research by the University of Sheffield in the UK has shown that moths carry more pollen and visit more plants than experts thought. New research suggests that moths may be responsible for as much as one-third of the pollination of flowering plants found in towns and cities. In return, the plants may be a source of food for the moths as some of them feed on the flowers. Moths, and all the other pollinators, are helping to create a healthier environment.

Dear Recycle Lady,
How much water does it take to produce one plastic bottle of water?

Curious

Dear Curious,
It takes more water to produce a bottle of water than the amount of drinkable water that is in a bottle of water. According to bottledwater.org, it takes 1.41 liters of water and 0.21 mega joules (kilograms of energy) to produce 1 liter of finished bottled water. Then, according, to npr.org, it takes up to six or seven times the cost of the water in the bottle to product the plastic bottle. All considered, that is one expensive bottle of water!

Dear Readers,
Happy World Oceans Day! June 8 will be the United Nations’ World Oceans Day with the theme this year of “Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing.” In 1992, the 193 nations of the UN held the first day of celebration

for oceans. Although they cover more than 70% of the Earth’s surface, oceans have received only a small fraction of the world’s attention and resources; even though they are the world’s largest ecosystem and home to millions of species of plants and animals. Sea cucumbers, a tiny team of the ocean’s little “clean-up crew” vacuum up sediment and thus play an important role in the ocean cleanup. They digest organic matter and recycle nutrients back into the ecosystem. Sea otters also play a crucial role in keeping marine ecosystems healthy. By eating sea urchins, Sea Otters prevent overgrazing of kelp forests, which are underwater habitats that support biodiversity and help absorb carbon dioxide. Their recent comeback in some regions is a great example of how protecting one species can have a ripple effect on the entire ecosystem. Cleaning up the oceans of all the trash that is in them is critical.Early in 2026, Ocean Cleanup, a nonprofit, environmental engineering organization based in the Netherlands, hit a huge milestone. They removed over 55 million pounds of plastic waste from our oceans and rivers. That’s a record-breaking cleanup and a huge win for our oceans and all the creatures that call them home.

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

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Modern; 2. Caveat
3. Manic; 4. Resume

Today’s Word

ADVISOR

Weekly SUDOKU

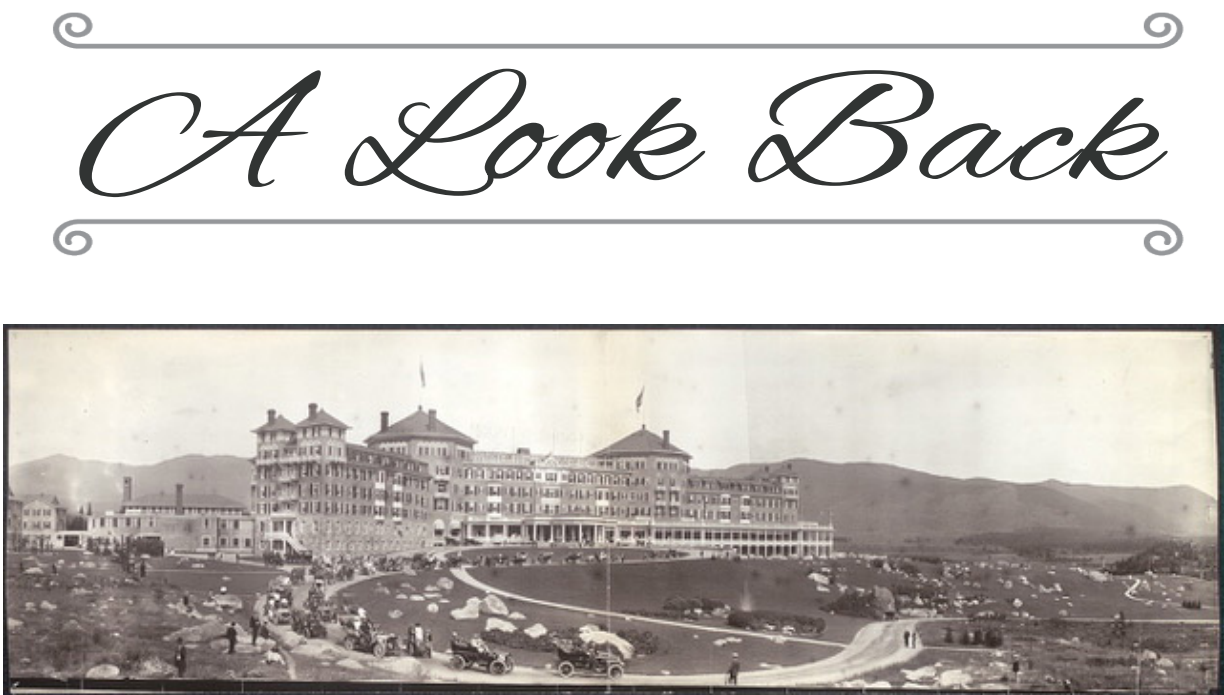
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Super Crossword

Answers

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By William “Skip” Deegans
Two grand American hotels, The Greenbrier and the Mount Washington Hotel, were built, in large measure, with revenue from the coal industry. In 1910, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway (C&O), profitable from hauling West Virginia and Kentucky coal to east coast sea terminals, river ports, and Midwest steel mills, purchased The Greenbrier. At the time of the purchase, the hotel had declined and the C&O made substantial investments to make the resort into what we see today. After sliding into bankruptcy, Jim Justice, a West Virginia coal operator, and his family bought the resort from the railway in 2009.

Similarly, New Hampshire’s Mount Washington Hotel was built by Joseph Stickney who made a fortune as a coal broker in Pennsylvania’s anthracite coal fields. Construction began in 1901 when Stickney brought 250 Italian craftsmen to build his hotel that opened in 1902. Stickney died unexpectedly a year after

the hotel was completed. Much like The Greenbrier, the Mount Washington Hotel attracted the rich and famous from throughout the world. It gained particular notoriety in July 1944 when it hosted the Bretton Woods Conference when 730 delegates from many countries convened to establish the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank of Reconstruction (World Bank). U.S. Treasure Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr., organized the conference, and the hotel was selected in part

because of its climate and in part because they accommodated Jewish guest whereas many resorts would not.

In 2009, Omni Hotels and Resorts (Omni) began managing the Mount Washington Hotel for CNL Lifestyle at which time the resort underwent a \$90 million expansion and renovation. Omni purchased the hotel in 2015. In 2021, 69 rooms were added. This year, Omni announced an additional multimillion dollar renovation. In 1985, the hotel was designated as a National Historical Landmark and is included in the National Trust for Historic Places’ portfolio of historic American hotels.

Photo courtesy of The Library of Congress.
Sources: Boston Globe, Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, Business NH Magazine, The History of The Greenbrier America’s Resort by Robert S. Conte.

GREENBRIER COUNTY

THE 2026 RABIES CLINICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NOTE: TIME CHANGE/EXTENDED HOURS

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 - 9:45: RAINELLE, Dr. Wilson’s Office
10:15 - 10:45: CHARMCO, Meadow River Plant & Produce
11:00 - 11:45: QUINWOOD, McKenzie Park
12:00 - 12:45: RUPERT, Fire House
1:15- 2:00: GRASSY MEADOWS, Leef’s Store
2:30 - 3:15: CLINTONVILLE, Community House
3:30 - 4:00: ASBURY, Community House

FRIDAY, JUNE, 12

9:00 - 9:45: Renick, Jr. High Park
10:00 - 10:45: FRANKFORD, Parking lot across from Frankford Presbyterian Church
11:00 - 11:45: WILLIAMSBURG, Fire House
12:30 - 1:15: RONCEVERTE, Methodist Church
1:30 - 2:00: ORGAN CAVE, Community Center
2:15 - 3:00: CALDWELL, Boat Ramp
3:15 - 4:15: WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, Memorial Park

2026 RABIES CLINIC

WV Code § 19-20A-1 Rabies vaccination procedure for dogs and cats will check the spread of rabies for the immediate preservation of life, health and safety and from becoming a menace and danger to people, livestock, poultry and game. After June 1st, whoever obtains an unvaccinated dog or cat shall at once have such dog or cat properly vaccinated against rabies with a vaccine capable of producing immunity for two years.

Dogs and cats need not be vaccinated before the age of 3 months, but must be vaccinated by the age of 6 months: Provided, that dogs and cats entering the state of wv temporarily cannot be kept within the state of West Virginia for a period of more than 30 days unless properly vaccinated.

§19-20A-6, Offenses and penalties, Whoever owns, keeps or harbors a dog or cat and fails to have such dog or cat vaccinated or re-vaccinated against rabies, shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$50, or be confined in the county jail not less than 10 days nor more than 60 days, or both. Any person failing to have dogs or cats vaccinated on or before August 1, 2026 will be subject to the penalty provided in the West Virginia Code.

The above clinics will be attended by a 2026 licensed Veterinarian, a Deputy Assessor and a Deputy Sheriff

Vaccination Fee for Each Dog or Cat is \$10.00.
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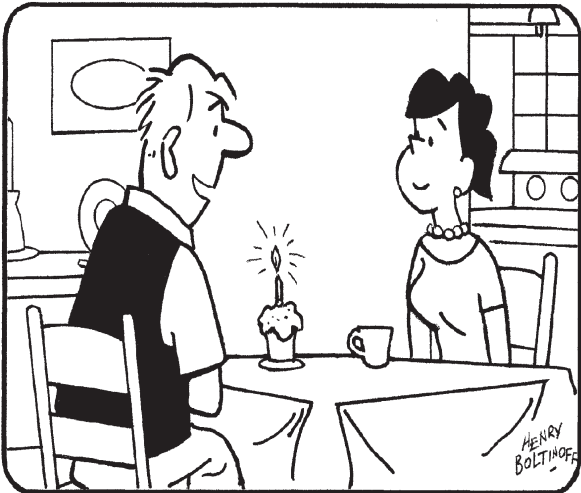
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Candle is taller. 2. Arm is resting on table. 3. Back of chair is different. 4. Dial on stove is moved. 5. Light is shorter. 6. Hair is different.

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!

Current

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Warning

VACATE

Crazy

NICAM

Continue

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TODAY'S WORD

"And now for the reaction from our market _____!"

Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate

♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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ENTERTAINMENT

The Met: Live in HD Season continues with Gabriela Lena Frank’s El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego

Performance at Greenbrier Valley Theatre on June 13
Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) is once again thrilled to present The Met: Live in HD Season with Gabriela Lena Frank’s *El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego* on June 13 at 1:30 p.m.
The Metropolitan Opera’s 2025–26 Live in HD season continues with *El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego* by 2026 Pulitzer Prize for Music - and Latin Grammy Award-winning composer Gabriela Lena Frank and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Nilo Cruz, both making their Met debuts. Deborah Colker directs the Met premiere, which is conducted by the Met’s Jeanette Lerman-Neubauer Music Director, Yannick Nézet-Séguin. The opera’s magical-realist plot imagines Frida Kahlo returning from the underworld on the Mexican Day of the Dead to confront her unfaithful husband, Diego Rivera, and relive their tumultuous love. The opera is sung in Spanish.
“Frieda’s marriage to muralist Diego Rivera has been compared to that of Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor, tumultuous, often public, loving deeply and driving each

other mad,” says Jann Holwick, GVT Board Member and MET enthusiast. “Theirs is a journey remembering love, pain, emotions, and losses inflicted on each other. The set and costumes deeply echo their art, culture, and Frida’s own imagery, rich in color, visually seductive, dreamlike and magical.”
The opera stars three-time Grammy Award-winning mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard as Frida and baritone Carlos Álvarez as Diego. The cast also features soprano Gabriella Reyes as Catrina, mistress of the underworld, and countertenor Nils Wanderer as the artist Leonardo in his Met debut.
In addition to Colker, the creative team includes set and co-costume designer Jon Bausor, co-costume designer Wilberth Gonzalez in his Met debut, and lighting designer Adam Silverman.
Gary Halvorson will direct the Live in HD presentation for cinemas, and Angel Blue will host the transmission, sharing exclusive behind-the-scenes content and interviews during intermission.
Tickets are available at <https://gvtheatre.org/opera/>.

Super Crossword

PUZZLING PERJURY

ACROSS

1 Illuminated like quaint old streets
7 “Taxi” mechanic Gravas
12 Shut noisily
16 “If u ask me ...”
19 Full of mischief
20 Dam on the Nile
21 Very angry
23 What you may feel after doing something very bad
25 In a messy way
26 Be worthy of
27 Feudal sovereign
29 Big name in car rental
30 Bad-mouth
31 Currency in 60-Down
32 Hosp. zones
33 James of “Gunsmoke”
35 Sly plan
38 Somewhat
42 Shed for watercrafts
44 In — terms (not using technical jargon)

DOWN

1 They may be AWOL
2 Old Glory’s home
3 Very eye-catching
4 Pick-me-up
5 Atoll part
6 E’en if
7 Señora, say
8 Court great Arthur
9 Little branch
10 “Citizen” of film
11 Trig measure
12 Cousin of a custard apple
13 “Casablanca” character Ilsa
14 ABA mem.
15 Med. scan
16 “Uncle!”
17 Actress McCarthy
18 Homeric epic
22 “A Bell for —” (1944 novel)
24 Hoppy brew
28 Sky sphere
30 Broadband inits.
31 Gossipy sort
33 Up for debate
34 Emu’s cousin
36 Full of feeling

ACROSS

46 “Fernando” group
48 Ballet bend
49 Settle the bill
50 Bi- x four
51 Top 40 DJ Casey
53 “My life — open book”
55 Clothing supporter
59 Smidgens
61 Wild West’s Wyatt
65 North of Iran-Contra
66 Decks in a boxing ring
67 Mediocre
68 Loan shark
70 New York Giants legend
72 Certain cereal bran
74 In a macabre manner
75 Down East dweller
76 “Night” writer Wiesel
77 PE place
79 Allayed
80 Wintour of fashion
81 Thus far
83 Major leaguer, e.g.
85 Endure
87 Fossil rock
89 Debt security

DOWN

90 Biceps locale
93 Spiced tea
95 Dueling tool
96 Close enough to touch
100 People tending butting beasts
103 Hunger sign
105 Et — (and others)
106 Banked (on)
107 Diner bill
109 Gallery stuff
111 Get decayed
112 Terse confession
113 “Hold on just a minute!”
117 Planted “pet”
119 Nutty holiday dessert
122 Commit perjury ... or what literally can be found eight times in this puzzle
125 Unsticks, as a sticker
126 Fifth wheel?
127 Caron of “Lili”
128 Letters before essses
129 Doing the job
130 1941 Oscar winner Mary
131 Park board

ACROSS

37 Bush knife
39 Fundraisers with food
40 Bridge beam
41 “Wipeout” channel
43 Et — (and others)
45 Descended
47 Vowel string
52 Color of a forest “carpet”
54 Computer system modeled on the human brain
55 Punctuation causing pausing
56 Fake fat brand
57 Wagering everything
58 Viscid
60 Japan’s capital
62 Come about
63 Find new tenants for
64 Marvel superhero Kitty —
67 That gal
69 “Listen, pal!”
71 Threw away
73 Donate 10%
78 African land

DOWN

82 Galaxy unit
83 Supplication
84 Hint of color
86 Dull hurt
88 Tablet extra
90 Great-grandfather of Nero
91 Certain stag or doe
92 Intentions to do evil
94 Phishing crime
97 TV antennas
98 Zagreb locale
99 Fedora or fez
101 — wave
102 — Paulo
104 Accumulate
108 Raft wood
110 Ruby-hued
113 Hotel room service, often
114 Helpful hints
115 Oven output
116 Irish money
117 Ontario tribe
118 Nylons, e.g.
120 Intel org.
121 Chili holder
123 Urban trains
124 Whack down

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PLEASE SEE THE PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 7

Chorale members to perform at the other Carnegie Hall

The Greenbrier Valley Chorale is renowned for its concerts at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. But on June 8, ten members of the ensemble will be performing at the other Carnegie Hall - you know, that one in New York.

Chorale President Brian Stewart explained that the chorale was contacted by Manhattan Concert Productions (MCP) after they presented the West Virginia premiere of Elaine Hagenberg’s Illuminare in last year’s spring concert. MCP presents an annual Masterwork Series at Carnegie Hall. Qualified ensembles collaborate on major choral works alongside a renowned guest conductor, the New York City Chamber Orchestra and professional soloists, offering an immersive deep dive into major works with full orchestration.

The Masterwork Series was preparing to present Illuminare in June of this year, and when they heard of the GVC performance they invited the chorale to participate, contingent on approval based on a review of a recording of their performance of the work. The Greenbrier Valley Chorale members will join representatives of several other choirs to perform a full-scale production of the piece.

“Illuminare is at once lovely and dramatic, poignant and joyous. I am thrilled that some of our singers will have an opportunity to perform this magnificent work in this storied hall,” said GVC Artistic Director Barbara Lutz, who will be among those performing.

In addition to Lutz, the New York delegation will include Brian Stewart, Brenda Patterson, Eric Fritzius, Martha Fleshman, Janet Miller, Bob and Mary Thompson, and Michelle and Gregory Hughes. The group will travel by train from Charlottesville. In addition to participating in three rehearsals prior to the performance, they also will have time to see the Broadway musical Chicago. A number of family members will be traveling with the group to cheer them during the performance.

The performance will be at 8 p.m. on the Perleman Stage in Carnegie Hall’s Stern Auditorium. Tickets start at \$25 and are available through (the other) Carnegie Hall’s website, in case you plan to be in the area at that time.



Greenbrier Valley Chorale singers (Front Row) Barbara Lutz (left), Brenda Patterson, Brian Stewart, and Eric Fritzius; (Back Row) Martha Fleshman (left), Michelle Hughes, Janet Miller, Bob Thompson and Gregory Hughes will perform at Carnegie Hall in New York on June 8. (Not pictured, Mary Thompson)

Greenbrier Brides: A Romantic Step Back in Time to open at North House Museum

The Greenbrier Historical Society invites the community to experience Greenbrier Brides: A Romantic Step Back in Time, a special seasonal exhibit showcasing the gowns of Greenbrier County and honoring the women who wore them.

Opening June 12 at the North House Museum, this heartfelt exhibit offers visitors the opportunity to step into the romance of another era through an extraordinary collection of wedding gowns, accessories, photographs, and heirloom pieces that reflect the lives and legacies of women whose stories helped shape our region.

An evening reception will be held on Friday, June 12, from 5 to 8 p.m., followed by an exhibit celebration on Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit will remain on display through July 19.

Among the featured gowns is that of Katherine Johnson, born Creola Katherine Coleman in White Sulphur Springs in 1918. Johnson married James “Jim” Johnson in Hampton, VA, in 1959. A brilliant mathematician whose calculations became critical to NASA’s success during the Space Race, her remarkable life and career were later celebrated in the film Hidden Figures.

Visitors can also explore the story behind the gown worn by Jane Matheny, who attended the Greenbrier College for Women from 1967 to 1969, and was crowned the 1968 May Queen at the former college, whose historic campus is now home to parts of Carnegie Hall and New River Community and Technical College. At the time, the North House served as a residence for female faculty members, including Helen Holt and Yvette Prevost Yarid.

Also featured is the gown of Lula Louise McCue, née Dickson, who married William Hamilton McCue in Monroe County in 1890. Her family connections remain intertwined with local history through her nephew, William Mason Dixon, who married Page Myers Dickson, a posthumous benefactor of the Greenbrier Historical Society.

The exhibit will additionally highlight the wedding dress, hats, and hat box of Dora Yarid, née Hanna, of Lewisburg’s Yarid’s Boutique, first opened with her husband Samuel in 1918. Long remembered as a fixture of downtown Lewisburg fashion and elegance, her collection offers a glimpse into the enduring style and spirit of the era.

Another featured gown belonged to Miriam “Mimsie” Delloqui, née Bellinger, who married Valentine Delloqui, Jr. in October 1958 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Sweet Springs. After settling in Lewisburg, Mimsie became widely known for her dedication to community service, her support of the arts, and her involvement with the Lewisburg Garden Club. She and Valentine raised five children together, and her memory remains cherished by many throughout the community.

Many additional dresses, accessories, and personal items belonging to beloved and well-known women from across the region will also be included in the exhibit, creating a rich tapestry of local history told through fashion, family, and memory.

A select pairing of gowns will also be featured at the Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center, highlighting dresses worn by Cathy Rennard, CEO of Carnegie Hall, and Adrienne Belafonte-Biesemeyer, Executive Director of the Anir Foundation and Museum, where ticket sales will continue and the drawing will take place at 4 p.m.

The Greenbrier Historical Society extends heartfelt thanks to Cybele Atelier, Greenbrier Historical Society Treasurer Melanie Zopp, Adrienne Belafonte Biesemeyer and Alderson Artisans Gallery, and Greenbrier Valley Theatre for generously providing mannequins for the exhibit.

The community is warmly invited to attend and experience this memorable journey through love, heritage, and local history.

For additional information and exhibit updates, follow the Greenbrier Historical Society on Facebook (@greenbrierhistorical) and Instagram (@greenbrierhistoricalsociety), visit greenbrierhistorical.org, or call 304-645-3398.



Dora and Samuel Yarid on their wedding day, January 29, 1922.

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The property is located at 197 Chestnut Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901, former location of the Central Office, Greenbrier County Board of Education, currently utilized as the Achievement Center.

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DATE/TIME OF AUCTION: June 11, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES and HEARING
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 regarding the NOI (Order), stating that the Commission had considered whether there is any alternative that could:

- extend the timing between general base rate cases,
- levelize and moderate the magnitude of future rate increases and
- incentivize the Companies to control costs, while allowing the Companies to timely recover reasonable and prudently incurred costs.

As an alternative, the Order authorized the Companies to increase their existing base rates pursuant to a “limited inflation-based revenue adjustment,” effective June 1, 2026, provided the Companies agree to withdraw their NOI; and not file a base rate case on or before June 1, 2027, subject to the Companies agreeing to Commission conditions.

The Companies accepted this alternative and its conditions. On April 23, 2026, in accordance with the Order, the Companies filed an 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; (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 allow the inflation-based rate adjustment to base rates become effective on June 1, 2026.

On May 29, 2026, the Commission extended the effective date to July 1, 2026, after proposal by Commission Staff and acceptance by the Companies. Once effective, the proposed inflation-based rate adjustment to base rates will:

- increase the Companies’ residential and commercial base rates by 4.0 percent, and
- 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 annually.
The impact of the inflation-based rate adjustment to base rates on an average monthly bill by customer class is:

	(\$) 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 experience increases that are greater or less than the 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.

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 (now suspended). 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.

The Commissioners will hold a hearing in this matter on June 9, 2026, in the Howard M. Cunningham hearing room at the Commission headquarters at 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Anyone desiring to protest or comment should file a written comment prior to July 1, 2026. Anyone desiring to file protest or comments or participate on the record in public comment proceedings may do so without formally intervening. Protests and comments may be filed online through the Public Service Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us) using the “Submit Comment” link or may be mailed or hand delivered to the Executive Secretary Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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Notice is hereby given that Warrior Energy Resources, LLC, PO Box 211, Zelienople, 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, Zelienople, PA 16063
Rex Coal Land Company, Inc.	P.O. Box 564, Lewisburg, WV 24901
Tri-County Holdings, LLC	165 McClung Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901

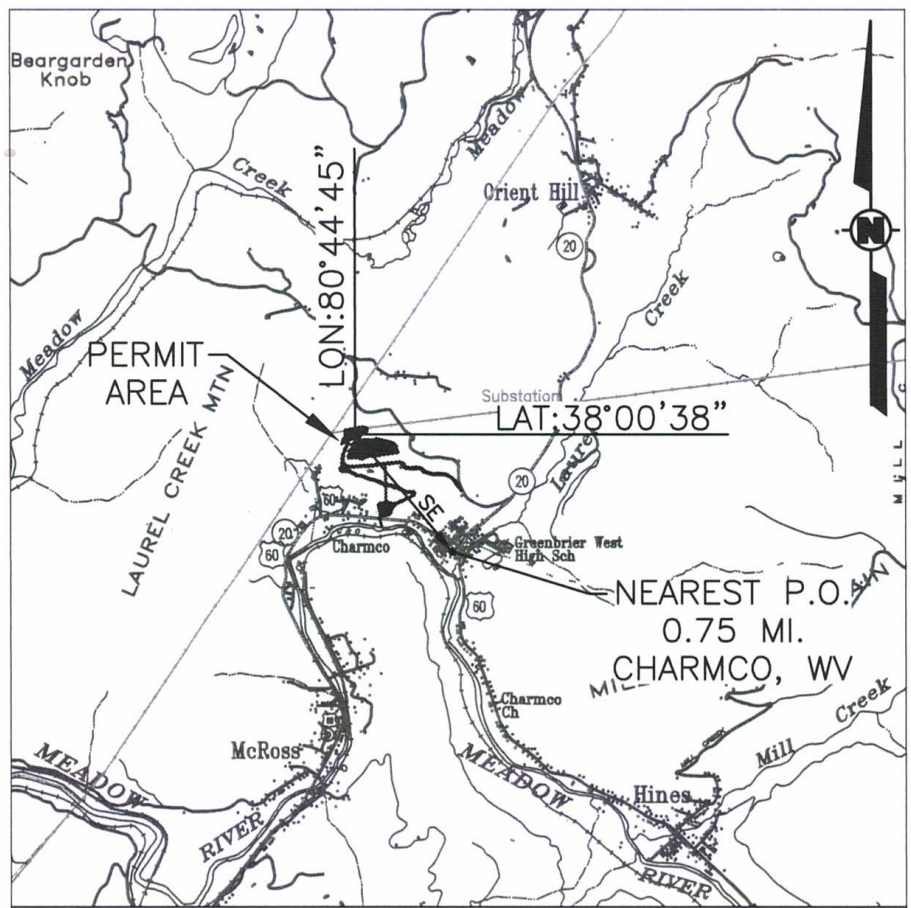
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NAME	ADDRESS
Rex Coal Land Company, Inc.	P.O. Box 564, Lewisburg, WV 24901
Tri-County Holdings, LLC	165 McClung Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901
Highland Mineral Resources, LLC	Five Concourse Parkway, NE Suite 1650, Atlanta, GA 30328

And the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:	
NAME	ADDRESS
N/A	

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
CORLISS, RUPERT, RAINELLE AND QUINWOOD
NEAREST POST OFFICE: CHARMCO, WEST VIRGINIA
MEADOW BLUFF DISTRICT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY
SCALE: 1” = 1 MILE

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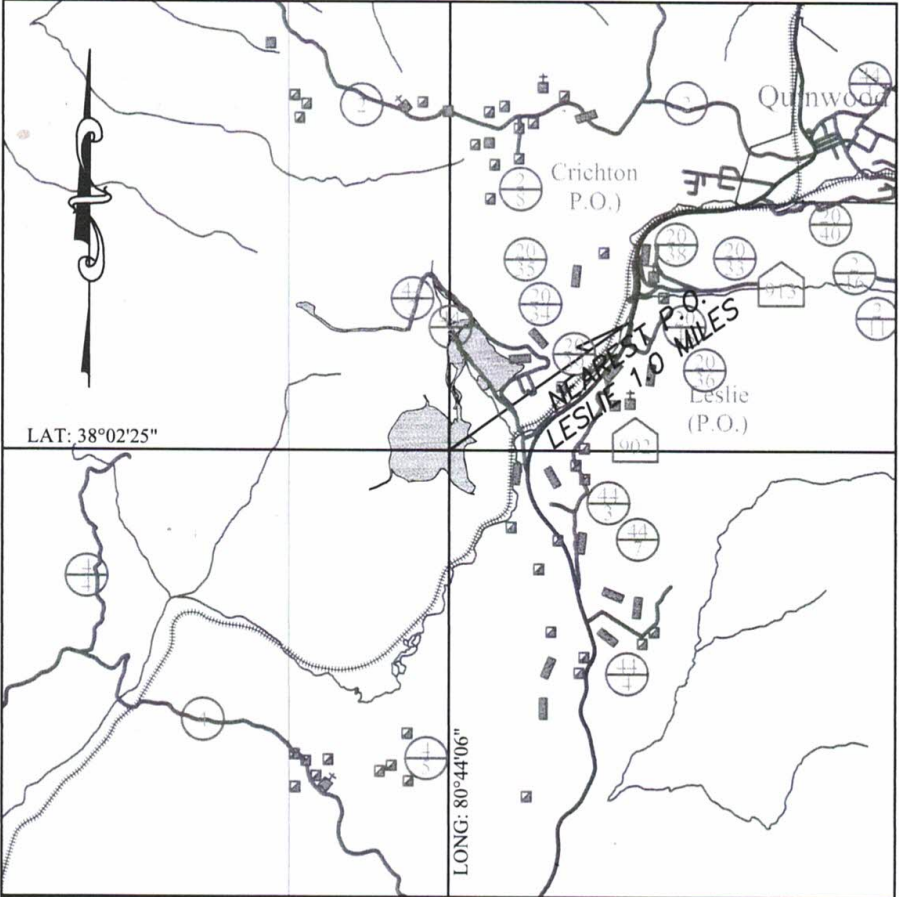
Notice is hereby given that Falls Run Operations, LLC, 3694 Seaford Drive, Columbus, OH 43220 has submitted an application for the reissuance of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV0066150 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840 in order to **discharge drainage from an existing refuse disposal facility and haulroad in the Sewell seam/mineral bed**. The operation will discharge treated water and storm water into unnamed tributary of/and Meadow Creek of Meadow River of Gauley River and is located **0.6 (miles), Southwest of Leslie, in Meadow Bluff District of Greenbrier County, Longitude 80° 44’ 06” and Latitude 38° 02’ 25”** (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located downstream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.

An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, a full Tier 2 anti-degradation review has been conducted.

Comments on the Article 11/WVNPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above and **must** also reference the Article 11/WVNPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by **July 6, 2026**, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit, rational page and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone No. **304-574-4465** Article 11/NPDES Permit No. **WV0066150**



GENERAL LOCATION MAP
PERMIT O-86-83 **NPDES NO. WV0066150**
QUINWOOD AND CORLISS 7.5’ USGS QUADRANGLES
NEAREST POST OFFICE:1.0 MILES – LESLIE, WV
TAKEN FROM WV DEPT OF HIGHWAYS MAP
MEADOW BLUFF DISTRICT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY
SCALE: 1” = 1 MILE
RECEIVING STREAMS: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF/AND MEADOW CREEK OF MEADOW RIVER OF GAULEY RIVER.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 26-0469-E-ENEC
**APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY**

Petition to Initiate the Annual Review and to
Update the ENEC Rates Currently in Effect

NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

On April 30, 2026, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (jointly the Companies) filed their 2026 petition to initiate the annual review and update of Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) rates. The Companies propose to decrease ENEC rates effective September 1, 2026, for a reduction of \$8.7 million in annual ENEC revenues, a decrease of 0.44% in total revenues. If approved, the impact on an average monthly bill by customer category would be:

ENEC		
	(\$) INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	(%) INCREASE/ (DECREASE) INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
Residential	\$0.78	0.44%
Commercial	(\$1.79)	(0.38%)
Industrial	(\$5,520.97)	(1.73%)
Special Contract ¹	(\$4,142.99)	(0.67%)
Other	\$0.05	0.27%

As part of their ENEC filing, pursuant to the Commission’s final directives in Case No. 24-0956-E-IDS, the Companies propose to true-up their Business Ready Sites Program (BRSP) Surcharge as of August 28, 2025. If approved, the impact on an average monthly bill by customer category would be:

BRSP		
	(\$) INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	(%) INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
Residential	\$0.20	0.11%
Commercial	\$0.42	0.09%
Industrial	\$149.73	0.05%
Special Contract ²	\$261.34	0.04%
Other	\$0.01	0.02%

¹ Excludes Special Contract customers who are billed standard tariff rates.

² Excludes Special Contract customers who are billed standard tariff rates.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase or decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission.

People interested in providing written comments regarding this case should submit their comments by mail or hand delivery to Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323 or online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us> by clicking on “Submit A Comment” in the left column and following the directions provided. All written comments should be marked with Case No. 26-0469-E-ENEC.

The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing on the under-recovery amount calculated by the Companies and true-ups of surcharges discussed in the Petition beginning at 9:30 a.m. on June 26, 2026, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission will conduct a second evidentiary hearing, on the proposed ENEC rates in the Petition beginning at 9:30 a.m. on July 22, 2026 in the same location noted above. Interested persons should monitor the Commission’s web docket and website because the public comment or evidentiary hearing may be cancelled for good cause.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a notice of intervention no later than 4:00 p.m. June 15, 2026, unless this deadline is modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission’s rule on intervention set forth in the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand-delivered. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the “Submit a Comment” link or may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Executive Secretary at the address above.

A complete copy of the proposed tariff rates, as well as a representative of the Companies to provide any information requested concerning the proposed rate filing, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the business offices of the Companies.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia and can be viewed on the Commission website at <https://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/WebDocket/ViewDocument.cfm?CaseActivityID=640581&NotType=WebDocket> (Warning: this is a large document and may take a while to open in your web browser.)

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ENTERTAINMENT

Greenbrier County Unity Committee announces second annual Juneteenth Celebration, ‘Unity in Our Community’

The Greenbrier County Unity Committee in partnership with the Greenbrier Historical Society, invites the community to Lewisburg’s second annual Juneteenth celebration, a two-day event honoring freedom, history, culture, and community through reflection, education, music, and fellowship.

This year’s events, themed “Unity in Our Community,” are designed to bring community members together to commemorate the significance of Juneteenth while creating space for conversation, learning, connection, and celebration. Organizers hope the weekend’s activities will encourage meaningful dialogue and honor the stories, resilience, and contributions of Black Americans throughout history and within our local community.

Juneteenth commemorates a pivotal moment in United States history, marking the day in 1865 when federal troops led by General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and ensured that all enslaved people were finally freed, more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

Friday, June 19
6 to 7:30 p.m. - Old Stone Room, Carnegie Hall - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Joseph Evans, MD, FAAP, Director of the Center for Truth, Racial Healing, and Restorative Justice at Berkeley School of Theology and a Lewisburg native.

Organizers are honored to welcome Dr. Evans back to his hometown for this important community conversation. His distinguished career in theology, education, and restorative justice brings a unique and deeply meaningful perspective to this year’s celebration.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - North House Museum - Following the keynote address, attendees are invited to the North House Museum from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for a recep-



Dr. Joseph Evans

tion and viewing of the “Echoes of Slavery” exhibit. The exhibit offers an opportunity for reflection and deeper understanding of the experiences, histories, and lasting impact of slavery within the region and beyond.

Saturday, June 20
12 noon to 5 p.m. - The celebration will continue with a free community festival at Dorie Miller Park. The festival will feature live music, vendors, community resources, and activities for attendees of all ages. Organizers encourage community members to gather for an afternoon of fellowship and celebration.

At 2 p.m., attendees won’t want to miss a performance by the Resurrection Praise Community Choir, a phenomenal ensemble featuring members from West Virginia and Virginia. The afternoon will also include a special performance by a local soloist, adding to the celebration’s spirit of community, music, and fellowship.

As part of its ongoing

commitment to preserving and sharing local history, the Greenbrier Historical Society is proud to help support this year’s Juneteenth celebration in partnership with the Greenbrier County Unity Committee as we celebrate the spirit and significance of Juneteenth.

For additional information, please contact gcucomm25@gmail.com, visit greenbrierhistorical.org, facebook.com/greenbrierhistorical, or instagram.com/greenbrierhistoricalsociety/.

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