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Greenbrier River Trail Bike Trek returns as independent, nonprofit cycling adventure

*Supported ride celebrates the beauty of
WV while giving back to communities
along the Trail*



Friends of Trek Inc. has opened registration for the 2026 Greenbrier River Trail Bike Trek, which will run October 1 through 4 this fall. The annual cycling event will once again bring riders together to experience one of the nation's most scenic rail trails while supporting the communities that make the Greenbrier River Trail so special.

The fully supported trek follows the historic Greenbrier River Trail with two days of cycling on Friday and Saturday from Cass to Anthony, West Virginia. The ride offers cyclists about 66 miles of breathtaking mountain scenery, river views, charming small towns, and unforgettable camaraderie. Participants can add on an additional, unsupported 22 miles in an out-and-back leg from Anthony to Caldwell on either Thursday or Sunday for a total of 88 miles for the weekend. Because of this year's bridge construction project, the exact route may be subject to change.

The Greenbrier River Trail Bike Trek is an independent event organized by Friends of Trek Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that is committed to its mission of promoting outdoor recreation, building community, and supporting the people and places that make the trail a West Virginia treasure.

Participants will enjoy

- Fully supported SAG and rest breaks
- Overnight accommodations throughout the Trek
- Meals and refreshments during the event
- Transportation and logistical support
- A welcoming atmosphere for cyclists of a range of experience levels
- Opportunities to explore and support local communities along the trail

"The Greenbrier River Trail Bike Trek is more than just a bike ride. It's an opportunity to slow down, connect, and enjoy the beauty of West Virginia."

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Lewisburg City Council honors GEHS girls' track and field team

By Sarah Richardson

Lewisburg City Council gathered for their June meeting earlier this month to review a series of ordinances, infrastructure project payments, employee compensation adjustments, and contract renewals while also recognizing the Greenbrier East High School girl's state championship track and field team.

At the start of the meeting, Mayor Beverly White presented a proclamation honoring the 2026 Greenbrier East High School Girls Track & Field Team for capturing the West Virginia AAA State Championship, the first state title in school history for a Greenbrier East track and field team. The proclamation recognized the athletes' hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, determination, and exceptional talent, as well as the support of Head Coach Nikola McClintic, Assistant Coaches Robert McClintic, Jamie Baker, Tim Holbrook, Tracy Asbury, Jim McCutcheon, and Barry Nday, along with the team's support staff, parents, faculty, student body, and community members.

The championship season was marked by multiple school records being broken throughout the year and three all-time West Virginia state records being set in the 200-meter dash, the 4x200-meter relay, and the 4x400-meter relay. Eleven of the team's 13 state qualifiers earned individual or relay state championships, while the remaining two athletes finished as state runners-up. Overall, the team claimed eight state championship event titles and four runner-up finishes.

The proclamation noted that the team's championship brought honor to Greenbrier East High School and the City of Lewisburg on both the local and state levels. Mayor White officially proclaimed June 9, 2026, as "GEHS 2026 Girls Track and Field AAA WV State Champions Day" in the City of Lewisburg and encouraged citizens to join in celebrating the team's outstanding accomplishment.

Council also voted in approval of five ordinances updating the city's development and zoning regulations, including the second reading and public hearing of ordinances addressing site plan review procedures, Board of Zoning Appeals regulations, conditional use standards, administrative provisions, and permit fee schedules. Council also approved the first reading of an ordinance updating Lewisburg's Health and Sanitation Code.

In other business, Council authorized Pay Request No. 49 for the ongoing Water System Improvements Project and approved two task orders with Chapman Technical Group related to future utility upgrades. One task order will provide engineering and construction administration services for the city's Advanced Metering Infrastructure project, which will replace existing water meters with modern automated technology. The second authorizes preliminary engineering work for planned waterline improvements along

the U.S. 219 North corridor.

Council also approved several personnel-related items including wage increases for part-time and seasonal employees and a promotion and title change for Planning and Zoning employee Nick Sloan, who is moving into the Director of Planning and Zoning position. They also voted to renew the City's liability and workers' compensation insurance coverage through WVCorp, an adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 Water Fund Budget, a renewal of the city's contract with The Mills Group, and a continuation of wildlife management agreements addressing deer and skunk populations within city limits with Hudnall Wildlife Services.

The next meeting of Lewisburg City Council will be held on Tuesday, July 21, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Thank you, dear readers, and farewell

After serving as editor of the Mountain Messenger for the last nine years, it is time for me to say goodbye.

This month, I will be leaving the newspaper to begin a new chapter in my career. While I am not leaving Greenbrier County or the community that is such an important part of my life, I will be stepping away from the editor's desk and the privilege of telling this community's stories each week.

Since joining this newspaper in 2017, I have had the opportunity to witness history unfold, celebrate accomplishments both large and small, and meet some of the most remarkable people our region has to offer.

Local journalism provides a unique and valuable window into a community. Over the years, I have spent hours upon hours in government meetings, classrooms, businesses, and at community events. Through it all, I have been continually reminded that the heart of Greenbrier County is its people.

To our readers, thank you. Thank you for inviting me into your lives through these pages. Thank you for your story ideas, your phone calls, your encouragement, and even your corrections. Most of all, thank you for caring about local news and for recognizing the importance of staying connected to one another.

I am equally grateful to the public officials, educators, first responders, business owners, volunteers, and residents who took the time to answer questions, provide information, and share their experiences. Your willingness to tell your stories helps make this newspaper what it is.

As I prepare to leave this role, I do so with a tremendous sense of gratitude. Thank you for allowing me to spend nearly nine years doing work that I truly loved. It has been an extraordinary privilege to serve as your editor, and I will always be grateful for the trust you placed in me.

*With heartfelt appreciation,
Sarah Richardson*

New Meadow River Trail section opens in Rainelle

By Jenny Harnish, RealWV, www.therealwv.com

Officials from Greenbrier and Fayette counties gathered to cut the ribbon and celebrate the opening of the newest stretch of the Meadow River Rail Trail in Rainelle on Friday.

"This is a project of the Greenbrier and Fayette county commissions, which is so important because it's two

county commissions that have worked together for over 20 years to make this project happen - which is pretty rare for a project to survive that many local election cycles," said Matt Ford, president of the Greenbrier Environmental Group and project coordinator for the Meadow River Rail Trail.

The Meadow River Trail is 18 miles long, stretching from the Rainelle trailhead to the Nallen trailhead, and Ford said plans are underway to connect the trail all the way to the Gauley River National Recreation Area.

"When you get about halfway down, there's a bridge that crosses the Meadow River, and it looks like you're somewhere out West - it is absolutely beautiful," Ford said.

West Virginia Secretary of State Kris Warner spoke at the event and said projects like the Meadow River Rail Trail are important for improving the quality of life in communities.

"Trails like this one are proven engines for our local economies,"



The ribbon-cutting of the newest section of the Meadow River Rail Trail connects Rainelle to Nallen.

Warner said. "This trail will bring visitors who stay in our local lodgings, eat in local restaurants, and shop in small businesses."

Ford said visitors from other states are already using the trail and contributing to the local economy.

"Anytime you get more visitors to a trail, there's more economic opportunity," he said. "So we've already got people who are starting Airbnb short-term rentals and creating new businesses. We're getting

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people from all over the eastern United States on the trail so far. They will come to Rainelle and spend money and hopefully buy a house, stay, start a business and help create that economic engine that we need to see in tourism.”

“But it also improves the local way of life, so people who live and work in Rainelle can come here on their lunch break and after work, enjoy the trail, and have fun and have just something else to do in town.”



Matt Ford, president of the Greenbrier Environmental Group and project coordinator for the Meadow River Rail Trail.

Red Cross: Urgent need for donors to help keep blood supply stable

\$15 e-gift card, automatic entry for chance at \$7500 gift card by June 28

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for donors and is counting on people to act now and book a time to give blood. Donors of all blood types are needed to keep a strong supply of lifesaving blood products on hospital shelves into the summer.

As summer heat ramps up, so do people’s plans, which could lead to postponed appointments or less opportunities to give - an especially troubling scenario at a time where the Red Cross has experienced an alarming drop in scheduled donations in recent weeks. In addition to many end-of-school year activities, travel and school breaks, June 1 marked the beginning of Atlantic hurricane season - a reminder that severe weather can also quickly disrupt the ability to donate in affected areas and potentially delay or cancel blood drives.

Take action today. To schedule a blood donation appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Upcoming local blood drive opportunities include:

- Monday, June 22: Lewisburg United Methodist Church, 214 E. Washington Street, Lewisburg. 12 noon to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, July 9: Clintonville Ruritan Club, 18918 Midland Trail W., Crawley. 1 to 6 p.m.

- Monday, July 20: Lewisburg United Methodist Church, 214 E. Washington Street, Lewisburg. 12 noon to 6 p.m.

As a thank-you for those who step up to give, all who come to give June 1-28, 2026, will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,500 gift cards. See RedCrossBlood.org/June for details.

How to donate blood:

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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West Virginia Birthday Celebration set in Williamsburg

The annual party celebrating West Virginia’s birthday will be held this year on Saturday, June 20, at Williamsburg Museum, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hot dogs with all the fixin’s for price of a donation and fruit cobblers and ice cream are a mainstay at the party.

Entertainment this year will include local musicians and writers, student/youth presentations, and exhibits on loan from Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg are also displayed.

Williamsburg Museum at 596 Williamsburg Road is 1/4 mile from downtown Williamsburg in Greenbrier County. Traveling from Frankford on Rt. 219 you follow Williamsburg Road for 8 miles.



Celebrate West Virginia’s birthday on Saturday, June 20 in Williamsburg.

State Fair of West Virginia announces 2026 Art Contest Winner



Jaedyn Funk of Wardensville won the 2026 State Fair of West Virginia Art Contest for her entry.

The State Fair of West Virginia is proud to announce Jaedyn Funk of Wardensville, WV, as the winner of the 2026 State Fair of West Virginia Art Contest.

Jaedyn, an upcoming 11th-grade student at East Hardy High School, has received recognition for her artistic achievements throughout the region. Her selection as the 2026 Art Contest winner marks a historic milestone, as she becomes the youngest winner in the history of the competition.

Drawing inspiration from animals and the natural world, Jaedyn plans to pursue her passion for art by attending art school after graduation and continuing her creative journey.

The State Fair of West Virginia extends its heartfelt congratulations to Jaedyn and looks forward to showcasing her award-winning work during the 2026 fair.

West Virginia Department of Agriculture announces interstate movement requirements following multiple New World Screwworm detections in the US

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has issued a special movement notice establishing additional interstate movement requirements for warm-blooded animals entering West Virginia from areas impacted by New World Screwworm (NWS).

These movement requirements are effective immediately and are issued under the Commissioner of Agriculture’s authority granted in West Virginia Code §19-9-2 to prevent, suppress, control, and eradicate animal diseases.

The action follows confirmation of New World Screwworm in the United States and is intended to protect West Virginia livestock, companion animals and animal industries while allowing for continued movement of animals under enhanced safeguards.

“West Virginia remains free of New World Screwworm, and these requirements are being implemented out of an abundance of caution to protect our producers and animal owners,” said Commissioner Kent Leonhardt. “Our goal is to maintain business continuity while reducing the risk of introducing this pest into our state.”

Under the order:

- All warm-blooded animals entering West Virginia from an identified New World Screwworm infested zone (NWS Confirmed Detections) must comply with national continuity of business movement guidance and obtain an entry permit from WVDA at least 48 hours prior to movement.

- Animals entering West Virginia from outside an in-

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Members of the public celebrate by walking on the new section of trail.

Governor Morrisey announces America250 Poetry Contest

Winning poet to participate in America250 celebration at State Capitol

Governor Patrick Morrisey has announced the launch of the America250 Poetry Contest, inviting West Virginians of all ages to submit original poems celebrating the history, heritage, and shared values of West Virginia and the United States as the nation prepares to commemorate the 250th anniversary of American independence.

“West Virginia has played an important role in our nation’s history, and as we prepare to celebrate 250 years of freedom, I encourage West Virginians of all ages to share their creativity and love of country through this poetry contest,” said Governor Morrisey. “America’s story is told through the people, places, and events that shaped our nation, and I look forward to seeing how West Virginians capture that spirit through poetry.”

The contest provides an opportunity for residents to reflect on the people, places, and defining moments that have shaped both the Mountain State and the nation while sharing their own voice through poetry.

Submissions will be accepted through June 24, 2026. One winning entry will be selected, and the author will be recognized as part of West Virginia’s America250 Celebration at the State Capitol in July.

For updates and more information, visit wv250.com and follow @westvirginia250 on Facebook and Instagram

PICK OF THE LITTER



OPAL

Opal is a 10-month-old female hound mix.



EARNHART

Earnhart is a seven-month-old male American blue heeler and terrier mix

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

DON'T SHOP • ADOPT!

Briefly

Rifle Raffle winner announced

The White Sulphur Springs Lions Club is proud to announce the May 23, 2026 winner of the rifle raffle drawing is Selby Bostic, of Ronceverte, WV. The Lions Club would like to thank Park Center Sporting Goods of Rainelle, WV, The White Sulphur Springs Fish Hatchery, and Greenbrier Radio - Scott Canterbury for their support.

Marriage Certificates Issued

Jeremy Wayne Richey and Brandi Lee Veath
Austin Michael Benjamin and Ashlie Jean Feury

Suits

New Cases from 6/10/26 to 6/17/26
New Civil Cases
Lida Sue O’Brien v. HCGS East LLC
Juanita Rhodes v. Casey Bair
Benny G Jones v. Pamela E. Scott
Ryan Knotts v. Kelly Hightower

New Divorces
Rushell Rae Walton and Matthew Daniel Walton
Jeannie Marie Steed and Andrew James Steed
Kayla Nicole Brashear and Clint Matthew Brashear, Jr.

Forest Service debuts new recreation mobile app

National Forests and Grasslands app available for download on iOS and Android

To kick off Great Outdoors Month, the Forest Service is launching a new, single visitor-information mobile app, National Forests and Grasslands, now available for download as visitors plan their summer trips to recreation sites across the National Forest System. For the first time the app provides the most complete and accurate collection of Forest Service recreation sites that has ever been made available to the public, along with important planning tools like critical safety alerts, closures, amenity details and more.

“Due to the sheer size and remote nature of our 165,000 miles of trails and more than 30,000 recreation sites, we know that mobile service can be limited once you reach your destination,” said Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz. “We encourage everyone to download the National Forests and Grasslands app - your own pocket-sized Forest Service guide - to check trail conditions, download offline maps, and view safety alerts before your trip.”

With the app, users can design their own adventure by identifying and favoriting recreation activities on national forest lands within a selected radius. Visitors can search for opportunities such as hunting and fishing, water activities like canoeing or rafting, bike - or equestrian - friendly trails, and campsites based on available amenities.

Downloading maps ahead of time allows users to access their location even in remote areas. Optional map layers, including fire information and National Weather Service alerts, can be toggled on to provide a complete picture of the environment at your destination.

This debut will retire nearly 30 similar, outdated agency apps, improving overall visitor safety, access and consistent information to the nearly 164 million visitors who recreate on national forests and grasslands each year.

The National Forests and Grasslands app is available for download on Apple store for iOS and Google Play for Android.

Bike Trek

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nect with others, and experience the incredible beauty and hospitality of West Virginia,” said Rob Cotter, president of Friends of Trek Inc. “We’re excited to continue this tradition as an independent nonprofit and create another memorable experience for riders while giving back to the communities that have embraced this event for so many years.”

Registration is now open, and cyclists are encouraged to reserve their spots early.

For more information, registration details, and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.grtbiketrek.com or contact Friends of Trek Inc. via email at grtbiketrek@gmail.com.

About Friends of Trek Inc.: Friends of Trek Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting cycling, outdoor recreation, and community engagement through the annual Greenbrier River Trail Bike Trek. Through its events and partnerships, the organization works to celebrate and support the communities along the Greenbrier River Trail while creating memorable experiences for cyclists of varying experience levels.

Red Cross

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Blood donors can save time on their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Amplify your impact - volunteer!
Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience. For more information and to apply for any volunteer position or visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

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, June 23, at 10 a.m. in regular session 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 - June 9, 2026 regular meeting
 - Settlements of Estates (Peggy Oraopel Hylton, Thomas Hull Long, William Oliver Burns, Duane Allen Sykes)
 - Exonerations/County Splits/Consolidations
- Financial Approvals
 - Arts & Recreation Transfer
 - Budget Revisions
 - Line Item Transfer
 - Pay Bills
- New Business
 - Consider proposals for mowing & trimming of Meadow River Trail
 - Consider funding request for Greenbrier State Forest Trails Project - TIF Project
 - Consider VOCA grant application & resolution for Sheriff's Dept.
 - Consider corrected form on arts & rec distribution for 2026/2027 grant year
 - Consideration of 2026 Greenbrier Co. Board Appointments & Reappointments
 - Consider recommendation from Attorney to withdraw the prior consent to participate in the Tris MLA (Opioid litigation)
 - Consider schedule date for public hearing for updated zoning ordinance
 - Discussion of increasing rate of tax imposed of occupancy tax

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MURAL UNVEILING ON MONDAY, JUNE 29 AT NOON.

Lewisburg Board of Zoning Appeals

will meet Thursday, June 30, at 5 p.m. in Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington St. W. On the agenda:

- Comments from Planning and Zoning Officer
- Comments from Commissioners
- Approval of Minutes - Mar. 26, 2026

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Board of Zoning Appeals will be Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 5 p.m. The deadline for completed application submission is Wednesday, June 17 at 10 a.m.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Freddy Don Bostic, Ronceverte, obtaining money, goods, or other property by false pretenses, fine 4250, GP
Jacob Isacc Dempsey, Wolfcreek, driving while license suspended or revoked, fine \$100, NCP
Ray L. Propps, Ronceverte, speeding, fine \$5, GP
Felicia May Dunn, Waynesboro, VA, fraudulent schemes, fine \$176.48, jail 10 days - suspended unsupervised probation 12 months, NCP
Keaton James Eich, Rupert, 1) motor vehicle equipment - muffler, fine \$25; 2) passing with oncoming traffic, fine \$25, GP
Adam D. Roberts, White Sulphur Springs, seat-belt violation, fine \$25, NCP
Amy Elizabeth Gerwitz, Westminster, MD, turned northbound on a one-way road, fine \$10, NCP
Joshua P. Mannix, Muncie, IN, speeding in construction zone, fine \$130, GP

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fested zone but within a designated surveillance zone or high-risk county must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) completed within seven days of movement and certifying the animals are free of screwworm larvae infestation.

Livestock producers should note these requirements do not replace existing federal requirements related to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in livestock.

Permit requests should be submitted during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET) by emailing wvpermits@wvda.us.

Animal owners, veterinarians and transporters can review state movement requirements at InterstateLivestock.com and determine current infested, surveillance and high-risk areas at NWS Confirmed Detections.

WVDA Animal Health staff are available to assist in determining shipment eligibility and movement requirements. For questions, contact WVDA Animal Health at 304-558-2214 or email wvpermits@wvda.us.

Please call WVDA Animal Health about NWS in domestic animals, WV DNR for wildlife NWS queries, and WV state public health regarding questions about NWS in people.

The WVDA urges animal industries to closely monitor animals for signs of disease and appreciates your cooperation with new movement requirements designed to protect West Virginia’s agricultural economy and the livelihoods of animal industry stakeholders.

For the Record

Deeds

Melissa Ann Brown to Melissa Ann Brown, 50 acres and 74.00 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 31/31, Parcels 4/2
Robert L. Lance et al and Linda A. Lance et al to Lewis Lance, 7.46 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 74, Parcel 47
Charles Miller to Julian Young, Lots A and 4, Ronceverte Corp., Map 5, Parcel 292
Rebecca R. Hanna to Alice A. Hanna, 5.085 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 59, Parcel 0014
Wayne F. Hoke to Sonja Lee Rozaieski et al and Anthony Irving Rozaieski et al, Two parcels, Lewisburg District, Map 27, Map 25, Parcel 0023 0001 0000, and Parcel 0079 0000 0000
Fred J. Walker to Robert Walchli et al, Chandra Walchli et al, Fiona Sherman et al, Cory Sherman et al and Christi Sherman et al, 9,850 square feet, Irish Corner District, Map 5, Parcel 121
Stephen Lytle et al and Stephanie Lytle et al to James M. Redden et al and Noah M. Redden et al, Lot 83, Meadow Bluff District, Map 4, Parcel 56
Kimberly Walker to Henry Lee Walker, 6 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 20, Parcel 0012 0000 0000
Sherry G. Boggs et al, Samuel Ray Sizemore Jr. et al, and Stephen Sizemore et al to Ben Dixon et al and Deiliah Dixon et al, 1.18 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 33, Parcel 16
Corey Randall Howard to Alicia Y. Skaggs, Lot 43, O'Brier Addition, or 0.414 acre, Ronceverte Corp., Map 8, Parcel 38
Kevin Lance Carr to Tommy Gwinn et al and Doris Amick Gwinn et al, 2.59 acres, consisting of four tracts, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60H, Parcel 3
Jeffrey D. Bitzer et ux and Tina M. Bitzer et vir to Orin L. Mason et ux and Michele M. Mason et vir, Unit 123, Blackbird Village, Lewisburg Corp., Map 16C, Parcel 15
Earl L. Ridgeway to Earl L. Ridgeway et ux and Melody D. Ridgeway et vir, 5.96 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 20, Parcel 7
Jerry A. Hoover et al and Paula C. Hoover et al to Paul R. Mackin et al and Teresa J. Mackin et al, Part of Lot 1-3, 300×200, Frankford District, Map part of 14C, Parcel 0001
Joseph Monroe to Victor Jost Revocable Trust, No property description
Joseph Monroe to Victor Jost Revocable Trust, Lot No. 24, Summit I, White Sulphur District, Map 26A, Parcel 5
Sandra F. Cochran to Sandra F. Cochran et al and Colton O'Dell et al, Lots 22-26, Block F, Meadow Bluff District, Map 3, Parcel 133
Marvin Ambler Building Contractor Inc. to Old Powell Properties Inc., 6.499 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 9, Parcel 4.1
Kathleen Foley to Mark Alan Foley et al, Ann Foley Rapp et als, and Rita L. Foley et als, 0.555 acre, Frankford District, Map part of 9, Parcel part of 47
Krista Nicole Casto to Ethan Lott et al and Grace Geraghty et al, lots 7 and 8 and part of blk 2, Falling Spring Dist., Map 6, Parcels 0097 0000 and 0102 001 0000
April Elaine Rookstool Wilson, fka April Elaine Rookstool to Leslie Eugene King Jr. et ux and Katherine Lynn Fry King et vir, 12,449 square feet, Rupert Corp., Map 5, Parcel 606
Sunshine State Investment Group LLC to Anthony Dolciotto, Quitclaim deed, 50x131x49x130, Meadow Bluff District, Map 23N, Parcel 27
Charles Houston Harris et als; Amanda Hicks et als; Matthew Hicks et als; Kyle Brandon Harris et als; Gary Lee Harris et als; Susan A. Harris et als; Bradley Justin Harris et als; Mark Alan Harris et als; and Lisa Ann Harris et als to Donald M. Wetzel III et al and Jerri H. Wetzel et al, Lots 67, 71, 72, 73, and 74, White Sulphur District, Map 22F, Parcels 13, 49, and 53
Glenna Burr to Ashley Kesem Katz, 9.630 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Parcels 54, 3, and 16
Coronado Coal II LLC to Coronado IV LLC, 9.74 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 64, Parcel 9.1



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OBITUARIES

Janet Louise Spangler



Janet Louise Spangler, 87, of Ronceverte, passed away Friday, June 5, 2026 at Lewisburg Healthcare Center.

Born Feb. 21, 1939 at Bintree, WV, she was a daughter of the late Nolan Earl and Louise McGraw Terry.

During her career, she was a retired medical clerk. Janet loved lazy days floating on the Greenbrier River with her husband, family, and friends. She'll be remembered for her many passions as well as her devotion to her beloved Pittsburgh Steelers!

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Wayne Spangler on May 1, 2026; and four brothers, Lyle, Leonard, John and Michael Terry.

She is survived by two sons, David Wayne Spangler and wife, Vicky of San Antonio, TX and Burt Douglas Spangler of Roanoke, VA; and two sisters, Nola Faye Windham of Lincoln, MO, and Betty Joyce "B.J." Allison, of Montgomery, WV.

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

Martha Ann Windon



Martha Ann Windon, affectionately known as "Marty," passed away on June 10, 2026, at the age of 84 at CAMC General Hospital in Charleston, WV. Born on Nov. 29, 1941, in Union, WV, Martha was a proud 1957 graduate of Union High School. She lived a vibrant and full life, marked by her outgoing and encouraging spirit, a little bit of sass, and a wisdom that touched all who knew her. Never one to shy away from speaking her mind, Martha was known for telling others exactly what they needed to hear, whether they wanted to hear it or not.

Martha's career was distinguished by many years of dedicated work as a Golf Concierge at The Greenbrier, as well as time spent with H & R Block and Greenbrier Insurance. Her passion extended beyond her professional life into her hobbies, which included bowling, golf, and being an ardent fan of WVU Mountaineer Athletics. She also delighted in entering flowers at the West Virginia State Fair and enjoyed crafting with plastic canvas.

She was born Martha

Ann Peterson, daughter of the late Alva and Grace Tomlinson Peterson. Martha was also preceded in death by her beloved husband, Harold Lee Windon.

Martha's family was central to her life. She is lovingly survived by her daughter, Leigh Ann Wiseman; grandchildren Justin Lee Windon (Lindsey), Tarisa Whitt (Nathaniel Pitzer); and great-grandchildren Hunter, Hadley, Brooklyne, and Braelyne. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Mary Ellen Windon, her niece Missy Windon VanBuren (Wayne) and great-nephew, Grayson VanBuren.

The family will hold a visitation with the public on June 16, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Morgan Funeral Home, 252 Montvue Dr, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Following the visitation, a Celebration of Life will take place from 7 p.m. with Pastor Roger "Wahoo" McDaniel officiating.

Marty's life was marked by her strength, candidness, and deep devotion to those she loved. She leaves behind a legacy of warmth, wisdom, and a spirited approach to life that will be remembered fondly by all who knew her.

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

Clarice Joye Wylie Whanger Barker



Clarice Joye Wylie Whanger Barker, 98, of Bridgeport, WV, formerly of White Sulphur Springs, passed away on June 11, 2026, in Maplewood Healthcare Center.

She was born on May 25, 1928, in Glace, WV, a daughter of the late Madison Boyd Wylie and Samary Elizabeth Myers Wylie.

Clarice was deeply loved and a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She was an exceptional cook and baker and enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting, reading and crafts. She baked delicious and beautifully decorated birthday cakes for every birthday for her family. Clarice tended a vegetable garden every year until she was 96. She loved growing beautiful flowers that always decorated her home. She enjoyed watching and identifying birds and had a special fondness for Cardinals and Hummingbirds.

Clarice was a member of the United Methodist Church in White Sulphur Springs, WV, for many years and was involved in church committees in earlier years. In recent years, she was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Clarksburg, WV.

In addition to her parents, Clarice was preceded in death by her first husband, William Lee Whanger; second husband, Harry Cline Barker; one son, Stephen Doss Whanger; three brothers, Madison Boyd Wylie, Jr., Ned Wilburn Wylie, and Sonne Charles Wylie; and one sister, Marguerite Jane Wylie Booska. She is also preceded in death by one

sister-in-law, Ruth Ann Osborne, and one brother-in-law, Denver Barker.

Clarice is survived by her loving children; stepson William Lee Whanger, II (Norma) of Lewisburg, WV; Larry Boyd Whanger (Susan) of Matthews, NC; Cherie W. Davenport of Bridgeport, WV; Kerry Lane Whanger (Tina) of Lewisburg, WV; and Brian Shane Whanger of White Sulphur Springs, WV.

Clarice is survived by eight grandchildren; five granddaughters: Kristin Ribley (Dan), Whitney Smith (Scott), Jamie Whited (Gary), Kara Nugent (Lee), and Jennifer Dunning (Rob); three grandsons: Jason Whanger (Crystal), Adam Whanger (Candace), and Joshua Whanger (Cortney). She is survived by 19 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter.

Clarice is also survived by two sisters-in-law: Edna McPeck of Mount Airy, NC, and Shirley Crawford (Doug) of Burlington, NC.

Funeral service will be at 1 PM on Wednesday, June 17, at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in White Sulphur Springs with Pastor Chris Brewster officiating. Burial will follow in Greenbrier Gardens Cemetery in Lewisburg.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Judith Lynn Wallace Polan



Judith Lynn Wallace Polan, 69, of Caldwell passed away peacefully at her home with her loving husband by her side.

She was born Mar. 6, 1957 in Ronceverte, the daughter of Phyllis Spencer Wallace and the late William L. Wallace.

Judith's talents were many and diverse. She was accomplished at everything she attempted. A talented artist, calligrapher, illustrator and book binder. She completed courses at The Digby Stuart College in England in calligraphy, gold gliding and book-binding.

Judith has a degree in scientific illustration from the Royal Bontanic Garden in Edinburg, Scotland where she graduated with honors. She holds certification from Cornell University Department of Ornithology in bird biology and illustration.

Judith was a member of the West Virginia Chapter of Master Naturalists and a member of Mensa, an international organization for people tested with a genius IQ. Josh learned quickly that she was the smartest one in their home. Judith was a successful businesswoman and chief financial officer and owner of Riverbend Nursery for 30 years, instrumental in the business' success.

Judith was a talented musician and played piano, classical guitar, accordion and fiddle. She composed several pieces of music for

classical guitar that were often inspired by her travels and her appreciation of the natural world.

She was continuously involved in community projects. Judith volunteered for the Greenbrier Valley Hospice for decades and for Carnegie Hall, where she was on the Board of Directors. Along with her husband, Josh, she donated the landscape for Carnegie Hall after the Renaissance campaign, and also the landscape for the Peyton Hospice House after construction was completed. It was their honor to do so.

Judith was a superb cook and baker and even won first prize at the West Virginia State Fair for the best pie of the year. It was blueberry. This blue ribbon inspired Josh to propose marriage.

A world traveler and explorer throughout the United States, Europe, Central and South America, Asia, South Pacific, Australia, the Caribbean and Mexico, and New Zealand, where she spent 26 winters with her husband, exploring the country with a sketchbook, a box of paints and a fly rod.

It was when they were traveling through Europe, 40 years ago, that Josh proposed to her and they got married under English law on the Rock of Gibraltar, a British possession.

Finally, Judith was a world-class flyfisher woman traveling the world in both fresh and saltwater in pursuit of her sport. She continuously documented her fishing adventures with detailed illustrated journals of her time on the water. The Brazilian Amazon, The Bahamas, New Zealand, Patagonia, Christmas Island, Mexico, Bolivia, Argentina and incredible other places. To Josh's delight, Judy always out fished the boys. Her paintings and journals of these wonderful days spent together on the water are now her greatest treasure and reminder of the best fishing mate he could have ever hoped to have.

"She gathers the mountains around her, she draws the rivers into a circle, the trees and the rocks look forward, they see her fish-fishing."

Dedicated wife and partner, devoted sister, aunt, daughter and friend, she shared her artistic joy and celebrated the natural world for all of us to enjoy.

Judy was preceded in death by her father, William L. Wallace; nephew, Spencer James Arnold and great-nephew Odin Robert Arnold.

Those left to cherish the spirit of Judy are her husband, Robert Joshua Polan; her mother Phyllis Spencer Wallace; sister Pamela W. Arnold (Rusty); nieces and nephews, Ann Dove (Jeremy), Cav Arnold (Shawna), Elizabeth Arnold (Jonathan Parker); niece-in-law, Tasha Arnold; great-nieces and nephews, J.R. Weikle, Kyleigh Weikle, Ivan Weikle, Naomi Weikle, Chase Arnold, Bre Theriot, Lylah Arnold-Parker, Zoey Arnold-Parker and Harlow Arnold-Parker and great-great-nephews Kai and Zayden.

A joyous Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 20, at 2:25 PM at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Pastor Stewart Farley. The family will receive family and friends from 1 PM until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

The family strongly suggests that Judy would like memorial contributions be made to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

Ray Charles Cutlip



Ray Charles Cutlip, 62, of Asbury passed away Wednesday, June 10, 2026 following a brief courageous battle with brain cancer. He was born Aug. 6, 1963, to the late Carl H. and Madeline Cutlip of Alderson.

Ray enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was an avid hunter and looked forward to spending time at his hunting camp during deer season. He was a talented mechanic and had a passion for working on small engines, especially lawn mowers. He was a skilled carpenter and became well versed in whatever line of work he pursued. He had a big heart and was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone, no matter the task.

He married the love of his life, Dorothy "Dottie" Cole on Oct. 20, 1989. She preceded him in death May 10, 2022. In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his father Carl H. Cutlip; brother-in-law Charley Clay; brother-in-law Larry Young; daughter Pam Walker; daughter-in-law Rosemary Cole; and grandson John Cline.

Those left behind to cherish his memory include his mother, Madeline Cutlip of Alderson; brother Carl Curtis and his wife Darlene of Crawley; his sisters, Christina Ernst and her husband Rick and Doris Delay and her husband Larry of Iowa; Betty Young and Tammy Clay both of Alderson; his daughters Bonnie Cline and her husband Jeff of Lewisburg and Cindi Cole of Asbury; son John "JJ" Cole and his wife Meriam of Asbury; his grandchildren Rick, Robert, Jeremy, Tish, Amanda, J.J., Megan and Katie; 20 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces, nephews and numerous extended family.

Funeral service will be Sunday, June 14, at 3 p.m. at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church at Asbury, with Pastor Joey Morgan and Pastor Jonathan Hunt officiating. Burial will follow in the Asbury United Methodist Cem-

etry. Family will gather from 1 to 2 p.m. Friends may call Sunday, June 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Asbury.

Family will serve as pallbearers.

For those wishing to show an expression of sympathy, donations may be made in memory of Mr. Cutlip to the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, % Yvonne Palmer, 2502 Bennet Ct., Asbury, WV 24916.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Cutlip family at www.lobbanfh.com.

Hertha Sue Powell



Hertha Sue Powell, 82, of Caldwell, WV passed away Thursday, June 11, 2026 surrounded by her loved ones.

Born Feb. 2, 1944 in Greenbrier County, she was the daughter of the late Lamar and Rosalee Williams.

Hertha worked at a labeling company for several years. She was a member of the Chesterfield Moose Lodge.

Survivors include her son Ronnie Bostic and wife Pamela of Lewisburg, WV, granddaughter, Rebecca Bostic of Henrico County, VA; great-granddaughter, Aaliah Burns and boyfriend, Justin Fry of Henrico County, VA; sister Connie Moore of Frankford, WV; several nieces and nephews and several extended family members.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, WV, with a service at 2 p.m. Pastor Everett Defibaugh will officiate the service. Burial will follow in Community Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery, Lewisburg.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting: www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

Merleen Agnes Bell Campbell Campbell Gains Angel Wings (1938-2025)



Merleen Agnes Bell Campbell was born in Rainelle, WV, Nov. 30, 1938, when Artie Shaw's Begin the Beguine was at the top of the charts. Just 36 days shy of her 87th birthday, she lived life to

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Club / Church

Williamsburg CEOS Club active in Community and Educational Outreach Service

The Williamsburg CEOS Club met at the Williamsburg Historical Foundation Museum on Tuesday, June 9. The club was recognized at the County CEOS Achievement Day for 2,500 Volunteer Service Hours in 2025. They were also recognized for their service in Family and Community Service.

Cassandra Perkins was recognized for her 50 years of membership and service.

The club donated items for the summer Energy Express program.

LauraAnn Tiller shared the lesson “History of Small Towns



Lyne Jones (left), Cassandra Perkins, Shela McComsey, Patty Post and LauraAnn Tiller.

in West Virginia: Newell and the Legacy of Fiesta-ware.”

Come and learn about “The Art of Pastry: Pie a Heritage Tradition” on July 14 beginning at noon at the

Williamsburg Museum. Participants will learn about the history of pastry, the secrets to a successful pastry pie crust, recipes for different types of pies, and the science behind a pastry (and sample pies!).



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Merleen Agnes Bell Campbell obituary continued

the fullest. Wife, Mother, Founder, Business owner, Entrepreneur, Musician, Cancer Survivor, Artist, Gardener, and Grandmother.

She met John L. Campbell, Sr., “Johnnie” at Rainelle High School, when she was 12 and he was 16. He was double promoted in school and was on his way to college. Little did they know five years later they would be wed, have a son and beginning a life in Sutton, WV.

Merleen was multi-faceted and throughout her life she wore many hats, figuratively and literally. If you knew her, you knew she had a hat, shoe and accoutrements for every occasion. She took great care in expressing herself through her wardrobe. It was creative expression for her, and she took full advantage of it especially in the shoe department. In her generation it was a sign of success ‘dressed head to toe.’ She understood the power of scent, wore lashes and nails long before it was today’s norm. If she wanted to learn something she was adventurous, committed and learned it better and took it up a notch. She encouraged others to do the same.

Her first business was The Pet Palace, where she groomed her schnauzers and others. When the court district John worked in grew, she was ready. She was an Official Court Reporter for the 3rd, 14th and 32nd Judicial Circuits for 27 years until retiring and continued her freelance court reporting firm, Verbatim Ink. Verbatim Ink got its start in 1984 when she ordered two personal computers and the manual from IBM sans any computer class. When voice recording technology Audioscribe, integrated with computers for court reporting, she was at the forefront of utilizing the technology. She appeared in numerous articles on the technology and enjoyed being a reference for legal professionals.

She was a 51-year member and lived the Sutton Woman’s’ Club (“SWC”) motto: “Give the world the best you have and the best will come to you.”

As a member and later President, the SWC was a driving force for social, fundraising and civic events. The SWC Radio-Thon at WSGB was a key fundraising event for the Sutton Recreation Association - organized in 1965 to build, support and maintain the aluminum Sutton Swimming Pool.

Other organization and fundraising events via SWC include The Braxton

County Regatta and Beauty Pageant (1969-1986), construction of the new Sutton Library and Saving Our Sisters in 2006 - a fund she created under the auspices of the Sutton Woman’s Club that paid for mammograms for women in Braxton County.

She worked to give the world the best Sutton had to offer whether it was the Halloween Parade and festivities, wrapping presents at Christmas to fundraise for the Sutton pool or when word got out there wasn’t a boy scout troupe for her son, she started one; and, when there was no kindergarten teacher for her daughters’ class, she volunteered. Of the 11 students in the kindergarten class 9 graduated together in 1983.

Always a supporter of the creative community growing in Braxton County, she was a founding member of the Hillbilly Players (later Landmark Studio for the Arts) and board member. She performed in and directed several plays, to name a few of her favorites. Musicals: Nellie Forbush South Pacific, Dolly Levi, Hello Dolly, Madame Tiang in The King and I, Sister Hubert in Nunsense and Nuncrackers. Drama: Blanche Debois Streetcar Namer Desire. The Original Penny in You Can’t Take It With You; and Directed: Count Dracula: The Musical? And Beaty and Beast, Really!

Through these times, she hosted and supported John, Sr.’s political endeavors as a member of the 71st House of Delegates and Braxton County Board member. She was elected to Sutton City Council in 1990, and was a member of Eastern Star, Judy’s Garden Club and Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church.

‘Make-a-Memory’ was a focus before it was the name of her creative company. Underneath the determination was a hard-earned resilience that came early. She was the surviving daughter of two children born early in the marriage of Walter David Bell, Sr. and Melba Irene Boggs. For her first seven years they were a trio followed by two sisters and a brother. She lost her father at 13. By 30 she lost her mother and first-born daughter, April Dawn. At 35, she survived a car accident on her way to work that broke her back and put her in a neck-to-hip brace for a year. She survived breast cancer and was voted Miss Congeniality in the 2007 Mrs. West Virginia competition. She had a heart attack on Valentine’s Day 2012.

In her retirement, she focused on family, travel and creative projects. Draw-

ing portraits, her Make-a-Memory creations of greeting cards, travel jewelry and more generated profits for Saving Our Sisters. She loved playing the piano and played her final Easter service in 2023.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Charles, sister Judith Irene, her daughter, April Dawn, her son, J.L. Campbell, Jr., and husband, John L. Campbell, Sr.

She is survived by her brother, Walter D. (‘Sonny’) Bell, Jr. (SHS ’69 graduate), and wife, Lyn, of Mesa, AZ; sister, Dolores Ann Oberer and husband, Carl of Sebring, FL; daughter, Caitlin Renee Campbell of Santa Monica, CA; granddaughter; Courtney and her husband, Drew Crouch, of Raleigh, NC, Madison Campbell, and fiancé Logan Robertson, of Glasgow, KY; Jan Funderburk and Phillip Denison, of Sutton, WV; and two great grandchildren; Kai Campbell Crouch and Mac Campbell Crouch, of Raleigh, NC.

A Celebration of Life will take place from 1 to 4 PM on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at the Elk River Inn, Sutton, WV. Flowers and living plants welcomed for the Celebration of Life.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at Merleen Campbell / RichardRoachFuneralHome.

Dreama Kay Culver



Dreama Kay Culver, passed away peacefully at the age of 76 on June 15, 2026, at Seneca Trail Healthcare Center in Lewisburg, WV. Born on June 19, 1949, in Union, WV, Dreama lived a life marked by warmth, kindness, and a joyful spirit that touched everyone she met.

Known for her happy and cheerful personality, Dreama was a woman who never met a stranger. Her polite and loving nature, coupled with a giving heart, endeared her to family, friends, and community alike. A true fashionista, she expressed her vibrant personality not only through her kindness but also through her impeccable style. Dreama found great joy in reading the Bible and nurturing her plants, hobbies that reflected her deep faith and nurturing soul.

Dreama is loving-

ly remembered by her son, Barry Culver; her daughter, Drusilla Collins (Reed); her brothers, Donald Triplett (Freda), Charles Gooch, and Robert Franklin Gooch; and her sisters, Cheryl Minter (David) and Patricia Molina. She cherished her role as a grandmother to three grandchildren and as a great-grandmother to two great-grandchildren, who brought immense happiness to her later years, aunt, Viola Knox (Michael), uncle, Vonnie Triplett (Gloria) as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her devoted parents, John and Martha Smith, her beloved husband, Bennie Culver, and her sons, Kirk Culver and Alexander Culver. She also mourned the loss of her grandmother, Robbie Triplett, and her brother, Eugene Gooch.

Dreama’s family will honor her memory with a visitation at Morgan Funeral Home, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901, on June 27, from 12 noon until 1 p.m. A funeral service will follow at the same location from 1 p.m.

Through her generous heart, her loving nature, and the light she brought to those around her, Dreama leaves a lasting legacy. She will be deeply missed, fondly remembered, and forever cherished by all who knew her.

Wallace Kenneth Corhn



Wallace Kenneth Corhn, affectionately known as Kenny, passed away peacefully at the age of 53 on June 15, 2026, at the UVA Medical Center in Charlottesville, VA. Born on Oct. 31, 1972, in Cincinnati, OH, Kenny lived a life marked by quiet generosity, kindness, and an unwavering willingness to support those around him.

A proud graduate of Greenbrier East High School’s Class of 1991, and later Mountain State University, Kenny carried his love of learning throughout his life. His intelligence was evident to all who knew him, complementing his patient and humorous nature that often brought comfort and joy to friends and family.

Kenny’s dedication to service extended beyond everyday kindness; he served honorably in the United States Army for ten years, achieving the rank

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

Vacation Bible School-Andrew Chapel UMC in Williamsburg

Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church in Williamsburg is inviting all youth ages four through middle school to attend Vacation Bible School (VBS) on Monday, June 22-Thursday, June 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. The theme this year is Rainforest Falls- Exploring the Nature of God. Youth will enjoy games, singing, imagination station, lesson time and refreshments. On Thursday evening at 7 p.m. the community is invited to a program and picnic followed by a fire truck cool down. More information, call 304-667-9288.

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.

of Sergeant and participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. His commitment to his country was steadfast, earning him an honorable discharge and the enduring respect of his comrades and loved ones.

Those who enjoyed Kenny’s company knew him as a man with varied interests. He cherished the simple pleasures of life - savoring coffee, caring deeply for animals, engaging in video games, immersing himself in books, traveling to new places, and captivating audiences with his fascination for crime shows. His multifaceted interests reflected a spirit both thoughtful and adventurous.

Kenny’s legacy lives on through his devoted family: his son Kenneth Tyler Corhn (Paola); his daughter Sierra Corhn; his sisters Virginia Woolverton and Beth Brown (Doug), who he loved dearly; and his grandson Leon Corhn. He is also remembered fondly by numerous nieces, nephews, and a wide circle of friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Wallace and Bessie Corhn, his sister Christine Corhn, and his niece Britany Morris.

Visitation will be held on June 19, from 11 AM to 12 noon at Morgan Funeral Home, 252 Montvue Drive in Lewisburg, WV. Following this, a graveside service will take place at the Brown Family Cemetery on Friars Hole Road in Renick, WV, at 1 PM.

Kenny’s remarkable life and enduring kindness have left an indelible imprint on all who were fortunate to know him. His memory

will be cherished forever by his family, friends, and all whose lives he touched with his quiet strength and compassionate heart.

Richard Allen “Richie Rich” Small



Richard Allen “Richie Rich” Small, 63 of Lansing, WV passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at the Bowers Hospice House in Beckley, WV.

Born on Aug. 21, 1962 at San Diego California Naval Hospital, he was the son of the late Billy Joe “Sonny” and Doris Pennington Small.

Richie was a heavy equipment operator in the US Navy Sea Bees. He loved the Lord and loved his country. Richie was a raft guide and worked in the rafting industry for many years.

Left to cherish many wonderful memories include his sister, Kathy Sue Hayes (Kenny), of Hico, WV, and one brother Billy Joe Small (Becky) of Port St. Lucie, FL., nephew, Carl Ray Hayes, three nieces, Stephanie Raine, Jennifer Martelli and Stephanie Shuff. Also several great nieces, great nephews and other extended family.

Funeral Service will be held on Friday, June 19, at 2 PM at Wallace & Wal-

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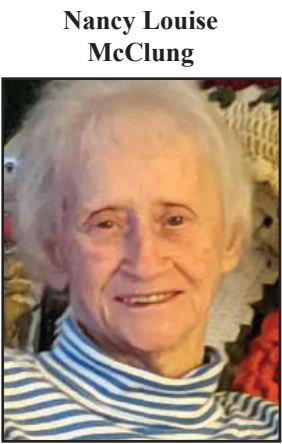
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lace Chapel in Ansted, with Rev. Kenny Hayes officiating. Burial will follow in Good Hope Cemetery at Graydon, WV.

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the life of Richie on Friday from 1 PM until time of service.



Our wonderful mother, Nancy Louise McClung, passed away at her home on Orient Hill Tuesday, June 16, 2026, surrounded by love. She was born on Dec. 19, 1938, on Orient Hill, WV, to William Carl

“Boss” McClung and Cordia Ann McClung.

Mom spent her younger years as quite the prankster. Whether she was locking Dorothy Gaye in the cellar, taking Shelva’s shoes and placing them on a beehive to delay a date, or teasing her brother Bob by holding his engagement ring over the fire, she was always into something and kept everyone on their toes.

She graduated from Crichton High School - Class of 1956.

Mom was creative, organized, and focused. Whether she was planning an appreciation party for a friend, taking her grandchildren to the park, singing along with Loretta Lynn, or praising Jesus through Southern Gospel music, she gave her whole heart to everything she did. Her curiosity and creative mind led her to many opportunities throughout her life.

In 2000, Mom returned to her roots on Orient Hill.

She loved the rolling hills, natural beauty, and peacefulness that only West Virginia can provide. Her endless energy quickly drew her back into community life, where she strengthened family ties and formed lasting friendships. Through community events and church activities, she connected easily with others. Her joyful spirit and positive outlook naturally attracted people to her. Along the way, she met a kindred spirit in James Walkup Sr., who became her best friend and faithful companion for the rest of her days.

This world is less without her in it, but we find comfort in knowing she is walking with the Lord and dancing with the angels.

Nancy is survived by her children, Cheryl Farley, Donald McClung, Darlene (Brian) Pleiman, and Karen (Brian) Charles; grandchildren Amanda Farley, Bobbi Jo McClung, Paige Wright, Blake (Kelly) Charles, Megan (Shane) Pleiman-

McGlone, Brent Charles, and Payton Pleiman; great-grandchildren Mary McClung, Bentley Pleiman, Donald McClung, Emmit McGlone, and Millie McGlone; her very special best friend, James Walkup Sr.; as well as many cousins, friends, and members of her church family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Carl “Boss” and Cordia Ann McClung; her son, Dale Lee McClung; her brother, Robert McClung; the father of her children, Daris Lee McClung; her son-in-law, John Michael Farley; her daughter-in-law, Mary McClung; and her nephews, Robert Wayne McClung and Curtis Wade McClung.

Service will be at 12 noon on Saturday, June 20, at Wallace Memorial Mausoleum Chapel, Clintonville, with Pastor David Moore officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family recommends memorial contributions be made to Orient Hill Bap-

tist Church, 1422 Coalfield Trail, Charmco, WV 25958

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

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



Reunion

Descendants of James M. Hodges and Jeremiah O’Brien Reunion

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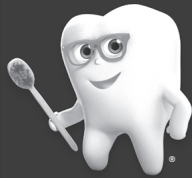
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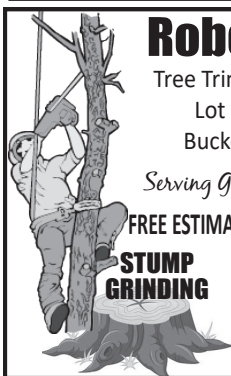
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Coordinate contractors and annual easement monitoring

QUALIFICATIONS

Strong organizational, communication, and leadership skills

Experience managing projects, budgets, and partnerships

Familiarity with agriculture, conservation, or land use programs preferred

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Dear Recycle Lady,
I have spent the morning tying up stacks of newspapers, white paper and magazines to take to the Recycling Center. Is it really worth all this time and effort?
Wondering

Dear Wondering,
Absolutely, it is worth the effort. According to the Department of Facilities of MIT, recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees,7,000 gallons of water, 390

gallons of oil, 4,200 kWh (enough to heat a home for half a year), and3 cubic yards of land fill space. It also prevents 60 pounds of air pollutants and reduces greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to driving a car for 26,000 miles. Before you think that this is an impossible amount of recycled paper, consider that the Greenbrier Recycling Center shipped out 21.1 tons of paper in February. Just think what local people who recycled paper saved in trees, water, oil, landfill space, and energy! That’s 359 trees, 147,700 gallons of water, 8,229 gallons of oil, 88,620 kWh, and 63 cubic yards of landfill space saved, and 266 pounds of air pollutants prevented. Hurrah for everyone who recycles!!!

Dear Recycle Lady,
Some, if not all, black plastic food containers have a recycle number on them. However, when I Googled “recycle black plastic,” it said that the machines which read the numbers cannot read the black ones.
Curious Recycler

Dear Curious Recycler,
Black plastics of all kinds are not recyclable, regardless of the number. This is mainly due to the black color and the fact that black plastics are a contaminate when mixed with other plastics. The black color is created by adding a carbon black pigment to the plastic that makes it invisible to the optical sorting machines. Carbon black also has carcinogenic properties so black plastics contain unknown amounts of toxic chemicals, including heavy metals and flame retardants, that can leach into food and be hazardous to your health. Studies are currently being conducted to see if microwaving black containers also causes carbon black to leach into food and thus, it is not recommended. To make matters worse, black plastic does not biodegrade and will remain in a landfill for hundreds of years, thus contributing to greenhouse gas emissions.

Dear Recycle Lady,
What types of paper can be put in the compost pile? Must it be clean or can food soiled paper be added to the pile?

Love My Compost

Dear Love My Compost,
The best option for clean, dry paper is to recycle it. (See question one.) However, paper that is wet, that has been contaminated by food, or used as a paper towel can’t be recycled, but it breaks down perfectly in a compost pile. White tissue paper can also be composted. It is mainly cellulose and it breaks down quickly due to its short fibers, especially if you shred it or tear it into small pieces.Tissue paper that has additives such as color dyes, patterns, fragrances, or a plastic or wax coating cannot be composted. Kleenex issues or wipes can’t be composted either due to additives. Paper is considered a brown additive to your compost pile. Be sure to add a mixture of green materials such as kitchen scraps, coffee grounds, and fresh grass clippings and some brown material such as dry leaves, shredded cardboard and brown paper to the pile. For optimum decomposition, a ratio of nitrogen-rich green materials to carbon rich brown items is 1/3 green and 2/3 brown is best.

Sad News: Since 1976, West Virginia’s Monarch population has declined by 90%, according to the WV Division of Natural Resources. This decline is attributed to loss of milkweed plants and heavy use of pesticides. The DNR suggests growing native milkweed, leaving parts of a field un-mowed, and refraining from cutting milkweed and other flowers along roadsides.

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.

SCRAMBLERS

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1. Duress; 2. Learn
3. Raise; 4. Myriad

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Super Crossword

Answers

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By William “Skip” Deegans
While Rainelle is well known for its kit homes that were sold by Sears Roebuck & Co., it also has a very rare “ready-cut” home that was sold by the Montgomery Ward. Company (see photograph). This six-bedroom home is located in the east end of Rainelle. Sears was the leader in kit home sales, but Montgomery Ward under the brand Wardway sold about 50,000 kit homes from 1909 until 1931. Kit homes are usually found in towns with railways as the homes were commonly delivered in a box car. The homeowner had only a few days to unload the kit. Homes were turn-key, including the nails and paint.

Montgomery Ward kits were manufactured by the Gordon Van Tine Company. Most of the profits came from the financing. Montgomery Ward offered a 15-



year loan at 6% interest on 75% of the cost of the home and lot. Sears continued selling kit homes until 1940, and by then it had sold about 70,000.

Sources: The Houses That Sears Built and Montgomery Ward’s Mail-Order Homes - both by Rosemary Thornton.



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The kitchen, bath and bathroom. The sliding pantry has special cases and workable built-in. There is a door direct from the kitchen to the front porch. The rear porch leads to the hall and down the steps to the grade leading. Down from this hall also lead to the washroom and dining room. This makes it possible for the man to go on the lawn to enter the washroom, then up and over directly into the dining room without disturbing the kitchen at all. Many windows furnish an abundance of light and ventilation.

Upstairs there are five big bedrooms, four of them having cross ventilation. Each has its own big closet and each opens directly into the hall. Also a fine linen closet such as is illustrated on Page 10. The hall leads to the attic, which covers the entire house. Attic space may be partitioned off into extra rooms if desired.

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The Mountaineer Open Horseshoe Tour event was held in Ronceverte last year, with that being the first time that the event was ever held in the State of West Virginia. The event last year had 70 pitchers from 15 different states participating. After a successful event, the tour wanted to return in 2026.

The 2026 Horseshoe Tour event was held on May 30 and 31, 2026. There were 88 pitchers from 17 different states participating. Below is a list of states with number of participating pitchers in parentheses:

AR (1), AL (7), DE (1), GA (6), KY (2), LA (4), MA (2), MD (5), MO (1), NY (3), OK (2), PA (12), SC (3), TN (5), TX (5), VA (9), WV (18).

Below are the results of the Prime 40 ft. pitching classes: (* indicates Champion)

CLASS A	Ringer #	Wins	Losses
*Dan Watson (AL)	71.33	4.0	1.0
Jerry Dean	57.33	3.0	2.0
Scott Sparks	31.67	0.0	2.0
Kevin Thomas	28.33	0.0	2.0

CLASS B		Wins	Losses
*Jimmy Campbell (VA)	54.17	4.0	0.0
Leroy Mast	34.00	2.0	3.0
Kenny Rhodes	25.56	1.0	2.0
Dennis Wilson	38.33	0.0	2.0

CLASS C		Wins	Losses
*Allen Withrow (Ronceverte)	41.88	4 . 5	

CLASS D		Wins	Losses
*Robert Whisenant (AL)	46.67	4.0	0.0
Eric Wallace	25.00	2.0	2.0

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Box is larger. 2. Tie is longer. 3. Railing is different. 4. Hat is larger. 5. House is wider. 6. Jacket sleeve is longer.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Ronald Michaud	36.67	0.0	2.0
Bill Combs	21.67	0.0	2.0
CLASS E			
*Clayton Afinowicz (TX)	37.50	4 . 0	
0.0			
Jeff Coile	28.75	2.5	3.5
John Cornelius	29.00	1.5	2.5
Doug Withrow	21.67	0.0	2.0
CLASS F			
*Jim McElveen (GA)	30.62	4.5	1.5
Johnny Buhman	23.33	2.0	2.0
Don Middendorf	29.00	1.5	2.5
Gene Goins	21.67	0.0	2.0
CLASS G			
*Merle Glidewell (VA)	30.00	4.5	2.5
Jay Helwig	20.67	3.0	2.0
Delano Hamrick	33.0	1.5	2.5
Jerry Davis	20.0	0.0	2.0
CLASS H			
*William Pitts (AL)	17.33	4.0	1.0
Trace Mason	22.00	2.0	3.0
Mike O'Neal	14.44	1.0	2.0
Thomas Chilson	14.44	1.0	2.0
CLASS I	Ringer #	Wins	Losses
*Brian Rutledge (TX)	25.0	4.0	2.0
Dean Fleming	19.44	3.0	3.0
Randy Doss, Jr.	16.67	1.0	2.0
Vinnie Barone	15.56	1.0	2.0
CLASS J			
*Charles Brown (Spring Dale)	15.00	4 . 0	
2.0			
Jerome Farmer	10.00	3.5	3.5
Larry Nysveen	9.00	1.5	2.5
Frank Highlander	10.00	1.0	2.0

Below is the results of the Prime 30' pitching classes: (* indicates Champion)

CLASS A	Ringer %	Wins	Loss
*Kelly Glidewell (VA)	70.00	4.0	1.0
Joan Elmore	63.33	2.0	2.0
Fred Doss	61.11	0.0	2.0
James Muller	58.33	0.0	2.0

CLASS B		Wins	Losses
*April Campbell (VA)	65.26	4.5	2.5
Don Gillette	59.44	3.0	3.0
James Cooper	65.00	1.5	2.5
Tim Seagroves	47.78	1.0	2.0
CLASS C			
*Ellen Perry (NY)	63.89	4.0	2.0
Junior Peters	62.67	3.0	2.0
Barbara Taylor	61.11	1.0	2.0

Rhonda Cornett	61.67	0.0	2.0
CLASS D			
*Frank Anderson (KY)	50.67	4.0	1.0
Dee Scritchfield	42.22	3.0	3.0
Shelley Martinez	36.67	1.0	2.0
Debby Kassay	51.67	0.0	2.0
CLASS E			
*Janice Anderson (KY)	38.89	4.0	2.0
Tandi Dean	39.44	3.5	2.5
Kelly Hatrick	35.56	1.0	2.0
Dean Campbell	31.11	0.5	2.5
CLASS F			
*Larry Pertuit (LA)	40.67	4.0	1.0
Katlin Thompson	36.67	2.5	2.5
Maria McIndyre	26.67	1.0	2.0
Bud Dobson	26.67	0.5	2.5
CLASS G			
*Mike RowLee (VA)	34.67	4.0	1.0
Cynthia Finch	38.33	3.0	3.0
Elvis Smith	31.11	1.0	2.0
John Kassay	28.33	0.0	2.0
CLASS H			
*Donna Massey (TX)	42.67	4.5	0.5
Larry J. Morris, Jr.	40.00	2.0	2.0
Roger Carter	28.89	0.5	2.5
Bob Scritchfield	15.00	0.0	2.0
CLASS I			
*Solomon Simmons (Ronceverte)	35.56	5.0	1.0
Lucas Cantone	28.67	2.5	2.5
Robert Koontz	27.78	0.5	2.5
Tina Prowell	21.67	0.0	2.0
CLASS J	Ringer #	Wins	Losses
*Tony Hurley (PA)	36.67	4.0	0.0
Steve Collins	20.83	2.5	3.5
Patricia Pertuit	20.37	1.5	2.5
Tanya Coile	20.00	0.0	2.0
CLASS K			
*Randy Doss, Sr. (Union)	21.11	4 . 5	
1.5			
Donna Thomason	23.33	3.5	2.5
Justin Helwig	23.33	0.5	2.5
JoAnn Stanford	11.11	0.5	2.5
CLASS L			
*Freddie Hodges (Ronceverte)	8.89	2 . 5	
0.5			
Tucker Goins	4.67	2.5	2.5
Nelda Dodson	1.67	0.00	2.0

We hope to see the Horseshoe Tour back in Ronceverte in 2027.

Super Crossword

“LO AND BEHOLD!”

ACROSS

1 Police dept. alert

4 Celtics, on scoreboards

7 Like messy beds

13 Beard go-with, for short

19 French department head

21 Got ready, with “up”

22 Epithets

23 Refreshing a web page that has detailed contract wording?

26 Half a quart

27 Meadowland

28 Navigate

29 It might make you red in the face

30 Annual bebop music festival in Sri Lanka’s capital?

34 Discontinue

36 That girl

37 It might make you red in the face

38 Unbroken

39 Basketball-stuffing pros taking part in a zigzag ski race?

44 “C’mon, do me this favor”

47 Fountain in Rome

48 Spoil

49 Writer Ferber

50 Visualize

52 “—, vidi, vici”

54 Sheriff Taylor’s son

58 Dol. units

61 Becoming less energetic at the disco?

66 Barbie’s little sister

69 “I won’t — word”

70 Male bud

71 D.C.’s land

72 Having a boss who will only communicate with you by singing?

78 Boxer Laila

79 Wanted-poster abbr.

80 “Let — already!”

81 IRS probes

82 Technique of kneading bivalve mollusks before cooking them?

87 Big inits. in fashion

88 Watering aid

89 Rescue

90 Big inits. in fuel additives

92 This, in Lima

96 “Golly!”

99 Dog tether

102 Maligns

105 Girls’ shirts worn as part of a class-room dress code?

110 Province west of Sask.

111 “Nope”

112 — kwon do

113 Born as

114 Strauss opera performed correctly in every detail?

117 Europe-Asia border river

119 Tree yielding chocolate

123 Zodiac feline

124 Actress Teri

125 Repainting all your yuletide ornaments black and white?

131 Prairie canine

132 Taken illicitly to luggage

133 ID attached to luggage

134 Unfurled, e.g.

135 Trunks

136 That girl

137 Hurly-burly

DOWN

1 Spring mo.

2 Got ready

3 Native of Belmopan

4 Officer patrolling an area

5 Condition with rituals, in brief

6 Ben and Jerry of comedy

7 “Roots” actress

8 After-tax

9 — -jongg

10 War god

11 Masterful

12 Falco of TV

13 Breastbone

14 Gratitude

15 Razor option

16 Trite phrase

17 “Taxi” actress

18 Acid-alcohol compounds

20 “Happy Days” cool guy, with “the”

24 Natal lead-in

25 Requirement

30 Agree (with)

31 Yoko of art

32 Deli classic

33 Rowing blade

35 Genetic ID

40 — Strauss

41 Pizza cooker

42 Very valuable vase

43 Ray of McDonald’s

45 Vanzetti’s old partner in crime

46 Actress Thompson

51 Israeli airline

53 “— happy to!”

55 Second-century pope

56 Map extra

57 “By Jove!”

59 Kind of wave

60 Japanese watch brand

62 Olive of old comics

63 “Which — Up?” (1977 comedy film)

64 Orderly lineup

65 “— ordo seclorum” (phrase on a dollar bill)

66 Break to bits

67 Verizon, e.g., in brief

68 Pseudonym

73 Salary limits

74 Depot: Abbr.

75 Trendy

76 Aussie boots

77 Did nothing

83 Toy brick brand

84 Galleria

85 2004 Chevy debut

86 Football Hall of Famer Junior

91 Military units

93 Mexican miss

94 Mine railway

95 Tennis star

97 Untold eras

98 Voted in

100 Boise-to-Vegas dir.

101 Witch’s spell

103 Gore and Hirt

104 Heat-vs.-Suns

matchup, e.g.

105 Wall plaster

106 Drive-in restaurant server

107 Cry from a town crier

108 Sunlight ray

109 Hair parlors

115 Cartoon pic

116 Tardy

118 Jungle cat

120 Put in a role

121 Regarding

122 Stench

126 Holy Mlle.

127 Raised rails

128 Co. bigwig

129 Cheering cry

130 Many an intl. charity

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SCHOOL

Christina Withrow named to Dean’s List at University of Maryland Global Campus

Christina Withrow of Union was named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2026 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor,

a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at

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BUSINESS

WVSOM technology authority, 2012 graduate receive ‘40 Under 40’ recognition

Two West Virginians with connections to the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) were selected as “Generation Next: 40 Under 40” honorees by The State Journal, a publication that covers news about business, government, education, health care and related topics throughout the state.

Katie Williams, Ph.D., WVSOM’s senior director of academic technology and faculty development, and Matthew Davis, D.O., an alumnus who is president and CEO of the West Virginia chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOPF), were recognized during a June 16 awards ceremony in Clarksburg.

The Generation Next program pays tribute

to young professionals whose work drives progress and shapes the future of West Virginia and its communities.

Williams joined WVSOM in 2023. In addition to ensuring faculty are trained on topics that enhance teaching practices, she takes a lead role in helping employees incorporate artificial intelligence into workflows, familiarizing students with the technology, and supporting WVSOM’s learning management systems.

She said her position balances advocacy for AI with acknowledgement of the importance of the human element in using it ethically.

“I try to help people feel that they have agency in using AI. I want them to recognize it as a tool that

empowers them rather than something that will take away their jobs,” she said. “I’m passionate about making sure people have what they need to succeed, whether it’s a faculty member teaching for the first time or a student coming into medical school.”

Williams said she is thankful that WVSOM provides the support she needs to flourish in her career.

“I’m grateful for the mentorship I’ve gotten from campus leaders and faculty members who have given me the autonomy to do things that allow me to advance. WVSOM has an open environment that allows people to try new things and push boundaries in the pursuit of things that are new and novel. That’s part of the reason I’ve been able to succeed,” she said.

Williams has published numerous journal articles on equalizing educational access, and is a frequent presenter at the national level, including at the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine’s conference. She is an advisor to WVSOM’s chapters of the Medical Student Pride Alliance and the Student National Medical

Association.

Davis graduated in WVSOM’s Class of 2012. After completing a family medicine residency at CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, he practiced with Greenbrier Physicians in Ronceverte, WV, then worked in emergency medicine, serving patients in southern West Virginia and the surrounding region. He also has practiced in the Beckley Appalachian Regional Healthcare Hospital emergency department, White Sulphur Springs Center, and Primary Care Plus, and is currently an emergency medicine physician with WVU Medicine.

He has developed asecond career in physician leadership and healthcare administration. In addition to leading the West Virginia chapter of ACOFP, Davis serves as board chair and CEO of the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians; secretary and legislative chair of the West Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association; and treasurer of the West Virginia State Medical Association.

Davis, who is also a WVSOM clinical professor of family medicine, said his



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Matthew Davis, D.O., a WVSOM alumnus, and president and CEO of the West Virginia chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

Virginians,” he said.

He said he is humbled to be a “Generation Next: 40 Under 40” honoree.

“As a WVSOM graduate, I strive to carry forward the ideals and mission of the institution and the osteopathic profession through service, leadership and advocacy,” Davis said. “This recognition reflects not only my personal journey, but the mentors, colleagues, patients and communities who have shaped my commitment to servant leadership and improving healthcare across the state.”

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ENTERTAINMENT

Fiber and papermaking artist Nevada Tribble featured in Carnegie Hall’s Lobby Gallery

Carnegie Hall’s Old Stone Room features the work of interdisciplinary fiber and papermaking artist Nevada Tribble, on view now through the end of June as part of the ongoing Carnegie Hall ArtWalk.

Carnegie Hall’s ArtWalk invites visitors to explore original works by local and regional artists throughout four distinct gallery spaces inside the historic 1902 landmark. The self-guided experience showcases a wide range of creative expression - from contemporary oil portraits to heirloom-quality craft arts - highlighting the depth and diversity of the Appalachian arts community.

Tribble’s exhibition brings a deeply place-based perspective to the Old Stone Room. A native of Elkins, WV, Tribble creates work rooted in the landscapes, materials, and stories of Appalachia. Her practice blends handmade paper, sewing, weaving, and foraged natural materials, often created outdoors in direct conversation

with the environment. Whether stitching with her innovative bicycle-powered sewing machine or forming paper from river water and gathered plant fibers, Tribble’s process reflects a profound commitment to reciprocity, attention, and care.

A graduate of Shepherd University and a 2020 Tamarack Foundation for the Arts Emerging Artist Fellow, Tribble has exhibited throughout West Virginia and Maryland and has been featured in the North American Hand Papermakers exhibition Materiality: Hand Papermaking in the Age of Isolation. She maintains a studio at the Randolph County Community Arts Center, where she continues to expand her practice through cyanotypes, woven textiles, mixed-media installations, and site-responsive works shaped by the mountains she calls home.

Her pieces in the Old Stone Room invite viewers to slow down and notice the quiet narratives embedded



Art by Nevada Tribble

in fiber - stories carried in each stitch, strand, and handmade sheet of paper. Through her work, Tribble explores themes of community, hope, healing, and belonging, offering a tactile reflection on the enduring relationship between people and places in Appalachia.

The exhibit runs through the end of June and is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please visit [carnegiehallwv.org](#), call 304-645-7917, or stop by Carnegie Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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It’s here! Wild Trails Music Festival to run through this weekend

Koe Wetzel, Tucker Wetmore, Ian Munsick, Shane Smith & the Saints, and more to perform

The Second Annual Wild Trails Festival began on Thursday, June 18, at the State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg. Headliners for the 2026 festival include Koe Wetzel, Tucker Wetmore, Ian Munsick, and Shane Smith & The Saints, joined by an all-star lineup including Kolby Cooper, Kaitlin Butts, Larry Fleet, Bayker Blankenship, Evan Honer, The Creekers, The Jack Wharff Band, and more.

Tickets are available now at wildtrailswv.com or by calling 1-800-314-ETIX (3849). Three-day passes and VIP packages are currently on sale, as well as single-day tickets! All tickets include free tent camping. Full hook up RV sites are available by calling 304-645-1090.

“We are thrilled to welcome fans back for the second annual Wild Trails Festival,” State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. “After an incredible inaugural year that brought visitors from across the country to Lewisburg, we are excited

to continue building a festival that celebrates great music, outdoor adventure, and the unique spirit of West Virginia.”

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.

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