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Alderson City Council progressing toward new water system

The new Alderson water system project was the primary topic of discussion during the June 9th Alderson City Council meeting. The new system will expand water service outward, in an easterly direction, stopping just short of the State Route 63 and Davis Stuart Road intersection, while expanding service the opposite direction along State Route 12 and stopping short of Pence Springs. The new system will result in old fire hydrants being replaced as well as numerous hydrants being newly added. Mayor Copenhaver advised the addition will likely double the number of fire hydrants in the area. Construction is expected to begin this coming fall and may be completed within a year. In a related matter, the new water plant is expected to open this fall. The Council unanimously approved motions related to the project.

The Council unanimously approved reappointing Debbie Carden to the Alderson Public Library Board.

The Council advised two positions for Police Officer at the Alderson Police Department have been posted. Certified Officers are eligible for a \$5,000 signing bonus. Non certified officers must agree to a contract that would require the officer to reimburse the city for the cost of training if that officer leaves their position before completing two years.

Fire and EMS Chief Lisa Vandall reported on the actions and accomplishments of her department for FY 2025/26. Chief Vandall advised that the department responded to 772 calls for service during the year.

WSS City Council declines measure to increase B&O Tax

The White Sulphur Springs City Council began their scheduled monthly meeting on July 13 by opening the floor for public comments on a proposed change to the B&O Tax. The proposal would lower the threshold for the tax on businesses from 2 million to 1 million. Two different individuals representing businesses that would be subject to the increase (Gillespie's Flowers and The Schoolhouse Hotel) spoke against the measure advising the increase would negatively impact their businesses as well as others.

Council members discussed concerns related to the collection of the tax as well as the implementation of the proposed hike. After a productive discussion, no motion was put forth which resulted in the measure dying.

The Council approved a rate hike for both residential and commercial trash service. Prior to approving the rate increase, the council's discussion revealed the city's trash collection service is operating at a loss. The rate hike for monthly residential service will increase to \$22.50, The rate hike for monthly commercial service (without a dumpster) will increase to \$35, while the rates for commercial dumpsters will increase to \$35 per pickup/per dumpster.

In other business, the Council appointed J.R. Byer, Jr. to the position of Zoning Officer.

Lewisburg's oldest store celebrates 49 years!

Founded in 1977, by Mr. Robert Head, Plants, Etc. and Bookstore is Lewisburg's oldest store. The Bookstore continues the founder's legacy by offering curious shoppers a special space for discovering a rare selection of books that are scarce and out of print.

Today, this 100% woman owned business, Plants, Etc. also provides community members and visitors to Lewisburg an opportunity to purchase art and numerous other items created in West Virginia and surrounding regions. You will find a sense of joy, welcome, and whimsy once you enter the door.

Plants, Etc. and Bookstore are celebrating their 49th birthday in August, 2026 with a grand series of events. Kicking off the month's events are two opportunities to enjoy the beauty, artistry, joy, and community of Plants, Etc. and Bookstore.

On Saturday, Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. join Plants, Etc. and Dr. Rob Meyer-Kukan from 7 Notes Natural Health for a sound bath in the hidden garden. The sound bath is offered to the community FREE of charge.

On Friday, Aug. 8 from 4 to 7 p.m., as part of First Friday's After 5 in Downtown Lewisburg, enjoy light refreshments, wine, and herbal tea. To mark the occasion, a celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony



Plants, Etc. and Bookstore
(Photos by Rebecca Johnson)



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Greenbrier Valley Community Center announces its name and new site

Community members gathered to attend a Community Open House on Tuesday, July 14 at Brad Paisley Community Park in White Sulphur Springs to learn project updates, gather input on programming, and celebrate progress toward the opening of the future Greenbrier Valley Community Center.

Since the ceremonial groundbreaking of the Greenbrier Valley family activity center project, much work has been underway to listen deeply from the community, plan with the long term in mind, and consider the community's greatest needs.

Significant community input

Nearly 250 residents have taken part in a community needs assessment in addition to inputs from focus groups, and interviews with families, teens, seniors, caregivers, educators, and health and economic development leaders over the last several months.

That input - paired with regional public health and economic data - has informed the facility name announced today and is shaping the center's design and programming around three goals to help all ages thrive in the Greenbrier Valley by:

- Improving physical and mental health;
- Reducing isolation and strengthening belonging;
- and
- Building confidence, independence, and life engagement.

A Center with Community at its core identity

One message from the community came through clearly and repeatedly: this must not be a place for just one group, or just one purpose. Participants described wanting a community hub first - a welcoming, accessible space neighbors across all ages can simply be together

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U.S. District Court rejects DOJ effort to obtain West Virginians confidential information

On Monday the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia dismissed the lawsuit over demands for unredacted West Virginia voter registration data.

The lawsuit sought the release of confidential voter information.

After the dismissal of the case, Secretary of State Kris Warner released the following statement:

"Today's decision by the United States District Court is an important victory for the rule of law, voter privacy, and the dedicated election officials across West Virginia who work every day to ensure the accuracy of our state's voter registration system.

As the Court noted, the Department of Justice's "demand includes no indication that West Virginia is

suspected to be noncompliant with the list maintenance requirements of [federal law], nor does it point to any anomalies in West Virginia's voter registration data."

From the outset, my Office has maintained that West Virginia law prohibits the disclosure of sensitive personal information contained in the statewide voter registration system absent legal authority requiring its release. Today's ruling confirms that our position was well-founded and consistent with both our statutory obligations and our responsibility to protect the personal information of West Virginia's registered voters. As West Virginia's Chief Election Official, I remain committed to ensuring that our elections are conducted with integrity, transparency, and full compliance with both state and federal law. See "Voter Information" __ Page 2

DoHS announces 2026 School Clothing Allowance program

The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), Bureau for Family Assistance will begin accepting school clothing allowance applications on Monday, July 20, 2026, for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools. All families must apply and may do so online at www.wvpath.wv.gov or by requesting a paper application be mailed to them by contacting their local DOHS office or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 15, or until the available funds are fully allocated, whichever occurs first. To be eligible for approval, applications must reach the local office before the program closes.

The program's opening had been on hold amid uncertainty over the state's federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding. Governor Patrick Morrisey announced that West Virginia has ensured that the funding needed to open the program for families this year will be available.

"We are doing this the right way, and we're working to make funding streams last. COVID-era reliance on one-time money helped create these challenges, so now we are working to put this program on solid footing. Starting July 20, West Virginia families can apply for the School Clothing Allowance," said Governor Patrick Morrisey.

Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children.

The monthly income for a family of four for the school clothing program may not exceed \$3,483. Verification of income for July 2026 must be submitted with the application.

Income Limits for the School Clothing Allowance Program for 2026:

# of persons in household	Income limit	# of persons in household	Income limit
1	\$1,696	6	\$4,675
2	\$2,292	7	\$5,271
3	\$2,888	8	\$5,867
4	\$3,483	9	\$6,463
5	\$4,079	10	\$7,059

+ \$596 for additional persons

School clothing allowance program recipients will receive payments on their electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card. This allows for both online transactions and an increased choice of vendors when purchasing school clothing or piece goods. The EBT card will operate like a debit card and can be used at any retailer who accepts EBT cash transactions. Parents or guardians of children in foster care will receive the school clothing allowance benefit as a check.

Those needing to update their address may do so at www.wvpath.wv.gov or by calling DoHS's Customer Service Center at 1-877-716-1212.

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77th Williamsburg Community Fair July 24-25, 2026

“Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights” is the theme for this year’s Williamsburg Community Fair. On Thursday evening, exhibits including food, photos, flowers, paintings, quilts, vegetables, eggs, and more may be registered from 5 to 7 p.m. at the community building. For a complete list of exhibit categories, visit the WilliamsburgWV Facebook events page. There is no fee or preregistration to enter exhibits.

On Friday evening from 5:30 to 8 p.m., enjoy hot dogs, BBQ, hamburgers, baked beans, and bingo from 5:30 to 7:30 for just \$1 per game. Winners receive half of the fees collected for each game. Daubers will be available for \$1, or you may bring your own. Browse the exhibits, then bring a chair and enjoy Buddy Allen and the Cheat River Band at the firehouse from 7:30 to 9:30.

Start Saturday with breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy, eggs, and more. Then visit the Thrift Shop in the old schoolhouse from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for a \$1 bag clothing sale. Afterward, step outside to watch the parade,

which begins at 10:30. Following the parade, enjoy lunch at the concession stand in the community building, view exhibits and health screenings, check out the vintage and hot rod cruise-in car show, visit kid-friendly activity stations, face painting, balloon animals, make crafts, jump in the bouncy house, and enjoy cotton candy, Dippin’ Dots, popcorn, and snow cones. You can also join the horseshoe and cornhole tournaments. A kids’ paint party led by Sandy Schmocker will take place from 2 to 2:45 and is limited to 20 participants. Organized games for all ages will run from 2:45 to 3:15, followed by a fire truck splash. Please bring towels and extra clothes.

Outdoor entertainment under the tent will make for a great afternoon. Bring a chair, relax, and enjoy Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys from 12:30 to 1:30, The Announcers inside from 1:30 to 2:30, and Nathan Seldomridge from 2:30 to 4:00 at a location to be announced.

Saturday evening, enjoy bingo again from 4 to 6 p.m., along with a ham dinner with brown beans, cornbread/cornpone and dessert from 4 to 7. A dance concert featuring music by the Goodson Boys begins at 7 p.m. in the firehouse bay. The night will end with fireworks at 9:30.

For the full schedule and event details, visit the WilliamsburgWV Facebook events page. The fair will be held at 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg, WV. The event is sponsored by Williamsburg Community Action, the Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department, and the Williamsburg Ruritan Club, with special thanks to an Arts and Recreation grant from the Greenbrier County commission.

Plants Etc & Bookstore

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Plants Etc. 846 Jefferson Street S, Lewisburg

hosted by the Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce will take place.

Other events are being planned throughout the month. Stay up to date with upcoming 49th anniversary events at Plants, Etc. and Bookstore on their social media: @oldeststoreinlewisburg (Plants ETC) on Facebook, @plantsetcww on TikTok or by calling the store at 304-645-6910.

Voter Information

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We share the Department of Justice’s commitment to enforcing federal voter registration list-maintenance requirements and ensuring that only eligible voters remain on the rolls. Our disagreement has never been with that goal, but with the means sought in this instance, which would have required the disclosure of sensitive personal information in a manner prohibited by West Virginia law.”

Select City National Bank locations to sell discounted Fair tickets

Officials at the State Fair of West Virginia and City National Bank are excited to announce that select bank locations across the region will sell advance discounted admission and ride passes to the 101st Annual State Fair of West Virginia, set for Aug. 13-22, 2026.

“We are very excited and appreciative of the opportunity to once again work with City National Bank to sell tickets for the Annual State Fair of West Virginia,” State Fair CEO Kelly Collins said. “This gives people who don’t live near the fairgrounds a convenient opportunity to purchase their tickets at the discounted rate.”

Participating locations will have State Fair tickets on sale through the close of business on July 31. Only cash or checks will be accepted; credit cards cannot be accepted. For a complete list of participating locations, please visit www.statefairfowv.com.

For 2026, advance adult admission tickets (age 11 and older) are \$10 if purchased by July 31. Advance carnival discounts include a \$30 Mega Pass, which is valid for one day and includes 12 hours of unlimited rides (11 a.m. to 11 p.m.).

Concert tickets are available for all shows and may be purchased online or at the State Fair Box Office. While concert tickets are not offered at a discounted rate, gate admission is included with each concert ticket.

Tickets purchased online through ETIX are subject to a convenience fee.

The 101st Annual State Fair of West Virginia will be held Aug. 13–22. The State Fair of West Virginia, with a \$42.8 million economic impact on the state, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation committed to the traditions of agriculture, family entertainment, and education. For more information, please visit www.statefairfowv.com or follow the State Fair on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Join the conversation using #SFWV.

Sharon & Jim Rowe named Carnegie Hall’s Fantasy Gala 2026 Honorees



Sharon & Jim Rowe

Carnegie Hall is pleased to announce that Sharon and Jim Rowe will be honored at A Star-Spangled Salute to the Arts Gala, as the popular annual fundraiser returns. The event will take place on Friday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. in Colonial Hall at The Greenbrier. Tickets are \$250 per person, and tables for 10 are available for \$2,500.

Sharon and Jim Rowe are exemplary illustrations of community service and dedicated stewards of the arts.

A tenured member of Carnegie’s Board of Directors, Sharon has donated countless hours and invaluable expertise. A former Board chair and past Gala chair, she currently co-chairs the Ivy Terrace Renovation Campaign with Foundation Board President, Tom White. A marketing and communications professional, she serves on numerous local, regional and statewide boards.

Jim Rowe is a Senior Status Judge who served as a Circuit Court Judge in Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties for many years. Prior to his appointment to the Court, he served for eight years in the West Virginia House of Delegates. He served on the Carnegie Board of Directors in the 1980s and currently serves on several local and statewide boards and commissions.

The Rowes’ altruism has helped the arts shine in the Greenbrier Valley for over 40 years. The Carnegie Hall Board of Directors is honored to recognize their contributions at this year’s Gala.

Donations to the Ivy Terrace Restoration Project in honor of Sharon and Jim Rowe may be made by visiting www.carnegiehallwv.org/ivy-terrace-restoration-project.

For Gala tickets, sponsorships, or more information, please visit starspangled.givesmart.com, call (304) 645-7917, or stop by Carnegie Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Current Fantasy Gala Sponsors include Gillespie’s Flower & Production, Robert Simpson & Mia Stone,

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Community Center

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- where seniors can have coffee after a class, a teenager can find a safe place to land after school, a parent can attend a wellness program while their child is engaged nearby, and youth and adults alike have more opportunities for indoor recreation.

Guided by input from the community, the project is now ready to announce its name - the Greenbrier Valley Community Center. With community center as the anchor of its identity, this reflects what it truly is: a place for all of us. While the center will sit in White Sulphur Springs, it will proudly serve White Sulphur Springs and nearby towns that make up the Greenbrier Valley.

The Greenbrier Valley Community Center is partnering with organizations including the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center and many more expected.

A New Site

The future community center will move to a new, flatter site near Food Lion on Route 92 - directly across from the original ground-breaking location. The site change follows further engineering review of the original parcel, which included a hillside and stream that posed some accessibility challenges. The new location will allow the Greenbrier Valley Community Center to be more accessible to visitors of all ages. Site work is expected to begin later this summer, with construction continuing through 2027.

Building Campaign Update

The project is committed to building the facility debt-free. More than half of the \$5.5 million construction goal has been raised in the campaign’s silent phase,

and organizers are now entering a broader fundraising phase to seek additional donations and grant opportunities as well as a future endowment. A scholarship and sliding-scale access model is planned to keep membership affordable for all residents. The Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation serves as the fiscal partner for the project and donations may be made by visiting their website at <https://gvfoundation.org>

About the Greenbrier Valley Community Center

The Greenbrier Valley Community Center is a new, community-driven facility being built to improve health and well-being, strengthen community, support youth development, promote healthy living and aging that serves Greenbrier Valley residents of all ages throughout the year. Once open, the Greenbrier Valley Community Center will offer accessible recreational, fitness, and wellness programming; spaces and events that reduce isolation and foster connection; youth development, active living and healthy aging programs that build confidence and resilience; with opportunities for community education, mentorship, and engagement across all generations.

Guided by significant input from the community, the Greenbrier Valley Community Center is being developed in collaboration with local health, education, and community organizations - including the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and with the Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation serving as its fiscal partner - to serve White Sulphur Springs and the surrounding Greenbrier Valley for generations to come.

PICK OF THE LITTER



BILLY

Billy - male 2 Months



JAMIE

Jamie - male 2.5 months

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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Briefly

Carnegie Hall Annual Meeting Notice

Carnegie Hall will hold its Annual Membership Meeting Monday, July 27, at 6 p.m., in the Hamilton Auditorium. Individuals or families who contributed at least \$50 to the Hall during the last fiscal year of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, are considered members of the Hall and are invited to attend. The agenda includes the year-end report for FY 2025-26 and the election of new board members. Light refreshments will be served. Please email ceo@carnegiehallwv.org if you plan to attend.

Suits

New Cases from 7/8/26 to 7/15/26

New Civil Cases
New London Tobacco Market, Inc v. James C. Justice Companies, Inc

New Divorces
Kris Ann Arbuckle and Mackinzie Arbuckle
Joseph D Herndon Sr. and Samantha D Cales

Input needed as New River Conservancy works towards Land Trust Re-accreditation

Through the Accredited Land Trust Program, New River Conservancy (NRC) has helped to protect over 10,000 acres of land and over 100 miles of New River and tributaries through land conservation, permanent sustainable management plans, and conservation easements. We have worked closely with the New River State Park to add over 1,700 acres of land to the park to be permanently protected and accessible to the visitors and local community. Acquisitions like this help us protect areas in and around the New River by donating them to a government entity that will protect them in perpetuity.

What is a land trust?
As an accredited land trust since 2011, NRC is one of 480 land trusts that have helped communities conserve habitat for wildlife and plants, secure water quality, ensure land is available for future generations, provide equitable access to nature, protect family farms and ranches, tackle climate resilience, build healthy communities and so much more.

Why does a land trust matter?
Having an accredited land trust in your community means you have a strong land conservation partner. You may be a landowner considering a conservation easement who wants to protect your land’s legacy. Or a community investor who prioritizes lasting impact. Or just someone who wants conservation to make a real difference for people and nature. Watch and learn what it means to be an accredited land trust.

Why does accreditation matter?
The accreditation seal is a mark of distinction, and being accredited helps your land trust to stand out, to say to landowners, funders and other supporters: “Invest in us. We have proven we are a strong, effective organization you can trust to conserve your land forever.” An accredited term is five years, with a rigorous renewal process to ensure best practices and the highest standards of operation.

PUBLIC NOTICE:
The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. New River Conservancy (NRC) is pleased to announce it is applying for renewal of accreditation. A public comment period is now open. Comments received before March 19, 2027 will be most useful.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance (LTA), conducts an extensive review of each applicant’s policies and programs. NRC is applying to renew their accreditation. As a member of the LTA, NRC can assure their landowners and other stakeholders that they vigorously and thoroughly reviewed all of their endeavors and are following best management practices to protect natural places and working lands.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how New River Conservancy complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust.

You may submit a comment, via email to info@landtrustaccreditation.org
Comments may also be mailed to:
Land Trust Accreditation Commission,
36 Phila Street
Suite 2
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Attn: Public Comments

Gala Honorees

Victor Jost, Mark & Debbie Kilcollin, The Bank of Monroe, Thomas & Laura Mann, Charleston Area Medical Center/Vandalia Health, Oates Landscape Architecture, Kilcollin Dental, Appalachian Heritage Group, and Don & Sue Gordon.

Proceeds from this event support Carnegie Hall’s arts education initiatives and world-class performing/visual arts programming.

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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.

Council Organizational Session

Lewisburg City Council will meet on Monday, July 20, at 10 a.m. in Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers at Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. The following topics are scheduled for discussion:

- Adoption, readoption and amendment of rules governing the official conduct of City Council and rules governing the transactions of City Council business
- Appointment of City Officers and Council Committees

Greenbrier County Commission

will meet Tuesday, July 21, at 10 a.m. in Room 203 (new addition)

- Regular Business:
 - Approve Minutes - July 7, 2026 regular meeting and July 15, 2026 special meeting
 - Settlements of Estates
Peggy Joyce Rhodes, Rodney Lee Agee, and Ann Virginia Gieseke
 - Exonerations/County Splits/Consolidations
- * Financial Approvals
 - Arts & Recreation Transfer
 - Budget Revisions
 - Line Item Transfer
 - Pay Bills
- * New Business
- Consideration of Proclamation to support West Virginia Goes Purple during the National Recovery Month 2026.
- Consider awarding the mowing contract for the Meadow River Trail. (Bids opened at the July 7, 2026 meeting.)
- Consider separation of employment for Michael Holmes from the Greenbrier County Courthouse Security effective date of July 31, 2026. (Date of hire 5/26/21)
- Consider a new hire employment application for Greenbrier County Circuit Clerk’s Office to fill a vacancy.
- Discussion of increasing the rate of tax imposed of occupancy tax.
- Update from Commission regarding the Updated zoning ordinance

Building Commission

will meet Tuesday, July 21, at 5 p.m. in regular session in Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street, West. On the agenda:

- Approval of garage doors
- Communication from members
- Approval of Minutes - July 14, 2026

Lewisburg City Council

will meet Tuesday, July 21, at 7 p.m. in regular session in Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street, West. On the agenda:

- Ordinance:
 - Ordinance 334 Health and Sanitation Code - 2nd Reading and Public hearing
- Communications from Mayor White
 - Board and Commission Appointments
- Communications from City Manager Hill
 - City Hall HVAC Renovation Bid approval
 - Greenbrier County Library HVAC Bid approval

Public Meetings

- Communications from Council Members
- Communications from Commissions
 - Building
 - Public Works quote approval garage doors
 - Parks
- Communications from Council Committees
 - Finance Committee Report
 - Arts and Humanities Funding Request - Lewisburg Literary Festival
 - Hollowell Park Playground Equipment Upgrade Quote Approval
 - Public Works quote approval purchase of Dump Truck with bond funds
 - Public Works quote approval of electrical work for garage doors with bond funds
- Public Works quote approval of utility equipment trailer
- Police Department SWAT Training
- CDL Wage Increase Jonathan Cook
- CDL Wage Increase Bobby Davis
- Proposed Pay Scale update
- Proposed COLA Increases
- Year-end lunch-training event quote approval

- Communications from Police Chief Teubert
- Communications from Fire Chief Thomas
- Public Works Dept. Report from Director Legg
- Approval of Minutes - regular session June 9, 2026
- Visitors’ Reports: (3-min. limit per subject not on the agenda)

Also available via Teleconference for information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 3 p.m, on the day of the meeting.

County Planning Commission

will meet Wednesday, July 22, at 3 p.m. in regular session in County Commission Courtroom. On the agenda:

- Election of new officers
- Approval of Minutes - Apr. 22, 2026
- Communications from Planning Department
- Discuss timeline for rezoning recent division of Highland Park Properties, LLC

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Mary Beth Hurley, Ronceverte, conspiracy against the state, fine \$100, NCP
Phillip Robert Taylor, Daily, petit larceny, jail 30 days - suspended 12 months unsupervised probation, NCP
Thurmond Daniel Loudermilk, Rupert, petit larceny, jail 90 days - suspended a year unsupervised probation, restitution \$400, GP
Joseph David Herndon, Sr., Lester, obstructing law enforcement, jail 30 days - suspended, NCP
Adam D. Roberts, White Sulphur Springs, seat-belt violation, fine \$25, NCP
Prosper Jaxson Baker, Alderson, driving too fast for roadway conditions, fine \$30, NCP
Dana E. Waid, White Sulphur Springs, failure to maintain control, fine \$10, NCP
Roni Rae Stotler, Ronceverte, use of electronic device without hands free equipment, fine \$50, GP
Daniel Wayne White, Lewisburg, seatbelt violation, fine \$25, GP
Sarah Beth Lewis, Lewisburg, petit larceny, fine \$75, jail 14 days - suspended 12 months unsupervised probation, restitution \$30, NCP



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OBITUARIES

Brandon Mikel Phillips

Brandon Mikel Phillips, 50, of Lewisburg passed away on July 9, 2026.

He was born May 18, 1976 in Clifton Forge, VA, the son of Thomas W. Phillips of Lewisburg and Bobbie Welch Gardner of Renick.

In his youth he attended Ronceverte Presbyterian Church.

Preceding Brandon was his paternal grandparents, Homer and Alta Baker Phillips and his maternal grandparents, Howard and Mae Welch.

Surviving are his children Tyler Lykens, Dakota Phillips and Carrington Phillips; grandchildren, Sophia Hall, Paxton Phillips, Braylon Phillips, Emyrson Dowdy and Ronan Davis; parents Tom and Carmen Phillips of Lewisburg; mother Bobbie and Jim Gardner of Renick and his brother Alex and Desiree Phillips of Lewisburg.

A graveside service will be Tuesday, July 14, 2026 in Riverview Cemetery in Ronceverte with Pastor Bobbie Gardner officiating.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Richard Andrew “Dick” Fleshman



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the loss of Richard Andrew “Dick” Fleshman, 82, passed away July 8, 2026 peacefully at home in Alderson, WV.

He was born July 24, 1944 in Buck, WV, a son to the late Betty and Howard Fleshman.

Richard served his country in the US armed forces in the naval division. He was machinist mate 2nd class aboard the USS Tautog 639 and was a proud veteran serving 6 years in the service. He was a loving father, son, brother and friend. He was funny but stern and always there for wisdom or to lend a hand when a neighbor needed him.

He settled in Alderson and worked as a skilled carpenter and enjoyed singing at over 80 churches and was a devoted Christian.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife Alice Faye Fleshman, 4 daughters, Vivian Fleshman (1 child), Jennifer (1 child) and husband Tom Miller, Elizabeth (2 children) and husband Doug Newbrough, Laura (6 children) and husband David Chapman; 2 grandchildren.

Richard’s siblings: Howie Fleshman, Royce and wife Sherry Fleshman, Janet Bragg and Causby Parker.

There will not be any funeral services or celebration of life as per the family’s request.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Charlotte Ann Brant



Charlotte Ann Brant, 73, of White Sulphur Springs, WV, passed away peacefully on July 9, 2026.

Charlotte was a devoted Christian whose faith guided her throughout her life. She loved her family with all her heart and would do anything she could to help someone in need. She will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, love and unwavering strength in her faith.

She is survived by her two sons, Kevin Brant of Gap Mills and his wife Chasity, Jason Brant of Greenbrier County and his wife Jessica along with granddaughter Addison, granddaughter Samantha Brant of Ronceverte with fiance’ Steven Morgan and her great-grandchildren Gabriel, Emily and Julia Morgan, step-granddaughters, Alexandra Dame and Shyanna Dame, one brother, Steve Glover of Covington, VA and wife Brenda. Her special family members Elissa Scott and Miranda Scott, who will forever hold a special place in her heart.

She was preceded in death by her beloved mother Julia Glover, her father Walter “Doodle” Glover, her brother Larry “Inky” Glover and her sister Sharon Glover Van-Buren.

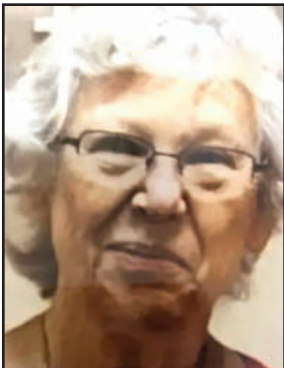
Charlotte leaves behind a legacy of faith, compassion, and unconditional love.

Though her family mourns her passing, they find comfort in knowing she is at peace in the presence of her Lord and Savior. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

May her memory be a blessing to all whose lives she touched.

Graveside service will be held in Rosewood Cemetery in Lewisburg, WV, on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 11 a.m.

Nannie Catherine Boggus



Nannie Catherine Boggus, 88, of Ansted passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at the Ansted Rehabilitation Center.

She was born on Feb. 5, 1938 at Ansted; she was the daughter of the late John Smith and Jesse Wood Smith.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by two daughters, Kathy Boggus and Jamie Boggus.

Nannie was a member of Lovers Leap Baptist Church of Ansted. She enjoyed sewing, having made many quilts and baby quilts.

Those left to cherish her

memory are her loving husband of 62 years, James Boggus; daughter, Marie (James) Chaney of Danville, WV; two sons, Clem Hizer of Nashville, TN, and Harry (Marsha) Hizer of Foster, WV; a half-sister, Linda (Kenneth) Maynard of Ohio; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; extended family and friends.

Service will be at 1 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2026 at Lovers Leap Baptist Church, Ansted, with Pastor Milburn Pack officiating. Burial will follow in Westlake Cemetery, Ansted. Friends may gather with the family at the church from 12 noon until time of service.

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

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

Arlie Hill Morgan



Arlie Hill Morgan, 85, of Arbovale, WV, passed away peacefully at his home on July 13, 2026, surrounded by his wife and daughters.

Born on Apr. 8, 1941, Arlie was the son of the late Samuel and Luna Morgan. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Albert Morgan, Austin Morgan, and Alvadore Morgan, as well as several nephews and a niece.

Arlie is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Mary “Maggie” Morgan of Arbovale; his daughters, Carol Morgan (companion Randall Grimes) of Beverly, WV, and Sharon Morgan of Grottoes, VA; and his cherished grandchildren, Kaylee Halterman (fiancé Jayden Taylor) of Mill Creek, WV, Ryan Halterman of Morgantown, WV, and Chloe Wasnesky and William Wasnesky of Grottoes, VA. He was eagerly anticipating the arrival of his first great-grandchild, Sophia Hill Taylor, who is due in December.

He is also survived by his brothers, Randall Morgan (Dorothy) and Roger Morgan (Wanda); his sisters, Janet Carter and Maria Pierce (Tim); as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends. A special place in his heart was reserved for his lifelong friends, John and Margie Sparks.

Arlie proudly served his country in the United States Navy, spending much of his military service stationed in Cuba. Following his military service, he worked for many years at Howes Leather Company. After the company closed, he continued working at Interstate Hardwoods until health challenges led to his retirement on disability following his first battle with cancer.

Arlie was a quiet, humble man who never sought attention or wanted to be the center of attention. Though quiet by nature, Arlie was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. His actions spoke far louder than his words, and his kind-

ness was evident in the way he lived his life. He also had an unforgettable smile, and his family often joked that he was the most photogenic one among them.

In his younger years, Arlie enjoyed hunting and fishing, and throughout his life he found peace outdoors. He took great pride in caring for his yard and delighted in watching the many birds that visited his feeders. Those who knew Arlie rarely saw him without his pocketknife, a pair of nail clippers, and a can of Red Seal chewing tobacco tucked into his pocket. Although he was a quiet man, he loved sharing a good joke and could always bring a smile or laugh to those around him. Some of his happiest moments were the simplest ones, spending quiet evenings on the front porch with a cup of coffee, enjoying the fresh air and the beauty around him.

Arlie lived a life defined not by recognition or accolades, but by quiet strength, unwavering devotion to his family, simple acts of kindness, and a smile that could brighten any room. Though he will be deeply missed, his gentle spirit, warm humor, and the example he set will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Honoring Arlie’s wishes, he was cremated. A Celebration of Life will be held in August, with details to be announced by the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Arlie’s memory to Green Bank Senior Citizens, 4498 Potomac Highlands Trail, Green Bank, WV 24944.

Judith Grace “Judy” Tacy Spear



Judith Grace “Judy” Tacy Spear, 82, of Bartow passed away June 18, 2026 at Davis Memorial Center in Elkins.

Judy was born May 29, 1944 at Cass to the late Ollie and Rella Cassell Tacy.

Judy was retired from the Chesterfield, VA school system. She was a devoted wife, mother, homemaker and member of the Pine Grove Church. She especially enjoyed gardening, flowers and yard work.

Other than her parents, Judy was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Spear; brother, Jack Tacy and sister Mary Sharp.

Surviving includes her husband, George Spear of Bartow; son, William Spear and wife Elizabeth of Lebanon, OH; daughter, Deborah Spear Graves and fiancé John Graves, Jr. of Richmond, VA; daughter-in-law, Grace Spear of Virginia Beach, VA; brother, Charles Tacy and wife Louise of Buckhannon,

WV; granddaughters, Kimberly Spear, Alex Stone, Skylar Stone and Olivia Spear; great-grandson, Atlas Waverly Lamm; several nieces, nephews and extended family.

A Celebration of Life will be at 12 noon on Saturday, July 18, 2026 at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Pastor Julian Rittenhouse and Pastor David Rittenhouse officiating.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of the Celebration of Life at 12 noon on July 18, at the funeral home.

Family requests no flowers but memorial contributions may be made to Pine Grove Church, 268 Markwood Gum Road, Arbovale, WV 24915.

Charles Lewis “One Shot” McCormick



Charles Lewis “One Shot” McCormick, 86, passed away on July 14, 2026, in the comfort of his home, surrounded by loved ones. Born Feb. 6, 1940, in Union, WV, he was the son of Harry and Mary Katherine McCormick.

Lewis was an avid farmer and hunter his entire life. He had a strong passion for horses and bear hunting. He developed many lifelong friendships over the years, whether it was at a show ring, horse pull, or during a chase in the woods. He had a great love for farming and enjoyed raising sheep and cattle throughout his life.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nancy “Granny” McCormick; three brothers, Bob, Gus, and John McCormick; four sisters, Jane Dillon, June Turner, Phyllis Crickenburger, and Bettye Bloodworth; and his lifelong best friend, who was like family, John D. Laws.

“Pawpa” Lewis took extreme pride in his family, especially his 11 great-grandchildren. Those left to cherish his memory include his sister, Sue Gillette of Portsmouth, VA; his son, Michael McCormick of Sinks Grove; daughter, Cathy (Don) Hylton of Ronceverte; grandson, Jason (Leah) Hylton of Ronceverte; granddaughter, Sara (Trent) White of Sinks Grove; granddaughter, Megan Ivins (Charles) of Lexington, VA; and great-grandchildren Hunter, Chase, Autumn, and Seth Hylton; Abigail, Lane, Colton, and Chloe White; and Jacob, Hannah, and Audrey Ivins. Lewis had several nieces, nephews, and cousins whom he loved.

A funeral service will be held at Groves-Mann Funeral Home on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Greg Scott of-

ficiating. Burial will follow in the New Lebanon Cemetery in Pickaway, WV. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Shannon Simmons, Josh Kimberlin, David Schumaker, Herbert Scott, Kurt Alderman, Tim Blankenship, and Charles Crawford. Honorary pallbearers include Mick Eskins, Jim Taylor, Jack Schumaker, David Deem, Paul Carter, Jamie Cox, Matthew Cover, Tommy Reynolds, and Kent King.

In lieu of flowers, and in honor of his son, Michael, please donate to Shriners Children’s Hospital, 110 Conn Terrace, Lexington, KY 40508.

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.

David Lee Woodrum



David Lee Woodrum, 81, of Ronceverte, WV, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 2, 2026.

Born Sept. 4, 1944, he was a son of the late Herbert Lewis Woodrum and Edith Pearl Brant Woodrum.

He was the last living member of his immediate family.

David knew and loved the Lord. He also loved his family, deer hunting, fishing, and NASCAR. Kyle Bush was his favorite driver.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Amber Wright and nine siblings. He was also preceded in death by his best friend, Jerry Bennett and a cousin, Raymond Woodrum.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of nearly 62 years, Glemma Baker Woodrum; two daughters, Gina Morgan (Mark) and Wanda Wright (Ernie); son, David Wayne Woodrum (Alisha); his grandchildren, Dustin Crouch, Katrina Crouch, Austin Woodrum, Jeffrey Wright and Nathan Woodrum; great-grandchildren, Alex Wright, Zayne Crouch, Madelyn Crouch, Lilly Woodrum, Avery Crouch and Saylor Woodrum; and several nieces and nephews.

Per his wishes, David will be cremated and a celebration of Life service will be scheduled for a future date to be determined.



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Camp Kno Koma provides kids with diabetes a safe camp environment

This week at the Greenbrier County Youth Camp near Anthony, WV summer campers are spending their days swimming, playing volleyball, making arts and crafts, exploring nature, participating in talent shows, and gathering around evening campfires. But unlike a traditional camp, every child at this camp, Camp Kno Koma, shares a common bond: living with diabetes.

Founded more than 60 years ago, Camp Kno Koma has provided a summer camping experience for over 10,000 children living with diabetes throughout West Virginia and the surrounding region.

While campers focus on having fun, making friends, and enjoying the adventures of camp, they also learn accountability, nutrition, diabetes management, and self-confidence from a volunteer team of counselors and healthcare professionals. Campers develop practical skills such as monitoring blood sugar, understanding how food and exercise affect their condition, and taking greater responsibility for their own health.

Katie Crowe was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at age four and was seven years old when she first attended Camp Kno Koma. “Camp Kno Koma showed me that I wasn’t alone,” she says. “I was surrounded by kids who understood exactly what I was going through. I built lifelong friendships, gained confidence, and learned that I could live a full, active life.”

Katie attended Camp Kno Koma every summer until she was 15 years old. She then joined the camp’s two-year Leadership in Training (LIT) program where she learned leadership and mentoring skills. Upon completion of the LIT program, Katie returned to Camp Kno Koma as a full-fledged counselor.

Today, Katie works at The Health Plan, where she serves as a Community Outreach Liaison. For Katie, working for The Health Plan is an opportunity to come full circle, as The Health Plan is a proud supporter of Camp Kno Koma and the families it serves.

In addition to sending volunteers like Katie to Camp Kno Koma, The Health Plan covers the tuition costs for each and every camper, ensuring no child is unable to attend Camp Kno Koma because of financial barriers. The Health Plan also provides transportation to the camp, helping more families access this life-changing experience.

“Camp Kno Koma helped me become the person I am today,” Katie says. “Through my work with The Health Plan, I can continue to be a part of Kamp Kno Koma’s legacy of creating opportunities for campers to learn, grow and thrive.”

A West Virginia-based nonprofit health maintenance organization, The Health Plan is committed to improving the health and well-being of the communities it serves. Although The Health Plan provides coverage to members in all 50 states, it is especially proud of its presence in all 55 West Virginia counties and its long-standing commitment to communities throughout the Mountain State. Through partnerships like Camp Kno Koma, The Health Plan extends its mission beyond healthcare coverage by investing directly in programs that improve quality of life for West Virginia families.

This year’s camp is being held July 12-18.For more information about Camp Kno Koma visit their website campnokoma.com



Katie Crowe at Camp Kno Koma



Katie Crowe and Nedtronic Trainer who taught her how to use her first insulin pump

Ketron Church Homecoming

The community is invited to join us at Ketron Church on Aug. 2, 2026, as we celebrate Ketron Church, the people and its legacy. Located outside of Ronceverte on Rockland Road, Ketron Church sits on the mountaintop with the cemetery and picnic shelter in a small grove just below the church.

Worship service begins at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Roger McDaniel from Ronceverte, WV. We hope you will join us for worship, fellowship, and singing in the “old country church.”

If you would like someone remembered during our memorial service, please notify Michelle Jones or Kathy Crist so their name may be added to the memorial list.

Following the worship service, we will gather at the Frank Whanger Picnic Shelter for a potluck lunch and a brief business meeting. Paper products and utensils will be provided. Your support is vital to the continued upkeep of Ketron Church and the maintenance of Ketron Cemetery. If you have a loved one buried in Ketron Cemetery, please consider honoring their memory with a donation to Ketron Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 251, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

Please plan to attend and bring your family and friends as we gather to worship, remember, visit, and enjoy Christian fellowship together.

President: Michelle Jones, 348 Fullen Farm Road, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

Vice President: Kathy Crist, 3144 Brush Road, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Treasurer: Karen West, P.O. Box 251, Ronceverte, WV 24970.



Vandalia Health CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center unveils surgical robot

Surgeons practicing at Vandalia Health CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center are now using the most advanced technology to assist them with procedures in the operating room. A robotic system was recently installed at CAMC Greenbrier Valley to be used for minimally invasive surgical procedures for urology, gynecology, thoracic and general surgeries.

“This is another example of how we are investing to improve the quality of care for our surgical patients,” said Becky Harless, Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center. “We’re proud to be able to provide our community with this technology.”

You are invited to stop by for a hands-on look at how surgeons use surgical robots to treat patients with this latest technology. CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center will celebrate this accomplishment at 3 p.m., Monday, July 20.

CAMC launched the first multispecialty robotic surgery program in West Virginia in 2007 and now has 11 robots assisting surgeons including five robots at Vandalia Health CAMC Memorial Hospital, two at Vandalia Health CAMC Women and Children’s Hospital, one at

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Church Bulletin

Summer 2026 Vacation Bible

School - Lewisburg Baptist Church

Lewisburg Baptist Church is inviting all children ages 4 through finished 5th grade to attend our Summer 2026 Vacation Bible School on Monday, July 27 - Thursday, July 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch is provided). The theme this year is “The Great Jungle Journey - An Epic Cruise through Genesis to Revelation.” Children will explore Biblical questions as they set off on an epic adventure on a fun jungle cruise through the Bible. Please see Lewisburg Baptist Church on Facebook to learn more and to register. Please call us with any questions (304-645-3797).

First Baptist Church of Rainelle

Food Pantry. 2026 Saturday

distribution schedule

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

Suttle Reunion

You are invited to the Suttle Reunion at the Williamsburg Community Building in Williamsburg, WV, on July 19. Lunch will be served at 1 PM. Doors will open at 11 AM. Paper products, water, and sweet tea will be provided. Please bring one or two covered dishes, serving utensils, your preferred drink if you would like something other than water or tea, family photos, documents, and any information you wish to share. Thank you for contributing to a wonderful Suttle gathering! Please invite and remind all family members and friends. Questions, call Missy Boothe at 304-667-2080. Door prizes will be awarded randomly based on sign-in sheet. Sign in!

Bennett Family Reunion

Descendants of JC “Jimmy” and Nora Myrtle Sawyers Bennett are having a Bennett Family Reunion. Saturday, July 25, 2026 at Hollowell Park, Matthews Street, Lewisburg. Plan to eat at 1 PM. Bring a covered dish and visit with your relatives and friends. Share a good meal, family history, family pictures and a good time! For questions please call, Joyce Morgan, 304-661-6455, Charlotte Morgan, 304-645-1179, or Genevieve Wiley at 304-645-2573.

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

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Surgical Robot

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Vandalia Health CAMC General Hospital and two at Vandalia Health CAMC Plateau Medical Center.

“Performing the first robotic surgery at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center is an important milestone—not just for the hospital, but for the entire Greenbrier Valley,” said Samuel Deem, DO, MBA, CAMC Director of Robotic Surgery. “This is about more than introducing new technology; it’s about ensuring our community has access to the same advanced, minimally invasive surgical care available at major medical centers without having to travel far from home. As someone who grew up in this region, it’s especially meaningful to help bring this level of care back to the community that helped shape me. My hope is that this is just the beginning of Vandalia Health expanding access to innovative, high-quality healthcare for the people of southern West Virginia.”

Some of the benefits for patients may include a shorter hospital stay, less pain, less risk of infection, less blood loss, fewer transfusions, less scarring, faster recovery and a quicker return to normal daily activities.

Benefits for surgeons using a robot versus traditional approaches have been greater surgical precision, increased range of motion, improved dexterity, enhanced visualization and improved access.

Over 30 specialists trained in robotic surgery at CAMC’s hospitals performed over 2,700 surgical procedures in 2025.

Earlier this year, the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC) accredited CAMC Women and Children’s Hospital as a Center of Excellence in Robotic Gynecologic Surgery. In 2023, SRC re-accredited CAMC Memorial Hospital as a Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery.

About Vandalia Health

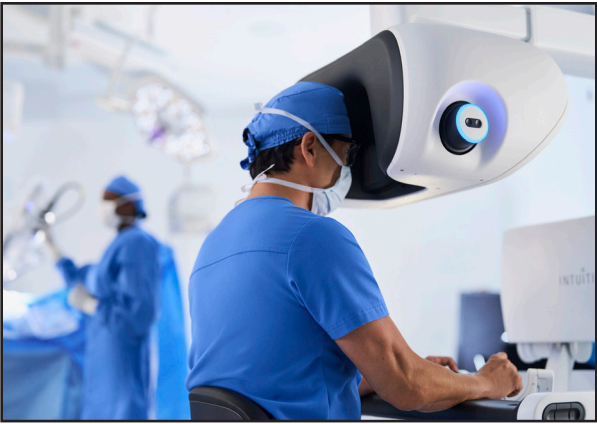
Vandalia Health, headquartered in Charleston, is a multi-state health system with locations across West Virginia as well as in Maryland, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Made up of CAMC Health System, Davis Health System and Mon Health System, Vandalia Health’s 17 hospitals (including 3 affiliates) provide a comprehensive variety of services including the only kidney transplant center in southern West Virginia, the first freestanding women and children’s hospital in West Virginia, a Level I Trauma Center (highest ranking), a Level I pediatric intensive care unit (highest ranking) and a Level III neonatal intensive care unit (with the most critical NICU resources).

Vandalia Health also has over 220 outpatient locations, more than 14,500 employees and more than 2,000 doctors and advanced practice providers.

Additionally, the Institute for Academic Medicine provides education, outreach and research support to student physicians and other medical professionals hosting more than 1,000 students daily in programs leading to degrees or certifications in health professions.

For more information or a map of locations visit vandaliahealth.org.



New surgical robot coming to CAMC



“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness, and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.”

—2 Peter 1:5-7

Building Character

While we are created in the image of God and “may participate in the divine nature,” we are not born with character. Character is developed by inculcating habits. If we were blessed to have good and wise parents, they probably did their best to inculcate good habits from a young age. But however we have been raised (and however blessed we are to have a “good nature”), everyone needs to continue to work on their character. Everyone has character flaws, whether it be a bad temper that flies off the handle easily, or a temptation to greed, vanity or any of the seven deadly sins. Our willingness to work on our characters, which is essentially working on our habits, is a task for a lifetime. We’ll never get it perfect, but we can continue to improve as we grow older. One of the tasks we are faced with is continuing to work on our characters when we don’t have much zest for life, or when we’re just feeling like life is drudgery. Then it takes special effort to continue the important work of character development. And remember, character development isn’t just about you becoming a better person, but about you serving God and your fellow man.

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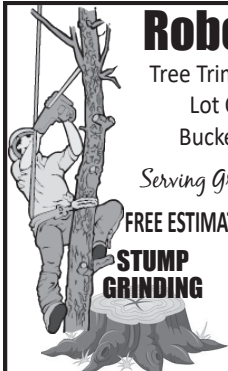
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Dear Recycle Lady,

I have some paper that I can’t tell whether it is office paper or slicks like a magazine. Do I put this paper in the office paper bin or in the magazine/slicks bin?

Uncertain Recycler

Dear Uncertain Recycler,

Paper made from wood pulp or from recycled paper, regardless of whether it is office paper or magazine slicks, can be recycled. The difference is that magazines/slicks have a glossy or matte finish that has been applied as a coating that covers the entire page. The pages may

also be heavier, bulkier and brighter. Newspapers often have inserts that look like a slick but may be just heavier newspaper with a brightly colored ink. They are the ones that may be doubtful. Put them in the magazine/slick bin as inks and coatings can affect the recyclability of the office paper. Magazines/slicks are more forgiving of mistakes than office paper, so when in doubt put it in the magazine bin.

Dear Recycle Lady,

How many countries have banned plastic bags?

Traveler

Dear Traveler,

According to worldatlas.com, the first countries to totally ban plastic bags were Bangladesh in 2002 and Rwanda in 2008. As of 4/29/26, there are 103 countries that have passed either a full or partial ban on plastic bags and 32 countries that have opted for a charge per bag. All Australian states have a total ban on single-use plastics. The U.S. does not yet have a country-wide ban on plastic bags. However, 12 states and 500 cities have restrictions on plastic bags. The most common type of plastic now used for these single-use bags is Polyethylene PET (#1 plastic). According to Plastic Education, plastic was first created in 1898. In 1933, plastic bags were invented in England and in 1953, high-density polyethylene HDPE (# 2 plastic) that makes plastics light and strong was invented. During WWII, plastic was a highly guarded secret as the U.S. military first used it as an insulating material to place radar into airplanes. In 1965, Karl Ziegler, one of the chemists who invented HDPE, won the Nobel prize for chemistry. In 1979, single-use plastic bags first appeared in the large grocery store chains.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What are PFAS?

Not a Chemist

Dear Not a Chemist,

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, better known as PFAS, are a class of human-made chemicals that were developed in the late 1930s. They are long-lasting chemicals that break down very slowly. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has cataloged over 14,000 different PFAS that are used in cleaning products, cosmetics, stain-resistant clothing, paints, furniture, and more. According to the director of the Environmental Health Science Center at Oregon State University, “PFAS have the strongest bond in chemistry, which means that there are no natural processes in us or in the environment to break these chemicals down.” Thus, they are called “forever” chemicals. PFAS make materials resistant to stains, grease, and water, but they also put our health at risk. According to epa.gov, PFAS have been found in humans and animals all over the world.” They are in our water, in the air we breathe, and in the soil around the globe. They are found in clothing, cosmetics, carpets, shampoos, food packaging, firefighting foam, and insulation of electrical wires, to list only a few of the products they exist in. Since thousands of PFAS chemicals are found in so many different consumer, commercial, and industrial products, it is challenging to study and assess the potential human health and environment risks.

Surprising News: According to www.sciencefocus.com, mosquitoes are the most dangerous animal on Earth. They spread deadly diseases like malaria, West Nile Virus, and Zika that kill between 500,000 and one million people globally each year.

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

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By William “Skip” Deegans

This past July 4, hundreds of masked members of the Patriot Front, a Neo-fascist, white supremacist organization, gathered at Union Station in Washington, DC, and marched carrying American and Confederate flags toward Capitol Hill. This march was reminiscent of a 1925 march by the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) in Washington (shown in the photograph). Wearing white robes and conical hoods, 30,000 Klansmen marched 3½ hours from the Capitol to the Treasury Department. They carried American flags and sang hymns and marching songs. Some 150,000 spectators turned out to watch.

The 1920s was the pinnacle of Klan membership. In 1921, The Wheeling Intelligencer estimated there were 9,000 members of the KKK in West Virginia. In Greenbrier County, the Klan was particularly visible in Ronceverte, and in 1922 it organized in White Sulphur Springs where it burned a cross on Bold Hill during a night-time ceremony.

In neighboring Fayette County during that same year, a locomotive with its name and number erased and pulling five coaches arrived at the train station in Cannelton. “Scores upon scores” of white robed men poured from the train and marched to Montgomery. A leader bearing an illuminated cross led the marchers. Behind him were marchers carrying a banner that read, “We Will Be Here Tomorrow.” At the end of the march another banner was carried with the words “We Will Be Here Forever.”

In 1925, two-hundred robed men and women belonging to the Talcott unit of the Summers County KKK assembled at the school house, marched to the



railroad station, and held a nearby meeting that drew some 2,500 people who were entertained by a band.

After the 1920s, the KKK was largely silent in West Virginia until the 1974 Kanawha County textbook protest where it capitalized on the unrest, burned crosses and was accused of violence.

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Mainstage Season Tickets go on sale Monday, July 20, offering you the chance to secure your favorite seat for an entire season filled with eight unforgettable performances.

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Carnegie Hall Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues with Deni Bonet & Chris Flynn

Carnegie Hall continues the 2026 Ivy Terrace Outdoor Music Series with a performance by Deni Bonet & Chris Flynn on Thursday, July 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Carnegie Hall. A signature part of Lewisburg’s summer cultural landscape, Ivy Terrace invites the community to gather for free live music on the picturesque lawn overlooking New River Community and Technical College.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket, pack a picnic, and enjoy a relaxed, family-friendly evening. All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, alcohol-free, generously sponsored by City National Bank, and will move indoors in the event of inclement weather. For updates, concertgoers are encouraged to follow Carnegie Hall’s Facebook page.

Deni Bonet & Chris Flynn bring an irresistible blend of Americana, folk-rock, virtuoso musicianship, and quick-witted humor to the Ivy Terrace stage. Based in New York, the duo has captivated audiences around the world with their seamless vocal blend, Bonet’s

electrifying violin, Flynn’s expressive guitar work, and the warm, playful banter that defines their performances. Together, they have appeared everywhere from Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center to Mountain Stage, the United Nations, the White House, and even the Great Wall of China. They have shared the stage with artists including R.E.M., Cyndi Lauper, Richard Thompson, Warren Zevon, Sarah McLachlan, and Allen Toussaint, and have performed their original music as soloists with full symphony orchestras.

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calling their performances “irresistible,” and Forbes noting Bonet’s dynamic stage presence and fearless violin work.

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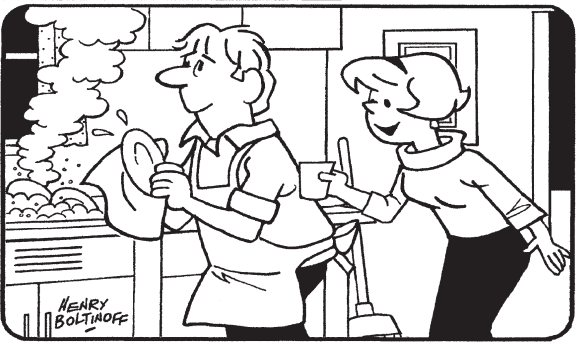
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"It must be an exciting game — you just took a bite out of the _____!"

HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cabinet is wider. 2. Apron is different. 3. Hair is different. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Curtain is missing. 6. Broom is different.

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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Super Crossword

CHARGING JOE

ACROSS

1 Reserves of stock

9 Person applying a mail stick-on

16 Understands

20 Actress Palicki of "Friday Night Lights"

21 Popcorn personage Redenbacher

22 Out of the wind, nautically

23 Start of a riddle

25 Watson of "Little Women"

26 Was bested

27 Rug threads

28 Emo of zany comedy

30 Crafty plans

34 Arnaz of "I Love Lucy"

35 Have in mind

36 King, in Paris

37 Riddle, part 2

41 Unhappy

44 Almonds, e.g.

45 See

63-Across

46 Jamaican music genre

47 Alpine climber's tool

49 Extra NFL periods

51 Actress Long of "Missing"

53 Nobelist Bohr

54 Riddle, part 3

60 "The Taking of — 123" (2009 film)

61 Check casher, e.g.

62 Pre-2001 space station

63 With 45-Across, informed on the latest

67 Lacking living organisms

69 Shampoo brand

71 Vidal — (shampoo brand)

73 Some till bills

74 Helium, e.g.

76 Dot in the ocean

78 Fife sound

79 Riddle, part 4

82 Pong producer

86 Tart's cousin

87 Capote, to his pals

88 "The First 48" network

89 Ricky Martin's old boy band

91 "Sir," in colonial India

95 "Hey there, tiger!"

97 Wee child

98 End of the riddle

102 Yoga chants

103 Loosen up

104 Tolkien trilogy initials

105 To some degree

109 Popular rum brand

111 Swindling guy

113 Really ruin

114 Scraped (out)

115 Riddle's answer

120 Give for a while

121 Determines the sum of

122 Thief's activity

123 Uno + dos

124 Some tax cheats

125 Lays out for proofing

DOWN

1 Cries loudly

2 Like a one-off committee

3 Failing suddenly

4 Purring baby

5 Precept

6 "Warzone" singer Yoko

7 Wildebeest

8 Narcissist's love

9 People crying loudly

10 Maple fluid

11 Greed for wealth

12 Russian-built fighter jets

13 Arafat's gp., once

14 Formed a secret union?

15 Ginger's trait

16 Scottish Celt

17 Suburb of Phoenix

18 Pertaining to time

19 Ocean coasts

24 "White Flag" singer of 2003

29 Have in mind

31 Tailless feline breed

32 Aussie bird

33 New Jersey's — Hall University

35 Smaller than large

38 Lens aperture setting

39 Russo of "The Intern"

40 Hi-tech movie effects

41 Hold to one's decision

42 Novelist Chinua

43 Buy and sell

48 Eldest of the Musketeers

50 Suddenly lose patience

52 Warts and all

55 Pal, in Peru

56 Song line

57 Kin of "Oyl"

58 Beautiful, in Bologna

59 Poetic Muse

63 Old Glory's land, informally

64 Really strong

65 City in Spain or Ohio

66 A short round of tennis

68 Al who drew the Yokums

70 For fear that

72 To the extent that

75 Bern's land, to the French

77 Australia Zoo owner Irwin

79 Not as messy

80 Harvest

81 "The Flight Attendant" star Kaley

82 Bandleer, informally

83 Drink infusing device

84 Cutoff cry from a film director

85 Long to undo

90 Out with one's sweetie

92 Hint-providing columnist

93 "My thoughts exactly"

94 Alternatives to GIFs or JPEGs

96 Hulk Hogan's 1980s org.

99 Isaac of sci-fi

100 Actress Drescher

101 Sings in the Alps, perhaps

106 Perez of film

107 Quaint reply of denial

108 Canoodles, in Cambridge

110 Determines the sum of

111 Street rep

112 Hawk's home

116 Plato's "H"

117 Hog's home

118 Vivacity

119 "Little" actress Issa

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PLEASE SEE THE PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 8

ENTERTAINMENT

Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

• **Carnegie Hall’s 2026 Ivy Terrace Concert Series** continues Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. with Deni Bonet and Chris Flynn. Internationally acclaimed violinist, singer, and songwriter Deni Bonet and guitarist Chris Flynn bring their high energy pop rock flair to the stage. Known for electric performances and collaborations with artists ranging from Cyndi Lauper to R.E.M., the duo delivers a vibrant, genre bending show. Ivy Terrace Concerts take place outside in front of Carnegie Hall and are free to the public. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic. The concerts are over at 8 p.m. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

• **Monday, July 27: CARNEGIE HALL ANNUAL MEETING** - Carnegie Hall will hold its Annual Membership Meeting Monday, July 27, at 6 p.m., in the Hamilton Auditorium. Individuals or families who contributed at least \$50 to the Hall during the last fiscal year of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, are considered members of the Hall and are invited to attend. Email ceo@carnegiehallwv.org if you plan to attend.

• **Thursday, July 30: ST. MARKS STEEL DRUMS** - Carnegie Hall’s 2026 Ivy Terrace Concert Series

continues Thursday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. with the bright, joyful Caribbean rhythms of St. Marks Steel Drums. The steel pan ensemble creates an irresistible island atmosphere filled with upbeat grooves and feel good melodies. Ivy Terrace Concerts take place outside in front of Carnegie Hall and are free to the public. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic. The concerts are over at 8 p.m. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304.645.7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

• **Thursday, Aug. 13: MINDY MURRAY & THE LOBELIANS** - Carnegie Hall’s 2026 Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues Thursday, Aug. 13, at 6:30 p.m. Mindy Murray & The Lobelians. Known for heartfelt storytelling, rich vocal blends, and a mix of folk, bluegrass, and roots influences, Mindy’s warm, intimate sound resonates beautifully in a summer setting. She will be joined by Bob and Ginger Must, Paolo and Erica Marks, Zach Yocum, and more. Ivy Terrace goes on the road for this special concert! The concert will take place at the WVSOM Student Center Outdoor Amphitheatre and is free and open to the public. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or

blanket and pack a picnic. The concerts are over at 8 p.m. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304.645.7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

For tickets or more information visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV. Thanks to the Carnegie Cardinal Fund, Greenbrier County Students attend for free, but still must reserve a seat.

ROTATING GALLERIES:

- Old Stone Room Gallery - Carnegie Hall Galleries are dark during July and August.
- Museum Gallery - Carnegie Hall Galleries are dark during July and August.
- Lobby Gallery/Board Room - Carnegie Hall Galleries are dark during July and August.
- Board Room Gallery - Carnegie Hall Galleries are dark during July and August.

PERMANENT EXHIBIT:

- **ARTS FROM THE ASHES: THE HISTORY OF CARNEGIE HALL** - The exhibit features memorabilia, photographs, artifacts and more of Carnegie Hall since its construction in 1901. Located on the second floor. Free admission.

Vendor registration and sponsorships now open for Carnegie Hall’s 40th TOOT

On Saturday, Oct. 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the 40th annual Taste of Our Towns (TOOT) festival will bring thousands of visitors to downtown Lewisburg. TOOT is a fundraiser for Carnegie Hall, a cultural institution of the Greenbrier Valley/New River region that brings arts education, performances, and exhibits to all.

TOOT involves the closing of downtown Lewisburg on Washington, Court, and Church Streets and distribution of a map orienting patrons to tasting locations, arts and crafts, entertainment, and exhibits. The festival strives to offer a food tasting adventure, featuring the fare of southeastern West Virginia, including Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Webster, Nicholas, Fayette, Summers, and Monroe Counties.

Restaurants, businesses, and non-profit organizations are invited to be vendors at TOOT 2026. The non-refundable registration fee is \$300 (\$150 for nonprofits), and vendors keep 100% of their profits. Vendors who sign up before September 1 receive \$50 off the vendor registration. Registration deadline is Sept. 26, 2026.

Vendors set their own item prices for the festival. Vendor’s proposed menu is due Sept. 18.

Vendors are promoted on the official TOOT map during the four-hour, food-focused event and retain 100% of the proceeds. Vendors should plan now to be a part of this local tradition.

TOOT Sponsorships are also available. Sponsoring Taste of Our Towns is the ultimate community investment. Whether priorities lie with preserving the arts in West Virginia, building brand recognition, or community involvement, Carnegie Hall offers a sponsorship package that’s right for every business. The festival attracts more



2025 TOOT Vendors

than 5,000 visitors to downtown Lewisburg each year. For more information call Carnegie Hall Development Director Kit Lindsey at 304-645-7917 or development@carnegiehallwv.org.

To become a TOOT Vendor or for more information please visit www.carnegiehallwv.org/taste-of-our-towns. Booth location preferences are fulfilled on a first come, first served basis. Carnegie Hall reserves the right to decline an application or to request alternate food selections.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, Inc. ("Greenbrier Valley Medical Center") will hold a meeting at 3:00 p.m. on July 27, 2026, in the physicians dining room of Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, 1320 Maplewood Ave., Ronceverte, West Virginia. Members of the public wishing to address the board must sign up no later than 2:45 p.m. the day of the meeting.

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GREENBRIER COUNTY BUILDING COMMISSION ANNUAL STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			
Balance July 1, 2025	\$14,523.55		
Revenues: Interest	4.86		
Expenditures:			
WV Daily News - publishing 2022-2023 annual report	-80.48		
Mountain Messenger - publishing 2022-2023 annual report	-27.51	-107.99	
Balance June 30, 2026	\$14,420.42		
Gayle E. Mason Chairman			

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(2023-C-000393 - GREENBRIER COUNTY - WAINIGRIV, LLC)
To: MARY WAIT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
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You will take notice that WAINIGRIV, LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2023-C-000393**, located in RONCEVERTE CORP District, LTS 32 & 34 (CONS 2 TRACTS) FORREN SUR. CL., which was returned delinquent and nonentered in the name of WAIT MARIE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of GREENBRIER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on July 3, 2024. WAINIGRIV, LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after October 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before September 30, 2026 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 28647. \$ 611.60
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023 - 28624. \$ 491.42
Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 177.14
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$ 660.07
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 584.88
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order \$ **2,525.11** or certified or personal check.
You may redeem at any time before September 30, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest. If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.
Given under my hand July 8, 2026
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State of West Virginia
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PUBLIC NOTICE
WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440
Permit Notice No.: LMD-106-2026 **Public Notice Date:** July 18, 2026
Paper: Mountain Messenger
The following has applied for coverage under the General WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0111457 for this facility or activity:
Appl. No.: WVG613072
Applicant: UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC.
2101 SINGLETON INDUSTRIAL DRIVE
RALEIGH, NC 27604
Location: CALDWELL, GREENBRIER COUNTY
Latitude: 37:46:08 **Longitude:** 80:21:18
Receiving Stream: Harts Run/Howard Ck/Greenbrier River
Activity: **Municipal Solid Waste Landfill**
To discharge water entirely composed of stormwater associated with industrial activities - Outlet No. 001. The facility is proposed to be covered under Sector I-1 of the existing General Permit.
Business conducted: Support facility for small parcel delivery service.
Implementation: N/A.
On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.
Any interested person may submit written comments on the site registration permit application and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be emailed to Bill.T.Shirley@wv.gov or addressed to:
Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
c/o: Billy Shirley, Permitting Section
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345
The public comment period begins July, 18, 2026 and ends August 17, 2026.
Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the site registration permit application and this facility's coverage under the General Permit. Interested persons may contact the Public Information Office to obtain further information.
The application may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street, Charleston, WV, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days. Copies of the application and the General Permit and Fact Sheet may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost.

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Retail: \$21,999 | Discount: \$3,755
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Stock #426046A | Miles: 30,883
Retail: \$19,999 | Discount: \$1,176
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Stock #800222A | Miles: 43,747
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Stock #126105B | Miles: 22,220
Retail: \$22,220 | Discount: \$4,004
Final Price: \$20,570



2025 Mitsubishi Outlander Sport 2.0 ES
Stock #17552 | Miles: 20,642
Retail: \$22,995 | Discount: \$2,578
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2022 Hyundai Tucson SEL
Stock #17524 | Miles: 24,291
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Stock #800209 | Miles: 53,953
Retail: \$23,995 | Discount: \$3,000
Final Price: \$21,570



2025 Chevrolet Trax 2RS
Stock #U14067 | Miles: 52,998
Retail: \$25,325 | Discount: \$3,100
Final Price: \$22,800



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Stock #17571 | Miles: 22,613
Retail: \$25,995 | Discount: \$2,881
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Stock #426192A | Miles: 25,127
Retail: \$24,800 | Discount: \$2,301
Final Price: \$23,074



2025 Mazda CX-30 2.5 S Select Sport
Stock #17585 | Miles: 35,446
Retail: \$25,995 | Discount: \$2,851
Final Price: \$23,719



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Stock #U14193 | Miles: 9,210
Retail: \$29,925 | Discount: \$6,717
Final Price: \$23,783



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Stock #U14080 | Miles: 29,251
Retail: \$31,875 | Discount: \$7,946
Final Price: \$24,504



2025 Jeep Compass Limited
Stock #17533 | Miles: 28,641
Retail: \$31,995 | Discount: \$8,000
Final Price: \$24,570



2023 GMC Terrain SLT
Stock #17536A | Miles: 42,615
Retail: \$26,995 | Discount: \$2,996
Final Price: \$24,574



2021 Subaru Crosstrek Premium
Stock #426370A | Miles: 43,823
Retail: \$25,999 | Discount: \$2,000
Final Price: \$24,574



2017 Ram 1500 Express
Stock #426376A | Miles: 54,813
Retail: \$25,999 | Discount: \$2,000
Final Price: \$24,574



2021 Subaru Crosstrek Sport
Stock #800218A | Miles: 98,167
Retail: \$21,550 | Discount: \$3,711
Final Price: \$18,414

HUGE SELECTION, OVER 200 USED ON NORTHSIDE DRIVE



2025 Ford Expedition Active
Stock #U13826 | Miles: 11,305
Retail: \$61,885 | Discount: \$7,141
FINAL PRICE: \$55,319



2025 Ford Expedition Platinum
Stock #800201 | Miles: 12,220
Retail: \$73,875 | Discount: 7,544
FINAL PRICE: \$66,906



2025 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid XLE
Stock #U13950 | Miles: 23,588
Retail: 37,625 | Discount: \$3,618
FINAL PRICE: \$34,582



2025 Ford Explorer ST-Line
Stock #U13934 | Miles: 37,060
Retail: \$42,165 | Discount: \$5,552
FINAL PRICE: \$37,188



2023 Ford Escape ST-Line Elite
Stock #U13964 | Miles: 48,219
Retail: \$27,888 | Discount: \$1,789
FINAL PRICE: \$26,674



2025 Ford Bronco Sport Outer Banks
Stock #U13961 | Miles: 14,324
Retail: \$32,995 | Discount: \$4,173
FINAL PRICE: \$29,397



2025 Ford Bronco Sport Badlands
Stock #U13962 | Miles: 19,586
Retail: \$36,777 | Discount: \$5,148
FINAL PRICE: \$32,204

QUALITY PRE-OWNED TRUCKS FOR LESS



2021 GMC Sierra 1500 SLT
Stock #426084B | Miles: 102,774
Retail: \$37,995 | Discount: \$7,997
Big Jon Price: \$30,573



2020 Jeep Gladiator Rubicon
Stock #17520 | Miles: 75,194
Retail: \$41,950 | Discount: \$6,955
Big Jon Price: \$35,570



2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 ZR2
Stock #U14010 | Miles: 68,586
Retail: \$51,875 | Discount: \$4,929
Big Jon Price: \$47,521



2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD LT
Stock #126254A | Miles: 23,320
Retail: \$62,999 | Discount: \$8,299
Big Jon Price: \$55,275



2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 High Country
Stock #426317A | Miles: 9,433
Retail: \$70,999 | Discount: \$9,296
Big Jon Price: \$62,278



2024 GMC Sierra 1500 Elevation
Stock #U14241 | Miles: 79,328
Retail: \$38,995 | Discount: \$4,496
Big Jon Price: \$35,074



2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD LTZ
Stock #426330A | Miles: 34,587
Retail: \$70,995 | Discount: \$7,997
Big Jon Price: \$63,573



2022 Ram 1500 Big Horn/Lone Star
Stock #U14141 | Miles: 52,668
Retail: \$40,373 | Discount: \$7,293
Big Jon Price: \$33,655



2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 RST
Stock #800208 | Miles: 15,877
Retail: \$56,999 | Discount: \$8,604
Big Jon Price: \$48,970

172-POINT INSPECTION ON EVERY VEHICLE ON NORTHSIDE DRIVE



2021 Subaru Crosstrek Premium
Stock #426370A | Miles: 43,823
Retail: \$25,999 | Discount: \$2,000
Big Jon Price: \$24,574



2022 Subaru Forester Touring
Stock #U14241 | Miles: 39,044
Retail: \$34,175 | Discount: \$5,038
Big Jon Price: \$29,712



2022 Toyota 4Runner TRD Off-Road Premium
Stock #U14244 | Miles: 109,789
Retail: \$39,999 | Discount: \$2,357
Big Jon Price: \$38,217



2020 Chevrolet Colorado LT
Stock #126138A | Miles: 66,009
Retail: \$27,995 | Discount: \$1,475
Big Jon Price: \$27,095



2025 Honda HR-V EX-L
Stock #4F148A | Miles: 35,963
Retail: \$30,525 | Discount: \$2,417
Big Jon Price: \$28,683



2017 Ford Escape Titanium
Stock #U14159 | Miles: 68,719
Retail: \$17,999 | Discount: \$3,262
Big Jon Price: \$15,312



2026 Chevrolet Equinox ACTIV
Stock #46102A | Miles: 4,003
Retail: \$40,995 | Discount: \$6,218
Big Jon Price: \$35,352



2023 Jeep Grand Cherokee Overland
Stock #126275A | Miles: 33,059
Retail: \$41,375 | Discount: \$5,141
Big Jon Price: \$36,809



2023 GMC Terrain SLT
Stock #17536A | Miles: 42,615
Retail: \$26,995 | Discount: \$2,996
Big Jon Price: \$24,574



2025 Toyota Tacoma TRD Off-Road
Stock #800232 | Miles: 14,221
Retail: \$45,995 | Discount: \$6,192
Big Jon Price: \$40,378