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2026 West Virginia Sales Tax Holiday starts Friday

By D.L. Bowles

For back to school shoppers and others looking to save some money, this year's sales tax holiday begins on Friday, July 31 and runs through Monday, Aug. 3.

During the holiday the primary items that are exempt from sales tax are clothing, school supplies, school instruction materials, laptops and tablets that are \$500 or less, and sports equipment that is \$150 or less. There is no limit on the amount of the total purchase, the qualification is determined by each individual item.

While clothing is eligible for the tax holiday, some accessory items are not eligible. Items excluded include those such as belt buckles, briefcases, watches, jewelry, cosmetics, hair accessories, wallets and umbrellas.

Items purchased for use in a business or trade do not qualify for the tax exemption.

For further details visit tax.wv.gov.

West Virginia's Blue Envelope Program to support drivers and law enforcement

On July 24 Governor Morrisey launched West Virginia's Blue Envelope Program, a new initiative designed to improve communication during traffic stops involving drivers with autism spectrum disorder, dementia, or intellectual or developmental disabilities. The program provides participating drivers with a blue envelope that holds their driver's license, registration, insurance information, and emergency contact information, along with communication guidance that alerts responding officers to the driver's condition and may help make the interaction safer and less stressful for everyone involved.

The Blue Envelope Program helps reduce the potential for misunderstandings by providing officers with important context at the beginning of an interaction. The program promotes safer, more effective communication while providing added peace of mind for drivers, families, and law enforcement alike.

Administered by the West Virginia State Police, they will provide blue envelopes available free of charge through State Police detachments and Division of Motor Vehicles offices for eligible drivers by Jan. 1, 2027.

DAR participates in Historical Society's recreation in front of Courthouse

"On July 25, 2026, the General Andrew Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of The American Revolution (DAR) participated in the Greenbrier Historical Society's recreation of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in our area. This reading was held in front of the county courthouse in Lewisburg, in honor of the July 20, 1776 order for every Virginia county sheriff to conduct such a public reading."

The celebration was filled with the pageantry of the Augusta See "Recreation"

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DAR Vice Regent Judy Deegans leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Federal Judge extends deadlines in case over Justice-owned Greenbrier

By Steven Allen Adams

For The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

The clock is ticking as a federal judge once again extends deadlines at the request of the family of U.S. Sen. Jim Justice in a case that could determine whether the family maintains control of the historic Greenbrier Resort.

U.S. District Judge Frank W. Volk issued an order Monday granting a request by the Justice family to again postpone briefing deadlines and scheduled hearings in a case filed in April by White Sulphur Springs Holdings (WSSH), a company set up by Texas-based TRT Holdings that now holds the Greenbrier's loan debt previously held by Virginia-based Carter Bank and Trust.

Volk set a pre-trial conference date for 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, and an evidentiary hearing for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16. The judge also set dates for attorneys for the Justice family to file status reports, including a report due Friday.

The Justice family continues to work on a financing deal with New York-based Kennedy Lewis Investment Management (KLIM) for up to \$500 million to pay off major creditors and cover the costs of capital improvements for the resort.

The loan, characterized by some as more of a partnership, would be secured by The Greenbrier Resort and connected properties, land and timber assets owned by the Justice family, and guaranteed by Sen. Justice and other family members. The Justices would be required to create a new holding company and provide KLIM first-lien collateral on all significant resort properties.

Volk had previously set a deadline of July 16 in a May 30 order for the closing to be completed between the Justice family and KLIM, warning the family that any delays beyond that could test the patience of the court. In his updated order Monday, Volk stressed that the Justice family was running out of time.

"... These proceedings have now been suspended for over two months, and Defendants' anticipated timeline has shifted considerably since the original request," Volk wrote. "Given the potential for further prejudice to WSSH as a result of any further delay, the Court will set herein a schedule for further proceedings in the event the transaction does not close as anticipated."

Attorneys for the Justice family had previously said they expected to close its deal with KLIM last week, but point to the complexity of the financing deal, which includes multiple Justice-owned entities connected to The Greenbrier.

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Governor Morrisey announces \$14M investment to expand access to rural healthcare

Governor Patrick Morrisey today announced an approximately \$14 million investment through the state's Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) to expand remote patient monitoring and virtual healthcare technology across West Virginia. The funding will help hospitals and healthcare providers detect health concerns earlier, improve care for patients with chronic conditions, and expand access to healthcare in rural communities.

"West Virginians deserve access to quality healthcare no matter where they live," said Governor Morrisey. "By investing in technology that helps providers identi-

fy problems earlier and better manage chronic diseases, we're improving healthcare outcomes, strengthening rural healthcare, and helping more people live healthier lives."

The investment includes two Announcements of Funding Availability (AFAs) under the Connected Care Grid initiative. One opportunity focuses on inpatient remote patient monitoring in hospitals, while the second supports outpatient remote patient monitoring for patients managing their health at home.

The inpatient remote patient monitoring funding opportunity, with approximately \$4.9 million available,

will help hospitals install advanced monitoring technology that allows care teams to track patients more closely and respond more quickly when health conditions change. The goal is to strengthen patient safety, support earlier clinical intervention, and improve care for patients in hospital settings.

The outpatient remote patient monitoring funding opportunity, with approximately \$9.1 million available, will support at-home monitoring for West Virginians managing chronic conditions. Patients may use connected devices, such as blood pressure cuffs and glucose

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Secretary Warner calls on West Virginians to support flood cleanup and recovery efforts

WV Secretary of State Kris Warner issued the following message to business owners across central West Virginia. The email was distributed to businesses in 12 counties in an effort to provide assistance and resources for residents, communities, and business owners affected by recent flooding.

Dear West Virginia Business Owners,

Catastrophic flooding has devastated portions of Lewis and Upshur Counties, causing widespread damage to homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure. After witnessing the destruction firsthand, I respectfully ask my fellow West Virginians to consider supporting the residents, communities, and business owners affected by this disaster.

Many families have been displaced, and local businesses have suffered extensive losses. Business owners now face the difficult task of cleaning up, rebuilding, and restoring their livelihoods while many residents work to recover from the loss of their homes and personal property.

There is an immediate need for qualified contractors, skilled tradespeople, equipment, supplies, and volunteers to assist with cleanup and rebuilding efforts. Any resources, services, financial support, or other assistance your business or organization is able to donate would be

sincerely appreciated by the affected communities.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the local emergency management agencies listed below to coordinate assistance.

• Lewis-Gilmer E-911 Center

304-269-8235

• Upshur County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

304-472-4983

Additionally, diapers, feminine hygiene products, box fans, and extension cords are especially needed in Upshur County and may be donated to:

• West Virginia Wesleyan College

151 Cebe Ross Drive

Buckhannon, West Virginia

Thank you for your time and willingness to help your fellow West Virginians during this difficult time. Your support will help these communities recover and rebuild.

Sincerely,

Kris Warner

WV Secretary of State

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White Sulphur Springs Public Library to host free Back-to-School Fair

The White Sulphur Springs Public Library is excited to announce it will host a free Back-to-School Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the library, located at 344 W Main Street, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986.

This community event is designed to help local families prepare for the upcoming school year with a variety of free services and fun activities. Attendees can enjoy:

- FREE hot dog dinners
 - FREE haircuts for children
 - FREE library cards
- The fair will also feature numerous informational stations and engaging activities, including:
- Read Aloud & Literacy Coalition
 - Communities in Schools
 - Rainelle Medical Center
 - Presentations from other community organizations

Families are encouraged to visit these informational stations. By showing library staff their child/family library card and visiting the stations, children’s names will be entered into a drawing for prizes!

“We are thrilled to welcome families to our Back-to-School Fair,” said Library Director Joann Hartzell. “Our goal is to provide valuable resources and a fun evening for the community as we get ready for the new school year. We hope to see everyone there!”

For more information, don’t hesitate to get in touch with the White Sulphur Springs Public Library at 304-



Parents and Caregivers visit information booths as the children look for the face painters.

536-1171. This program was made possible in part by the Seneca Trail Charitable Foundation. In case of rain, the fair will be held in the Library and in Butler Hall, which is part of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Many thanks to the Church for providing the library with the use of the Hall.

“The White Sulphur Springs Public Library is dedicated to serving the community by providing access to educational resources, fostering a love of reading, and offering engaging programs for all ages.

77th Annual Williamsburg Fair brings community together



The 77th Annual Williamsburg Fair brought together food, fun, and friends. Known for its home cooking, Williamsburg featured biscuits-and-gravy breakfasts, barbecue, ham and beans, snow cones, kettle corn, and much more. Bingo started

on Friday night followed by a dance concert. On Saturday guests enjoyed exhibits, a bouncy house, rocket launchers, hair tinsel, cornhole, face painting, the popular balloon guy, a paint party and cornhole and horseshoe tournaments. A parade with a variety of entries made its way through town, followed by music throughout the day. The celebration ended Saturday night with a full dance floor and fireworks. The Williamsburg community thanks everyone who worked diligently to make the fair a success, as well as all who traveled from near and far to attend. Special thanks go to those who donated, participated in events, volunteered, and otherwise helped make this year’s fair a success.

A particular thanks to those who donated door prizes to the fair: Out Behind the Barn Custom Baskets, Samme Gee, Dave’s Farm Supply, The Meeting Place, State Fair of West Virginia, Mountain State Computer, Roaring Creek Farm, Hillside Farm, CoCo’s, Blueridge Farm, The Big Wheel, Robins Nest Farm, Carnegie Hall, Eddie Fletcher, Maggie Karrs, Dutch Haus, Sparks of Ink, Frankford Vet, Bones and Cones, Laurie Hedrick, Paulette Kelly, Bodies in Motion, New Chapter Bookstore and Hersman Safety Products. Special thanks to those who donated in many special ways: Greenbrier County

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Deadline

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“That transaction is not speculative or uncertain - it is nearly done,” wrote Justice’s attorneys Steve Ruby and H. Rodgin Cohen in a July 21 filing. “A further continuance of the briefing deadlines and scheduled hearings will enable Defendants to close the financing transaction, pay WSSH the amount it claims it is owed - netting WSSH a nearly \$100 million windfall - and moot this case.”

The Justice family owes more than \$387 million to WSSH after TRT Holdings purchased the Greenbrier’s remaining loan debt from Carter Bank in March. According to court documents, discussions between WSSH and the Justice family on a partnership for the Greenbrier broke down, with WSSH filing a lawsuit against the Justice family in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia when the loan went into default in April.

Attorneys for WSSH are asking Volk to appoint a receiver for the Greenbrier and miscellaneous properties and issue a permanent injunction against the Justice family to prevent further interference in The Greenbrier’s operations. In a filing last week, attorneys for WSSH reluctantly agreed to additional time for the Justice family to finalize a deal with KLIM.

“Defendants’ timeline for closing this transaction

continues to grow longer with still no clear end date in sight,” wrote WSSH attorney Seth P. Hayes. “(WSSH) is now told this transaction will close on or before Aug. 7, 2026. Recent developments give WSSH cautious optimism that Defendants’ plan will bear fruit by their newest Aug. 7 deadline. But Defendants’ opacity throughout this process - and the Justices’ long history of litigation to avoid paying their debts - tint WSSH’s view with judicious skepticism.”

One of the outstanding issues, which will not be decided by the Justice family’s self-imposed Aug. 7 deadline, is approval by the West Virginia Lottery Commission of a transfer of the license for the Greenbrier Casino Club to the new holding company being set up by the Justices and KLIM. No such item was on the Lottery Commission’s Wednesday morning meeting.

The Lottery Commission approved the renewal for the Greenbrier Casino Club’s license in a June 30 emergency meeting, submitting the required audit report after they missed an internal March 20 deadline to submit the materials. The commission further ordered The Greenbrier to submit quarterly reviews of its finances to Lottery officials over the next 12 months. Lottery officials have since raised concerns about the Greenbrier’s debt load and state/federal tax liens.

Last chance to save on State Fair tickets

The deadline to purchase advance discounted tickets to the 101st State Fair of West Virginia is quickly approaching! Select City National Bank locations will sell tickets through the end of business on Friday, July 31, while the State Fair Box Office and online ticket sales will continue through Monday, Aug. 3.

Visit statefairwv.com for a list of participating City National Bank locations or to purchase tickets online. The State Fair Box Office is open daily from 9 AM to 4 PM and will also be open from 9 AM to Noon on Saturday, Aug. 1.

Advance discounted adult admission tickets (age 11 and older) are available for \$10, while the Mega Pass, which includes unlimited carnival rides for one day from 11 AM to 11 PM, is available for \$30 plus applicable sales tax. Regular gate prices will apply once advance ticket sales conclude.

“Purchasing tickets in advance is one of the easiest ways for families to save money while planning their visit to the State Fair,” said Kelly Collins, CEO of the State Fair of West Virginia. “With 10 days of agriculture, entertainment, exhibits, food, and family fun ahead, now is the time to secure your tickets and start making plans to join us.”

The 101st Annual State Fair of West Virginia will take place Aug. 13–22, 2026, and will feature nationally recognized entertainment, agricultural exhibits and competitions, livestock shows, carnival rides, delicious fair food, family-friendly attractions, and much more.

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, visit statefairwv.com or follow the State Fair on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Join the conversation using #SFWV.

View Online:
<http://readme.readmedia.com/Last-Chance-to-Save-on-State-Fair-of-West-Virginia-Tickets/21675141>

PICK OF THE LITTER



BUCK
Buck - male 1 year



KATELYN
Katelyn - female 8 years

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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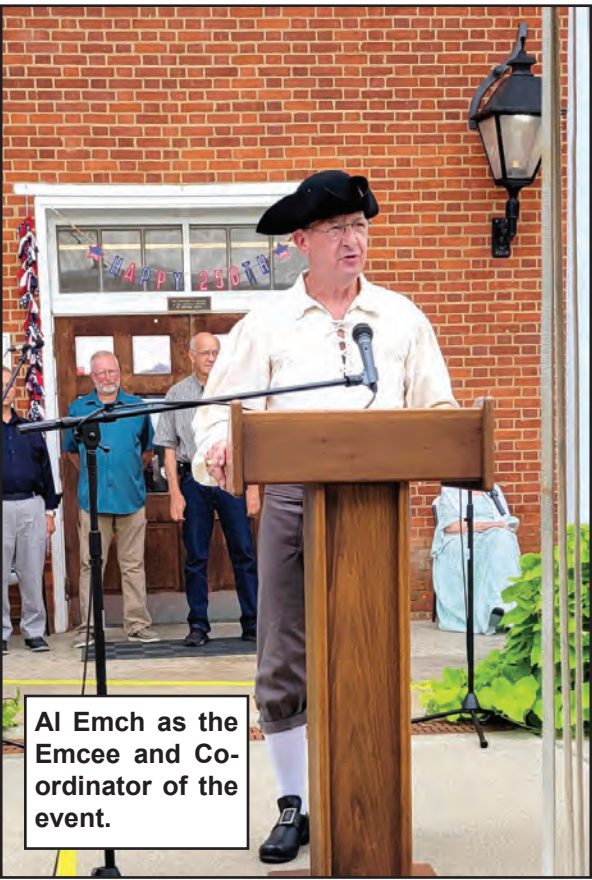
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Recreation



Al Emch as the Emcee and Co-ordinator of the event.

County Militia Fife and Drum Corps and the presenting of the Colors by the WV Sons of the American Revolution. Vice Regent Judy Deegans represented the Andrew Lewis Chapter by acknowledging the honor of doing so and the honor of her Patriot by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The celebration continued at the Greenbrier Historical

Society’s North House Museum. Participants and attendees were invited to a reception put on by the General Andrew Lewis Chapter. Members made cookies and fresh lemonade to serve the guests.



Regent Deborah Phillips (left), Registrar Jodie Nidey and Vice Regent Judy Deegans in their Colonial finery.

Submissions sought for ‘Roadsides in Bloom’ calendar contest

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is seeking submissions for the 24th Annual “Roadsides in Bloom” calendar contest. This free calendar features photos of wildflowers growing naturally along West Virginia roadways. The deadline for entries is Friday, Sept. 11, 2026. Submissions must meet the following qualifications:

- Photographs must be taken in West Virginia.
- Photos must be submitted in landscape orientation.

To meet print quality standards, photos must have a resolution of 300 pixels per inch (PPI) or higher. Low-resolution images may be inadequate and not considered.

- Wildflowers must be growing along a road, and the road must be prominently visible in the frame.
- Entries must be in electronic format and submitted to dep.aah@wv.gov
- Please provide your name, address, phone number,

e-mail address and a short description of the most prominent flower depicted. Include the location and county of where the photo was taken. Photos submitted will become property of the WVDEP.

- You may submit up to three photos. However, only one winning photo will be selected from a photographer’s entry.

Twelve winners will be selected to represent each month in 2027. A grand-prize winner will be chosen to appear on the calendar cover.

Rural Healthcare

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monitors, that securely share health information with their healthcare providers between visits. The program also encourages additional support focused on healthy lifestyle choices and chronic disease management. Together, these investments are designed to expand access to care for people living in rural and underserved communities while helping patients better manage chronic conditions closer to home. The initiative specifically targets conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity that continue to drive poor health outcomes across West Virginia.

“Remote patient monitoring creates new opportunities to support patients between visits and identify health concerns before they become more serious,” said Secretary of Health Dr. Arvin Singh. “These investments will help expand access to care while giving providers more tools to support long-term health.”

Eligible applicants may access both funding opportunities through the state’s procurement and grants management system at wvOASIS.gov. Interested organizations are encouraged to review the full application materials for eligibility requirements, submission instructions, and key deadlines. Additional information and application guidance will be shared during an upcoming RHTP AFA release webinar.

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Williamsburg Fair

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Commission Arts and Recreation Grant, Williamsburg Thrift Shop, Access Health, Seneca Health, Greenbrier Solid Waste and to the WVSOM Volunteer students that helped work the fair. If you gave a door prize to our fair and your name was omitted, we apologize and thank you.

- The fair is a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action, Ruritan and Fire Department.
- Parade winners: Fire Departments, 1st Smoot, 2nd Lewisburg, 3rd Rainelle
- Pageant: Alli Haynes
- Advertisement/political. 1st Christmas at the Cedars, 2nd Leaf N Hope, 3rd Paul Brown
- Show Vehicles: Jackie Thomas, Garland and Atik Simmons, Clyde Lyons
- Sport Utilities: Madeline and Oliver Blankenship, Riyah Cook and Kaeson Kisner, Suttle Sports Buggy
- Floats: Trout Valley Gang, Williamsburg Flying Falcons 4-H Club, Williamsburg Ruritan
- Motorcycles: Henry Sizemore and Pawpaw, Natilee Kessel, Holden Hill
- Antique vehicles: Jerry and Carolyn Dolan, Dakota Snider, Danny Rowe
- Adult Walkers: Ray Canterbury
- Single Horse: Hannah Fullen, Margaret Forren, Jo Fullen
- Tractors: In memory of Wanda Knotts, Hunter Knotts, JL Knotts
- Horse and wagon: Duke Forren

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Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Sherri Dowdy Wilson, White Sulphur Springs, passing or receiving unauthorized currency knowingly, fine \$10, NCP
Tommy George Butler, White Sulphur Springs, petit larceny, jail 1 day, GP
Jerrod D. Russell, Beckley, speeding, fine \$10, NCP
Orion Edison Hardy, Hinton, seatbelt violation, fine \$25, GP
Isaac Y. Peterson, Springfield, OH, speeding 15 mph or more in construction zone, fine \$88, GP
Jaydon T. Carter, Alderson, speeding, fine \$10, NCP
Justin Curtis Miller, Ronceverte, DUI, jail 10 days, credit for 7 days served, remainder suspended, Greenbrier Co. Day Report 30 days, NCP
Joshua A. Morgan, Crawley, battery, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended community service 40 hours, unsupervised probation 12 months, NCP
Sage L. Garrett, Hinton, 1) seatbelt violation, fine \$25; 2) possession of marijuana, fine \$100, GP
Ragan Blair Adkins, Quinwood, 1) possession of controlled substance, fine \$100; 2) possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, NCP
Robert W. Doering, Meadow Bridge, possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, GP

Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council

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

Greenbrier County Farmland Protection Board

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

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet Thursday, Aug. 6 at 5 p.m. in Paul R. Cool-ey Council Chambers to hear the following agenda:

- Aaron and Monica Maxwell, 125 Janet St - minor subdivision of Parcel ID 13-10-0027-0016-0000
- Comments from the public
- Comments from Planning and Zoning Officer
- Comments from Commissioners
- Approval of Minutes

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026 at 5 p.m. The deadline for completed application submission is Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.

Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Aug. 10, at 5 p.m. in Paul R. Cool-ey Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, to hear the following agenda:

- Nine Two Exchange, 194 Lafayette St - install sign
- Jim Shuler, 132 McClung St - replace porch decking
- Raymond Niski, 142 Lee St - remove tree and replace fencing
- Theresa Thompson, 134 Courtney Dr - replace roof
- Bruce Coburn, 295 Lee St - install fencing, install shed and repair front porch entryway
- Donna Tolbert, 752 McElhenny Rd - replace deck, build addition
- Paul Reeves, 134 Harris St - install privacy fence, add gravel driveway
- Aaron Huffman, 898 Washington St - West Electrical Service upgrade, build porch and stairs on existing entranceway
- St. James Episcopal Church, 468 Church St - install Solar Array and generator
- Approval of Minutes - July 13, 2026
- Comments from the Public
- Comments from Commissioners

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission will be held Monday, Sept. 14, at 5 p.m. The deadline for completed applications is Friday, Aug. 28, at 10 a.m.

Suits

New Cases from 7/22/26 to 7/29/26

New Civil Cases

Jenna Balnionis v. Greenbrier Repertory Theatre Company, David Dillon
Helen M. Gray v. Lewis Lance
Walter B. Sturek, Jr v. Seven Rivers Design: Build LLC

New Divorces

David Wayne Humphreys and Joanna Marie Humphreys
Ernest Allen Bragg and Jessica Ozol Bragg
Sherri McCoy and Anthony G. Loudermilk
Crystal Dawn Atwell and Joseph Wayne Smith

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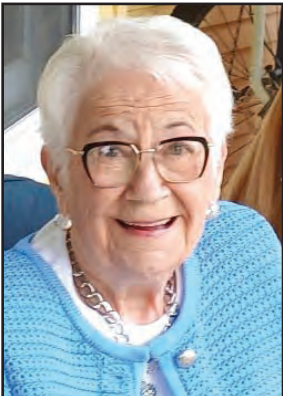
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neral Home in White Sul-

**Rita Louise
Haynes**



Rita graduated from Greenbrier East High School, attended school in Chesapeake, VA, and was a well known employee at many establishments until

**Mary Ellen Harper
Cobb**



She was a member of the Greenbrier Valley Medical Auxiliary and edited/illustrated their cookbook featuring recipes from doctors and their wives throughout West Virginia. She was an accomplished

**Darrell R.
McCoy**



Darrell is survived by his daughters; Kathy Mann of Lewisburg and Sheri McMillion (Billy) of Frankford; grandchildren, Breanna Kast (Jordan), Jerry Mann III (Elly), Tyler McMillion, Adam McMillion, Katie McCoy, Heather McCoy and; several grandchildren; siblings, Eveleenia Cochran (Pastor Marshall Cochran), Hobert McCoy (Mickey), Eugene

Deepest thanks and gratitude to Autumn Way Assisted Living facility and Peyton Hospice House for their hospitality, care, support and love to Darrell and the family.

**Patty Ann
Adkins**



Walter Lee “Jesse” Ratliff



Walter was born on June 5, 1961, in West Virginia and was a proud graduate of Greenbrier West High School. Shortly after

Family and friends are invited to gather and honor his memory, love and light he brought into every life he touched.

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First Saturday to be observed with Special Mass at Historic Williamsburg Church

The oldest Catholic Church building in Greenbrier County, the Chapel of Mary Immaculate near Williamsburg will be the site of the first Saturday Mass, Rosary, and covered dish luncheon Aug. 1 beginning at 10:30 a.m..

Built in 1901, the Chapel is the third Catholic church built by the German and Irish Catholics of northern Greenbrier County. The first two were destroyed by accidental fire in the 1880’s and 90’s.

While it never was a parish of its own, the priest from Ronceverte or Rainelle would celebrate Mass on Sunday afternoons. In between times,

the Catholics of the area would meet at Corkrean’s Store in Williamsburg at midnight on Saturday night and walk the 18 miles into early Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Lewisburg.

The public is invited to the service and covered dish luncheon.

To reach the Church, from Lewisburg drive north of US 219 to the community of Frankford and take the Williamsburg Road west 4½ miles to the Catholic Church Road. From the west, take I-64 to the Alta exit, then WV 12 a very short distance north to US 60 East and immediately onto the Shoestring Trail road north to Williamsburg, then go south on the Frankford/Williamsburg Road to the Catholic Church Road - approximately 4 miles south of the town of Williamsburg.



For further information, telephone the Catholic Churches of Greenbrier County 304-536-1813 or the Knight of Columbus 304-645-1373.

Williamsburg CEOS Club announces August meeting

The next meeting of the Williamsburg CEOS will be Tuesday, Aug. 11 at the Williamsburg Historical Museum beginning at noon with a covered dish lunch. Everyone is welcome to come and learn more about the Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS).

At the July meeting of the WVU Williamsburg CEOS Club members learned ‘The Art of Pastry Pie: A Heritage Tradition,’ presented by Shela McComsey. The history of pastry credits the Egyptians with creating the first pie as we know it. Members brought homemade pies to share. The Shoo-fly pie was made by Shela McComsey. Of course, everyone had a piece of the pie!



OPINION

Letter to the Editor

Proposed amendment only political theatre

Dear Editor:

During the 2026 WV Legislative Session, Senate Joint Resolution Nine (also known as Citizenship Requirement to Vote), a proposal to amend language in Article 4 Section 1 of the West Virginia Constitution, passed both houses unanimously.

For the upcoming November 2026 election Amendment 1: Citizenship Requirement to Vote in West Virginia Elections Amendment will appear on voter’s ballots.

The proposed amendment modifies Article 4 Section 1 of the West Virginia Constitution, which addresses who is eligible to vote in West Virginia. The current wording of Article 4 Section 1 states “ The citizens of the state shall be entitled to vote...”, while the new language states “Only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state shall be entitled to vote...”.

Among the reasons this amendment has no effect on voter eligibility is because the law under WV Code Section 3-2-2, titled “Eligibility to register to vote” already states - “a person must be a citizen of the United States and a legal resident of West Virginia...”. This has been state law since at least 1994 when West Virginia updated voter laws to comply with the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

Federal law also makes it illegal for non-citizens to vote in federal elections. According to the Bipartisan Policy Center, federal law does not prohibit non-citizens from voting in state or local elections. However, no state allows non-citizens to vote in statewide elections. Municipalities in three states - California, Maryland, and Vermont along with Washington, DC allow non-citizens to vote only in certain local elections such as school board and municipal elections. However, in West Virginia, the WV Code 3-1-1(c) states “a person who is not eligible or not duly registered to vote shall not be permitted to vote in any election in any subdivision of the state...”

While the proposed amendment may serve as good political theatre, its passage will have no impact on state and federal election laws that already exist. The amendment will neither remove nor add voters.

D.L. Bowles

Letter to the Editor

Wasting money on the war

Dear Editor.

When Trump started his war against Iran, he said it wouldn’t last long. He declared victory early and often. Iran doesn’t appear to be playing by Trump’s rules. Iran wants Trump to surrender.

Daily we are wasting billions of dollars for Trump’s war. Money that would be better spent on programs that would benefit people and not war profiteers.

What have the West Virginia Senators and Representatives been doing about this war? Not much of anything.

Capito has been reported to comment that we should be patient with Trump’s forever war. Neither she, Justice, or Miller are demanding to hold hearings on the conduct of the war. They voted against resolutions to control Trump and his handling of the war.

All the people get are staged photo-ops. There is no meaningful dialogue. Will Capito or Miller have debates for the upcoming election?

They are counting on huge out of state donors to win the election for them.

Bill Bisset
Maxwelton, WV

Reunions

Hedrick/Shepherd 59th Family Reunion

The 59th Hedrick/Shepherd Reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026, starting at 12 noon at the Mount Vernon Church picnic shelter near Fort Spring, WV. Eating utensils and meat will be provided. Please bring a covered dish, a beverage, family pictures, and stories to share with everyone. Neighbors, friends, and all descendants are invited to attend our 59th celebration. For more information or directions, please contact Steve Hedrick at 304-645-2630.

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Church Bulletin

VBS at White Sulphur Baptist Church

The White Sulphur Springs Baptist Church (behind the post office) is having Vacation Bible School, Aug. 3-7, from 6 to 8 p.m. The theme is Illumination Station. For more information contact Kathy Glover 304-667-7743.

First Baptist Church of Rainelle Food Pantry. 2026 Saturday distribution schedule

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

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).

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.

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This Week in West Virginia History

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

Aug. 2, 2009: Golfers Sam Snead and Bill Campbell became the first two inductees into the West Virginia Golf Hall of Fame.



Aug. 3, 1897: Fire destroyed much of downtown Lewisburg. The town rebuilt and evolved into a hub for one of the state’s major farming regions and a center for education and the arts.



Aug. 3, 1907: Harley Orrin Staggers Sr. was born in Keyser. Staggers served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 32 years.



Aug. 4, 1824: John Jay Jackson Jr. was born near Parkersburg. Jackson was a prominent judge who became notorious among those trying to organize labor unions in West Virginia. He blocked an effort by Mother Jones and United Mine Workers leaders to organize the miners of northern West Virginia.

Aug. 4, 1897: Musician William Jennings “Billy” Cox was born near Charleston. Cox, known as the “Dixie Songbird,” ranked as one of West Virginia’s premier country music vocalists and songwriters during the 1930s.



Aug. 4, 1930: Lewisburg set the record for the state’s hottest temperature ever: 112. Six years later, Martinsburg would tie it.

Aug. 5, 1958: Jennings Randolph defeated former governor William Marland in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. Randolph soon became the senior senator from West Virginia and served for 26 years.



Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen. William W. Averell attacked the headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson. The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.



Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

Aug. 7, 1893: Parsons became the county seat of Tucker County. Parsons was named for Ward Parsons, a prominent resident and the largest landholder.

Aug. 7, 1928: Author Betsy Byars was born in Charlotte, but her most productive period occurred during her 20 years in West Virginia. Her books during this time included the 1971 Newberry Medal-winning *The Summer of the Swans* and *Goodbye, Chicken Little*, which the New York Times named an outstanding book for 1979.

Aug. 8, 1915: Businessman Alex Schoenbaum was born in Richmond, Va. After settling in Charleston in 1943, he went into the restaurant business. His restaurants were named Shoney’s when Schoenbaum’s nickname was selected in an employee contest.



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BUSINESS

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All Chamber members in good standing (active, 2026 dues paid) will receive two fair tickets per business if RSVP'd by Monday, Aug. 10. Tickets can be picked up at the will call booth located just outside the main gate any time after 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13.



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SCRAMBLERS

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

Meddle

SPOON _ _ _ _

Seep

CHALE _ _ _ _

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Pile

PHEA _ _ _ _

"It's _____ - I love it!"

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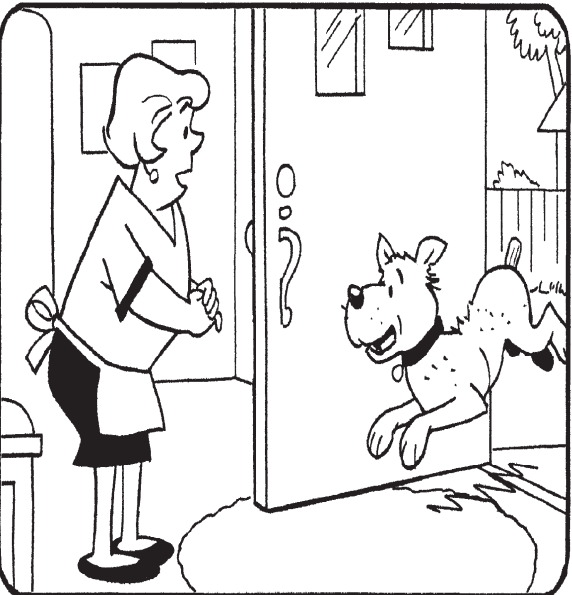
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Differences: 1. Dog's leg is moved. 2. Woman's leg is moved. 3. Bush is reversed. 4. Arms are higher. 5. Dog's ear is different. 6. Fence has more boards.

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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SPORTS

New York Giants 2026 Training Camp features practices open to the public

The New York Giants 2026 Training Camp will be held from July 28 to Aug. 8 at The Greenbrier Resort Sports Performance Center in White Sulphur Springs, WV. The camp will feature practices free and open to the public. Tickets are not required to attend.

The dates and times of the practices open to the public are:

- July 31 and August 1
- August 5, August 6 and August 7
- All open practices are at 1:30 p.m.

For detailed information please visit <https://www.giants.com/trainingcamp/>

Super Crossword

LEAVE AT THE END

ACROSS

1 Lambastes

7 Poppycock

15 Earth model

20 Larynx locale

21 Tango cousin

22 "Whooppee!"

23 Altered totally

24 For an extended period of time

26 Angry feeling

27 Prefix with chic or tour

29 Papas' mates

30 Grafton's "— for Evidence"

31 Video game in which players ride in skateparks and splash color around

38 Use a pew

39 "Dino" star Mineo

40 Filmmaker Perry

41 Feature of a carrot-top

43 Views more text, perhaps

46 Salamander

48 Make distress less painful

50 Hype (up)

53 Volcanic stuff

55 Large couch

56 Funnywoman Boosler

57 Whigs' rivals

60 Wane

63 "Devil Inside" rock band

65 Is completely harmless

70 Volcanic stuff

74 Enlarged

75 On terra —

76 Neighbor of Peru

79 Some dark breads

80 Exactly even division

83 Brilliant feat

85 Med. scan in a large tube

86 Pesto herbs

87 Mythical twin of Pollux

91 They go with oohs

95 Two after uno

97 Cove's cousin

98 Portable boat engine

102 Literary Leon

105 Covert movement

106 Like fatty tissue

108 New, in Italy

112 Atop, to bards

113 Yiddish cries of lament

115 Appetizer made with vegetable "hearts"

117 81-Down download

118 Guy who's a spin doc

120 Ring great Muhammad

121 Sinus-probing doc

122 Having paid to be freed from custody

128 Old dog star

131 Not reactive

132 Luminosity

133 Expunges

134 Pack-carrying beasts

135 Stopped from wobbling

136 What the last words of eight key answers in this puzzle are slangy synonyms of

6 Blade metal

7 Make a pick

8 Bathroom, in Bristol

9 "Honest" prez

10 Golfing goal

11 Stuff making a big bang

12 Former NPR talk show host Diane

13 Domains

14 Hand-reading fortuneteller

15 Ob- — (delivery docs)

16 Time delay

17 "No kidding?"

18 Broth made by stewing

19 Vast periods

25 Old breakfast cereal brand

28 Things rolling in the aisle

32 Hankering

33 Mine find

34 IRA choices

35 "So that's your game!"

36 Lummoxes

37 Mambo great Puente

39 Japanese noodle

42 Match arbiter

44 Kinfolk: Abbr.

45 Stockholm is its cap.

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50 In battle

51 Given to sulking

52 Puritanical type

54 Sly chuckle

58 Bits of land in la mer

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61 Well-muscled

62 "I say!" sayer

64 Russian "no"

66 Cubes in miso soup

67 Give it a whirl

68 Dual radio designation

69 Decent

70 Indy circuits

71 Off-the-cuff

72 "Ta-da!"

73 Dilettantish

77 Prefix with pet or punk

78 D.C.'s home

81 Apple tablet

82 In shape

83 Trendy

84 Speechifiers

87 Bus. entities

88 Devices reproducing signatures

89 Spires

90 Ski lift type

92 Org. for docs

93 "Today" co-host Kotb

94 Move slightly

96 "The Fisher King" actress Mercedes

99 Rappers and poets, e.g.

100 Make a pick

101 French for "king"

103 Squid's squirt

104 Act litigiously

107 Climbed up

109 City in west Texas

110 Having more climbing plants

111 Best-suited

114 Anwar with a Peace Nobel

116 Greased up

117 Opera tune

118 Butter slices

119 Lymph bump

123 Sooner than, in poetry

124 Actress Vardalos

125 Sinful

126 Folk rocker DiFranco

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129 Exist

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ENTERTAINMENT

Greenbrier Valley

Things to Do July 27-Aug. 2

FRIDAY, JULY 31
A Less Toxic Home-Learning to Clean Your Home & Body without Harsh Chemicals
4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Learn about natural alternatives to help remove harsh cleaning chemicals from your home. \$15 fee. Prepayment and preregistration required. Call 681-381-1000.
625 E Edgar Avenue, Ronceverte
Archibald Johnson at Greenbrier Valley Brewing Co.
6 p.m.
Grab a cold beer, food by The Hangar and listen to the roadworn, groove-heavy sound of Archibald Johnson. No cover.
862 Industrial Park Road, Maxwelton gybc.beer
Tyler Crosby at Hawk Knob Appalachian Hard Cider
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Begin your weekend with a local cider, yummy dinner and the Americana covers and hilarious commentary of Tyler Crosby.
2245 Blue Sulphur Pike, Lewisburg hawkknob.com
Karaoke with DJ Penny at The Sportsman Tavern
10 p.m.
Tune up your vocal cords and get ready for a fun night of karaoke at The Sportsman.
683 W Edgar Ave, Ronceverte
Facebook: The Sportsman Tavern
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
Watercolor Class with Jeanne Brenneman at 365ART
10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Local artist Jeanne Brenneman leads a hands-on

watercolor class. \$13. To reserve a spot, contact Jeanne at bjbrenneman@gmail.com.
1347 Jefferson Street N, Lewisburg
365artsupply.square.site
Alderson Train Depot
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The historic Train Depot will be open for tours and visitors every Saturday through October 3.
1 Railroad Avenue, Alderson
Open Mic at Alderson Train Depot
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Play, sing or just listen to a variety of music styles as local musicians showcase their talents. Questions, call: Don Sutherland at 804-731-9871
1 Railroad Avenue, Alderson
Sound Bath in the Hidden Garden at Plants ETC.
6 p.m.
Plants ETC. begins a month-long celebration of their 49th birthday in downtown Lewisburg. Come join in this community sound bath in the hidden garden behind the store. Dr. Rob Meyer-Kukan will lead an hour-long session featuring singing bowls, gongs and more. Free of charge.
846 Jefferson Street S, Lewisburg
Facebook: Plants ETC
Karaoke Night at The Brier Patch Bar & Grill
8 p.m. - 12 midnight
Gather your friends, warm up those cords and prepare for a night of karaoke, drinks and fun! Located in the Quality Inn
540 Jefferson Street N, Lewisburg
SUNDAY AUGUST 2
Birdwatching Walk at Appalachian Headwaters
8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Marshall University graduate student Brian Brillhart leads an easy-to-moderate birdwatching hike. Bring hiking shoes, water and binoculars. Free event.
334 Richland Lane, Lewisburg

appheadwaters.org
Yoga with Jacque at Hawk Knob Appalachian Hard Cider
10 a.m.
Relax and enjoy the WV vistas and yoga with Jacque Minarik. Cost per class is \$10 cash with no preregistration required, just bring a mat. Stay for a delicious Sunday brunch from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
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Renick Community Market
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217 Huff Street, Renick
Alderson Farmers Market
Tuesdays 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
1447 E Riverview Avenue, Alderson
Montwell Community Market
Wednesdays 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. - 12 noon
970 Jefferson Street N, Lewisburg
montwellcommons.org/lfm
White Sulphur Springs Farmers Market
Thursdays 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Park, Downtown White Sulphur Springs
The Farmers Market of Lewisburg
Saturdays 8 a.m. - 12 noon
Robert C. Byrd Clinic parking lot
1464 Jefferson Street N, Lewisburg
“ART IN THE VALLEY” AT THE GREENBRIER VALLEY VISITORS CENTER
Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 12 noon - 5 p.m.
This is the last week to view a collection of paintings by local artist Butch Ferguson and wood working by Romie Hughart.
905 Washington Street, Lewisburg
greenbriervvv.conl

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
GREENBRIER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
In accordance with W.Va. Code §8A-7-9, notice is hereby given that the Greenbrier County Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing during its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the County Commission Courtroom of the Greenbrier County Courthouse.
Under consideration at the Public Hearing is an application for a Rezoning from Commercial to Residential for following property:
20 acres of land located on the southern side of Old Powell Road, ½ mile outside of the city limits of Lewisburg, WV, P/O Parcel #6-9-27
The rezoning application is available for review in the Planning Commission office located in the Courthouse. Anyone interested in the application may attend the public hearing on August 26, 2026, at which time public comments will be heard. Written comments on the application will be considered if they are received prior to the hearing at: The Greenbrier County Planning Commission, 912 Court Street N, Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901.

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Greenbrier County Commission
Proposed Greenbrier County Hotel Occupancy Tax Ordinance Notice
Notice is hereby given that the Greenbrier County Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive comments concerning the proposed Greenbrier County Hotel Occupancy Tax Ordinance, which would repeal and replace the existing ordinance and increase the County Hotel Occupancy Tax from three percent (3%) to six percent (6%), subject to applicable West Virginia law.
Hearing Information
September 2, 2026 at 11 a.m. and September 3, 2026 at 6 p.m.
Greenbrier County Commission Courtroom -
Greenbrier County Courthouse
Lewisburg, West Virginia
Purpose of the Hearing
The purpose of the hearing is to receive oral and written comments regarding the proposed ordinance, including its provisions relating to registration, reporting, collection, administration, enforcement, appeals, and the proposed increase in the hotel occupancy tax rate.
Availability of Proposed Ordinance
A complete copy of the proposed ordinance will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Greenbrier County Clerk and the Greenbrier County Commission office during normal business hours before the public hearing.
Written Comments
Written comments may be submitted to the Greenbrier County Commission Office before the public hearing and will become part of the legislative record considered by the County Commission.

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(2025-C-000585 - GREENBRIER COUNTY - JOHNSON & JOHNSON INVESTMENTS)
To: ANDREW P. SPRICH, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WV STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND REVENUE, ANDREW P. SPRICH, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having a n undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT WHITE SULPHUR MAP 31 PARCEL 0045 0000 0000
You will take notice that JOHNSON & JOHNSON INVESTMENTS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000585**, located in WHITE SULPHUR District, LOT 5 OR 27.44 AC (FEE) OVERLOOK AT GBR PHASE 2, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SPRICH ANDREW P, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of GREEN-BRIER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 28, 2026. JOHNSON & JOHNSON INVESTMENTS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 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 2024 - 31637.	\$	216.12
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 2025 - 31670.	\$	141.62
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,416.59
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,984.28

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 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 14, 2026
Christal G. Perry
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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.
DISTRICT RONCEVERTE CORP MAP 9 PARCEL 0460 0000 0000
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 or certified or personal check.	\$	2,525.11

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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Body: 4D Sport Utility | Doc Fee: \$575
Retail Price: \$21,995 | Discount: \$397

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2025 Chevrolet Trax 2RS
Stock #U14067 | Miles: 52,998
Body: 4D Sport Utility | Doc Fee: \$575
Retail Price: \$25,325 | Discount: \$3,593

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2025 Jeep Compass Limited
Stock #U14080 | Miles: 29,251
Body: 4D Sport Utility | Doc Fee: \$575
Retail Price: \$31,875 | Discount: \$7,946

FINAL PRICE: \$24,504



2025 Jeep Compass Limited
Stock #17533 | Miles: 28,641
Body: 4D Sport Utility | Doc Fee: \$575
Retail Price: \$31,995 | Discount: \$9,000

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2023 GMC Terrain SLT
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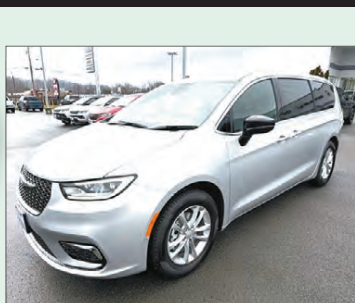
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Stock #4G068 | Doc Fee: \$575
Body: 4D Sport Utility | Rebates: \$2,250
MSRP: \$33,580 | Discount: \$1,204

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2026 Jeep Cherokee Laredo
Stock #4G122 | Doc Fee: \$575
Body: 4D Sport Utility | Rebates: \$2,500
MSRP: \$40,785 | Discount: \$1,665

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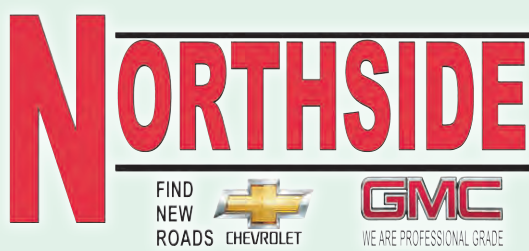
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