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Lewisburg and New River National Park & Preserve receive national recognition

In its feature highlighting America’s most beautiful destinations, Architectural Digest praised New River Gorge National Park & Preserve for its spectacular whitewater rafting, world-class rock climbing, scenic overlooks, peaceful hiking trails, and growing hospitality offerings, calling attention to one of West Virginia’s signature destinations.

The latest recognition is another sign that people across the country are discovering what makes West Virginia special. From nationally recognized outdoor recreation to award-winning small towns and local businesses, the Mountain State continues to earn praise as one of America’s premier travel destinations.

The latest accolade is part of a growing wave of national recognition for West Virginia communities and attractions.

Travel + Leisure recently featured Lewisburg as one of Appalachia’s most charming small towns, while USA Today readers once again recognized Lewisburg for having one of America’s best small-town food scenes.

U.S. News & World Report also named New River Gorge the nation’s Best Underrated Travel Destination.

Those accolades are translating into real results. West Virginia welcomed more than 77 million visitors last year, generating a record \$9.1 billion in economic impact. Tourism supports nearly 61,000 jobs across the Mountain State and generates more than \$1.1 billion in tax revenue, helping strengthen local communities while reducing the tax burden for West Virginia families.

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Ribbon cutting for My Home Gym in Alderson

On July 16, a group of enthusiastic supporters joined the owner Pam Wigglesworth and the staff of My Home Gym for a grand opening and ribbon cutting. It is located at 105 Railroad Avenue on the Monroe County side of Alderson next to the Alderson Volunteer Fire Department.

A good crowd cheered this new addition to the amenities in Alderson. Wigglesworth said, “With the help of a great team, we have been able to assemble this. We hope it brings joy, many people use it, and feel better when they leave.” This “small but mighty” gym has something for everyone with membership options including regular memberships at \$40 per month and Senior memberships for \$30 per month. Some discounts are available so inquire when you take a tour. Members have 24-hour access so they can exercise at a time which fits their schedule.

They offer the Lion’s Den Weight Room which is designed for heavy lifters and includes free weights, bars, squat racks, bench presses and more. They have a Certified Yoga Instructor, Andrew Eppler, from the Ashtanga Yoga Studio of Noble, OK. They also offer Zumba, a fun and energetic workout using contemporary dance

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Ribbon cutting for My Home Gym with Pam Wigglesworth, owner, on left; Barbara Cooke, AMS member wielding the scissors; and Jennifer Aguilera on the right.



My Home Gym member Sue Fleshman pauses for a moment during her exercise routine.

Tensions rise as Morrissey and lawmakers dispute management of federal TANF dollars

By Steven Allen Adams
For The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

Gov. Patrick Morrissey’s kickoff to a two-day southern West Virginia listening tour on water issues was overshadowed Tuesday by his handling of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Morrissey was at Marshall University in Huntington Tuesday morning to begin his listening tour of water systems in the southern part of the state. But most of the questions from the press were about TANF, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program also called WV WORKS.

In May, Morrissey announced a structural deficit for TANF for the new fiscal year that began July 1. The Governor’s Office estimates there is a \$38 million gap between available federal TANF dollars and approximately \$137 million in TANF-funded expenses, with less than 13 months left in TANF carryover funds from previous fiscal years.

“I think a lot’s been misconstrued, quite frankly, in the media, and I want to take the opportunity to address that,” Morrissey said Tuesday when asked about TANF. “I started asking questions because we know that there were some challenges fiscally that go back decades for Human Services. And so, we asked the question, ‘Well, what’s going on here?’ And as we look deeper into it, what we found is a program that was in crisis.”

West Virginia receives approximately \$110 million for the state’s federal TANF block grant. According to the Governor’s Office, 10% of that TANF block grant goes towards certain social services, leaving \$98.8 million in federal TANF funding for monthly cash assistance, as well as funding for the School Clothing Allowance program, family support centers, child care subsidies, West



Gov. Morrissey answered questions about TANF at Marshall University

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Virginia 211, assistance for low-income college students, assistance with purchasing used vehicles, healthy lifestyles programs and more.

Morrissey has said the state used federal COVID-19 funds to increase spending on TANF programs. When those one-time monies went away, TANF spending did not decrease, causing the state to use TANF carryover funds to bridge past structural deficits, decreasing those funds from \$141 million three years ago to \$41 million available for the current fiscal year.

“If you have that \$98.8 million ... you have to make sure you’re sticking within that budget,” Morrissey said. “More resources came from the federal money repeatedly ... Over a period of time, since they were relying solely on federal money and there wasn’t a close review, that number got down to about \$40 million.”

The Governor’s Office estimates that a \$38 million gap exists between the \$98.8 million in federal TANF dollars and \$137 million in expenses, causing the Department of Human Services to tap into TANF carryover funds.

“It does appear that we have been spending more than we’ve been bringing in, and that is what’s led to this using reserve funds and now running out of reserve funds,” said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Jason Barrett, R-Berkeley. “A decision has to be made: Do we go back to pre-COVID level spending? Because we’re now not receiving all those additional COVID dollars. So that’s a decision that I think is ultimately on the Governor’s Office, on the administration, and on the Department of Human Services.”

This gap does not include the state’s share (\$25.8 million) of TANF spending, called maintenance of effort, which brings total TANF dollars to \$124.6 million, shrinking the gap from \$38 million to \$12.4 million.

House Finance Committee Chairman Vernon Criss, R-Wood, questioned the governor’s understanding of the state general revenue budget.

“I believe that when they start looking at the numbers, and they create this quote unquote structural deficit ... I don’t believe that he understands the budgeting process, and I welcome him to attend the tutorial that we do for incoming freshmen delegates ... on how the budgeting process works in the Legislature,” Criss said. “If he

would like, we could set up a private tutor for him to understand how we do our process so that he can understand how he can be more effective in his spending towards running the administration.”

The Legislature amended and approved the governor’s recommended general revenue budget line item for TANF for fiscal year 2027 for \$177.1 million, which represents the amount the Legislature authorizes the Department of Human Services to spend if federal awards and expenditures occur as estimated.

“That’s an authorization. That’s what you’re allowed to spend for the federal program,” Morrissey said.

“Those are federal dollars that come in, and the Legislature’s role is to grant spending authority on those federal dollars,” Barrett said. “And this year in the budget, it was in the governor’s proposed budget request of the Department of Human Services to give them spending authority in the \$170 million range. We granted that spending authority request from the agency and from the governor.”

In a press release Monday, the Morrissey administration directed DoHS to maintain TANF program spending levels through the end of fiscal year 2027, June 30. The Governor’s Office will also seek between \$10 million and \$15 million through the Legislature in a supplemental appropriation for TANF programs.

According to the Department of Revenue, the state has \$175 million in unappropriated surplus balances across the General Revenue, Lottery and Excess Lottery funds as of the end of fiscal year 2026, following back-of-the-budget surplus expenses. July general revenue fund tax collections of \$388 million was 3% more than the \$377.6 million revenue estimate, providing an additional \$11.4 million in surplus for the current fiscal year.

“If the governor wants to do a supplemental appropriation to backfill some TANF dollars ... then that’s certainly something that I think the Legislature would give a lot of consideration to,” Barrett said.

Since May, the Governor’s Office has been reviewing TANF-funded programs, including the \$11.4 million School Clothing Allowance program, which did not open for applications until July 20 and was shut down seven days later on July 27, before the Aug. 15 deadline. The program – which provides \$200 per eligible

Treasurer Pack releases statement about TANF, closure of school clothing assistance program

Asks the Governor to work with the Legislature to fully fund the program

State Treasurer Larry Pack released the following statement regarding the abrupt closure of the School Clothing Allowance Program under the West Virginia Department of Human Services.

“It is outrageous and unacceptable that, as we celebrate millions of dollars in surpluses, we claim we lack the proper funding for programs that protect our most vulnerable children. Providing for these needy children is a fundamental duty of government. With rising costs, we must do more to ensure that needy families have the resources required to give their children a real chance at success,” Treasurer Pack said.”

“The Governor should collaborate openly with the Legislature and have a transparent, formal discussion about the true cost of this program and how we will fund assistance in the future. Identifying a problem without outlining any clear solutions helps no one. By working

together, we can better serve the people of our state.”

The West Virginia School Clothing Allowance Program, which provides families with a \$200 voucher to buy clothing before the school year starts, closed after just one week because available Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds allegedly ran out, leaving over 52,000 children who applied this year without assistance. The program was officially set to run until August 15 or until funds were exhausted.

Earlier this year, Gov. Patrick Morrissey announced TANF faces a \$40 million deficit due to COVID-era spending by the state Department of Human Services. State lawmakers authorized \$177 million in TANF funding for this current fiscal year.

In 2025, more than 57,000 children in West Virginia received school clothing assistance

Statement on School Clothing Allowance and TANF review

Communications Director Lars Dalseide released the following statement on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding and the Administration’s ongoing review of TANF-funded programs:

When this Administration began reviewing West Virginia’s TANF-funded programs, the first data we received described a program in crisis. The state was spending far more each year than the federal grant provides, and the savings that had covered the difference were nearly gone.

Compounding the problem, the eligibility system the state depends on - a system that has cost West Virginia nearly \$400 million and still does not work properly - cannot tell us reliably what is being spent while it is being spent. A state cannot manage what it cannot measure. That is why the Governor ordered a comprehensive review: not to reduce support for families, but to establish what West Virginia actually spends, what it actually receives, and what it can sustain.

Where we go from here

The Governor has directed the Department of Human Services to maintain spending levels for all TANF programs through the end of the current fiscal year, so those programs can continue to provide services to West Virginia families. The Governor will also seek a supplemental appropriation of \$10 to \$15 million from surplus funds to ensure adequate resources last through June 30, 2027, because some of the federal funds now being drawn down for these programs will be nearly exhausted by then.

School clothing this year

Our goal was to keep support consistent with last year while making sure the state’s capped federal TANF fund-

ing can still cover the other programs that depend on it. Last year the School Clothing Allowance spent roughly \$11.4 million and assisted approximately 57,000 children. Applications for this year are still being processed and verified, and we expect this year’s program to match or exceed last year’s level of support.

How West Virginia compares

West Virginia is one of only a handful of states in the country that runs a statewide school clothing program, and it is the only state in the region where every eligible child, in every county, qualifies on the same terms. In the states that border West Virginia, this kind of help is generally limited to children in foster care, left to each county to offer or not, or not offered at all. Among the states that do run a program, West Virginia’s investment is among the most generous in the nation. Michigan - with more than five times our population and an economy more than six times the size of ours - appropriates about \$10 million a year, while West Virginia invested about \$11.4 million last year. The chart below sets out the comparison.

No money for TANF is sitting unused

Two different figures are being mistaken for money the state is free to spend.

The first is West Virginia’s spending authority. That is a ceiling the Legislature sets - the most the state would be allowed to spend if it had the money in hand. It is not money. The federal block grant actually provides about \$98.8 million a year, and we are spending almost \$137 million.

The second is the balance in the state’s TANF savings account, and it is not a surplus either. That gap - about

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child for clothing and back-to-school supplies - served approximately 57,000 families last year. As of Monday, more than 52,000 applications had been processed.

“We all know as parents and grandparents that some of the most important days that a child goes through is their first day of school,” Criss said. “Being able to have proper clothing and shoes and supplies that they need to start school gives them a better attitude towards that first day of school. What has happened to these 5,000 kids that did not get involved simply because (the Governor’s Office) changed their artificial deadline from Aug. 15th to July 27th? I don’t understand.”

“I don’t understand why this governor is manufacturing a TANF crisis on the backs of children when any potential issues are premature and relate to next year’s budget,” said Senate Assistant Minority Leader Joey Garcia, D-Marion. “The governor’s math and rationale do not add up or justify the knee-jerk decision to cut off the clothing voucher program after just one week.”

Morrissey said he believes TANF programs, such as the School Clothing Allowance program, need further review to root out waste, fraud and abuse. Morrissey alleged Tuesday that School Clothing Allowance funds, which is distributed to families through EBT cards, are being used for unauthorized purchases, such as tobacco and alcohol, but presented no evidence for this claim. Unauthorized purchases are blocked on EBT cards, though the cards can be used at certain ATMs to withdraw cash.

“This program for school clothing allotment, we want to make sure that the money goes to the kids for clothing,” Morrissey said. “One thing we’re doing is we’re trying to ascertain the exact amount of money that’s in cash. Because I don’t want a penny of the money that should go for school clothing to be spent for cigarettes, to be spent for beer, to be spent for all these things.”

“I want to work with the Legislature to change that. I want the money for school clothes, not for beer or cigarettes,” Morrissey continued. “I’m sorry, but I’m going to push for that and I’m not going to let people change the topic ... I want the kids to get the clothing allotment, but I want to make sure we’re tightening up our systems.”

PICK OF THE LITTER



ETHEL

Ethel - female 6 years



ERNIE

Ernie - medium hair male 3 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

Marie Leist Grant application

The Marie Leist Foundation would like to announce that the deadline for accepting grant requests is Sept. 1, 2026. The Marie Leist Foundation was established in 2005 for the general purpose of making grants for charitable, religious, scientific and educational purposes to benefit the communities of Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties. If your nonprofit or government organization would like to apply for a grant, please send your letter of request to The Marie Leist Foundation, P.O. Box 591 Lewisburg, WV 24901. Also include a copy of your 501(c)(3) tax exemption letter with your request.

Veteran Family Day Picnic

Saturday, Aug. 15, Dorie Miller Park Pavillion, Feamster Road, Lewisburg, WV. Sponsored by American Legion Post 69. Picnic starts at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Gordon Campbell 1-404-900-8262. Veterans and family welcome!

NOTICE

THE GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS COMPLETED AN ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR EACH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY. THE MANAGEMENT PLAN OUTLINES THE LOCATION AND CONDITION OF ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS IN EACH SCHOOL.

THE MANAGEMENT PLANS ARE ON FILE AT THE GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE, 653 CHURCH STREET, LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, AND EACH SCHOOL. THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

THE EPA REQUIRES THAT PUBLIC NOTICE BE GIVEN CONCERNING ASBESTOS. (US EPA 40 CFR 763, 763.93 (12) (g) (4))

Date: August 1, 2026

GVMC receives advanced chest pain certification

Vandalia Health CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center has achieved Advanced Chest Pain Certification (ACPC) from DNV.

This certification affirms CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center’s excellence in chest pain diagnosis and treatment, inclusive of initial diagnostic services and therapies related to the complex specialty of chest pain.

“Advanced Chest Pain Certification lets our community know that our staff is trained to recognize symptoms of a heart attack quickly in order to provide the best possible care for chest pain patients,” said Becky Harless, Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center. “This certification gives our community the confidence that our hospital has a system in place to deliver prompt high-quality care for chest pain emergencies.”

DNV’s Advanced Chest Pain Certification is dedicated to helping hospitals improve quality and patient safety. ACPC requirements are informed by the 2021 AHA/ACC Chest Pain Guideline and relevant requirements of the CMS Conditions of Participation for hospitals. The certification also incorporates a Quality Management System to develop, implement and maintain an ongoing system for measuring, monitoring and managing quality and patient safety to continually improve the care of patients.

“Achieving Advanced Chest Pain Certification demonstrates a commitment to excellence,” says Kelly Proctor, President of DNV Healthcare USA Inc. “It helps demonstrate to your community that you are providing the highest level of care that a hospital is designed to offer.”

In 2025, CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center received certification from DNV as an Acute Stroke Ready Center, affirming the hospital’s readiness to handle strokes and stroke related medical problems.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Cameron Witt Hillard, Richmond, VA, 1) threatening phone calls, fine \$100, jail 60 days to run consecutive with other charges - suspended 12 months unsupervised probation; 2) threatening phone calls, fine \$100, jail 60 days consecutive with other charges - suspended 12 months unsupervised probation; 3) threatening phone calls, fine \$100, jail 60 days to run consecutive with other charges - suspended 12 months unsupervised probation; GP

Steven A. Gray, Rainelle, driving suspended or revoked, fine \$100, NCP

Jessica Ann Ross, Alderson, possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, GP

Edwin A. Ortega, Lewisburg, 1) failure to stop at stop sign, fine \$10; 2) no operators, fine \$25, NCP

Raymond Lee Cogar, Summersville, violation of a Protective Order, fine \$250, jail 5 days - time served, NCP

Johnathan M. McMillion, Lewisburg, speeding, fine \$5, GP

Pamela Raye Helmick, Williamsburg, WV, failure to yield to emergency vehicle, fine \$10, NCP

Isaiah Bridger Lore, Crawley, no seatbelt, fine \$25, NCP

Martha M. Arbaugh, Lewisburg, approaching emergency vehicle, fine \$50, GP

Suits

New Cases from 7/29/26 to 8/5/26

New Civil Cases

Steven Hasheider v. Amazon.com Services LLC

New Divorces

Christine Alanna Barnett and Andrew Dewayne Barnett

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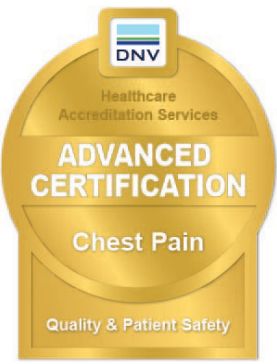
About Vandalia Health

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.



Statement from Governor’s Office

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\$38 million a year - has to come from somewhere, and it has been coming from those savings. The account has fallen from roughly \$141 million three years ago to about \$41 million today. It is almost gone. Every dollar still in it is already committed to child care for working parents, cash assistance, family support centers, and the other programs paid for out of this same grant, so money spent on any one of them is money taken from the others. When those savings are exhausted, all of these programs are in jeopardy - and the West Virginians who rely on them are the most vulnerable people in our state.

How the state got here

The prior administration committed West Virginia to permanent, long-term obligations using one-time, temporary federal money in the savings account the state was only ever going to have once. Larry Pack was that administration’s acting revenue chief when those commitments were made. He kicked the can down the road, and it landed on these children.

Moving forward

Governor Morrisey is doing the responsible thing - determining how West Virginia can live within its capped federal allocation and support every program that helps vulnerable families, not only this year but over the long term. The Governor has also directed agencies to continue identifying reforms that strengthen accountability, improve transparency, and preserve these programs for future generations of West Virginians. In addition, the Governor will work with the Legislature to develop a permanent solution - one that does not depend on the one-time COVID-era money the state once relied on to paper over the gap - and to put safeguards in place that make sure every dollar in these programs reaches the children and families it is meant to serve.

Governor Patrick Morrisey’s policies will always put kids first. He fights for kids, and he is working to make sure they have the benefit of these programs for the long term - funded through sustainable revenue sources

Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council

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

Greenbrier County Farmland Protection Board

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

Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, 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.

Building Maintenance Board

will meet Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 5 p.m. in Paul R. Cool-ey Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. On the agenda:

- Vaidnath Hotels, LLC - Relax Inn, 2710 Jefferson St N - **Public Hearing** on unsafe building or structure Complaint/Notice of Violation issued on Apr. 1, 2026, pursuant to Article 1101 of the Lewisburg City Code.
- Communication from members
- Approval of Minutes - June 22, 2026

Lewisburg Finance Committee

will meet Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. in Paul R. Cool-ey Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. Items scheduled for discussion:

- Arts and Humanities Funding request
 - Carnegie Hall - Taste of Our Town (TOOT)
 - Carnegie Hall - restoration of Ivy Terrace
- Resolution 601 Water System Improvement Project Pay Request #50
- Wage increase for Christopher Terry for Water Distribution License
- Year End Incentive
- Water System Update
- Communication from Council members
- Communication from City Manager
- Approval of Minutes - July 14, 2026

My Home Gym

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and music from around the world. Thai Chi has recently been added and more styles and classes of exercise will be added as interest increases.

Alderson Main Street President Don Sutherland said, “We are excited to have this new business in Alderson. It is especially great for Alderson residents to be able to walk to such an excellent exercise facility.”

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Lewisburg House & Garden Club



Dr. Merri Collins (left), Suzanne Cronquist, Barbara Hiltner, and Deloris Dotson

The Lewisburg House and Garden Club held its monthly meeting at Peony Hill, the home of Mimi deOlloqui-Turner on July 22. Deloris Dotson and Marit Withrow were the co-hostesses. Those in attendance were President Ghee Gossard, First Vice-President Gretchen Lovett, Second Vice-President Mimi deOlloqui-Turner, Recording Secretary Mary Lindquist, Treasurer Peggy Brown, Suzanne Cronquist, Polley Cunningham, Delores Dotson, Jill Gwinn, Sharon Holladay, Marsha Lewellyn, Sue McKinney, Marit Withrow, Barbara Hiltner and Lynn Weikle.



Marit Withrow (left), Sharon Holladay, and Lynn Weikle

Dr. Merri Collins, Director of Ecology at Appalachian Headwaters, spoke to the group about native plants. Dr. Collins told the group that native plants don’t have to be your entire focus. She went on to say that a small area of native plants in your yard or garden can have a big impact. Dr. Collins said, “The abundance of native plants (those that were here before any population) in this area is amazing, and they support native insects some of which only survive if they have a certain native plant.” The group thanked Dr. Collins and proceeded with the business meeting. The next meeting will be Aug. 26 at Appalachian Headwaters’ Wood Thrush Park.

Top scams reported to the WV Attorney General’s Office for July 2026

The West Virginia Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division is committed to keeping West Virginians informed about the latest scams targeting our communities.

For the month of July, the Consumer Protection Division received 176 scam complaints.

The top 5 scams reported:

1. Medicare - Scammers claim to represent Medicare.
2. Robocalls - Robotic solicitation regarding loans, loan forgiveness, final funeral experiences, etc.
3. E-mail Phishing - Scam e-mails with fake invoices, appearing to come from legitimate and well-known businesses, requesting payment.
4. Sweepstakes/Lottery - Scammers claiming victims have won a prize.
5. Social Security Scams - Consumers reported being contacted through various means by scammers claiming to represent the Social Security system.

Ways to protect yourself

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

- If call seems suspicious, don’t engage, hang up and call back using numbers you have on file
- Keep detailed records - Document all interactions with service providers and financial transaction
- Research before you trust - Verify identities, companies and claims independently

What not to do

- Don’t handle money transfers for strangers - You could unknowingly participate in money laundering
- Never accept or forward packages for online acquaintances - This may involve illegal activity
- Never pay anyone with gift cards - Legitimate companies don’t accept gift cards as payment
- Never pay money to claim prizes - Real contests don’t require payment
- Never provide personal or financial information over the phone - to unsolicited callers
- Never send money to people you haven’t met in person - This includes online romantic interest
- You can find out more about scams, ways to protect yourself, and file a scam report at ago.wv.gov. You can also call our Consumer Protection Hotline and speak with our Scam Coordinator at 1-800-368-8808.

OPINION

Commentary

The unsung heroes behind WV elections

By Kris Warner
WV Secretary of State

Every election has candidates, campaigns, and headlines. But behind every ballot cast and every result properly counted and reported is a dedicated group of citizens whose service make our democracy possible: poll workers.

Most voters never see the full scope of their work. Poll workers arrive before dawn to set up voting precincts, test equipment, verify voter information, and prepare for a long day of service. In our May Primary Election, West Virginia had 1,684 precincts open to the voters with more than 8,400 poll workers in place on election day.

When the polls close, the work of our poll workers is far from finished. They remain on duty ensuring ballots are secured, counted, and reported accurately. Their commitment often stretches well beyond the time the evening news has signed off.

Election officials and poll workers answer voters’ questions with patience. They learn complex procedures, adapt to changing election laws, and remain steadfast in their commitment to serving every eligible voter. Their work allows millions of Americans to vote safely, securely, and with confidence.

In West Virginia, poll workers are often our friends, neighbors, church members, veterans, teachers, and retirees. Because of legislation just recently passed, we will begin to see some high school students working with experienced poll workers as well.

These election day workers are the familiar faces that greet voters at the polling place. There is something reassuring about walking into a voting location and seeing someone you know and trust helping guide the process. That familiarity strengthens confidence in our elections and reminds us that democracy is not managed by distant institutions. It is carried out by members of our own communities. Our neighbors, our friends, not federal agents as in other countries.

Rarely do our poll workers receive the recognition they deserve for their dedication. A successful Election

Day never happens as an accident. It is the result of careful preparation, professionalism, and a willingness to serve the public. In West Virginia, my office and our 55 county clerks started preparing for the 2026 November General Election back in July of 2025.

The role of poll workers has become more complex in recent years. They must understand election procedures, be able to operate voting equipment, protect voter privacy, and ensure every qualified voter has the opportunity to cast a ballot. It is an important responsibility, and one they perform with remarkable dedication.

As we look ahead to future elections, my office is proud to join our 55 county clerks to take a moment to thank these public servants who help make our election process safe, secure, fair and honest. Our elections depend on citizens who are willing to serve others, often without much recognition.

August 11th is National Poll Worker Recruitment Day. If you’ve ever thought about volunteering to be a paid poll worker on election day, I ask you to contact your county clerk and sign up. Or you can visit our website at GoVoteWV.com to complete an application online. We love our poll workers!

Commentary

Statement Re: TANF by Treasurer Pack

State Treasurer Larry Pack issued a statement in response to the Governor’s Office’s statement on TANF and West Virginia’s School Clothing Allowance Program:

“The Governor can cast all the stones he wants to put blame elsewhere, but at the end of the day, this is his administration. As Governor, he has the opportunity to make needy children a priority. So do it. We will never stop fighting for supporting children and families who need it most,” Treasurer Pack said. “We look forward to continue dialogue with state leaders to better serve West Virginia’s most vulnerable families.”

Church Bulletin

*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

*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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West Virginia Family Medicine Delegation represents Mountain State at AAFP FUTURE Conference; Duncan elected to National leadership role

The West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians (WVAFP) proudly recognized four outstanding resident and medical student leaders who represented the Mountain State at the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) FUTURE Conference, held July 31 - Aug. 1 in Kansas City, MO.

The annual conference brings together hundreds of Family Medicine residents and medical students from across the country for leadership development, professional networking, educational programming, and engagement with the future of the specialty. The conference also serves as the meeting site for the Student and Resident Congresses, where future physician leaders discuss issues impacting family medicine and elect national representatives.

Highlighting the conference, Caleb Duncan, DO, a PGY-2 Family Medicine resident at Vandalia Health CAMC and graduate of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM), was elected by his resident peers from across the country to serve as the Resident Alternate Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates. Dr. Duncan, who is originally from Seth in Boone County, West Virginia, will represent resident physicians at the Congress in Nashville, Tennessee, this October before advancing to serve as the Resident Delegate role the following year.

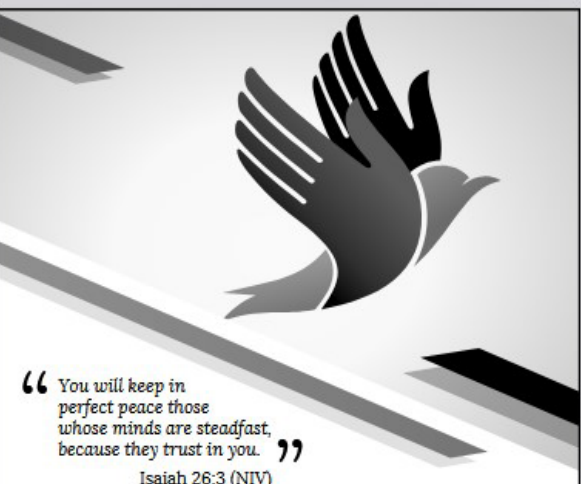
Joining Dr. Duncan in representing West Virginia were: Ryan Hayes, MD, PGY-2 Family Medicine resident with the WVU Medicine Department of Family and Community Medicine, from Ripley; Erin McGowan, a fourth-year osteopathic medical student at the WVSOM, from Harpers Ferry; and Matthew Fleshman, a fourth-year medical student at West Virginia University School of Medicine, from Hinton.

Together, the delegation represented West Virginia’s medical schools, residency programs, and the future of Family Medicine while participating in educational sessions, networking with colleagues from across the nation, and exploring innovations shaping the future of primary care.

“The FUTURE Conference provides an incredible opportunity for our residents and medical students to develop as physician leaders while building relationships with colleagues from across the country,” said Dr. Matthew A. Davis, Board Chair and CEO of the WVAFP. “We are proud of Caleb on his election to national office, and equally proud of Ryan, Erin, and Matthew for representing West Virginia with professionalism, enthusiasm, and a commitment to advancing Family Medicine. Their involvement demonstrates the strength of our state’s future physician workforce and the bright future of Family Medicine in West Virginia.”

The WVAFP remains committed to investing in the development of future physician leaders by supporting resident and student participation in national leadership opportunities. Through engagement in organizations such as the AAFP, West Virginia’s emerging physicians gain valuable experience in leadership, advocacy, education, and collaboration while helping shape the future of Family Medicine at both the state and national levels.

The West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians (WVAFP) proudly represents nearly 1,000 active physicians, retirees, residents, and medical students across the state, as its largest physician specialty medical association. Its members serve as a key foundational piece of primary care in West Virginia, providing comprehensive, patient-centered care in communities large and small.



“ You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. ”
Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

The Foundation of Trust

Trust can sometimes be a difficult thing to navigate within our relationships. While we certainly acknowledge the different levels of trust that we assign on an individual basis, a deeper point for reflection is thinking about where this trust comes from.

Notably, we may trust someone based on feelings of love or comfortability, and we may tend to distrust based on feelings of distance or resentment. As we reflect upon these matters, we should consider ways in which we can become more trusting people.

While this does not have to entail the reveal of any extra personal information, it does mean becoming a trusting presence in the lives of others, allowing them to confide in us as we consider the very reasons that we confide in our most trusted friends and loved ones.

—James Stone



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Dear Recycle Lady,
I purchased a gallon of water in a #1 clear plastic bottle with a white plastic handle and a thin plastic label. The handle was very handy for carrying the bottle, but what about recycling the bottle? Does the plastic handle need to be removed before recycling? What about the thin plastic label?

Plastic Recycler

Dear Plastic Recycler,
The white plastic handle on your bottle needs to be cut off and the cap removed before you put the bottle in the recycle bin for #1 plastics. However, the label can be left on. It will be removed during the recycling process. The bottle’s cap and handle are made of different kinds of plastic fibers, so they go in the trash.

Dear Recycle Lady,
Yesterday I came across the word pre-cycling in a magazine article. How does pre-cycling differ from recycling?

Wondering

Dear Wondering,
Precycling and recycling both reduce waste, but they happen at different points in the life cycle of a product. Pre-cycling means reducing waste before it happens by avoiding products and packaging that will be thrown away or that will be recycled later. It is sometimes called a low-waste lifestyle as it is about making initial choices that will minimize waste or maximize reusable or recyclable materials. For example, it is about choosing items that are that have little or no packaging, have less packaging than other packaging on similar products,

or have packaging that is recyclable. It is doing simple things, like taking a reusable bottle of water with you instead of buying a plastic bottle of water, taking bags with you instead of getting new ones at the store, buying only what you need or can use, or using rags instead of paper towels for cleaning. It is repairing or reusing items instead of replacing them with new items. It is choosing durable goods over disposable ones. Ultimately, pre-recycling is making choices that reduce consumer waste and have the smallest possible impact on the environment. Precycling prevents the waste from being created in the first place, while recycling deals with waste after it happens.

Food for Thought: According to <https://archive.epa.gov>, For every ton of office paper Americans throw away, 17 trees could have been saved, 380 gallons of oil, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 3,000 kilowatts of energy and 7,000 gallons of water could also have been saved. Before you think that is an impossible amount of recycled office paper, consider that the Greenbrier Recycling Center shipped out 22 tons of office paper last week. So, our wonderful Greenbrier recyclers saved 374 trees, 8,360 gallons of oil, 66 cubic yards of landfill space, 66,000 Kilowatts of energy and 154,000 gallons of water. Hurrah for our recyclers!

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

A Look Back

By William “Skip” Deegans
In 1941, shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, The Greenbrier was converted to an internment center for foreign diplomats and newspaper reporters. In 1942, the FBI identified seven hotel staff at The Greenbrier, - six waiters and one baker - as enemy aliens. Charged as being dangerous, they were taken to the Summers County jail. The next day, they were moved to Lewisburg for a secret Federal hearing that was closely guarded. Only officials and the wives of the accused aliens were allowed to attend. The hearing was conducted by the Southern Enemy Alien Board. After the hearing, one of the seven, an Austrian waiter was released. The other six, one of whom was

also Austrian and the rest were from Germany, were taken to Cincinnati, Ohio, the day after the Lewisburg hearing. The men were not allowed attorneys nor were they allowed to see or challenge the evidence against them.

Of the accused aliens, all but one had arrived in the United States in the 1930s or early 1940s. They ranged in age from 33 to 46. At least two were married. What happened to these men in Cincinnati is unclear. There is some evidence they were taken into custody by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), and sent to civilian internment camps. During World War II, some 130,000 American residents and citizens were forcibly interned in camps without due process. Most were interned only because of their nationality.

Of the six employees of The Greenbrier who were detained census records indicate at least three became US citizens. Although Hans Hensel died in New York, he was buried in Greenbrier County. Erich Ohlendorf became a manager in the Hilton Hotel chain and is buried in Low Moor, Virginia. Guy Bertuzzi, the Austrian who was detained, had immigrated to the US in 1906, was working as a baker at The Greenbrier in 1930, was married to Flora Bertuzzi, and owned a home in White Sulphur Springs in 1940.

Sources: Hinton Daily News, The Leader, The Roanoke Times, The West Virginia News, The Cincinnati Enquirer, National Archives, Smithsonian.

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SCHOOL

Incoming WVSOM Class has school record of students from West Virginia

With its new first-year medical students, the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) welcomed a class that includes the largest number of West Virginia residents in the school’s history.

WVSOM, the state’s largest medical school, achieved an admissions goal this year, with its 210-member Class of 2030. The class includes 79 students (38%) who call the Mountain State their home.

For comparison, in-state students comprise 46% of WVU School of Medicine’s new class. Marshall University School of Medicine has not yet released information for their new class, but in- state students typically make up well over 50% of incoming classes.

WVSOM officials attribute the upsurge to intentional admissions strategies to attract more West Virginians, including pipeline programs, tuition waivers for in-



state students who meet selection criteria and the introduction of a master’s degree program to prepare



students for the rigorous study required to pursue a medical degree.

Greenbrier County Schools provide meals to students at no cost

Students in Greenbrier County will have the opportunity to eat a no-cost breakfast and lunch at school through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program. The CEP was enacted as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act and provides universal meal service to children in high-poverty areas. This is the fourth year for the option.

The CEP serves as an alternative to collecting, approving and verifying household eligibility applications for free- and reduced-price eligible students in high-poverty Local Education Agencies (LEAs). If at least 25 percent of a school’s student population is directly certified for free meal benefits, the entire school qualifies for the option.

“I am proud that Greenbrier County Schools will be participating in the CEP program to help meet a crucial need for many students in our county,” said, Jeff Bryant Superintendent of Greenbrier County Schools. “We know academic achievement increases when our students are well-fed and ready to learn, and we must provide secure and reliable access to nutritious meals, so all students have a chance to achieve at the highest level possible.”

Greenbrier County expects to have thirteen schools participate in the CEP. All elementary, middle and high schools will. The program allows the school system to

feed nearly 4,000 students each day.

The 2017 Feeding America: Map the Meal Gap data reports high levels of food insecurity and hunger across the country. In West Virginia, more than 14 percent of residents, and over 79,000 children, live in food insecure households.

For more information please contact:
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Greenbrier County Schools
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EGHED

Quench
EATS

Lovely
SCINCE

Follow
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TODAY'S WORD

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Line in sidewalk is moved. 2. Window sill is missing. 3. Rear car window is smaller. 4. House window is moved. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Briefcase is larger.

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Arctic footwear item

9 Triaging concern

15 “Rope- —” (Ali ring tactic)

20 Study of forces acting on mechanisms

21 Twinkled

22 Adversary

23 Brief seconds

24 Diane plays her role flawlessly?

26 See

27 Dandy dudes

28 On guard

29 Foxx amuses his audience?

34 Flock babies

37 Droop

39 Phone button abbr.

40 Special span

41 Granola snack option

43 Flood preventer

44 Muscles called “guns”

47 Paul acts in a serious film?

50 Military pupils

52 One of a pair of sense organs

53 Expiators

54 Elmer greatly anticipates catching Bugs Bunny?

57 Favored ones

60 “Hence ...”

61 With 26-Across, maker of Tater Tots

62 Philadelphia’s La — University

63 WWII battle city in France

64 Adaptable truck, in brief

65 Christ, in Cremona

67 Oldham fashions clothes?

70 Cheer shouts

74 Court org.

76 “Look at Me” novelist Jennifer

77 Bunk

79 Gunk

80 “ATM” rapper

83 Small warbler

84 Wynonna puts out her first album?

86 Orchestrate

88 Miracle- —

90 Brown ermines

91 Roger describes a news event?

96 “C’m on, quit it!”

98 “It’s all clear”

99 Lightning source, informally

100 TV “Science Guy” Bill

102 Put in a juicer

103 One of a pair of sense organs

104 Cultural spirit

105 Billy steps off his ship?

109 Plow inventor John

111 Swiss mounts

112 “— had it!”

113 Jason bounces the basketball?

117 Kitchen tools

122 Architect Jones

123 — d’ (head-waiter)

124 Cubic — (fake diamond)

125 De Mille the dancer

126 Less than retail

127 How this puzzle’s nine longest answers are viewed?

DOWN

1 Do the slopes

2 Writer Anaïs

3 Carry- — (flight totes)

4 Sweaty, say

5 Straitlaced

6 Indian tongue

7 Scale’s span

8 Road curve

9 Certain opening for a bolt

10 Elated bliss

11 Gives help

12 German link

13 Rx request

14 Suffix with lime or Gator

15 Seed casings

16 Belly flop, say

17 Unusually big

18 People eating meals, e.g.

19 High trains

25 Maze-running rodent

27 Mrs., in Berlin

29 Burglarize

30 Gourmet

31 Tenths of centuries

32 “Judge —” (Stallone film)

33 Slip up

34 Piece of mail: Abbr.

35 Court org.

36 Mothers, informally

38 Undercoat for an oil painting

42 Skilled sorts

43 Evening eats

45 People who are hoofing it

46 Rock layers

48 — Moines

49 Perfectly

51 Song for one

54 Hazy stuff

55 Not as young

56 Pigeon perch, maybe

58 Yale for whom Yale is named

59 “I swear —!”

63 Capitol fig.

64 No longer bothered by

66 Remove the cargo from

68 Hazard

69 Motions “yes”

71 “Equus” actress Jenny

72 Time in a Jacuzzi, e.g.

73 “Rescue us!”

75 Road curve

78 “The Lady” star Michelle

80 Farr or Foxx

81 Fighting for change

82 Called for a pizza, say

83 Like Cardiff natives

84 Write hastily

85 City in Iraq

87 Go- — (no idler)

89 Climbing roses

92 “Am — blame?”

93 Refusals

94 Cuts off

95 Pink Floyd’s Barrett

97 Evening hrs.

101 Add while proofing

104 Paul who published many math papers

106 Surprise win

107 Tennis legend Chris

108 Park seat

110 Threshold

111 Counter-tenor

113 Rio carmaker

114 “— bad boy!”

115 Slugging club

116 Razor brand

117 Israeli weapon

118 College org. of sisters

119 Suffix with opal

120 Tell fibs

121 Mournful

PLEASE SEE THE PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 8

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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ENTERTAINMENT

WVSOM to host Ivy Terrace Concert featuring Mindy Murray and the Lobelians

Carnegie Hall takes its 2026 Ivy Terrace Outdoor Music Series on the road with a performance by Mindy Murray and the Lobelians on Thursday, Aug. 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) Student Center Outdoor Amphitheater. The community is encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and lawn chairs to this family-friendly gathering.

All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, alcohol-free, generously sponsored by City National Bank, and will move into the Conference Center in the WVSOM Student Center in the event of inclement weather. For updates, concertgoers are encouraged to follow Carnegie Hall's Facebook page.

Mindy Murray's edgy rootsy songs are born of oral history, urban legend and newspaper clippings and are delivered with passion and intensity. They contain pervasive themes of hard-working folk and many reflect life in the 1800 and 1900s both in Appalachia and

in the Mid-Atlantic region. They have been acclaimed nationally and internationally from the website of the American Mineworkers of America to major international music journals including fRoots and No Depression. Her songs have been recognized as first place winners by the International Women's Freedom Songs and the International Songwriters Day organizations in 2020 through 2026. Murray has performed her songs on the stages of many venues and festivals including the Philadelphia Folk Festival, the New Jersey Folk Festival, the Cup of Tae Festival (Donegal, Ireland) and the Northern Appalachian Folk Festival and is thrilled to again share her songs and the stories behind them at the Ivy Terrace concert.

This represents a coming home of sorts for Murray who graduated from WVSOM in the 1980s. Her roots at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine run deep, shaping both her career and the life she built with

her husband, Angelo Rattini, whom she met during a WVSOM Spring Break in 1982. A member of the Class of 1984, Murray carried WVSOM's patient centered, hands on philosophy into her Family Practice career in Bristol, Pennsylvania, where she and Angelo have cared for their community for four decades with a special focus on geriatrics. Her commitment to osteopathic education never waned - she has taught countless residents and students, including many from WVSOM, through Lower Bucks Hospital's residency program, extending the school's influence far beyond West Virginia. Today, her professional reach includes serving as a Clinical Assistant Professor at PCOM, holding hospital appointments across Bucks County, and contributing nationally as a Medical Editor for WebMD, all grounded in the osteopathic values first nurtured at WVSOM.

She is thrilled to be joined by a handful of wonderful musicians from the Lobelia area



Mindy Murray

with whom she has had the joy of playing over the years. The musicians include Bob and Ginger Must, Erica Marks, Bob Foster, and other special guests. Bob Must, DO also graduated from WVSOM in 1984 and then spent 30 years doing fam-

ily practice in Pocahontas County. Bob Foster, DO is a graduate of the Kansas City School of Osteopathic Medicine and is Professor Emeritus of WVSOM. For more information, visit www.carnegie-hallwv.org or call (304) 645-7917.

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

Keys to Creative Writing Workshop at NRCTC

“Keys to Creative Writing,” a foundational class in creative writing, is a new offering from New River Community and Technical College, taught by author Belinda Anderson and beginning Thursday, Sept. 10.

The college is offering the three-week workshop via a convenient audio conference call.

This class will cover fundamental elements that are key to various genres of creative writing, building to additional techniques that can transform basic

skills into enriched writing that fully captures and engages readers.

Anderson has worked both as a teacher and as a manuscript consultant for writers with a wide range of experience. “I still remember my own journey as a beginning writer and find it gratifying and inspirational to help other writers grow their writing talent,” she said.

The class will be conducted through one-hour conference calls that include lecture, with time for questions and participant

sharing, and group e-mail follow-up as needed. Students can attend the class with an internet conference call connection or by phone, including landlines. No high-speed internet is required.

The workshop will provide opportunities for writing. It is designed both for beginning writers and those who would like a refresher in the fundamentals.

Anderson is listed on two literary maps and is the author of three collections of short stories and a children's novel, published

by Mountain State Press. Her fiction also is included in several anthologies and she has extensive nonfiction credits, including a 12-volume commissioned history series.

“The characters jump off the page and talk to you in their own voices and let you peek into their inner thoughts,” author Donna S. Meredith wrote in a review of Anderson's fiction. “Beautifully crafted stories with strong voices and a strong sense of place.”

The cost for the class is \$95. The registration dead-

line is Aug. 20. Participants will be emailed the conference call number and access codes after registering for the class.

Visit www.newriver.edu/the-center-for-workforce-education/ for information on upcoming classes or register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, gkincaid@newriver.edu).

Learn more about Anderson and her work online at <http://www.BelindaAnderson.com>

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Entered by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, in the City of Charleston on this the 29th day of July 2026.
Case No. 26-0691-T-CN
LTS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (USA), INC.
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Local Exchange and inter-exchange (including Exchange Access) Telecommunications Services in the State of West Virginia

NOTICE OF FILING

On July 29, 2026, LTS Telecommunications Services (USA) Inc. filed a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide resold and facilities-based Local Exchange and Interexchange (including Exchange Access) Telecommunications Services in the State of West Virginia.

Pursuant to *West Virginia Code* §24-2-11, IT IS ORDERED that the Applicant give notice of the filing of said application by publishing a copy of this order once in a qualified newspaper as provided in *West Virginia Code* §59-3-1 et seq, published and of general circulation in each of the Cities of Beckley, Bluefield, Charleston, Clarksburg, Elkins, Fairmont, Huntington, Keyser, Lewisburg, Logan, Martinsburg, Morgantown, Moundsville, Parkersburg, Point Pleasant, Weirton, Welch, Wheeling, and Williamson, making due return to this Commission of proper certification of publication immediately after publication.

Anyone desiring to make objection to said application must do so in writing, within 30 days after publication of this notice, to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if no protests are received within said thirty-day period, the Commission may waive formal hearing render its decision based on the evidence submitted with the application and the Commission's review thereof.

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Painting by John Tilesko

The Alderson Artisans Gallery is pleased to announce the showing of works by the Greenbrier Artists.

An opening will be held

on Aug. 22 from 2 to 4 PM. Light refreshments will be served. The show will run from Aug. 22, through Oct. 18. The Greenbrier Artists will be

offering a variety of work from local hands.

Gallery hours are Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gallery information is posted on our website at www.aldersongallery.com

The Alderson Artisans Gallery is a cooperative non-profit organization.

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE: Proposed Amendment to the WV Constitution to be on the November 3, 2026, General Election Ballot.

Title of Amendment: “Amendment 1: Citizenship Requirement to Vote in West Virginia Elections Amendment”

Summery-of-Purpose: “This amendment provides that in all elections held in West Virginia only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state are qualified to vote.”

Full Text of the Amendment: §4-1. *Only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state shall be entitled to vote at all elections held within the counties in which they respectively reside; but a person who is a minor, or who has been declared mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction, or who is under conviction of treason, felony or bribery in an election, or who has not been a resident of the state and of the county in which he or she offers to vote, for 30 days next preceding such offer, shall not be permitted to vote while such disability continues; and, a person in the military, naval, or marine service of the United States shall not be deemed a resident of this state by reason of being stationed therein.*

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2019 Nissan Rogue SL
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2024 Nissan Sentra S
Stock #U14312 | Miles: 29,355
Body: 4D Sedan | Doc Fee: \$575
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Body: 4D Sport Utility | Doc Fee: \$575
Retail Price: \$21,200 | Discount: \$1,870

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2022 Hyundai Tucson SEL
Stock #17524 | Miles: 24,291
Body: 4D Sport Utility | Doc Fee: \$575
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Stock #800209 | Miles: 53,953
Body: 4D Sport Utility | Doc Fee: \$575
Retail Price: \$23,995 | Discount: \$3,000

FINAL PRICE: \$21,570



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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

FINAL PRICE: \$22,307



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

FINAL PRICE: \$23,570



2023 GMC Terrain SLT
Stock #17536A | Miles: 42,615
Body: 4D Sport Utility | Doc Fee: \$575
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Body: 4D Sport Utility
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