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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Beckley City Officials Seeking Lifeguards To Open New River Park Pool**

Beckley City officials are seeking lifeguards to staff a new pool at River Park, which is set to open this summer. The pool is located on the east side of the city, near the river. The city is currently accepting applications for lifeguards who are at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or GED, and are able to swim 100 yards in 10 minutes. Applications should be submitted to the city clerk's office by July 15.

**Mysterious Firegown Found, Remarking Historical Marker Dedication In Beckley**

A mysterious firegown was found in Beckley, West Virginia, during the dedication of a historical marker. The firegown is believed to be a relic from the Civil War era. The marker is located on the site of the former Beckley Courthouse. The firegown was found by a local resident who was exploring the site. The firegown is made of heavy, dark fabric and has a distinctive pattern. It is believed to be a relic from the Civil War era. The marker is dedicated to the memory of the soldiers who fought the Battle of Beckley in 1862.

**Unclaimed Treasures Awaiting Rightful Owners**

Several unclaimed treasures are awaiting their rightful owners in Beckley. The treasures include a gold watch, a silver pocket watch, and a gold ring. The treasures were found by a local resident who was exploring the site of the former Beckley Courthouse. The treasures are believed to be relics from the Civil War era. The local resident has offered to donate the treasures to the city of Beckley. The city is currently accepting applications for the rightful owners of the treasures. Applications should be submitted to the city clerk's office by July 15.

**Reserve Boarding Commission Meeting Scheduled**

The Reserve Boarding Commission meeting is scheduled for July 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the city council chamber. The meeting will discuss the proposed changes to the city's reserve boarding regulations. The changes include increasing the number of reserve boarders and increasing the fees. The meeting is open to the public.

**Open House**

An open house will be held at the city clerk's office on July 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The open house is for the purpose of providing information about the proposed changes to the city's reserve boarding regulations. The open house is open to the public.

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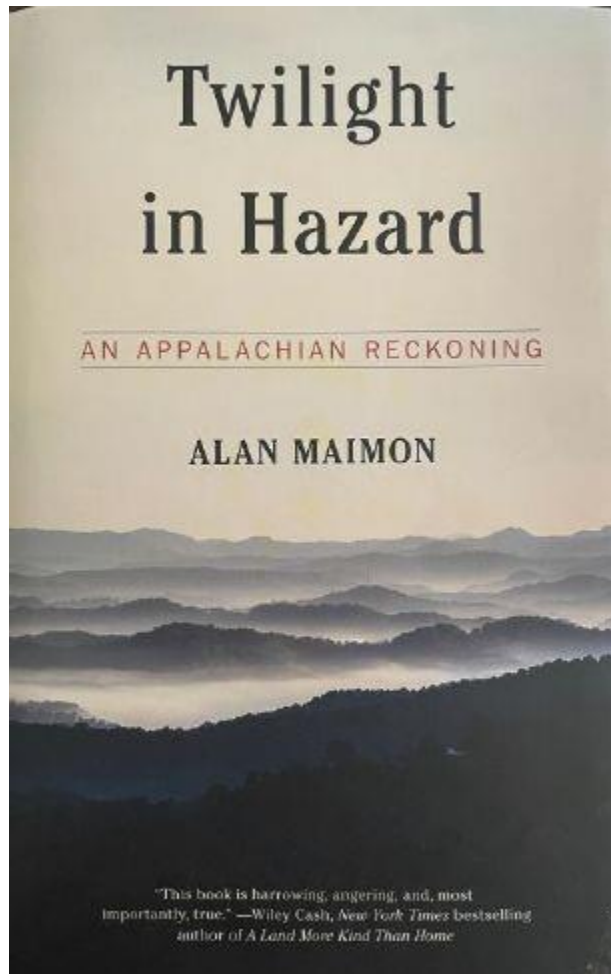
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# Review: Journalist brings rare nuance to take on Appalachia

By scott stroud associated press | WVDN JUN 25, 2021



“Twilight in Hazard: An Appalachian Reckoning” by Alan Maimon (Melville House)

In the preface to his new book, Alan Maimon writes that he’s “not here to take shots at J.D. Vance’s ‘Hillbilly Elegy,’” but then he eviscerates Vance’s bestseller with stiletto precision.

“The message: He made it out,” Maimon writes. “Why can’t the rest of you lazy Appalachians? When we ask this question we misunderstand the region’s problems.”

That’s not the only contradiction in “Twilight in Hazard: An Appalachian Reckoning.” Writing about his time as the Hazard, Kentucky, correspondent for the Louisville Courier Journal, Maimon, who grew up in Philadelphia, acknowledges the disdain Appalachians have for outsiders traipsing in to define them and then offers his own assessment. He recounts the flood of journalists descending to explain “Trump country,” then expounds at length on former President Donald Trump’s appeal there.

Despite those contradictions, “Twilight in Hazard” paints a more nuanced portrait of Appalachia than Vance did. It shines brightest in describing some of the area’s colorful characters, from longtime Hazard Mayor Bill Gorman to Chris Fugate, who left his job as a state trooper to become a preacher ministering to people he once arrested. They are fully and generously portrayed.

Maimon’s exploration of Trump’s appeal feels accurate if not surprising. His takes on poverty, drug addiction and the decline of the coal industry don’t ignore the region’s history of exploitation, not to mention the

indifference of its political leaders.

The book has its flaws, including minor errors of fact. Maimon bemoans the shrinkage of newspapers, noting its impact on the region, but his account of his own departure from the Courier Journal veers into ax-grinding. In his summation, Maimon serves up one last contradiction.

“We’ve been reckoning with these challenges for a very long time, with relatively little to show for our efforts,” he writes. “Perhaps it’s time to have a reckoning with the word ‘reckoning.’”

He clearly gets the irony that he’s been doing some reckoning himself.

And maybe that’s OK. Intentionally or not, Maimon has written a worthy addition to the collective body of smart rebuttals to Vance’s book, and on some level its contradictions make sense. Appalachia is, after all, a region where beauty and tragedy have long lived together, side by side, with an intensity few other places in America have known.

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Stroud is the Appalachia news editor for The Associated Press.

## Let Me Do You A Flavor: Korean Street Food At Pride

By Lindsey Wolford WVDN Columnist | WVDN JUN 25, 2021



Hey and welcome back! I am so glad you decided to join me this week as I have something different and special to share with you. As organizers for the first Pride event in Lewisburg are gearing up for the festivities this weekend, I began seeking out the flavors of Pride and let me tell you I have found a real gem. So, pour a drink and prepare for a real treat.

When I was first approached about writing about flavors of Pride I planned on talking to vendors about what they planned to prepare and giving you a sneak peak at what they had in store for you, but then I heard that there would be several "bake sales" by locals and my interest was peaked. While I love supporting local businesses, I am always rooting for the individual who is trying to take a stand and stand out and that's how I met Finney.

Finney Staunton is 17 years old and lives part-time in Greenbrier County and part time in Pennsylvania, and said that last year she and her family began making Hotteok, pronounced ho-tok, last year. Hotteok is a Korean street food known as a sweet pancake. This pancake is to be eaten like a cookie and is filled with brown sugar and cinnamon. When I asked Finney why she chose Hotteok she said, "I wanted to speak our culture because a lot of people aren't used to ethnic street foods."

So I went out on a limb and asked Finney if she would be willing to share her recipe with us and she agreed so that you can try making these at home, but please go out to the Pride event in Lewisburg Saturday, June 26 beginning at 3 p.m. and try them for yourself.

For this recipe you will need:

- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 2 teaspoons yeast
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon powder
- 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts (optional)

To make the Hotteok dough:

Place 1 cup of lukewarm water into a mixing bowl.

Add 2 tablespoons white sugar, 2 teaspoons yeast, ½ teaspoons kosher salt, 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, and stir it well.

Add 2 cups of all-purpose flour and mix it by hand.

Let the dough rise. It should sit with the lid closed at room temperature for 1 hour.

After an hour the dough will rise to double its size. Knead it to remove the gas bubbles in the dough.

Let it rise for another 10-20 minutes.

Make traditional filling (for 8 hotteok):

Mix ½ cup brown sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon powder, and 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts in a bowl. The walnuts are optional

To form the hotteok:

Knead the dough again to remove the gas bubbles.

Place and spread about ½ cup flour on your cutting board.

Put the dough on your cutting board and knead it. Make it into a lump, and cut it into 8 equal-sized balls.

Take 1 dough ball, flatten it, put some filling in the center of the dough, and then seal it to make a ball. Heat up your non-stick pan over medium heat and add some vegetable oil. Place 1 ball on the pan and let it cook for 30 seconds. When the bottom of the dough ball is light golden brown, turn it over and press the dough with a spatula to make a thin and wide circle. Let it cook about 1 minute until the bottom is golden brown. Turn it over again and turn down the heat very low. Place the lid on the pan and cook 1 more minute. The brown sugar filling mixture will be melted to syrup, best served when hot!

I don't know about you, but I am excited to try these!! So, when I asked Finney why this event and preparing Korean street food to sell at the event was so important to her, here is what she had to say "Because I haven't experienced Pride in West Virginia like I have in Pennsylvania. I haven't been exposed to as much queerness here and it's always been something I'm a little ashamed of — my ethnicity and my sexuality — and this is a way to put them together."

I think Finney is a true beacon for youth in our community. To take two things she hasn't been secure in and join them together to spread culture and awareness is awesome in my book, and I hope you will stop at her table during the Pride event and try Hotteok and even try making some at home. There is always love and Pride in my kitchen and always I am sending love from my kitchen to yours!

## **Greenbrier County Commission considers expansion of Health Department building with grant application**

By bobby bordelon wvdn | WVDN JUN 25, 2021

Grant applications and board appointments were approved during the Tuesday, June 22, meeting of the Greenbrier County Commission.

After a public hearing with no comments from the public, the commission approved an application to the West Virginia Development Office for Community Development Block Grant CV3 funds.

"This is an application through Community Development Block Grants ... for funding for work at our Health Department," explained Commission President Lowell Rose. "[The grant is] provided through Coronavirus funds, ... and Region 4 is helping us with it. We are looking at this for the renovation and enlargement of the building."

In addition, Sillings Architects was approved to work on design for the building upgrades.

"We put out a request for proposal for architects and Sillings replied to that ... for the design of the health department addition and remodeling," Rose said.

"These folks have been good for us to work with for a long time," said Commissioner Mike McClung.

According to Rose, the rate of pay has not been finalized.

The commission also considered reappointments and replacements for the first round of expiring county board seats. This includes:

- Matt Ford was approved to continue serving on the GVEDC and his contract to serve as the Greenbrier County coordinator for the Meadow River Rail Trail project was extended. Rose explained the commission has “had this contract with him for three years. ... He’s been the project coordinator for the trail for Greenbrier County and ... Fayette County as well. ... That project is moving along pretty well, hopefully, we’ll be able to take some money that was appropriated [to the county] and get it closer to completion.”
- Dan Edwards and David Alderman of the Greenbrier County Planning Commission were approved to continue serving.
- John Preston was approved by the Commission for the city of Lewisburg to consider renewal for his position as the Lewisburg designee for the Public Service District Number 1 board.
- Tom Hughes’ term on the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation (GVEDC) board is not yet up, he is retiring from his businesses and is looking to wind down his role at the organization. Deborah Parker was appointed to replace him when he leaves the seat.

In other business:

- Another grant application was approved, with Commissioner Tammy Shifflett-Tincher noting the Asset Mapping CDBG-Mit application would help towards broadband expansion.
- Two Arts and Recreation were approved on a two-one vote, with Tincher voting against. The first totaled \$6,750 for parking staking and inspections for the Greenbrier County Sportsplex, while the second included \$210 for Alderson Main Street, for music at the market.
- Three items on the agenda, a supplemental resolution financing work on the courthouse, the purchase of steel for the same project, and items related to those purchases, were each tabled.

## **Beckley City Officials Seeking Lifeguards To Open New River Park Pool**

By autumn shelton | WVDN JUN 25, 2021



Following community outcry to open the New River Park pool, Beckley city officials have decided to change the age restrictions on lifeguards and increase pay to help make it happen.

Leslie Baker, director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Beckley, told common council members during their Tuesday, June 22, meeting that those aged 16 and 17 may now apply to work as a lifeguard. Previously, the city had decided that teens this young may not be mature enough to manage the guests at city pools, but a recent lifeguard shortage forcing them to close New River pool for the season has led them to change their minds.

Additionally, they have raised the starting lifeguard salary to \$12 per hour. This is one of the highest pay rates in the area, according to Baker.

The staff at the Beckley YMCA has decided to hold a prerequisite class on Saturday, June 26, from 9 a.m. until noon for those interested in becoming a lifeguard. The prerequisite class is open to the first 12 people to register. For more information call the YMCA at 304-252-0715.

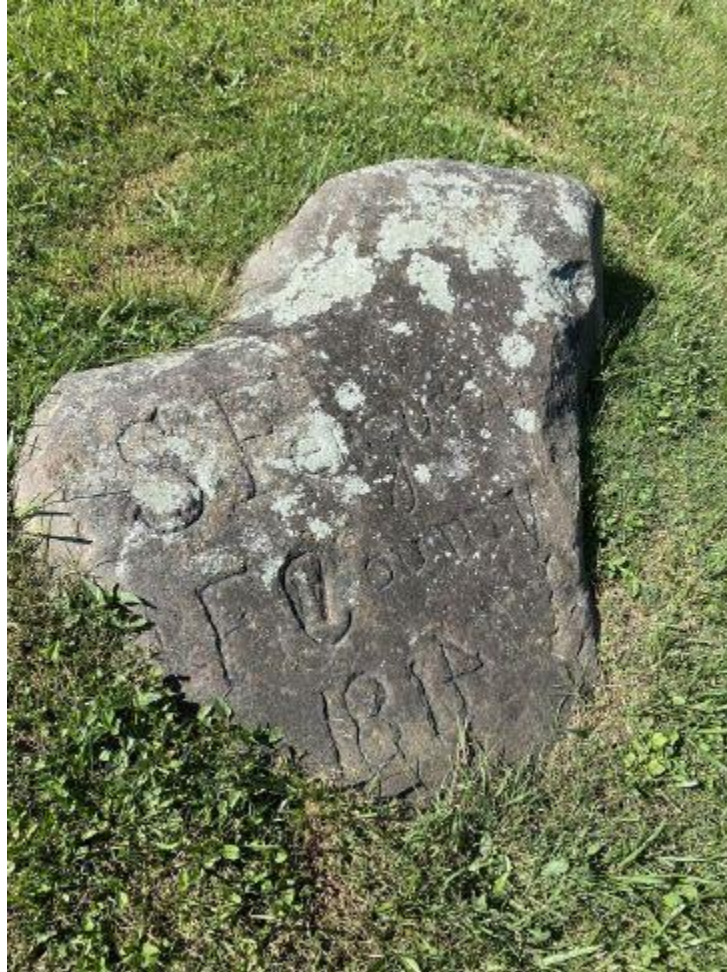
For those who already have their lifeguard certification, they may go to the Youth Museum of Southern WV on Ewart Avenue to fill out an application between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

The target date to open New River Park pool is July 9, depending on the availability of certified lifeguards, Baker said.



# Mysterious Ferguson Rock Receiving Historical Marker Dedication In Beckley

By autumn shelton | WVDN JUN 25, 2021



The mysterious Ferguson Rock of Beckley will now be getting two historical markers commemorating its historical significance.

Tom Sopher, president of the Raleigh County Historical Society, said during the recent Beckley Common Council meeting that the historical marker dedication ceremony will take place at the Wildwood House Museum on Sunday, June 27, at 2 p.m.

The exact origins of the Ferguson Rock are unknown, but local legend has it that the rock was carved in 1814 by a fur-trapper named S. Ferguson.

An article written by Sopher and Merle T. Cole in the Winter 2020 edition of Goldenseal states that Ferguson had “rode all day on the long-disappeared Old Bluestone Road.” He had stopped at Piney Creek near the current sewage treatment plant when he was attacked by a bear or panther. Before his death, he was able to carve his epitaph into the rock.

Another tale states that the rock was carved to mark Ferguson’s campsite along Piney Creek.

Although the exact origin of the Ferguson Rock is unknown, it is heralded as one of Beckley's oldest relics. The rock was relocated to the Wildwood House Museum in 2017.

In addition to the marker dedication, a History Alive! program featuring Travis Henline of Wheeling as Francis Pierpont the "Father of West Virginia" will take place.

This event is free to the public. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at the Pemberton Coal Town Church located at the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine.

Wildwood House Museum is located along South Kanawha Street in Beckley.

## Unclaimed Treasures Awaiting Rightful Owners

By Theresa Flerx | WVDN JUN 25, 2021



Think of the West Virginia Treasurer's Office Unclaimed Property Division as a statewide lost and found box, except holding a much grander monetary scale within a massive vault built in the 1930s to thwart the most sophisticated thief.

This property is held by the Treasurer's Office, but it doesn't belong to the state. It belongs to West Virginians, and everyone is encouraged to seek their individual stake and claim it.

"Our Office works with local governments across the state every day to make sure any funds available in their name are promptly returned to them," said West Virginia Treasurer Riley Moore. "This is the people's money

and we want to make sure it's returned to them as quickly as possible."

The vault stores mostly money, although the Treasurer's Office "does receive the contents of abandoned safe deposit boxes. One thing that is not reported to the unclaimed property division is real estate."

Unclaimed property can include financial accounts, stocks, bonds, old coins (like a 1894 Morgan dollar auctioned online last year), collectibles, or items of value (like jewelry, or wrist and pocket watches), in which the owner has not initiated any activity for one year or longer. Other common examples of property held by the Treasurer include unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts and unused rebate cards.

"Sometimes the value of an object isn't in how much money it is worth, but in the history it holds. Among the jewelry and valuable coins in [one unclaimed property auction], you'll also find some [West Virginia] history collectibles such as items from Castle Rock Bank in Pineville, currency issued from the National Bank of Williamson, as well as a collection of coal script."

Any West Virginian seeking lost items are encouraged to visit [www.wvtreasury.com](http://www.wvtreasury.com), then click on the large Unclaimed Property "Search" button to the right of the page under the heading, "Are We Holding Your Money?" In addition to finding property, the [www.wvtreasury.com](http://www.wvtreasury.com) website will also help track a claim. A demonstration of how to use the Unclaimed Property search site is also available on the Treasurer's YouTube page.

To search for lost financial assets outside of West Virginia, visit [www.FindMyFunds.com](http://www.FindMyFunds.com) or [www.MissingMoney.com](http://www.MissingMoney.com).

"When a family member dies, relatives often don't know what property or accounts the person has left behind in their name," Moore said. "We also know estate matters can sometimes be sensitive. That's why our office is always willing to go the extra mile to work with families and their attorneys to find any property that person might have left behind and make sure it's returned and distributed while respecting that person and their family's wishes."

Unclaimed property has also been returned to businesses, churches, cities, fire departments, and nonprofits across the state.

West Virginia's unclaimed property laws "protect the public by ensuring money and property owed to them is returned to them, rather than remaining permanently with financial institutions, business associations, governments and other entities. The Treasurer seeks to reunite the unclaimed property, including uncashed paychecks, stocks, or safe deposit box contents, with its owner."

Visit [www.wvtreasury.com](http://www.wvtreasury.com) or the West Virginia Treasury Facebook page for online auction information.

The State Fair will also host a Treasurer's Office booth inside the West Virginia Building displaying items for sale during auctions planned for Friday, August 13; Saturday, August 14; Thursday, August 19; Friday, August 20; and Saturday, August 21, beginning promptly at 5 p.m. each day.

For more information, visit the State Treasurer's Office State Fair booth prior to a daily auction to see which particular items will be auctioned that evening.

The successful bidder will get the item, but the proceeds will be held in the name of the rightful owner.

The West Virginia Treasurer's Office shares the following history about its establishment and vault:

The Office of the West Virginia State Treasurer was established at the Constitutional Convention held in Wheeling in 1863 after the western counties of Virginia split to become West Virginia. The Treasurer's Office is one of six constitutionally mandated offices in West Virginia. While the West Virginia Constitution establishes the Office, the functions of the Office are outlined in various sections of West Virginia Code.

The Treasurer's main vault is an eye-catching and fascinating aspect of the building that was installed four years after the construction of the Capitol [1924-32].

Since the Treasurer is responsible for holding various securities and monies, officials felt an in-house vault was a necessity in the wake of that era's growing crime rate.

The resulting fixture is a massive vault built with solid chromium steel and concrete, surrounded by walls 22 inches thick.

It once took two contractors two-and-a-half days to bore a small air hole through the outer wall of the vault as a safety measure.

The huge, 16-ton door is controlled by three clocks which are set on a 15-hour rotation at the end of each

working day and 63-hour rotation each weekend. Once the door has been closed and clocks activated, the vault cannot be opened until its clocks automatically release at the end of the rotation cycles.

Forty smaller vaults inside the main vault are assigned to individual state agencies. Each agency stores various items, most of which are stocks and bonds. In addition to the stocks and bonds protected there, the vault is also home to collections of diamonds and rare coins, stamps, and state historical documents owned by the Division of Culture and History.

Because the vault was installed in the 1930s, a period of rampant crime and bank robberies, Treasury officials installed a 12-foot solid steel and glass barrier in front of the vault. Tellers sat behind two-inch thick glass panels that rested below an iron grate charged with several thousand volts of electricity. Gun turrets were installed in the event of an armed robbery.

Today, the Treasurer's office is a sleek, modern, state-of-the-art operation. Equipped with powerful computers and sophisticated electronic money management technology, the West Virginia Treasury continues to move forward as it administers and protects the sound investment of our vast resources in the future of the Mountain State.

## **Ronceverte Planning Commission Meeting Rescheduled**

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUN 25, 2021



The City of Ronceverte Planning Commission's meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, June 28 at 5 p.m. The meeting will take place at Ronceverte City Hall, located at 200 Main Street.

Agenda:

- Call to order
- Approval of minutes
- Dollar General discussion
- Adjournment

# Greenbrier County Schools Schedule Open Houses

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUN 25, 2021

The principals and staff of Greenbrier County Schools (GCS) look forward to welcoming students and families back to school at open house events that are unique to each site. Activities may include facility tours, classroom assignments, and presentation of important school information for students on the following dates:

**Alderson Elementary/ Wednesday, August 25/ 5 - 7 p.m.**

**Crichton Elementary / Thursday, September 2 / 5 - 7 p.m.**

**Frankford Elementary / Tuesday, August 24/ 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Lewisburg Elementary /Wednesday, August 25**

- Kindergarten / 9 a.m.
- PreK /11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Grades 3 & 5 / 3:30 p.m.
- Grades 1, 2 & 4 / 4:30 p.m.

**Rainelle Elementary / Thursday, August 26 / 3- 5 p.m.**

**Ronceverte Elementary/ Wednesday, August 25**

- Grades 4 & 5 / 3:30 p.m.
- Grades 2 & 3 / 4:10 p.m.
- Grades K & 1 / 4:50 p.m.

**Rupert Elementary/Tuesday, August 24 / 5 - 7 p.m.**

**Smoot Elementary /Tuesday, August 24 / 4 - 6 p.m.**

**White Sulphur Springs Elementary/ Tuesday, August 24 / 4 - 6 p.m.**

**Eastern Greenbrier Middle School / Wednesday, August 25**

- Grades 7 & 8 / 4 - 5 p.m.

- Grade 6 / 5 – 6:30 p.m.

### **Western Greenbrier Middle School / Wednesday, August 25**

- Grade 7 & 8 / 5 – 6 p.m.
- Grade 6 / 6 – 7 p.m.

### **Greenbrier East High School / 9th Grade Orientation /Thursday, August 26/ 6 p.m.**

### **Greenbrier West High School/ 9th Grade Orientation /Thursday, August 26 / 6 – 7 p.m.**

- (Senior Meeting @ 6:45 p.m.)

The new school year will begin on Monday, August 30, for students in grades 1 – 12. Pre-K and Kindergarten students begin on Thursday, Sept. 9. To enroll your child in GCS, please call Nancy Hanna at 304-647-6470. To learn more about GCS, visit [greenbriercountyschools.org](http://greenbriercountyschools.org).

In July, GCS will host two enrollment sessions for new students. Enrollment events will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 27 at Eastern Greenbrier Middle School and on July 28 at Western Greenbrier Middle School. New enrollees should bring the following information:

- Official State issued birth certificate (not a copy)
- immunization record
- copy of health check exam
- copy of most recent dental exam
- two proofs of residency
- social security card of child
- relevant custody order, if applicable

To learn more about enrolling your child in Greenbrier County Schools, please call Nancy Hanna at 304-647-6470.

## **It Happened This Week: June 24 - 28**

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*The following information is taken from the pages of The West Virginia Daily News, The West Virginia News, and The Greenbrier Independent in The West Virginia Daily News archives from 25, 50, 75, and 100 years ago.*

### **June 24-28, 1996**

#### **25 Years Ago...**

Lewisburg has a new 1996 model, 1,250-gallon per minute pumper fire truck in service. Lewisburg City Council approved the fire department's plan to purchase the truck last December.

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Westvaco Corporation's team was the first place winner at Gateway Industries' 14th Annual Golf Scramble held May 15 at the Lewisburg Elks Country Club. Team members were Tony and Carol Mollish, Jim Grobow-ski, and Bob Davis.

\*\*\*

Tammy Pusey, a 1994 graduate of Greenbrier East High School, has been accepted into the respiratory

therapy program at the College of West Virginia in Beckley, where she is a junior. She is the daughter of Anna Frances Pusey of Fairlea and the late Bud Pusey.

\*\*\*

Guardrail installation will soon be underway in Greenbrier County. Contracts were awarded as follows: \$126,085 to West Virginia Paving Inc. of Dunbar for 3.07 miles Auto Road on County 11 and \$76,743 to West Virginia Paving Inc. for 2.66 miles Organ Cave Road on County 62.

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Lewisburg Starter & Alternator is now open for business next to Reynolds Oil on U.S. 219 North in Lewisburg. Owner is Greg McCullough, and technician is Tom Withrow.

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Greenbrier Farm and Home Supply will open for business as a Southern States Cooperative private dealer. The building is presently under construction at Organ Cave.

Don and Drema Holliday are the owners, and James R. Holliday is manager of the store.

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Tim Longanacre of Burke, VA, the son of John and Becky Longanacre of Fort Spring, was recently promoted to the rank of major in the United States Army at a Pentagon ceremony.

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Margaret R. Kelley of Lewisburg was named to the dean's list for the spring 1996 semester at Point Park College in Pittsburgh, PA, for outstanding academic achievement.

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John Montgomery and Mike Burns, 6th grade Lewisburg Elementary School students, received full scholarships to junior conservation camp from Emily Shirey, Greenbrier Gardeners Garden Club treasurer.

## **June 24, 1971**

### **50 Years Ago...**

Houston B. Moore of Lewisburg has been accepted in the School of Medicine at West Virginia University.

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Emory Lee Perkins of Frankford was appointed a deputy sheriff by the Greenbrier County Court at a special meeting Tuesday morning.

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The Council of the City of Lewisburg has levied a 2 percent tax on the privilege of purchasing, using, and consuming public utility services in the City of Lewisburg.

\*\*\*

Captain C. Doyle Kester has been named athletic director of Greenbrier Military School. He has also been appointed director of Greenbrier's Mountaineer Sports Camps.

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Army Private Bradley G. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cox of Renick, recently completed eight weeks of basic training at Fort Jackson, SC.

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As recorded by the Greenbrier County clerk's office, a charter has been issued to White Sulphur Glass Company Inc., with principal offices in White Sulphur Springs. Incorporators are James W. Fife, L.K. Fife, and Lucy A. Life, all of White Sulphur Springs.

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Mr. and Mrs. Creigh Nickell and twin daughter, Connie and Carolyn, have returned from Paris, France, where they attended a textile machine exhibition.

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The Rainelle Town Council granted to Georgia-Pacific Timber Company a franchise to provide electric energy within the town of Rainelle for a period of 25 years.

June 27, 1946

### **75 Years Ago...**

Capt. Domenick Gaudino, former band director at Greenbrier High School, arrived in Ronceverte on Sunday

from the separation center at Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md., after serving in the Army more than four years. He will spend his terminal leave in Ronceverte and resume his position on the teaching staff in the high school next term.

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Martha Montgomery Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex S. Turner of Lewisburg, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Flora Stone Mather College of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horton have moved from Logan to Ronceverte. Mr. Horton has accepted a position with Buckholder & Green.

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In the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. McThenia, known as "The Cedars," is a Seth Thomas grandfather clock that once belonged to the great commoner, William Jennings Bryan. The clock was brought to Alderson by the late Miss Bryan's daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bryan Rohde.

The clock was included in the sale of the home to the McThenias.

### **June 25, 1921**

#### **100 Years Ago...**

Miss Nuna Patton, one of the graduating class of Greenbrier High School, has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Singer sewing machine company in Ronceverte.

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A force from the factory of Mosler Vault & Safe Company are in Ronceverte this week installing one of the most modern burglar- and fire-proof vaults in the First National Bank of Ronceverte.

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Ronceverte has installed street signals at intersections to direct motor and other traffic to the right at turns and put into effect other traffic regulations, including the parking of cars and other vehicles.

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A sufferer who lives close to a railroad yard wrote the following complaint to the railway company about the racket made by a switch engine:

"Gentlemen: Why is it that your switch engine has to ding and dong and fizz and spit and bang and hiss and pant and grind and puff and bump and chug and hoot and toot and whistle and jar and jerk and howl and snarl and pull and growl and thump and boom and clash and jolt and screech and throb and roar and rattle and yell and smoke and smell and shriek like hell all night long?"

## **Wanda Love (Cox) Diehl**

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUN 25, 2021





## **DIEHL**

Wanda Love (Cox) Diehl, age 93, of Meadow Bridge, WV, passed away June 22, 2021, in Lewisburg, WV. Wanda was born March 24, 1928, on Sewell Mountain in Fayette County, WV to Enoch and Iva Vivian (Gill) Cox.

She married Edward William Diehl on February 3, 1948 in Hinton, WV.

Wanda was a homemaker, gardener, and expert quilter and seamstress.

She was an active member of the Church of Christ and worshiped with the Springdale, WV congregation.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna E. Redden and husband, Allen, of Lewisburg, WV; beloved nephew, Glen Diehl and wife, Twyla of Renick, WV; three grandchildren, Edward Redden and wife, Jeanne, of South Chesterfield, VA, Paula Redden Guffey, of Huntingtown, MD, and Kent Redden of Lewisburg, WV; and five great-grandchildren, Edward Aaron Guffey of Baltimore, MD, Christopher Guffey of Columbus, OH, August Redden, Morgan Redden, and Mahala Redden of South Chesterfield, VA; sisters, Geneva Vandall of Clifton Forge, VA, Bettie Carlson of Meadow Bridge, WV, Lena Bragg of Bryantown, MD, Norma Neel of Hughesville, MD, Audra Milhollin of Clifton Forge, VA, Sharon Marshall of Littleton, WV, and Carla Suggs of Branford, FL; brothers, Joy Cox of Meadow Bridge, WV and Wayne Cox of Meadow Bridge, WV.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Enoch and Iva Cox; husband, Edward William Diehl (1993); sister, Hilda Bomar; sister, Almeda McFall; sister, Rena Mitchell; and brother, Joel Cox.

She was blessed with and survived by multitudes of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. (viewing at 2 p.m.), Sunday, June 27, 2021, at the Church of Christ in Lewisburg, WV. Interment will follow at Wallace and Wallace Cemetery at Clintonville, WV. The family will receive friends during a visitation beginning at 6 p.m., Saturday, June 26th evening at Smathers Funeral Home in Rainelle, WV.

Please send online condolences at [www.smathersfuneralchapelinc.com](http://www.smathersfuneralchapelinc.com).

Information submitted by Smathers Funeral Chapel, Inc., Rainelle.

## **Interim police chief named in Huntington, West Virginia**

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — An interim police chief has been named in Huntington, West Virginia. Mayor Steve Williams announced that Capt. Eric Corder will move into the temporary role when Police Chief Ray Cornwell's retirement becomes effective July 2. Cornwell announced his retirement earlier this month. Corder is a 24-year-old veteran of the department. He said in a statement that he will not seek the permanent role. Huntington is West Virginia's second-largest city.

## **West Virginia workforce department hit by April data breach**

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia's unemployment agency said it was affected by a security breach several months ago.

WorkForce West Virginia took its system offline after learning of a "potential security incident" with the Mid Atlantic Career Consortium Employment Services database on April 13, the agency said Tuesday.

The agency did not say how many individuals' personal information was possibly accessed. It said those who may have had their information exposed were notified. Files were not downloaded or altered in any way, the department said.

"Upon discovery, immediate steps were taken to secure the network and WorkForce immediately began an investigation," the department said in a statement. "An experienced computer forensic firm was hired to help determine what happened and what information may have been accessed."

# White House: 70% of Americans 30 or older get COVID-19 shot

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WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 70% of Americans age 30 or older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, the White House said, even as President Joe Biden is set to fall short of reaching his goal of giving a shot to the same percentage of all American adults by Independence Day.

The Biden administration is releasing the new data Tuesday showing it expects to reach 70% of Americans age 27 or older with at least one shot by the July 4 holiday. A White House official said it is now redoubling its focus on vaccinating younger Americans age 18-26, who have proved to be least likely to get a vaccine when it's available for them.

The White House said meeting Biden's vaccination goal is less important than the pace of the nation's reopening, which is exceeding even its own internal projections as the overwhelming majority of the nation's most vulnerable people are fully vaccinated and cases and deaths are at their lowest rates since the earliest days of the pandemic.

Still, the nationwide rate of new vaccinations has dropped off precipitously over the past month even as shots have become more available.

# US to review Native American boarding schools' dark history

By susan montoya bryan associated press | WVDN JUN 25, 2021



The federal government will investigate its past oversight of Native American boarding schools and work to “uncover the truth about the loss of human life and the lasting consequences” of policies that over the decades forced hundreds of thousands of children from their families and communities, U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced Tuesday.

The unprecedented work will include compiling and reviewing records to identify past boarding schools, locate known and possible burial sites at or near those schools, and uncover the names and tribal affiliations of students, she said.

“To address the intergenerational impact of Indian boarding schools and to promote spiritual and emotional healing in our communities, we must shed light on the unspoken traumas of the past no matter how hard it will be,” Haaland said.

A member of New Mexico’s Laguna Pueblo and the first Native American to serve as a Cabinet secretary, Haaland outlined the initiative while addressing members of the National Congress of American Indians during the group’s midyear conference.

She said the process will be long, difficult and painful and will not undo the heartbreak and loss endured by many families.

Starting with the Indian Civilization Act of 1819, the U.S. enacted laws and policies to establish and support Indian boarding schools across the nation. For over 150 years, Indigenous children were taken from their communities and forced into boarding schools that focused on assimilation.

Haaland talked about the federal government’s attempt to wipe out tribal identity, language and culture and how that past has continued to manifest itself through long-standing trauma, cycles of violence and abuse, premature deaths, mental health issues and substance abuse.

The recent discovery of children’s remains buried at the site of what was once Canada’s largest Indigenous residential school has magnified interest in the troubling legacy both in Canada and the United States.

In Canada, more than 150,000 First Nations children were required to attend state-funded Christian schools as

part of a program to assimilate them into society. They were forced to convert to Christianity and were not allowed to speak their languages. Many were beaten and verbally abused, and up to 6,000 are said to have died.

After reading about the unmarked graves in Canada, Haaland recounted her own family's story in a recent opinion piece published by the Washington Post.

Haaland cited statistics from the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, which reported that by 1926, more than 80% of Indigenous school-age children were attending boarding schools that were run either by the federal government or religious organizations. Besides providing resources and raising awareness, the coalition has been working to compile additional research on U.S. boarding schools and deaths that many say is sorely lacking.

Interior Department officials said aside from trying to shed more light on the loss of life at the boarding schools, they will be working to protect burial sites associated with the schools and will consult with tribes on how best to do that while respecting families and communities.

As part of the initiative, a final report from agency staff is due by April 1, 2022.

Chuck Hoskin Jr., principal chief of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma, which had about 80 boarding schools, called the announcement encouraging and said anything that can be done to address those "troubling chapters of history" is a positive thing.

"I hope we don't discover gruesome incidents like were discovered in Canada. I just think it's good in this country to have conversations about what happened to Native American children," Hoskin said.

Navajo Nation President Nez also offered his support for the initiative, noting discrimination against Native Americans continues today on many fronts — from voter suppression to high numbers of missing and murdered people.

"Last week, Congress and President Biden established 'Juneteenth' as a national holiday, in observance of the end of slavery, which I fully support as a means to healing the African American community," Nez said. "Now, from my perspective as a Navajo person, there are so many atrocities and injustices that have been inflicted upon Native Americans dating back hundreds of years to the present day that also require national attention, so that the American society, in general, is more knowledgeable and capable of understanding the challenges that we face today."

This is not the first time the federal government has attempted to acknowledge what Haaland referred to as a "dark history."

More than two decades ago, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Gover issued an apology for the emotional, psychological, physical and spiritual violence committed against children at the off-reservation schools. Then in 2009, President Barack Obama quietly signed off on an apology of sorts that was buried deep in a multibillion-dollar defense spending bill; the language had been watered down from the original legislation introduced years earlier.

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Associated Press writer Ken Miller in Oklahoma City contributed to this report.

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This story has been updated to correct the spelling of Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Gover's last name.

## **Senators push \$953B infrastructure plan, raise hope for deal**

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A bipartisan group of senators is seeking President Joe Biden’s support for a \$953 billion infrastructure plan, raising hopes for a breakthrough agreement after arduous negotiations on his top legislative priority.

Biden has invited members of the group of 21 senators, Republicans and Democrats, to the White House on Thursday. The pared-down plan, with \$559 billion in new spending, has rare bipartisan backing and could open the door to the president’s more sweeping \$4 trillion proposals.

The senators have struggled over how to pay for the new spending. The tentative framework dipped by \$20 billion after a shift in funds for broadband internet, according to details from a person familiar with the proposal who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the negotiations.

The White House and Democratic leaders cast the bipartisan proposal as a positive development. Biden’s top aides had met with senators for back-to-back meetings on Capitol Hill and later huddled with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer.

“We’re very excited about the prospect of a bipartisan agreement,” Pelosi said Wednesday night. The president’s press secretary, Jen Psaki, said Biden had called for the meeting at the White House and that the group had made progress “towards an outline of a potential agreement.”

One member of the group, Republican Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, said it was time for the group to reach out to other senators for support.

“In good faith, we tried to get there. We didn’t agree on everything, but we were able to get there,” Portman told reporters on Capitol Hill as he left a Wednesday evening meeting with the other senators and the White House team.

Biden has sought \$1.7 trillion in his American Jobs Plan, part of nearly \$4 trillion in broad infrastructure spending on roads, bridges and broadband internet but also the so-called care economy of child care centers, hospitals and elder care.

With Republicans opposed to Biden’s proposed corporate tax rate increase, from 21% to 28%, the group has

looked at other ways to raise revenue. Biden rejected their idea to allow gas taxes paid at the pump to rise with inflation, viewing it as a financial burden on American drivers.

Psaki said the senior staff to the president had two productive meetings with the bipartisan group at the Capitol. The White House team was huddled late into the evening with the Democratic leaders.

The White House said Pelosi and Schumer and the top administration aides agreed on Biden's goal of infrastructure investments without raising taxes on anyone who makes under \$400,000.

According to a White House readout of the meeting, the leaders talked with acting Budget Director Shalanda Young, National Economic Council Director Brian Deese and Domestic Policy Council Director Susan Rice, and they discussed the two-track approach ahead — a reference to the smaller bipartisan deal emerging from the group alongside a more sweeping plan of Democratic priorities that Congress is now drafting.

Schumer said the leaders "support the concepts" they have heard from the bipartisan negotiations.

The Democratic leaders also insisted on the two-part process ahead, starting with initial votes in July to consider the bipartisan deal and to launch the lengthy procedure for the Democrats' proposal, now drafted at nearly \$6 trillion.

The Democrats' bigger proposal would run through the budget reconciliation process, which would allow passage of Biden's priorities by majority vote, without the need for support from Republicans to overcome the Senate's 60-vote threshold. It would require multiple rounds of voting that are likely to extend into fall.

Schumer said, "One can't be done without the other."

That's a signal to both parties of the road ahead. Liberal Democrats have been wary of the bipartisan effort because they see it as insufficient and worry it will take the place of Biden's bigger plan. Republicans are also skeptical of passing a bipartisan bill only to be faced with an even bigger Democratic plan.

"We got our framework. We're going to the White House," Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., told reporters. "We wouldn't be going to the White House if we didn't think it has broad-based support."

## Capito Tours Greenbrier County

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U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) made multiple stops in Greenbrier County on Friday focused on flood recovery efforts, economic development, and diversification.

Senator Capito first stopped at the WV Great Barrel Company where she met with owners and staff at the facility. She then paid tribute to the eight residents of White Sulphur Springs who passed away during the 2016 flood, and presented Mayor Bruce Bowling and City Manager Lloyd Haynes with an American Flag flown over the U.S. Capitol. Senator Capito then met with the owners of Disability Opportunity Fund and visited businesses along Main Street before touring the newly opened White Sulphur Springs Pool and Wellness Center.

“Today’s visits throughout Greenbrier County made clear that this community is as resilient as ever,” Senator Capito said. “Whether it was the revitalized environment along Main Street, the people who make our small businesses thrive, or the services provided to our neighbors with disabilities, it was impactful to see firsthand how far the community has come since 2016. I appreciate Mayor Bowling and all those who are working each day to continue making White Sulphur Springs a great place to live and raise a family.”