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School COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics A Possibility
By [Name]
A school-based COVID-19 vaccination clinic could be a possibility in the future, according to a local health official. The clinic would provide a safe, convenient location for students and staff to get vaccinated.

Arrest Made In The Shooting Death Of Wilson High Student
By [Name]
A shooting at Wilson High School on Monday resulted in the death of a 17-year-old student. The shooter, a 19-year-old student, has been arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

Deliver Day Has Arrived
By [Name]
The long-awaited Deliver Day event has arrived in Washington, D.C., marking a significant milestone in the fight against COVID-19. The event is a testament to the resilience and solidarity of the American people.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Records Convictions
By [Name]
The Greenbrier County Magistrate Court has recorded several convictions in recent months, including cases involving drug possession and public safety offenses. The court's actions are aimed at maintaining community safety and justice.

DSLCC Students Were Honored
By [Name]
Students from the District State Leadership Conference (DSLCC) were honored for their outstanding leadership and community service. The award recognizes their commitment to excellence and their dedication to making a positive impact in their communities.

Correction
[Name] is a [Title] with [Organization].

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Green Bank Students Selected To Talk To International Space Station

By Matthew Young | WVDN MAY 07, 2021



On the morning of Friday, May 7, students at Green Bank School in Pocahontas County experienced a once-in-a-lifetime event. At 8:45 a.m., for approximately 20-minutes, elementary and middle school students gathered in the gymnasium to speak with Mark Vande Hei, an astronaut aboard the International Space Station.

“This was the culmination of something our teachers and students have been working on for a couple of years now,” Pocahontas County School Superintendent Terrance Beam told the West Virginia Daily News Friday afternoon. “It was a really, really neat opportunity. The kids got to ask several questions, and the astronaut answered them. It sounded very clear. There was no interference in the transmission at all.”

Beam concluded his statement by saying, “It’s great to have such positive things happening.”

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) selected Green Bank Elementary-Middle School for this opportunity after a lengthy and competitive application process.

ARISS is an international program that inspires students to pursue STEM careers.

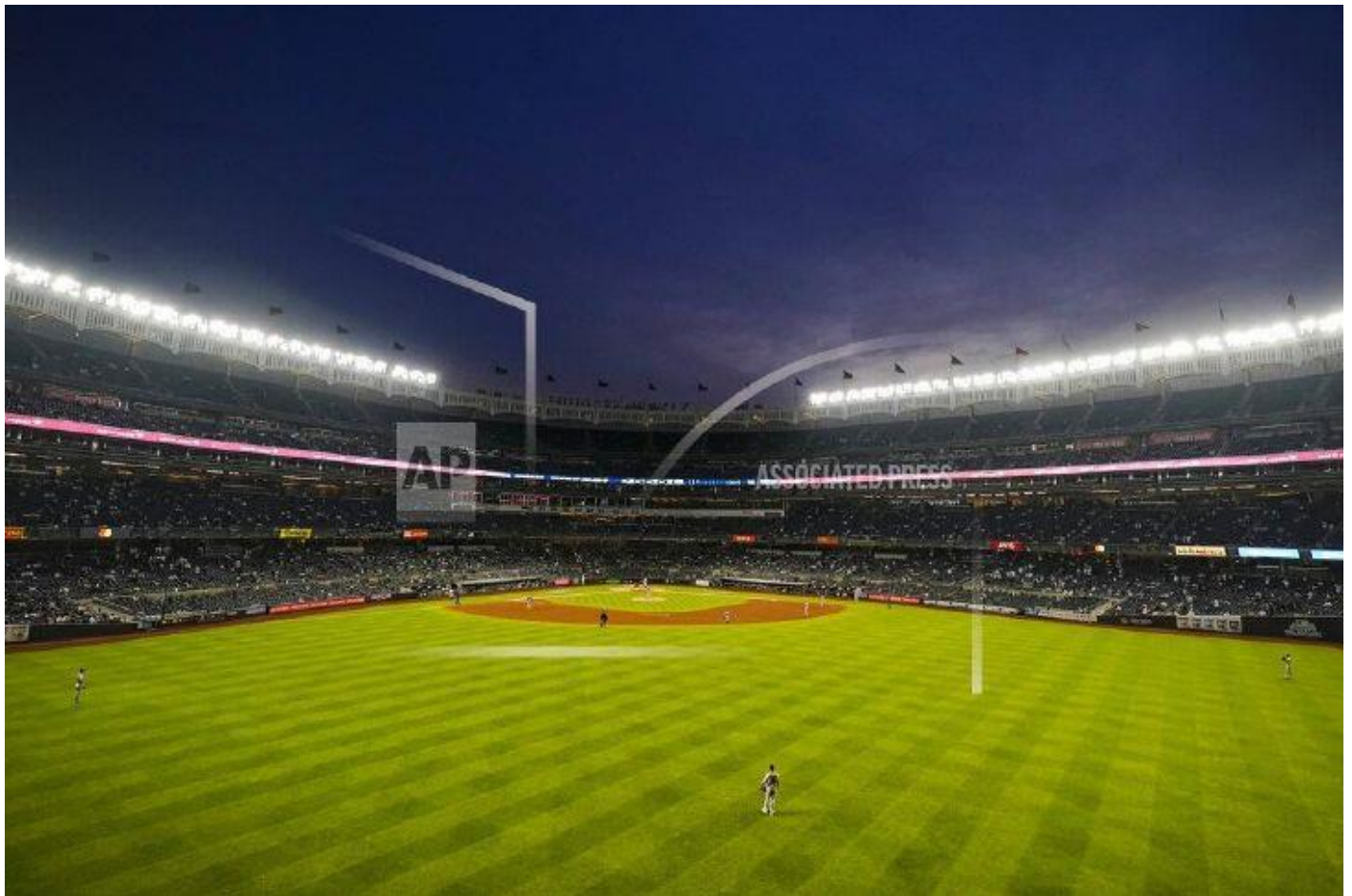
Senator Joe Manchin also commented on the memorable occasion.

“West Virginia has a rich history contributing to NASA’s developments and achievements from the important contributions of ‘Hidden Figures’ Katherine Johnson and ‘Rocket Boys’ Homer Hickam to the many West Virginians working on NASA projects today,” Manchin said. “I want to congratulate Green Bank Elementary-Middle School for their remarkable achievement of being chosen for the Amateur Radio on the International

Space Station Program, where only a handful of schools across the world get selected for this opportunity. I am excited for the students to make contact with astronaut Mark Vande Hei on the International Space Station and hope his experience inspires and encourages the students to pursue jobs in STEM. I will continue to advocate for funding and resources for hands-on educational experiences and opportunities for students in the Mountain State.”

Yankees, Mets to lift capacity limits for vaccinated fans

By The Associated Press | WVDN MAY 07, 2021



By RONALD BLUM AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Yankees and Mets can increase capacity from 20% to 100% at their ballparks for home games starting May 19 — as long as fans are vaccinated against COVID-19.

And both teams will be giving away free tickets along with vaccinations.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo made the announcement at a news conference on Wednesday with Yankees president Randy Levine and Mets president Sandy Alderson.

“Theoretically if you had 100% vaccinated, you could fill the entire stadium with 100% vaccinated,” Cuomo said. “Unvaccinated, it is still the 6-foot social distancing. In other words, our capacity restrictions have been relaxed subject to the federal CDC social-distancing guideline of 6 feet.”

The Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccination will be offered at the ballparks, and a person receiving a vaccination can get a free game ticket.

"If we can encourage more people to get vaccinated by giving away Yankees tickets, we are all in," the Yankees said in a statement.

The current requirement for fans to show proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test will be dropped because it is burdensome, Cuomo said. Masks will continue to be required. Sections for unvaccinated fans will be at 33% capacity.

Cuomo also announced that Broadway theaters will reopen Sept. 14 at 100% capacity and ticket sales could start Thursday. Broadway theaters were closed by Cuomo on March 12, 2020.

On Monday, Cuomo said New York City restaurants could raise capacity to 100% on May 19, two days after 24-hour subway service resumes.

All Major League Baseball teams were required to play the pandemic-shortened 2020 season in empty ballparks. Cuomo allowed the New York teams to start this season at 20% capacity (10,850 at Yankee Stadium, 8,384 at Citi Field) and said on April 26 they could increase to 33% starting on May 19. Cuomo expanded that even further Thursday.

"We've been polling our fans," Levine said. "I think the majority are vaccinated rather than unvaccinated who are coming in. And hopefully those numbers continue to rise. But we will have separate sections and accommodate all our season ticket holders, make sure that they're fine, and other people coming in."

Depending on whether season ticket holders and their guests are vaccinated, seat locations may have to be moved. Newly sold tickets will be specified as vaccinated or unvaccinated sections.

Levine is hoping for "full house after full house."

"The main resistance now is people's own fears and people's comfort level," Cuomo said. "And when you have a set of rules and protocols in place where people feel comfortable, I think it's going to have more people attending games. I think more people will go to restaurants. I think more people will go to museums if they know they are safe when they go there. You're vaccinated, you are going to sit with only vaccinated people. I think that's actually going to increase the public acceptance level."

Alderson said the Mets envision a gradual return to full capacity.

"There are some people who are just not comfortable being in large groups, even at an outdoor facility. And so, from our standpoint, we still need some social distancing," he said. "Generally speaking, we think a gradual return is appropriate in light of some concerns that people have about being in large groups even if they've been vaccinated. So we're working toward full capacity, of course, but we're happy with where we are and where we're going."

Alderson said the Mets have not yet succeeded in getting 85% of their players and tier 1 staff such as managers, coaches and athletic trainers to receive vaccines, the threshold set by MLB and the players' association to relax COVID-19 protocols such as mask requirements in dugouts and bullpens and restrictions on movement during travel.

"Our percentage right now is about 77%," Alderson said. "We continue to work on it. At this point, it's a case-by-case, individual-by-individual campaign on our part. We continue to provide education and as time passes we get one or two more every few days. But we're not at that level yet and we see the kind of resistance within the framework of the team that we see publicly, and all of the same reasons are being made to us by them as we see in the public domain."

The Yankees were able to relax the protocols starting last Friday.

"Virtually all of our players have been vaccinated," Levine said.

The Arizona Diamondbacks said they will lift seating restrictions beginning on May 25 but masks will be required and distancing encouraged.

"While the seating restrictions will no longer be in place, we believe seat selection for the majority of games should still allow fans to spread out," Diamondbacks CEO Derrick Hall said in a statement.

Arizona had been allowing up to 20,000 fans at games, about half of Chase Field's capacity, and averaged about 11,500 through 11 home games.

AP Sports Writer David Brandt in Phoenix contributed to this report.

More AP MLB: <https://apnews.com/hub/MLB> and https://twitter.com/AP_Sports

Lewisburg Man Arrested On Charges Of Possession With Intent

By Matthew Young | WVDN MAY 07, 2021



A Greenbrier County man was arrested on Thursday, May 6 after an apparent overdose led to the discovery of a significant amount of narcotics. Joshua Caleb Honaker, 27, of Lewisburg has been charged with possession with intent to deliver a schedule IV controlled substance.

In a statement released on the afternoon of Friday, May 7, Greenbrier County Sheriff Bruce Sloan said, "On Thursday, May 06, 2021, at approximately 7:19 am, Corporal B. J. McCormick, of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office, was dispatched to a call on Blue Sulphur Road near Alderson.

Upon arrival Corporal McCormick was met by Chief J. R. Byers of the Alderson Police Department. Chief Byers had found an individual passed out in a vehicle on the roadway when he arrived. The individual was awakened and the officers located a glass jar near the driver that contained a bag of a crystal-like substance, white in color, that tested positive for methamphetamine. The weight of the methamphetamine was 54 grams. Also located in the jar was a bag containing fifty (50) Alprazolam tablets. Additionally, a semi-automatic handgun, as well as a set of digital scales, were found in the vehicle.

Another jar was found that was sealed with black electrical tape. A search warrant was obtained for the jar and upon execution of the search warrant the jar was found to contain a bag of crystal-like substance, white in color. That substance also tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed 60 grams.

The occupant of the vehicle, identified as Joshua Caleb Honaker, age 27 of Lewisburg, was charged with 2 counts of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance.

Mr. Honaker was arraigned before a Greenbrier County magistrate and incarcerated in the Southern Regional Jail in lieu of bond.

Corporal McCormick was assisted in his investigation by Chief Byers.”

Honaker’s bail has been set at \$50,000 cash-bond or surety.

Greenbrier West Climbs To 4 - 2

By WV Daily News | WVDN MAY 07, 2021

PRINCETON, W.Va. — Evan McDade pitched four innings of one-hit shutout baseball and every Greenbrier West starter had at least one hit Thursday in an 8-1 win over PikeView.

The victory lifted the Cavaliers to 4-2 on the season.

McDade struck out 10 and didn’t walk a PikeView hitter, before giving way to relievers Chase McClung and Kyle Holliday.

McClung gave up four hits and one run in two innings, while Holliday pitched around two hits in a shutout seventh.

Chase McClung and Chase Franklin both had two hits and two RBI to lead the 13-hit West offensive attack.

Brayden McClung and McDade also had two hits, while Josh Jones, Cole McClung, Matt Mills, Kyle Holliday and Ty Nickell had one apiece.

The Cavaliers play at Summers County on Monday and at Wyoming East on Wednesday before hosting Shady Springs on Thursday.

School COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics A Possibility For Children Ages 12-15 Pending FDA Approval

By autumn shelton wvdn | WVDN MAY 07, 2021

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control are preparing to authorize the use of the Coronavirus vaccine to children aged 12-15. As a result, Gov. Jim Justice announced on Wednesday that officials in charge of the vaccine distribution efforts will be ready to set up vaccination clinics at schools in all 55 West Virginia counties.

“I am sure that they will have to have permission from their guardians,” Justice said regarding children getting the vaccine. “All these clinics will offer vaccines to all eligible West Virginians including students, parents and

educators.”

According to Justice, the Department of Education estimates that there will be 78,000 students ages 12-15 who will be eligible to receive the vaccine.

West Virginia Superintendent of Schools Clayton Burch added that “In the last month, we’ve held focus groups with teachers, parents, and students. The interesting thing we’ve been able to talk about in these student roundtables is: ‘What does the future look like?’ And it all came back to vaccinations. Each one of the students talked about the role that vaccinations will play in the future of school.”

James Hoyer, WV Joint Interagency Task Force director, said that plenty of Pfizer vaccines are available to distribute in the schools when needed.

The Raleigh County School District has already created a survey to gather information regarding preferences for child vaccination.

The survey has two questions and can be found at <https://boe.rale.k12.wv.us/>.

Mountaineer Guns Provides A Sense Of Community

By terrance zimmerman wvdn | WVDN MAY 07, 2021



Whether it be politics, philosophy, or sports, just about any topic you can imagine gets discussed within the walls of your local gun shop. Certainly, Mountaineer Guns in White Sulphur Springs is no exception to this.

Often, by the time their doors are unlocked and the open sign is lit, local customers are already waiting to come in.

It's not uncommon for the staff to be on a first-name basis with many of the patrons who visit the shop during the day. A customer may be looking to purchase a rifle, a fishing license, or just wanting to make small talk about the weather. In this way, it's analogous to the proverbial barbershop scenario where folks would come in for a visit — even if they had no intention of getting a haircut that day.

The range of daily patrons is quite diverse.

"I've done work from making new firearms and cerakoting, to trigger repair for people from all walks of life," says Jeremiah Burdette, resident gunsmith at the shop. Mountaineer Guns has been in the Collins for more than twenty years. During that time, the shop has grown into a hub for the community.

And business is good. Along with the loyal patrons, the shop is seeing more and more first-time customers.

So the next time you're in White Sulphur Springs, why not pay Mountaineer Guns a visit. You may find yourself heading to the target range with a new pistol. And you also might meet some interesting friends to talk to.

Delivery Day Has Arrived

By matthew young | WVDN MAY 07, 2021



It took two vehicles, piled high, to deliver the abundance of items collected during our drive to benefit the Greenbrier Humane Society.

“We appreciate the continued support of The West Virginia Daily News in being a conduit for our generous community members to supply the shelter with important items,” said Garrett Wren with the GHS.

Maple (shown above) is currently available for adoption, but act swiftly as she may not be there long. The 4-year-old’s sweet, huggable disposition makes her the perfect candidate for a loving home.

Visit the Greenbrier Humane Society Facebook page for photos of available cats and dogs. Photos are kept up to date potential families to be matched to the right pet.

Contributions were made by: Kathy H. Martin, Tina Wise, Martha Elmore, Barbara Johnson, Diann Hayes, Bob Hammond, Joan Ahern, Julie Ford, Serena Curry, J. Arbaugh, Spangler, Barbara Tuckwiller, Susan Linton, Sandy Holmes, Scot Refsland, Susan Wade, Aaron Coleman, Justin Fox, David Felts, Helen Horne, Pam and Billy Carter, Earla Tyra, Juanita S. Robertson, Cindy Jones, Lucie Refsland, Sharon Stephenson, Lisa Alderson, Juanita Thomas, Lee Scruggs, Carolyn Bland, Cathy Hoke, Jennifer Counts, Barbara Taylor, Curtis and Beverly Pauly, Ryan Weikle, Barbara Tuckwiller, Sue McKinney, Beverly Johnson, Karn Lemons, Julie Erskine, April Crowe, Darlene White, Mary L. Swepston, Bill Robinson, Ed Norman, In the memory of Virginia Slayton, Shelly Sampson, Teresa Lewis, Cindy Fleshman, Mary Kern, Betty Seldomridge, Curtis and Connie Bryant, and Sandy Van Luik.

DSLCC Top Students Honored

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Dabney S. Lancaster Community College hosted a virtual ceremony April 22 to induct the newest members into the Alpha Eta Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honorary academic society for two-year colleges. The guest speaker was DSLCC President Dr. John Rainone.

In addition, two DSLCC seniors, Ashlee Baker of Lexington and Emily Hamilton of Lewisburg, WV, were named to the PTK All-Virginia Academic Team, which recognizes high achieving college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extend beyond the classroom to benefit society.

Ashlee is majoring in general studies at DSLCC and plans to transfer to Virginia Tech to major in biology on a pre-dentistry track. Emily will graduate from the nursing program at DSLCC and has accepted a registered nursing position for Pediatric Care Unit at a local hospital. She plans to start her BSN program in January, working towards becoming a Doctor of Nursing Practice with a focus on clinical education. Both Ashlee and Emily were honored during a virtual ceremony on April 21.

Phi Theta Kappa is the oldest, largest and most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges. Students eligible for membership must have completed at least 12 credit hours of coursework in their designated program of study with a minimum GPA of 3.5.

The 23 newest members of the DSLCC chapter for the 2020-21 school year were inducted, and the 19 members from the 2019-2020 school year, who were unable to have a formal induction ceremony due to COVID-19 closures, were also recognized. They all include:

Fall 2019 inductees: Jennifer Dorsey, Emily Hamilton, Craig Lyle, Terresa Reynolds, Bryan Sharp, Kimberly Smedley and Makenna Smith.

Spring 2020: Tamera Armbruster, Emilee Booze, Hannah Brewster, Heather Caldwell, Katie Dameron, DeeDee Harless, Hailey Huffman, Trevor Plecker, Makenna Smith, Alaina Spangler and Brooklyn Sykes.

Fall 2020: Thomas Andrews, Ashlee Baker, Giovanni Brown, Jennifer Crawley, Sarah Cook, Ruth Hickman, Spencer Hickman, Harper Knick, Abby Martin, Olivia Moran, Riley Potter and Abigale Pritt.

Spring 2021: Tristan Ayers, Meghan Cash, Sydney Cullen, Sondra Elliot, Sarrin Hamilton, Kassie Huffman, Erin Harden, Keely Lowman, Macie Miller, Kathryn Shofstahl and Benjamin Tremblay.

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