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Gov. Considering Ending Supplemental Unemployment Aid

Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin is considering ending supplemental unemployment benefits for West Virginia workers, a move that could affect thousands of employees. The state's unemployment benefits are set to expire at the end of the year, and the governor is weighing the impact of ending the program.

Road To Plenty Opens At Historical Society

A new exhibit at the West Virginia Historical Society, "Road to Plenty," opens today. The exhibit features a large wooden wagon and explores the history of agriculture in the state. It highlights the role of the wagon in transporting goods and the challenges faced by farmers.

Theft, Vandalism Of Political Signs Reported In Rencoverie

Local law enforcement reports a series of thefts and acts of vandalism targeting political campaign signs in the Rencoverie area. The incidents have caused concern among local candidates and residents.

Greenbrier Humane Society Features Pets of The Week

The Greenbrier Humane Society is showcasing two adoptable pets of the week. A fluffy orange tabby kitten and a black and white dog are looking for their forever homes. The society encourages adoption and provides resources for pet care.

Gov. County Magistrate Court Reports Convictions

The Greenbrier County Magistrate Court has reported several convictions in its recent sessions. The cases include various offenses, and the court has issued sentences in accordance with the law.

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GEHS 2021 National Honor Society Inductees

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The following students were inducted as the newest members of the National Honor Society on Tuesday, May 11 at Greenbrier East High School. Students were selected based on scholarship, leadership, service and character:

Seniors:

Maggie Bartenslager, Suzanne Bicksler, Tracee Byer, Hannah Cochran, Levi Fisher, Grant Hall, Laylee Hensley, Logan Hill, Khloie Huffman, Sarah Jewell, Grace Johnson, Gabriella Parker, Kylea Phillips, Mary Paige Raines, Lindsey Sherwood, Aurora Swearingen, Zackary Taylor.

Juniors:

Ceili Alder, Maggie Armstrong, Ella Asbury, Breanna Boswell, Ella Bowes, Abigail Bowles, Liana Brooks, Hannah Buly, Sophia Bunch, Landon Burdette, Madeline Carver, Haley Christy-Woods, Amber Coffman, Gabriel Coleman, Elyza Crane, Ashleigh Darnell, Tristan Deeds, Bailey Demma, Abigail Dilly, Willow Ferguson, Micah Fisher, Carmen Fogus, Seth Fogus, Willa Gibson, Aaron Griffith, Maggie Haas, Ian Hamilton, Christopher Heaster, Jacob Hixenbaugh, Kendall "Grace" Hylton, Alanna Johnson, Emma Kesterson, Dana Mason, Emily McClung, Katherine McClung, Evan McClure, Edie McMillion, Ryan Meadows, Rylee Norman, Bryson Ormsbee, Zach Patton, Daunte Penn, Madison Rooker, Amie Shuck, Julia Smith, Lauren Smith, Savana Smith, Ben Snyder, Abigail Terry, Ashlee Thompson, Sheridan Tolley, Erin Vaughan, Sophie Voltaggio, Jacob Wickline.

Sophomores:

Cedric Alder, Stella Baldwin, Robert Banton, Lindsey Black, Sydnie Booze, Olivia Burdette, Ian Burford, Meghan Byers, Bailey Caraway, Addyson Carr, Jordyn Carter, Koah Carter, Nicole Cochran, Reagan Cochran, Ella Colombo, Mary Colombo, Luke Dolin, Kaden Dowdy, Delaney Edwards, Josi Ervin, Luke Fogus, McKenzie Friend, Henry Goodwin, Jacob Graham, Indigo Graves, Lawson Hamilton, Emma Helmick, Trysten Hughes, Christian Jacobs, Heather Jones, Madison Keeling, Jacelyn Lilly, Abigail Londeree, Clara Long, Trinity Martin, Chase Mizia, Jonathan Nguyen, Jasmine Pinson, Olivia Plybon, Ivan Polk.

Local Student Named 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars

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U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona announced the 57th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars, recognizing 161 high school seniors for their accomplishments in academics, the arts, and career and technical education fields.

The West Virginia scholars include (hometown, scholar, school, location):

Maxwelton — Kendra S Goeddert, Greenbrier East High School, Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Moundsville — Zara Zervos, John Marshall High School, Glen Dale, West Virginia (U.S. Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education).

Washington — Nicholas G Murphy, Parkersburg South High School, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

“The 2021 Presidential Scholars represent extraordinary achievements for our extraordinary times,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.

“I am delighted to join President Biden in saluting these outstanding young people for their achievements, service, character and continued pursuit of excellence. Their examples make me proud and hopeful about the future. Honoring them can remind us all of the great potential in each new generation and renew our commitment to helping them achieve their dreams.”

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic and technical excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership and demonstrated commitment to high ideals.

Of the 3.6 million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 6,000 candidates qualified for the 2021 awards determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT or ACT exams or through nominations made by chief state school officers, other partner recognition organizations and the National YoungArts Foundation’s nationwide YoungArts™ program.

As directed by Presidential Executive Order, the 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large, 20 Scholars in the arts and 20 Scholars in career and technical education.

Created in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored over 7,600 of the nation’s top-performing students. The program was expanded in 1979 to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, literary and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

The Presidential Scholars Class of 2021 will be recognized for its outstanding achievement this summer.

A complete list of 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars is also available at <http://www.ed.gov/psp>.

Justice Lifts Face Covering Mandate For Those Fully Vaccinated

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During Friday's briefing, Gov. Justice outlined the CDC's recent announcement that anyone who is fully vaccinated can participate in indoor and outdoor activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, regardless of crowd size.

The Governor went on to announce that he would be signing an executive order to immediately modify West Virginia's face covering requirement to follow the updated CDC guidance for fully vaccinated West Virginians.

"Our face covering requirement no longer applies to you if you are fully vaccinated," Gov. Justice said.

The Governor emphasized that the lifting of the face covering requirement only applies to those who have been fully vaccinated; meaning that at least two weeks have elapsed since the administration of a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or that at least two weeks have elapsed since the administration of a first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

The Statewide Indoor Face Covering Requirement is still in effect for all West Virginians who are not yet fully vaccinated, and will remain in effect for these individuals until June 20, 2021.

Additionally, any private business or school system can still require individuals to wear a mask, regardless of the CDC's new guidelines.

"It's a great day, from the standpoint of us that are fully vaccinated, to be able to walk around and not worry about this crazy mask stuff, even though they have saved so many lives," Gov. Justice said. "I don't know if there's a motivator out there that could possibly be any better than those for those that have not been vaccinated. For crying out loud, if you don't like the masks, go get vaccinated as quickly as you can so you can share in this enjoyment.

"We have got to continue to work toward getting more and more folks vaccinated," Gov. Justice said. "We're going to continue to do that, and we're on a pathway to have a whale of a celebration on June the 20th."

As part of the Governor's recently announced "Call to Arms" vaccine initiative, State COVID-19 pandemic response leaders have set goals of vaccinating 65% of all eligible West Virginians, 75% of West Virginians age 50 and older, and 85% of West Virginians age 65 and older with at least one dose by West Virginia's 158th birthday on June 20, 2021; the same day that the Governor plans to lift the Statewide Indoor Face Covering Requirement.