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# WVSOM Commencement Speaker Urges New Physicians To “Take on the future”

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUN 01, 2021

For 179 graduates, four demanding years of lectures, labs, exams and clinical rotations finally paid off. On a crisp spring morning on the campus of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) in Lewisburg, W.Va., another class of medical students officially became physicians.

One year after the COVID-19 pandemic prompted a shift to a virtual commencement ceremony, WVSOM was able to return to an in-person event, modified to accommodate the need for continued safety precautions. Participation in the ceremony was optional for those earning their degree, and guests were scattered inside campus buildings where they watched via livestream.

On May 29, graduates were honored at WVSOM's 44th annual commencement ceremony. Members of the Class of 2021, clad in black-and-green gowns, gathered to receive their diplomas and listen to statements prepared by the school's president, the class president and this year's keynote speaker, Craig Boisvert, D.O., FACOFP, WVSOM's vice president for academic affairs and dean, who will retire this summer after more than 33 years with the school.

In his address, Boisvert commented on the complications students faced in completing medical school during a pandemic. He noted that this year's class was forced to transition from in-person rotations to online due to a scarcity of personal protective equipment, and that travel restrictions further constrained clinical experiences.

“Many of you were extremely limited in ‘out’ rotations this past year as hospitals attempted to decrease the spread of COVID by limiting the travel of medical students. Yet 97 percent of you were able to get residencies and have jobs starting in July,” Boisvert said. “It’s now time to look at what the future might have in store for you — planning for your careers, perhaps getting married, starting a family or adding to your family, starting to pay off student loans and eventually, as now I am, looking at retirement.”

Despite the challenges the world has been through, Boisvert said, new physicians must be prepared to respond to changing circumstances and be willing to lead the medical profession in the years ahead. He called on graduates to commit themselves to a life of selflessness and courage.

“We entered medicine because we wanted to be able to help others. Yet too often we sit and think about what others can do for us and fail to think about what we can do for them,” Boisvert said. “You may not know it, but the future of medicine, the health care system and medical education lies in your hands. ... You will find that at times you are presented opportunities that you might not be eager to take on, but you realize at the time you’re the best person to take on that challenge based on the situation. Will you fear the future and refuse the challenge, or will you take on the future and shape it?”

Evan Tyree, president of WVSOM's Class of 2021, also spoke of the obstacles WVSOM students faced in earning medical degrees during a global health crisis. He expressed hope that the confidence gained from overcoming these difficulties would help prepare class members for an uncertain future.

“It would be nice to say the next phase of this journey will be easy: We did the hard work, got the ‘doctor’ title and it’s smooth sailing from here. While that might be nice, that is not what being a doctor is about. This career is about striving to always learn, to continue improving ourselves with the goal of providing the best

possible care for the people whose lives depend on us. Perhaps it was good that our road through medical school was littered with as many obstacles as it was. We'll be faced with more hurdles as we transition into our new roles as physicians," Tyree said.

James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WVSOM's president, praised students for their resilience and their dedication to osteopathic medicine, noting that WVSOM has been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of the nation's best medical schools for 23 consecutive years. He urged students not to shrink from adversity.

"I know you are proud of what you have accomplished both as a class and individually, as you should be," Nemitz told graduates. "I am confident that you will continue to represent yourselves and WVSOM with the same level of enthusiasm, service and professionalism that you have demonstrated these past four years. ... I hope every day you wake up and try to do your best. Some days you will succeed and other days you won't. That is why we are given another day."

After class members received their diplomas, Boisvert led them in reciting the osteopathic oath, which acknowledges a graduate's transition from student to physician.

The commencement ceremony can be viewed at [www.wvsom.edu](http://www.wvsom.edu).

## **Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department Welcomes Academy Graduates**

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUN 01, 2021



The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office welcomes back two officers that graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute on Friday, May 28, 2021.

Forty-five officers from multiple police departments across the state of West Virginia comprised the 185th Basic Class. Deputies Justin Deeds and Tyler Hyatt were members of that graduating class.

The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office is proud of these two young men and for all of their efforts and accomplishments. We look forward to their many years of professional service to the citizens of Greenbrier County.

Deputy Justin Deeds earned Valedictorian honors for the class.

## **East Softball Concludes Regular Season With Two Wins**

By brandon baker wvdn | WVDN JUN 01, 2021



The Greenbrier East Lady Spartans ended their regular season this past weekend after crushing the Princeton Tigers 17-2 and following that up with another brilliant performance, a 14-3 victory over the George Washington Patriots on Saturday, May 29.

East will be riding high when sectional tournament play begins this Tuesday, June 1.

The Spartans actually trailed the Tigers 2-0 in the first inning after Princeton scored both runs on bases loaded walks, but when East came to the plate in the bottom half, it was basically game over.

Aubrey Glover doubled, then stole third base and home for the Spartans' first run of the day.

An amazing five batters would be hit by a pitch sandwiched around a Princeton error and a walk, and then the bats did the rest. Annabelle Honaker, Taylor Graham, Lindsey Black and Ella Asbury all drove in runs on singles and the Spartans were dominating with a 12-2 lead.

The Spartans added five more in the second when Honaker doubled in a run, Graham singled one in and Black doubled again. The game was called after two-and-a half innings of play.

Honaker (2-2, three runs, three RBI's) and Black (2-2, three runs, two RBI's) led the Spartans offensive attack. Graham (two hits, two RBI's), Glover and Asbury also hit the ball well.

Graham picked up the pitching win.

The Spartans continued their offensive prowess against the Patriots.

Josie Patterson seems to be getting hot at the right time as she drove in five runs on three hits including a home run that scorched over the left field fence, and East cruised easily past George Washington. Patterson missed a handful of games at the start of the season due to also playing basketball, but is now finding her groove, and will be counted on heavily over the next week or two.

George Washington scored three runs in the first inning. The offensive firepower from GW was led by Zoe Evans.

The Spartans pulled away for good with six runs in the second frame. In that inning, Josi Ervin drew a walk, which scored a run, Graham singled on the first pitch of her at bat and knocked in two runs, Patterson doubled on a 1-1 count that scored two more, and Olivia Plybon hit an RBI double on a 2-2 count to cap the big inning.

Graham got the win for East. The senior allowed just three runs on four hits over five innings and stuck out 10 batters.

Hayleigh Adkins toed the rubber for George Washington. She went 1.2 innings, gave up six runs on two hits and struck out one. Grace Smith threw 2.2 innings in relief out of the bullpen.

East totaled 12 hits.

Plybon, Patterson, Graham, Brooke Davis, and Ervin all had multiple hits for East Spartans.

Patterson and Plybon each collected three.

Davis led East with two stolen bases. The Spartans stole eight as a team.

East (15-6) will host sectional play this Tuesday at 6:30 PM. They will play the Woodrow Wilson Flying Eagles.

Fans are encouraged to pack the stands and cheer the girls to victory.

## **Ronceverte Announces Winners Of Election**

By wv daily news | WVDN JUN 01, 2021

The unofficial results are in. Deena Pack will be the next mayor of Ronceverte.

Leah Sills will serve in the four year council position and Kathy King and Tanya Hazelwood will each serve a two year council term.

According to information provided on the Secretary of State's website, absentee ballots postmarked by election day will be accepted until June 7. Also, on June 7, the official canvassing of the votes will take place, and certified results must be announced within 48 hours.

Those elected to office will begin their term on July 1, 2021.

# **GVCD Ag Enhancement Program Announced**

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUN 01, 2021

The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District will accept cost-share applications for the FY22 Agricultural Enhancement Program through June 30, 2021. For the 2022 program year, we are focusing effort to Best Management Practices (BMPs) that most support rotational grazing in order to increase production and conservation alike: Lime (up to \$4,500.00 total maximum cost-share), Pasture Division Fencing (up to \$5,000.00 total maximum cost-share), Water/woodland Exclusion Fencing (up to \$5,000.00 total maximum cost share), Alternative Water Sources (up to \$5,000.00 total maximum cost share), and Comprehensive Pasture Development (up to \$10,000.00 total maximum cost share). Qualifications must be met and validation is required for each BMP. Approvals are contingent upon funding. More information about each practice can be found on the Greenbrier Valley Conservation District's Facebook page. Please call to make sign-up arrangements. Due to COVID 19 precautions, there will be no walk-ins. Contact GVCD Grassland Technician, Barry Level, at 304-520-2318 or barrett.level@gmail.com for information.

# **Ronceverte Public Library Board Of Trustees To Hold Public Meeting**

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUN 01, 2021

The Ronceverte Public Library Board of Trustees will hold a meeting in the Hollowell Room of the library on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:pm. The public is welcome and we are still following the 6ft distancing along with wearing face masks. An agenda is available.

# **West Virginia Governor Liable For \$700M Coal Company Loan**

By The Associated Press | WVDN JUN 01, 2021





CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice confirmed on Tuesday that he is personally liable for \$700 million in loans taken by his coal companies from a lender in the United Kingdom that went bankrupt. The Republican governor took shots at the bankrupt Greensill Capital U.K. and said “it is a burden on our family beyond belief.” The Wall Street Journal first reported Justice’s debt on Monday. Justice’s businesses face several other woes, including penalties totaling \$3.2 million from the federal government and lawsuits over claims his companies failed to deliver coal. Greensill sold the loans to investment funds managed by Credit Suisse Group AG, which froze the funds in March and is in talks with Justice’s Bluestone Resources Inc. and other borrowers to get paid, the Journal reported. Justice said at his regularly-scheduled pandemic news conference that the loans were acquired to rebuild Bluestone after a period of decline. The Roanoke, Virginia-based company is involved in mining metallurgical grade coal used for steel making. Bluestone sued Greensill, a supply chain finance firm, after it went under in March over allegations of fraud. The Financial Conduct Authority, Britain’s financial regulatory body, has announced a formal investigation into Greensill’s collapse after receiving allegations that it said were “potentially criminal in nature.” “If you knew all the details you’d know that evidently Greensill is a bad, bad actor, and you know almost in partnership with the Credit Suisse people,” Justice told reporters. He said he had not read the story in the Journal. “Our companies are good and they’ve done the right stuff,” he added. “It’s very unfortunate and truly it’s a pain, that’s all there is to it.”

# Gbr. COVID-19 Taskforce Update

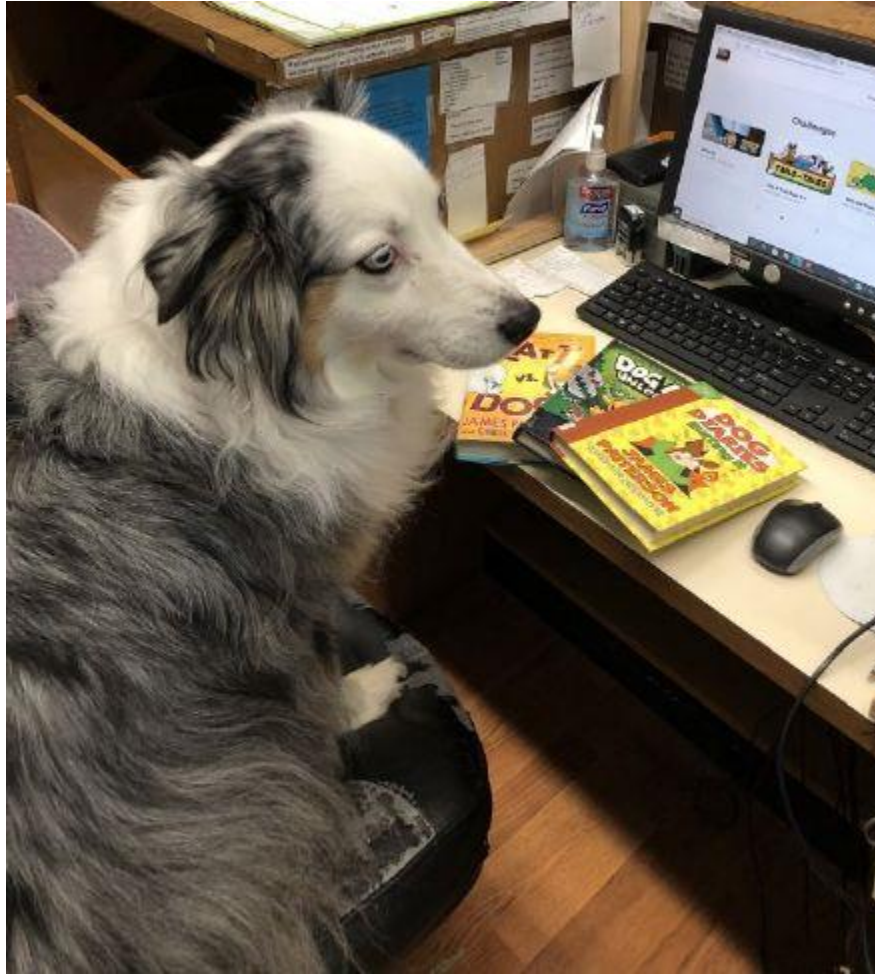
By Sen. Stephen Baldwin | WVDN JUN 01, 2021

The Greater Greenbrier COVID-19 Task Force met this morning via conference call and reports the following information.

1. HEALTH DEPARTMENT. The latest numbers will be posted on social media.
2. GREENBRIER COUNTY SCHOOLS. Graduation ceremonies went well! Many thanks to the community for their support.
3. ROBERT C BYRD CLINIC. For patients coming into the clinic, we continue to require masks for staff and patients indoors per CDC guidelines for healthcare settings. Mobile testing continues daily until 1pm. Vaccine clinics continue to operate on Thursdays. If you want a dose, give us a call.
4. RAINELLE MEDICAL CENTER. Still free testing everyday from 10am-12pm by appointment only. We have all three vaccines available by appointment call the clinic 304-438-6188. We are vaccinating ages 12 and older. We continue to abide by the CDC guidelines and require masks.
5. COMMITTEE ON AGING. We are in the process of reopening our senior center with safety guidelines in place. We aim to reopen the Senior Center on June 21.
6. HIGH ROCKS. We continue to offer meals four days per week. That will continue over the summer. If you'd like to order a meal, please call 304-647-4994. The cafe is also open weekdays from 9am-3pm.
7. VACCINE CLINIC MEALS. This is our last week of meal service. It will be provided by Stardust and is sponsored by The GEHS HOSA class in honor of Tia! Thank you Tia for all you have done. You are much loved!
8. TASK FORCE MEETINGS. The Greater Greenbrier COVID Task Force will begin meeting every other week at this point. As in the past, we will remain committed to the task and able to meet more often as needed should a need arise.

## Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program Planned For The White Sulphur Springs Public Library

By jaine schmidt wyatt | WVDN JUN 01, 2021



Join the White Sulphur Springs Public Library this summer as it celebrates the Summer Reading Program, Tails and Tales. There will be in-person programs for preschool and elementary-aged children featuring crafts such as animal track imprints, and pet jellyfish. Plus the preschoolers will even go on a LION HUNT.

In addition, the library has partnered with the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery to host a StoryWalk featuring the book: *Goldfish on Vacation* by Sally Lloyd-Jones. This activity will be located around their nature trail and will run from June 14-July 24. "The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Each in-person program will be limited to 10 children and their caretaker to avoid overcrowding. Register weekly for each program by calling 304-536-1171.

The preschool program (ages 2-5) will take place on Fridays, starting June 18-July 23 at 10:30 a.m.

The children's program (ages 6-12) will take place on Wednesdays, starting June 16-July 21 at 2 p.m.

The Teen Summer Reading Challenge (ages 13-19) will begin June 16-July 24 using the Beanstack app. Read books and write brief reviews to be placed into a weekly drawing to win prizes from local businesses. Register at [www.whitesulphursprings.beanstack.org](http://www.whitesulphursprings.beanstack.org).

Readers are encouraged to keep track of their books through Beanstack, which can be accessed at [www.whitesulphursprings.beanstack.org](http://www.whitesulphursprings.beanstack.org). Each age group has a book goal and can receive rewards for the number of books they complete. Rewards are available while supplies last.

Readers can chart their books using this app and complete their age-appropriate reading goal. Contact the library at 304-536-1171 for help getting into Beanstack. For the preschool and child readers who do reach their goal, there will be a pizza party with fun activities like animal yoga and gift certificates from local businesses at the Brad Paisley Park in July.

# Locally Speaking

By fred giggenbach attorney at law | WVDN JUN 01, 2021

I would like to begin by saying thank you to some readers who have reached out to me or stopped me in passing to discuss this column. If you are from White Sulphur Springs, certainly you will know of Dick Brockway, a stalwart member of the White Sulphur Springs Lions Club. Dick will be the first one to light up in song at meetings and he has a great voice. Dick also usually has a smile on his face. Dick was a long-time United States Forest Service ranger here beginning his service in Pocahontas County. Dick called me about a month ago to talk about the apple cider piece. He said he really enjoyed reading about how cider is made and explained that he attempted to make cider years ago in Pocahontas County. I truly appreciated our conversation. I was amazed at how Dick remembered all of the Giggenbach children (6) and even knew the graduation years! I am not sure how that is possible. His son Richie was in my brother's class.

Michelle "Mikki" Dixon was my third grade teacher. I saw her when I was at the cemetery putting flowers on my parents' graves. She was previously known as Mrs. Rose. I will always remember her having a hand lotion bottle on her school desk that had the word "Rose" on it. Michelle mentioned to me that she also liked reading the column and especially the true crime stories. If you recall, she is the person who remembered my family bringing in a goat and flying squirrel to class.

She may not remember this, but I used to ride my bike to school and probably was not the best then at washing my hands regularly. That is much different now, especially due to COVID! One day I rode my bike to school with dirty hands and as soon as she saw me come into class, she pulled me out into the hallway. She said "How can you have such dirty hands and come to school?" Frankly, I did not even realize I had not washed my hands. We went to the bathroom and she waited outside while I washed my hands clean, inspecting them afterwards for approval.

Mikki can usually be found volunteering at United Methodist Church on behalf of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. She is usually in the kitchen helping out, also in a merry way. She was a great teacher, but I cannot help to still call her Mrs. Rose.

I received an e-mail from Teresa Lewis recently. Teresa said that that the column was one of the best parts of the West Virginia Daily News. I am not sure about all of that but I appreciate her contacting me and I thanked her. She likes the true-crime stories so I will throw a few more in there soon for her.

You just never know who you will run into at the watering hole. By watering hole, I mean a real watering hole, not a bar. Before you leave this world, do yourself a favor and take Anthony Road either from Route 219 at Frankford, or off of Route 92 outside of White Sulphur Springs. Go until you hit what used to be Camp Wood (a series of white wooden buildings formerly used by WVU geologists and likely built by the Civilian Conservation Corps). Near there are two white PVC pipes coming out of the side of the mountain with pure, semi-sweet and clear water pouring out. I hear it has 14 minerals in it.

One pipe has black tape on it, the other one does not. If I see out-of-state plates, I tell the people that the one on the left is hot water and the one on the right is cold. I also tell them it is \$1 a gallon and wait for their concerned looks to fade to a smile. Across the creek is where The Greenbrier obtains their water, which is pumped to town and held in a huge holding tank.

As I do frequently, I recently stopped to get some drinking water (I fill five gallon jugs every couple of weeks for the house and office and I fill up my portable water bottles as need be). Well, lo and behold, there was Bob

McClintic filling up a large water tank in the back of his truck. He was a teacher as well and once again, I could not help but to say "Hello Mr. McClintic." Old habits die hard.

Bob lives nearby and he was obtaining water to "top off" his swimming pool. Bob told me he reads this column and that he wrote an autobiography. Apparently he had a successful book signing at The Greenbrier and Bob has promised to send me a copy of his book. Bob was a teacher, worked at Anthony Correctional Center and is an ordained minister. I am sure he did much more in his life, I suppose I will have to read his book to find out. Bob looks the same now as he did 35 years ago. Must be the water.

Finally, another thank you to everyone else who has come up to me or stopped me to discuss the column. It is very much appreciated and I will continue to attempt to write interesting pieces. Just remember, none of this would not be possible without the Refslands saving the paper and their willingness to have a columnist.

Also, everyone who works at the West Virginia Daily News (and all of their other publications) strives hard to put out a good product worth buying and reading. Tell your friends and family to obtain a subscription and let's help keep this paper going.

## **(AR) Alderson 2021 Schedule Of Events**

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### **Saturday, June 26:**

- 8:00 a.m.: Youth Bicycle Race Registration - (Alderson Memorial Football Field) 3 age divisions: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.
- 9:00 a.m.: Youth Bicycle Race - Presented by Tri-County Fire Company, contact Jimmy Massy 304-667-3475

### **Wednesday, June 30:**

- 1:00 p.m.: Judging Home and Business Decorating Contest - contact Brenda Gabbert 304-445-7210

### **Thursday, July 1:**

- 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.: Firemen's Rodeo - (Alderson Memorial Football Field) free admission - sponsored by Alderson Fire Department & EMS, contact Rick Honaker 304-445-7420

### **Friday, July 2:**

- 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.: All American Baking Contest - (Alderson Community Center Kitchen) entries must be dropped off between noon - 1:00 p.m. 2021 theme: best decorated 4th of July cake. Sponsored by Sunshine District Little Debbie, Crawley, WV. Contact Brenda Gabbert 304-445-7210
- 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Ice Cream Social - (Alderson Depot) contact Judy Lohmeyer, Alderson Main Street 304-992-2366
- 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.: Open House at Alderson Community Center
- 6:30 p.m.: 4th of July Banquet - (Alderson Community Center) catered by Ginny Walker - please

make reservations by June 28 to ensure you have a seat - \$16 per person, 12 and under \$8.  
Contact Linda Loudermilk 304-445-7520 or email lloud64@yahoo.com

- 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Entertainment TBA (Alderson Memorial Football Field) free admission - bring your own chair (rain or shine)

### **Saturday, July 3:**

- 8:00 a.m.: Arts, Crafts & Commercial Sales - (Alderson Elementary School Grounds) contact Karen Lobban 304-667-5049
- 8:00 a.m. Parade Line Up - queens, floats, cars, bicycles, tractors, horses and fire engines. Trophies and prizes in all categories. Something for everyone! After parade, trophies and prizes can be picked up at Alderson Memorial Football Field. Contact Jessie Willis 304-646-7893 or Jimmy Massey 304-667-3475
- 1:00 p.m.: Presentation of Colors - (Alderson Memorial Football Field) introduction of Miss Fireworks and 4th of July salute - awarding of parade prizes - raising of flags by Greenbrier East High School JROTC and the VFW Post #6723
- 1:30 p.m.: Field Events - (Alderson Memorial Football Field) afternoon filled with fun and events for everyone - races of all kinds. (no pre-registration required) contact Jimmy Massey 304-667-3475 or Jessie Willis 3074-646-7893
- 4:00 p.m.: Tug of War - (Alderson Memorial Football Field) Greenbrier vs. Monroe and Kids Tug of War
- 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.: The Hobbs Sisters - (Alderson Memorial Football Field) admission \$5 per person for show and fireworks. Children 6 and under free. Bring your own chair (rain or shine)
- 9:45 p.m.: Introduction of Miss Fireworks - 2021 (Alderson Memorial Football Field)
- 10:00 p.m.: Grand Fireworks Display - (Alderson Memorial Football Field) The Alderson Fire Department will put on the best show in Greenbrier County featuring marvelous aerial and ground displays

### **Sunday, July 4:**

- 11:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service - Alderson Area Churches cordially invite you to attend the church of your choice
- 1:00 p.m.: 5th Annual Horse Show - held at 117 Greenbrier River Estates, Alderson, WV 24910 (Glen Ray Road) registration will start at 10:00 a.m. - \$10 entry fee except for class 4. Class 4 will be \$5. Class 25 bring your own dollar. Championship class will be \$25. Contact Corianna Spinks 304-520-8937
- 1:30 p.m.: River Events - (Alderson Mini Park) Enjoy an afternoon of fun in the Greenbrier River. Bring your own chair! Men, women, children and anything that floats races. Contact Jessie Willis 304-646-7893
- 6:00 p.m.: Ducks on the Greenbrier - (Alderson Mini Park) Rubber Duck Race, grand prize \$5,000 cash, plus many other prizes
- 6:30 p.m.: Gospel Sing - (Alderson Memorial Football Field) Bring your own chair and enjoy an evening of gospel music by various local artists. Sponsored by the Alderson River of Life Church. Contact Anthony Carter 304-661-0670. In the event of inclement weather, the gospel sing will be moved to the Alderson River of Life Church on Rt. 63.

### **Monday, July 5:**

- 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.: Run For Snacks 5K Registration - (Alderson Public Library)
- 9:00 a.m.: Run For Snacks 5K Race & Kids Fun Run - walk or run event. All ages welcome. Contact Laurie Bennett 540-798-5737

# Danese Woman Facing 55 Counts Of Animal Cruelty

By autumn shelton wvdc | WVDN JUN 01, 2021



A Danese woman is facing 55 counts of animal cruelty after a search of her home on May 25.

According to Fayette County Sheriff Mike Fridley in a social media post, deputies responded to a home in the Danese area where five dogs were found to never have received medical treatment(s) or any shots of any kind. Deputies obtained a search warrant for the interior of the home to check the welfare of animals inside.

Inside the home, deputies found 47 additional dogs and 3 cats. The animals were living in deplorable conditions with no food or water, Fridley stated.

Sharon Ann Ward, 65, of Danese has been charged with 55 counts of animal cruelty. She is currently at Southern Regional Jail on a \$10,000 surety/cash bond.

If you have any information regarding this incident, contact the Fayette County Sheriff's Department at 304-574-3590, through their Facebook page "Fayette County Sheriff's Department," or contact Crime Stoppers of West Virginia at 304-255-STOP.

This incident remains under investigation by the Fayette County Sheriff's Department.

# Rainelle Man Arrested Over Memorial Day Weekend

By autumn shelton wvdn | WVDN JUN 01, 2021



A Rainelle man is now at Southern Regional Jail facing drug charges out of Fayette County.

Terry Wayne Patterson Jr., 29, was arrested and charged over Memorial Day weekend with possession with intent to deliver narcotics and being a prohibited person in possession of firearms, according to Fayette County Sheriff Mike Fridley.

Fridley stated in a social media post that a Fayette County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic infraction on US Route 19 in Fayetteville. After a positive indication by a Sheriff's Department K-9, a search was conducted. A small amount of methamphetamine and a loaded firearm were initially found. Afterwards, 107 klonopin pills concealed on the suspect's person were found. It was also established that the subject is a convicted felon.

A surety/cash bond has been set at \$25,000. Patterson is currently awaiting court proceedings.



# White Sulphur Springs Lions Honor Helen Keller Day

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In 1971, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International declared that June 1 would be remembered as Helen Keller Day.

Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880. She developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. Then, in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.”

The Lions accepted her challenge, and their work ever since has included sight programs aimed at preventable blindness.

Locally, Lions' Club members pre-screen children in elementary schools for vision issues, pay for eyeglasses for those who cannot afford them, and collect used eyeglasses, which can be recycled for others. On a state level, Lions also can help with special eye surgeries under some circumstances.

Lions continue to be active in the local communities. If you would like to learn more, contact White Sulphur Springs President Mary Lee Buckland at 304-536-3259 or Eyeglasses Chair Mary Ann Hensley at 304-536-4041.

## Local Student Earns National Merit Scholarship

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUN 01, 2021

(Evanston, Illinois) National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced over 3,100 winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities.

Andrea G. Miller, of Caldwell, a graduate of Greenbrier East High School, earned the National Merit West Virginia University Foundation, Inc. Scholarship.

West Virginia University's tradition of academic excellence includes 25 Rhodes Scholars, 26 Goldwater Scholars, and 16 Truman Scholars.

Over 25,000 students are currently enrolled in 171 majors at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree levels, and in professional schools of dentistry, law, medicine, and pharmacy. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching ranked WVU in the Doctoral Research Extensive Classification—one of only 151 in the nation.

Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the Finalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. These awards provide between \$500

and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. An additional group of Scholars will be announced in July, bringing the total number of college-sponsored Merit Scholarship recipients in the 2021 competition to about 4,000.

This year, 160 higher education institutions are underwriting Merit Scholarship awards through the National Merit Scholarship Program. Sponsor colleges and universities include 85 private and 75 public institutions located in 42 states and the District of Columbia.

This announcement is the third National Merit Scholar release in 2021 by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®). NMSC named recipients of corporate-sponsored awards on April 21 and winners of National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships on May 12. Additional recipients of college-sponsored awards will be announced on July 12. By the conclusion of this year's competition, about 7,500 academic champions will have won National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$30 million.

College-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners announced are a part of the distinguished group of about 7,500 high school seniors who will receive National Merit Scholarships for college undergraduate study worth nearly \$30 million. Earlier this spring, NMSC announced winners of corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards and National Merit \$2500 Scholarships.

Over 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program when they took the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Last fall, approximately 17,000 Semifinalists were named on a state-representational basis in numbers proportional to each state's percentage of the national total of graduating high school seniors.

Semifinalists were the highest-scoring program entrants in each state and represented less than one percent of the nation's seniors.

To compete for Merit Scholarship awards, Semifinalists first had to advance to the Finalist level of the competition by fulfilling additional requirements. Each Semifinalist was asked to submit a detailed scholarship application, which included writing an essay and providing information about extracurricular activities, awards, and leadership positions. Semifinalists also had to have an outstanding academic record, and be endorsed and recommended by a high school official. From the Semifinalist group, some 16,000 met requirements for Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will be Merit Scholarship winners in 2021.

NMSC, a not-for-profit corporation that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 to conduct the National Merit Scholarship Program. The majority of National Merit Scholarships provided each year are made possible by the support of approximately 400 independent corporate and college sponsors. These sponsors join NMSC in its efforts to enhance educational opportunities for America's scholastically talented youth and to encourage the pursuit of academic excellence.

## **Rainelle Mayoral Candidates Discuss The Issues**

By autumn shelton wvdn | WVDN JUN 01, 2021

The date for the town of Rainelle municipal election is quickly approaching. We at The West Virginia Daily News wanted to give each mayoral candidate the chance to introduce themselves and let the residents of Rainelle become better informed on where the candidates stand on various issues.

Mike Rogers, Robin Williams and John Wyatt are the three mayoral candidates.

We sent each mayoral candidate the exact same questions. Robin Williams did not respond. Here are their answers:

*In a few sentences, please introduce yourself.*

Mike Rogers: Approximately a year-and-a-half ago, I began the complete restoration/build-out of a new coffee shop on Main St., in Rainelle. On March 29th, I opened the West End Coffee House. My name is Mike Rogers and I'm running for Mayor of Rainelle.

John Wyatt: My name is John Wyatt. I was born and raised in this area, with 70 years of life in and around Rainelle. I am a full time pastor and preacher at two local churches, administrator of a ministry called Appalachian Ministry. I was formerly chaplain at Denmar State Prison and the Greenbrier county jail. I am currently president of the Western Greenbrier Historical Society, have been a member of the Rainelle Town Council for the past two years, and a member of the Greenbrier executive committee for 12 years. I have also operated a small business in Rainelle in the past.

*The town of Rainelle has a growing issue in terms of residents suffering with drug addiction. What will you do as mayor to help these residents, yet see to the needs of those who no longer feel safe in town?*

Mike Rogers: Fortunately, God's Way Home is aggressive in offering help to those Rainelle residents suffering with drug addiction/homelessness [most of which, take full advantage of the services offered]. As Mayor of Rainelle, my fiduciary duty is to the law abiding residents of Rainelle.

John Wyatt: Rainelle, along with a number of larger and smaller communities throughout most of Appalachia, are experiencing much of the same problems that we are. Deaths by overdose have increased by 37%, a substantial rise, in addition to an increasing number of babies born addicted to drugs. Teen pregnancy is increasing and illiteracy is on the rise. All of these are part of a larger problem such as moral decay, lack of community involvement, and feelings of hopelessness and helplessness. More police protection and stiffer penalties for individuals involved in illicit drugs and crime is a start, but we need more than that on this end of Greenbrier county. Seneca Mental health needs an office here and not just one 40 miles away. We also need magistrates, a county health department, licensed addictions counselors, and women's shelters, etc. in Rainelle. We also need a senior center and activities for our youth

*What is your plan for getting businesses and jobs back into Rainelle?*

Mike Rogers: The opening of my West End Coffee House has created five [5] part-time jobs. With the expansion of our outdoor Courtyard Cafe, that will create an additional five [5] part-time jobs. Within the next few years, I will acquire additional commercial real estate, renovating/building a coal-fired pizza shop [which will create, approximately, an additional seven [7] part-time jobs]. Niche businesses, like these, spark small town revitalization and will attract new Investors [i.e, create additional jobs].

John Wyatt: Many of the businesses in Rainelle cannot find adequate staff and employees for their restaurants, shops, and stores. My daddy said, "Why put chicks under a dead hen". This region of our state and county needs job training centers, and classes in our schools teaching trades such as welding, plumbing, electrical, auto mechanics and so on. However, more than these, we need, as a community, to change our attitude about our town, and see the positive things, the wonderful people, and the opportunities, not the negative about this place where we live, as a gift from our maker to cherish and improve on and then, maybe others will see that too

*How will you increase community involvement and bring vibrancy to the town?*

Mike Rogers: Already, our West End Coffee House Open Mic Night has been a huge success. Anywhere from 25-35 people attend on a weekly basis! From the beginning, my intent was to create a community gathering place. It's already working! Future plans include a nightly activity [for different age groups/interests].

John Wyatt: Community involvement begins with one person at a time. We need to go back to that positive attitude and begin to develop our culture, the arts, civic pride, and see ourselves for what we can be, a vibrant and thriving community of potential, and not what we need to be, but what we can be.

*Why should you be mayor? What sets you apart from the other candidates?*

Mike Rogers: As an extremely active resident of Rainelle, with personal and commercial interests in the town, I have an excellent working relationship with both County and Local law enforcement. My late night neighborhood walks/observations/information gathering activities have led to multiple arrests within the Town of Rainelle. Under WV State Municipal Code, the Mayor is granted law enforcement authority. I will use it, aggressively, to make Rainelle a safer place to raise a family and operate a small business.

John Wyatt: I have nothing to gain. I am not running to enrich my own coffers nor to make a name for myself. I do have a vision for our town, and as a matter of fact, I have a five and ten year plan, the good lord permitting. I have experience, to some degree, in local, county, and state government, so I am not a novice. I have a passion to see Rainelle overcome it's present problems and become what I think our citizens want; a good place to live and make a living, raise our families, attend church, and live our lives in peace and safety.

*What do you consider to be the biggest issue facing the town of Rainelle and what will you do to solve it?*

Mike Rogers: The town of Rainelle is overrun with individuals who don't have a legal Rainelle address, aren't employed in Rainelle, etc. These individuals are causing the majority of 'issues'. Aggressive law enforcement action [i.e. Consensual Encounter stops] will send a powerful message throughout 'their' community, and hopefully, make its way back to Charleston — to stop sending these individuals to Rainelle [which is the rumor I hear, at least half-a-dozen times per week, if not more].

John Wyatt: I know the problems we are experiencing with homelessness, drugs, and crime, as well as lack of good paying jobs. Honestly, negativity and apathy are more destructive than anything. When I was attending Mountain State University I went to a town council meeting and asked what we were doing to attract tourism. The mayor said, "Who the hell would want to come to Rainelle"? That statement from the mayor stunned me. The memory of it still does and we must change the attitude within us before we can change the situations around us.

The election for the town of Rainelle will be held on Tuesday, June 8. Those who wish to cast their vote may do so at Rainelle Town Hall from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Early voting will take place until June 5.

Candidates for town recorder are Bill Bell and Brian Day.

Candidates for town council are Ron Fleshman, David Spitzer and Jimmy Matheney.

Write-in candidates for town council are David Sweet, Melissa Manning and Rick McCall.

There are five open council positions.

All elected persons will serve a two-year term.

# Memorial Day Events In Rainelle Continued Despite Rain

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Although the 2021 Run for the Wall had to be canceled due to the pandemic, the LZ Rainelle Veterans Reunion group was still able to hold a Memorial Day weekend full of events honoring those who have served.

According to information provided by LZ Rainelle, a smaller group of motorcycle riders rode into town on Thursday, May 28, as part of the "Remember Our Fallen Ride 2021" to Washington, D.C. Additionally, Task Force Omega of Kentucky, led by Danny "Greasy" Belcher arrived to help with a POW/MIA flag raising and to provide various services and programs town-wide.

Returning this year, the Mountaineer Veterans Garden of Honor, featuring over 11,000 American flags to honor each West Virginia soldier killed in action since World War I, was placed on the hill in front of the Rainelle Medical Center.

All of the flags were taken down Tuesday, but those with LZ Rainelle will be donating them to various organizations and to those who wish to place them at cemeteries.

Saturday, May 28, was a chilly, rainy day, but that did not stop many who came out to cheer on those participating in the Red, White & Blue themed parade.

Children participated in a “Future Freedom Riders” bicycle event. Winners were Lacey Lewis, first place; Jack Justice, second place; and, Luanna O’dell, third place, according to Emma Michelinie, co-chair of LZ Rainelle. A \$50 prize was awarded to each winner.

The most patriotic and best overall float, along with a \$100 prize, went to #48 Horse Drawn Wagon.

Unfortunately, the Carpenter Ants featuring Larry Groce performance was canceled, but LZ Rainelle is working on a date to reschedule, Michelinie said.

Also, the Gold Star Mothers were so honored to be in attendance, Michelinie added. They kept saying “We want to come back next year!”

As for the LZ Rainelle Memorial Day event, Michelinie said that she cannot wait to continue the event for years to come.

“I appreciate everybody for their support and for honoring our soldiers,” she said.

## **West Virginia Urban Deer Hunt Is Lifeline For Food Programs**

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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — A bowhunt for deer in one West Virginia city that began several years ago has become a lifeline for local food pantries and community kitchens.

When hunters first proposed an urban deer hunt in Morgantown about a decade ago, the idea was to control the population. Collisions with cars were commonplace and the deer were seen as a pest that ate people’s shrubs and flowers, the Dominion Post reported. Some residents were wary of letting archers hunt in the city, but the program has proven itself. Bowhunters have had no accidents while hunting more than 950 deer and harvesting about 9,500 pounds (4,300 kilograms) of ground venison.

Some of the meat is used by the bowhunters while the remainder is donated to organizations such as the Trinity Episcopal Church, Pantry Plus More, the Caritas House and the Ronald McDonald House.

Trinity Episcopal serves free lunches Monday through Friday and uses the donated venison about twice a week, Kitchen Manager Jim Chapman said. The donated meat lasts the entire year and has become an important way for them to offer high-protein meals without having to purchase expensive meat products. Some days the venison goes into meatballs. Other days, it could be used to make spaghetti sauce.

“I just can’t state enough that we rely on that first hunt that provides us with so much venison,” Chapman said. “It’s a truly wonderful thing that they provide for us.”

Morgantown’s Urban Archery Hunt includes a group of about 60 volunteers. It runs from the first Saturday in September through Dec. 31, as well as the last two weeks of January. All volunteers must be experienced bowhunters and complete the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, as well as an archery proficiency test.

“We place so much emphasis on safety (and) we place so much emphasis on doing things the right way,” said Paul Crumrine, the hunt’s volunteer coordinator. “And our results speak for themselves.”

Crumrine said they hope to grow the program and bring its benefits to surrounding communities.

“We’re looking at Westover, and Granville would be nice,” Crumrine said. “We just see a lot of deer in those areas where they’re not being hunted.”

# Kids Can Grab Free Summer Fruits, Veggies In W.Va. County

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Kids in central West Virginia's Calhoun County will be able to grab free local fruits and vegetables at some participating stores this summer.

Any child between ages 4 and 17 can participate in the program called Kids Market @ The Store. West Virginia University, the Sisters Health Foundation and local farmers partnered to create the program, a university press release said.

Kids will have a reusable shopping bag and a "produce passport" to keep track of what they pick up in the program. The stores will also feature recipe cards to create meals.

"Letting kids choose their own fruits and vegetables is a great way to get them to eat more fresh, healthy foods," said Kristin McCartney, an assistant professor at West Virginia University and a specialist at the school's family nutrition program. "This program both gives them that power while also saving their parents money."

Children will receive stickers of the produce they "purchase." They can be added to their passport, which can also end up winning kids university-branded prizes.

## Dear Abby: Tuesday, June 1

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN JUN 01, 2021

DEAR ABBY by Abigail Van Buren  
FRIEND DEFLECTS UNWANTED QUESTIONS BY LYING

DEAR ABBY: I went to lunch with "Anita," who proceeded to question me about how I know my friend "Gail." It seems like an innocent question, but Gail and I met in Alcoholics Anonymous. I didn't tell Anita we met in AA because it would've destroyed Gail's anonymity, so I said we met through mutual friends.

I didn't mind one question, but Anita kept probing about "mutual friends." I wound up fibbing and saying, "folks at my church." It managed to change the direction of the conversation, but I wish people wouldn't pry like that. This also happens when I'm at a party and someone asks me why I'm not drinking. It's easy to respond to one question with a general answer, but a lot of times I encounter folks who keep pushing.

I would like to encourage your readers to be sensitive to these kinds of situations and to allow people their privacy. Thanks, Abby. — ANONYMOUS AND SOBER IN THE SOUTH

DEAR ANONYMOUS: So would I, and you're welcome. There is no shortage of nosy questions that people don't hesitate to ask these days, as anyone who has read this column is aware. However, to many people, membership in AA is a badge of honor. When "pushed" to answer why they are not drinking alcohol they are upfront about the fact they are in AA. Of course, one does not have to have a drinking problem to avoid alcohol. Some people refrain because they don't feel well when they drink; others do it because they are taking antibiotics or want to live a healthier lifestyle. The bottom line is, you do not have to answer every

question that's asked of you.

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DEAR ABBY: When my husband of 19 years died suddenly 15 months ago (we had no children), my financial situation changed considerably. I have had trouble paying bills, and my water was turned off this morning. When I told my siblings and their families, their answers ranged from "I can't help you," to "Gee, that sucks!" to "Come have meatloaf for dinner."

My niece, who is financially well-off, commented that it sucked. I told them all that I HAVE NO WATER. I do have a five-day-a-week job. I just don't have a lot of money because of so many things that have happened. I'll have the money in a week or so, but I can't live without water for that long.

Is it wrong to want them to offer to help me? Am I expecting too much? If the situation were reversed, I would offer help immediately. — IN A TOUGH SPOT IN KENTUCKY

DEAR TOUGH SPOT: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband. No, it's not wrong to want your relatives to offer to help you out with a bridge loan until the money you're expecting arrives. However, because they didn't offer, ASK them for one, and be willing to sign a note if they wish. Then cross your fingers that one of them agrees. If none of them do, approach your employer and ask for an advance on your salary, or contact the water company and ask if you can strike a deal. I wish you luck.

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