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Lewisburg Elks Lodge Install 2021 Officers

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Lewisburg Elks Lodge #1758 held its installation ceremony, naming new officers for 2021.

The newly named officers are: Trustee/PER Steve Hunter, Trustee George Chesebro, Esteemed Leading Knight Tyler Surbaugh, Trustee/PER Ron Brothers, Exalted Ruler/PER Willie Hylton, Esteemed Loyal Knight Dave Sanders, Esquire Jerry Clemons, Secretary Patty Hylton, Inner Guard Barb Sanders and Treasurer Karen Brothers, Esteemed Lecturing Knight Vickie Orndorff, Chaplain Wayne Orndorff, Tiler Jeff Rowsey, Trustee/PER John Barnes and Trustee/PER Ron Aultz.

In addition, the Lewisburg Elks Lodge presented the following awards:

Citizen of the Year Wayne Talbott

Officer of the Year Secretary Patty Hylton

Elk of the Year Phillip Reed.

Manchin And Loudermilk Oppose “For The People” Act

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Senator Joe Manchin announced his opposition to the proposed For The People Act, which would create sweeping reforms to the election process and ethics rules for U.S. congressmen and women. The bill passed the House of Representatives, but due to the distribution of power in the Senate, Manchin’s opposition means the bill will likely not pass.

Manchin announced his opposition in an opinion editorial submitted to The Charleston Gazette-Mail on June 6.

“Democrats in Congress have proposed a sweeping election reform bill called the For the People Act,” wrote Manchin. “This more than 800-page bill has garnered zero Republican support. Why? Are the very Republican senators who voted to impeach Trump because of actions that led to an attack on our democracy unwilling to support actions to strengthen our democracy? Are these same senators, whom many in my party applauded for their courage, now threats to the very democracy we seek to protect? The truth, I would argue, is that voting and election reform that is done in a partisan manner will all but ensure partisan divisions continue to deepen.”

Manchin’s opposition comes after his office received a letter dated May 26 from the West Virginia County Clerks’ Association signed by 54 of West Virginia’s 55 county clerks.

“Dear Senator Manchin,” reads the letter. “We, the undersigned County Clerks in West Virginia, stand together and united, as the West Virginia County Clerks’ Association in firm opposition to S. 1. We support your opposition to S. 1, and stand with you in your opposition of the bill and in support of maintaining the Senate filibuster for elections legislation.”

Among the signatures is Greenbrier County Clerk Robin Loudermilk, who explained why she signed the letter.

“We go over and beyond and out of our way to make sure everybody gets to vote. We try our best and make sure there is no fraud [in Greenbrier County],” said Loudermilk. “... There probably are a few good things in there that would be okay, but for the most part, none of it makes any sense. ... I just don’t think that’s right for us, that’s why I signed it.”

When asked, Loudermilk explained her opposition to sections of the bill, such as how lack of internet could impact same-day voter registration.

“There’s no way [same-day voter registration] could work,” Loudermilk said. “Some of these polling places don’t have internet. How can you do same-day voter registration? Let’s say you went to Little Sewell and registered to vote and then you come over here to Lewisburg. We’re not going to know you registered to vote over there, so you’d be registering over here again and voting again. You could vote five or six times.”

Loudermilk also noted the bill would not require signatures on the ballot, explaining “We check signatures on everything when it comes to elections and they’re wanting to do away with us checking the signatures and everything.”

However, the text of the bill, available on Congress’ website, explains the state “may not accept and process an absentee ballot submitted by any individual with respect to an election for Federal office unless the State

verifies the identification of the individual by comparing the individual's signature on the absentee ballot with the individual's signature on the official list of registered voters in the State."

If someone registers online, the signature on file would be taken from another state agency, such as the motor vehicle authority, or submitted electronically, or "permit the individual to provide a signature at the time the individual requests a ballot in an election (whether the individual requests the ballot at a polling place or requests the ballot by mail).

The bill would not allow an election official to find a discrepancy between a signature on an absentee ballot and the on-file signatures unless "at least 2 election officials make the determination, and each official who makes the determination has received training in procedures used to verify signatures."

Loudermilk also cited the reliability of the 2020 election as a reason for not enacting the bill.

"That would be taking all the pride in elections and how we do them, check the signatures, that would just take all our pride away," Loudermilk said. "I feel that we, not just me as county clerk but other county clerks, too, pride in what we've done. We've kept things from being fraudulent."

According to the section-by-section breakdown provided by the Democracy Reform Task Force of S.1, the For The People Act of 2021, the bill would, among many things:

- Requires states to permit voters to register on the day of a federal election, including during early voting.
- Requires each state to make available online voter registration, correction, cancellation and designation of party affiliation.
- Early Voting Requires at least 15 consecutive days of early voting for federal elections. Requires that early voting locations be near public transportation, in rural areas and open for at least 10 hours per day.
- Prohibits providing false information about elections to hinder or discourage voting and increases penalties for voter intimidation.
- Declares the right of citizens to vote in federal elections will not be denied because of a criminal conviction unless a citizen is serving a felony sentence in a correctional facility.
- Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act to create a reporting requirement of disclosing reportable foreign contacts. Creates an obligation for each political committee to notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Election Commission of the contact and provide a summary of circumstances not later than one week after said contact.
- Requires super PACs, 501(c)4 groups and other organizations spending money in elections and on judicial nominations to disclose donors who contribute more than \$10,000.
- Requires states to use individual, durable, voter-verified paper ballots and that said ballots are counted by hand or an optical character recognition device.
- Requires that states seek to use American-made voting machines.
- Establishes the 'Election Security Bug Bounty Program' to encourage independent assessments of election systems by technical experts
- Requires large online platforms to maintain and make public in machine readable format a complete record

of any request to purchase qualified political advertisements made by a person whose aggregate requests on the online platform during the calendar year exceeds \$500.

- Repeals existing prohibition on the Executive Branch from promulgating rules to require government contractors to disclose all of their political spending.
- Establishes a publicly financed 6-1 matching system on small-dollar donations for qualified Senate candidates who demonstrate broad-based support and reject high-dollar contributions.
- Defines prohibited coordination between campaigns and super PACs. Creates “coordinated spender” category to ensure single-candidate super PACs do not operate as arms of campaigns.
- Establishes deadline by which candidates not running again must disburse all campaign funds
- Requires the President and the Vice President, within 30 days of taking office, to divest financial interests that pose a conflict of interest or disclose information about their business interests
- Prohibits Congress members from serving on boards of for-profit entities

“Unfortunately, we now are witnessing that the fundamental right to vote has itself become overtly politicized,” Manchin wrote. “Today’s debate about how to best protect our right to vote and to hold elections, however, is not about finding common ground but seeking partisan advantage. Whether it is state laws that seek to needlessly restrict voting or politicians who ignore the need to secure our elections, partisan policymaking won’t instill confidence in our democracy — it will destroy it.”

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VBS To Be Held At The Ronceverte Christian Church

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Vacation Bible School will be held at the Ronceverte Christian Church the week of June 14. VBS will be held each evening from 6 to 8 p.m. with a “kid-friendly” meal served at 5:30 p.m. An offering will be collected each evening and will be used to help with the funeral expenses of ministers who have lost their lives in service to the Lord in India.

Our theme this year is WILDERNESS ESCAPE and all ages are welcome. Come as we learn about how God guides and protects us. The church is located at 258 Gypsy Heights Road in Ronceverte.

Fisher-Price recalls baby soothers after 4 infant deaths

By The Associated Press | WVDN JUN 08, 2021



EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Fisher-Price says it is recalling a model of its baby soothers after the deaths of four infants who were placed on their backs unrestrained in the devices and later found on their stomachs. In a joint statement with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Fisher-Price said Friday it is recalling its 4-in-1 Rock 'n Glide Soothers, which are designed to mimic the motion of a baby being rocked in someone's arms.

The fatalities between April 2019 and February 2020 were a 4-month old from Missouri, a 2-month old from Nevada, a 2-month old from Michigan and an 11-week old from Colorado, according to the statement. Fisher-Price, a division of El Segundo, California-based Mattel Inc., is also recalling a similar product, the 2-in-1 Soothe 'n Play Glider, although there were no reported deaths connected to it.

"Inclined products, such as gliders, soothers, rockers and swings are not safe for infant sleep, due to the risk of suffocation," CPSC Acting Chairman Robert Adler said.

Fisher-Price General Manager Chuck Scothon, said the company is committed to educating parents and caregivers on the safe use of its products, "including the importance of following all warnings and instructions."

"We believe that every child should grow up in an environment surrounded by purposeful products that have been designed to keep them safe," said a Fisher-Price spokesperson. "As part of our commitment to safety,

we have added respected leaders in quality, safety, and compliance; recently formed the Medical and Scientific Safety Council (MSSC) comprised of renowned pediatricians; and launched the Safe Start education campaign focused on engaging parents and caregivers in important conversations about the safety, health, and development of babies and children.”

About 120,000 4-in-1 Rock ‘n Glide Soothers and 55,000 2-in-1 Soothe ‘n Play Gliders were sold from January 2014 through December 2020 for about \$108. The 2-in-1 Soothe ‘n Play Gliders were sold from November 2018 through May 2021 for about \$125.

There were also 25,000 4-in-1 Rock ‘n Glide Soothers and 27,000 2-in-1 Soothe ‘n Play Gliders distributed in Canada.

Renick Man Arrested After Allegedly Damaging Vehicle With Baseball Bat

By Matthew Young | WVDN JUN 08, 2021



A Greenbrier County man was arrested on the evening of Friday, June 4 as a result of an incident that occurred back on May 15. Jimmy Joe Justice, 48, of Renick has been charged with brandishing a weapon and destruction of property.

Shortly before 10:30 p.m. on the night in question, officers responded to a “destruction of property” complaint on Anthony Road in Frankford. Once on the scene, officers spoke with the victim who advised that his driver’s side and passenger side rearview mirrors had been smashed from his vehicle by a man with a baseball bat. The man was later identified through his vehicle’s license plate as Jimmy Joe Justice. The damage Justice allegedly caused to the victim’s vehicle was estimated at \$3,091.15.

Justice is currently being held in Southern Regional Jail on a \$6,000 cash-bail or surety.

WSS Man Charged With Assault

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A Greenbrier County man was arrested on the morning of Thursday, June 3 in relation to an incident that occurred back on March 11. Lester B. King, 38, of White Sulphur Springs has been charged with two counts of assault, and one count of destruction of property.

Shortly before 1:30 p.m. on the date in question, deputies from the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department were dispatched to a residence on Mountaineer Lane in White Sulphur Springs to investigate reports of a domestic disturbance. Once on the scene, deputies spoke with the victims, who stated that Lester B. King had caused damage to the victim's trailer, and threatened to physically harm them.

According to the criminal complaint, upon being told to leave the residence, King allegedly threatened to slap the female victim, and advised the male victim that he would "be getting a beating."

Deputies then located King walking on U.S. Route 60 west of the residence. King reportedly told deputies that "he didn't threaten (the male victim), however, he did threaten to slap (the female victim)."

King also allegedly denied causing damage to the residence.

Lester B. King is currently being held at Southern Regional Jail on a \$2,000 cash-bond or surety.

Dear Abby: Tuesday, June 8

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN JUN 08, 2021

Man Fed Up With Proselytizing In-Law

Dear Abby: I am having trouble dealing with my wife's extended family, who are mostly evangelicals. My family isn't overly religious and some are atheists. Her family doesn't think twice about asking me if I have a relationship with God, and have even declared that they are praying for me and my children. I chafe at these comments because I feel they do not respect our religious beliefs, as I do theirs. This has been going on for all of the 40 years we've been married, and I'm ready to disassociate from them altogether. I do not want to be negative about their beliefs, but I should be entitled to mutual respect. Can you help, please? — **Losing**

Patience in California

Dear Losing: I can try. One of the tenets of the faith of evangelicals is evangelizing — in other words, spreading the word about their beliefs. They feel that by doing this they are following their religion. When you are asked whether you have a relationship with God, your response should be that your relationship with God is as close as you need it to be, thank you — AND PLEASE DO NOT ASK AGAIN.

When they tell you they are praying for you and your children, say thank you again. A little prayer on our behalf hurts no one and may make them feel better about their own lives. Limit your exposure if you must, but shunning your in-laws isn't the answer if your wife wants to maintain a relationship with them.

Dear Abby: My ex-husband had an affair with a woman named "Lily" that lasted for the entire year we were separated. Although we tried to work on things, he continued to sleep with both of us. I got PTSD because of how bad it messed with my head. I wanted to keep my family together, but I was tired of being hurt. When I finally let go, so did Lily. She got engaged not long after meeting her new boyfriend, but she and my ex still slept together. He had four relationships after her and kept trying to pursue me, but I didn't give him any more chances and met my now-husband. After cheating in their subsequent relationships, my ex and Lily got back together. (She moved in because her fiance kicked her out.) Eight months later they are now engaged. I don't feel safe with my son around them because they are so toxic. Am I wrong for wishing they would separate again and both stay out of my life? It's affecting me emotionally again, as well as making it hard for me to love. — **Almost Destroyed in Illinois**

Dear Almost Destroyed: You are spending too much time focused on your ex and his fiancée. They are birds of a feather and meant for each other. Because you are unable to eliminate your ex from your life — I presume because of the child you share — and the stress is affecting your mental health, it's time to consult a licensed mental health professional for help in insulating yourself from this toxic twosome.

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