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Dear Abby: Wednesday, June 30

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN JUN 30, 2021



Woman's Marital Arrangement Causes Family Strife

Dear Abby: My adult daughter is married. She also has a boyfriend. Both of these men live with her and share her bed. Her children are horrified by it and want nothing to do with their mother. They are embarrassed and ashamed, as am I. Her older children are of age but still in school. They would like to move out but can't afford to; the youngest is a minor and afraid of the boyfriend. My daughter's husband doesn't object to the share plan. Is there anything I can do to help the kids? — **Crowded Bed in Colorado**

Dear Crowded: Why is your youngest grandchild afraid of your daughter's boyfriend? Has he been physically or emotionally abusive or "grooming" her? If you don't know the answer, it is important you find out so you can intervene, if necessary. If there is physical abuse or possibly grooming going on, CPS should be notified. A potential solution might be to invite your grandchildren to live with you until they are out of school and able to live on their own. Your daughter, her husband and her boyfriend may be happier with all of the children out of the picture. Parents of the year, they are not.

Dear Abby: I need your advice on a certain topic. I'm in my early 30s, and my husband is in his early 20s. We're currently living with my mother-in-law, who has put a damper on my and my husband's relationship. She tells my husband what to do, tries to make decisions for him and doesn't give him a choice about anything. My husband and I have been talking about moving when the time is right, but she continues to put

her 2 cents in. I have been treated like crap by his mother after doing everything possible to help her. I don't know what to do at this point. I'm slowly pulling away from the man I love, and he doesn't seem to care. What should I do? — **Stuck in Ohio**

Dear Stuck: Your husband is barely out of his teens. It may have been an oversight, but you omitted the most important fact from your letter. WHY ARE YOU TWO LIVING WITH HIS MOTHER? She treats him like a child because that's the way she has always treated him. If you want to save your marriage, move heaven and earth to get the two of you out of there so he can grow up to be independent.

Dear Abby: My husband's birthday is on the same day as our grandson's first communion. Our grandson's family lives out of town, about a day's drive. The problem is, my husband is not Catholic and doesn't want to go because he doesn't want to spend his birthday driving and sitting in a church. I am so torn. Should I push it? He was upset when I told him I wanted to go. He feels I should put him before the children and grandchildren. — **In the Middle**

Dear In the Middle: Your husband is being childish and selfish. Your grandchild will have only one first communion, while you and your husband can celebrate his birthday on another day. Can you get to the site by other means of transportation to spare him the driving? He should be ashamed of himself. I hope his candle goes out before he makes a wish!

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Independence Day Through The Eyes Of The American Legion

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Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, etc., in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. While we enjoy and look forward to these wonderful family events, let us remember as we watch the beauty and excitement of local fireworks, that the fireworks of war don't contain any beauty.

During the war of 1812, our national anthem was developed from a poem written in "Defense of Fort M'Henry" by Frances Scott Key while watching the "'rocket' red glare, and the bombs bursting in air."

Independence Day (colloquially the Fourth of July or July 4th) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States, on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress had voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4.

You will notice in the previous paragraph the notation (colloquially the Fourth of July or July 4th). In a way, we denigrate our independence by colloquially identifying this national holiday as the Fourth of July or July 4th. It was our nation's beginnings, our nation's freedoms declared, and our nation's independence.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule.

The following is a poem written and published by the American Legion remembering our fight and suffering for

our countries freedoms. We must always remember the sacrifices from those who devoted their lives for the cause of freedom and are still doing so on this very day.

Our Beginning

The 1770's, both good and bad
we were in a new land, both happy & sad
The British controlled, & were demanding & bold
but we had brave people who didn't like to be told
Town meetings were held & great speeches rang out
they wanted to make sure everyone knew what the rule was about
But the British had an army, uniformed & armed
they had food & shelter & felt very charmed
They never suspected the commoners would rise
and when they did, it was a disastrous surprise
Through terrible conditions the common folk endured
but they were determined, challenged & demurred
Through starvation and sickness, the death toll was high
but despite all the hardships they never went awry
Sure there were deserters, too sick to go forth
they went in all directions, east, south, west and north
But Washington pleaded, and gave it his all
seeing his suffering, with them, they together stood tall
In the end their freedom was won
they returned home in peace once the fighting was done

Peter Cacciolfi, US Navy 1951-1955

Current Rainelle Councilmembers Say Goodbye, Welcome Incoming Officials

By autumn shelton | WVDN JUN 30, 2021



Members of the current Rainelle Town Council said their goodbyes Monday night and welcomed those who will take over July 1.

“This administration is gonna be changing,” acting Mayor Bill Bell stated during the regular meeting of the Rainelle Town Council. “This Thursday, I guess it is, we will have a new council. We are gonna get a mayor.”

Newly elected officials are Mayor Robin Williams and Councilmembers David Spitzer, Jimmy Matheney, Rick McCall and David Sweet. Ron Fleshman will be remaining on the council. Bill Bell will serve as town recorder.

“I think we have served the city well,” said Councilmember John Wyatt. “I really do.”

“We have had a few problems and issues along the way, but all in all I think we did a good job for the town. I think the town is better for it,” he continued. “It has been my privilege and honor to be a councilmember for the last two years. I am glad I am turning it over to some others. I am going to take a long vacation, I think.”

Councilmember Martha Livesay thanked officer Randy Sizemore for his work patrolling various areas of the town, not just Main Street.

Bell added that it has been an honor to have served with the current council, even though the road was bumpy at times. He thanked them for their work.

The swearing-in ceremony for the incoming officials will take place in front of Rainelle City Hall at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30.

Greenbrier County COVID-19 Taskforce Update

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JUNE 29, UPDATE

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

1. Health Department — Our vaccination numbers continue to dwindle. The Delta variant is present in West Virginia. Our county remains “green,” which is good news. Let’s work to keep it that way! We have 1,961 confirmed cases, 946 probable, 3 suspect, 2,834 recovered, 10 active, 2 hospitalized, and 66 deaths. Those numbers will be updated this week.
2. Greenbrier County Schools — Our summer programs are ongoing at multiple schools. We sent vaccination info to all students/parents for consideration over the summer.
3. WVSOM — Campus fully reopened on Monday, June 21. This includes our cafe which will be open to the public. Masks are not required on campus. We strongly encourage vaccination and continue to follow all CDC guidelines.
4. Robert C Byrd Clinic — We continue to provide COVID testing in our mobile unit. Vaccines are offered and administered daily. Our staff continues to mask, and we ask patients to mask as well.
5. Rainelle Medical Center — We are still offering free COVID testing everyday from 10am-12pm by appointment only. All three vaccines are available. Call the clinic at 304-438-6188. We are vaccinating ages 12 and older.
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. Seneca — We are fully open, serving citizens and particularly children in crisis. Our staff continues to mask and ask patients to do the same. Call us if we can assist you.
8. Task Force Meeting — The Greater Greenbrier COVID Task Force will continue meeting every other week. As in the past, we will remain committed to the task and able to meet more often as needed should a need arise.
9. Celebration — Mark your calendars for July 28, when we will recognize all those in the community who volunteered to protect public health during the course of the pandemic.

Submitted by Senator Stephen Baldwin, chair of the Task Force.

Greenbrier Valley Theatre Prepares To Open 2021 Season

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After over a year of being dark with no stage lights, no singing, no laughter, Greenbrier Valley Theatre is getting ready to re-open its doors to the public with the classic 1987 Pulitzer Award winning play *Driving Miss Daisy*. The play, which shares its name with the 1989 film adaptation starring Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy, has been entertaining audiences around the world for decades and now hits the GVT stage. The show is starring GVT legend Cathey Sawyer as the titular Miss Daisy, returning actor Lorenzo Scott as Hoke, and incoming Producing Artistic Director Matthew Campbell as Daisy’s son Boolie. The show is being directed by

Erin Jerozal, who is making her GVT directorial debut.

Campbell, who is taking over for Sawyer after her 30 years of service as Producing Artistic Director, is especially excited to be heading his first production with an extremely talented and prepared group of equity professionals. Jerozal brings 20+ years of experience with her to the directorial table. Scott has performed the role of Hoke six times prior to joining this production, while Sawyer knows the space like the back of her hand.

While the show presents nostalgia for many viewers, it also offers opportunities for growth and reflection no matter the age of audience members. Themes that were worked into a play over 30 years ago such as race and prejudice are still extremely timely today. "Even though the play was written in '87 these are still conversations that we're engaging in and trying to figure out," said Campbell. "What our likenesses are versus what makes us different."

Driving Miss Daisy presents a great deal of personal growth that is relevant no matter your age. The show evokes thoughts about what is really important in relationships, and what is really important in a person. "It's not just for young people to be open to change," said Jerozal.

The lessons that are presented in this show are as important and timely as ever while we all re-introduce ourselves to the world after the COVID-19 pandemic. This makes the show an ideal kick off for the theatres 2021 season. "We can all keep moving forward, we can all keep learning and keep growing," said Jerozal.

The theatre will present this production with reduced seating available to the public, ensuring that patron safety and comfortability is just as much at the forefront of the organization's mind as entertainment is. They have been working diligently with union regulations in regards to safety, as well. Actors in the production must be vaccinated, while participating in regular testing before all rehearsal processes.

Driving Miss Daisy opens July 9 and runs through the 24. Tickets are \$30 for general seating, \$27 for senior citizens age 60 and above, and \$20 for students. Tickets are available online at the theatre's website: www.gvtheatre.org or by calling the box office at (304) 645-3838

Carnegie Hall Concert Series Continues

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Carnegie Hall continues its 2021 Ivy Terrace Concert Series on Thursday, July 8, at 7 p.m. with bluegrass musician Richard Hefner and some of his musically inclined friends. Sponsored by City National Bank, the concert will take place outside on Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace as attendees watch from the expansive lawn in front of New River Community and Technical College. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic to enjoy live music. All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, open to the public, and alcohol free.

Richard Hefner started picking banjo in 1967 and the next year formed one of West Virginia's longest-running bluegrass bands, Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys. The group first organized in 1968 and took their name from Black Mountain in their native Pocahontas County. Hefner remains as the lone original member.

Richard Hefner picks the banjo in the style of Don Reno, Ralph Stanley and Earl Scruggs and is able to sing and back himself up at the same time. Fiddler Blaine Sprouse and other local musicians will join him for the Ivy Terrace concert.

The remaining schedule is Kevin Smith (singer/songwriter) on July 22, Deni Bonet (pop/rock) on August 5, Andrew Adkins (singer/songwriter) on August 12, Steel Pterodactyl (original eclectic/dance) on August 26, Seldom Free (original groove/rock) on September 9, and Jack Grace Band (original alt-country) on September 23. The final outdoor concert will be October 7 – artist to be announced.

So mark your calendars and get excited about this summer in Lewisburg. The 2021 Carnegie Hall Ivy Terrace Concert Series is a “must do” for visitors and locals alike and is sponsored by City National Bank. For more information, please visit www.carnegiehallwv.org or call (304) 645-7917.

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

Federal Judge Halts Harm Reduction New Licensing Requirements

By bobby bordelon wvbn | WVDN JUN 30, 2021

A law adding licensing requirements to Harm Reduction programs in West Virginia was halted by a federal judge on Monday, June 28.

The passed version of the Senate Bill 334 requires that “all new and existing” syringe exchange services will be required to obtain a license from the Office for Health Facility Licensure and Certification. The application process requires the program to provide a written statement of support from “a majority of the county commission and a majority of the members of a governing body of a municipality in which it is located or proposing to locate,” the hours of operation, location, and staffing, including specific times and staff titles, and pay \$500.

The programs would also need to have a “goal of a 1:1 model,” meaning one syringe given for one taken. It also allows for the weight of a volume of syringes to be considered.

The bill would also provide immunity for “an employee, volunteer, or participant of a licensed syringe service program” from arrest, charges, or prosecution for the possession of a sterile or used syringe, residual amounts of controlled substances left in the needles and any record relating to the charges resulting from those circumstances.

However, “any person who operates in this state without a license ... is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned in a correctional facility for not more than one year, or both fined and imprisoned.”

The lawsuit was filed against state officials on behalf of Milan Puskar Health Right, Lawson Koeppel, Alina Lemire, and Carrie Ware. In supplemental filings to the court, Ware explained why her services would likely not be approved under the new law.

“I do outreach work in Huntington ... with people who are low-income and marginalized, including people who use drugs,” wrote Ware. “Much of my work requires that I go to where the people that I serve are. Some of my clients are unhoused and live in tent encampments. The work is ‘boots on the ground.’ ... Meeting people

where they are at and providing these services in a low-barrier environment free from judgment, has allowed me to build a relationship and build trust with people who are often marginalized and feel failed by the system. ... Some fear going into more 'formal' environments where trust has not been established because they fear negative interaction with law enforcement or other professionals that they have not worked with before."

According to the ACLU, the bill would eliminate "most lifesaving harm reduction programs in West Virginia and will likely increase infection rates for HIV and other blood-borne illnesses," and is "rife with constitutional defects."

"The legislation, to be sure, would have a devastating impact on West Virginia, which is at the center of an HIV crisis," the ACLU explained in a motion to the court. "Syringe service programs — often referred to as needle exchanges — are a powerful tool in stemming and preventing the spread of infectious diseases, including HIV, Hepatitis C, and endocarditis. The people who are served by syringe service programs are often connected to care providers, and, when the syringe service program providers have built trust with participants, many will elect to get tested for HIV and other infectious diseases, and be connected with providers who can provide medical treatment. These programs do, quite literally, save lives."

U.S. District Judge Robert Chambers approved a motion to halt the implementation of the law while the case proceeds.

"The court finds that plaintiffs have ... demonstrated that they are likely to succeed on the merits, they are likely to suffer irreparable harm absent a preliminary injunction, the balance of hardships weighs in their favor, and the preliminary relief is in the public interest," wrote Chambers.

The order prevents the state from enforcing Senate Bill 334 and "temporarily restrains" any authority that could be used to amend the bill by Secretary of West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bill Crouch, Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification Director Jolynn Marra, and Clerk of the House of Delegates Steve Harrison.

"We're encouraged by this decision from the court," said ACLU-WV Legal Director Loree Stark. "This harmful, constitutionally flawed bill should never be allowed to take effect. Harm reduction saves lives."

Senator Jack Woodrum and delegates Barry Bruce and Todd Longanacre also voted in favor of the bill's passage. Although initially a no vote, Senate Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin voted in favor of the bill after an amendment was passed.

Amendments removed a requirement that harm reduction programs "shall offer" a full array of services, including 24/7 access "for participants to be able to enter rehabilitation or detoxification," screening for sexually transmitted diseases. In addition the one-to-one requirement for exact needle was mandated. These provisions were replaced by looser requirements in the passed version of the bill.

If the law remains in place, it could override local ordinances, such as the "drug paraphernalia" ban recently passed by the Rainelle Town Council. The ordinance, in part, looked to keep Greenbrier County Health Department's Harm Reduction program from operating in town limits. Dr. Bridgett Morrison with the health department explained why the program was needed after the ordinance was passed.

"We want to help and we want to be a part of this, but don't attack us when we've done that and we've had opposition," Morrison previously told the Mountain Messenger. "... This is the program we have. It is evidence-based. It works. It helps limit the spread of infectious disease. To limit the spread of HIV and Hepatitis is the biggest goal of Harm Reduction. One of the subgoals is to get these people clean and in recovery, that would

be great, but the goal is to limit the spread of infectious disease.”

Case files on 1964 civil rights worker killings made public

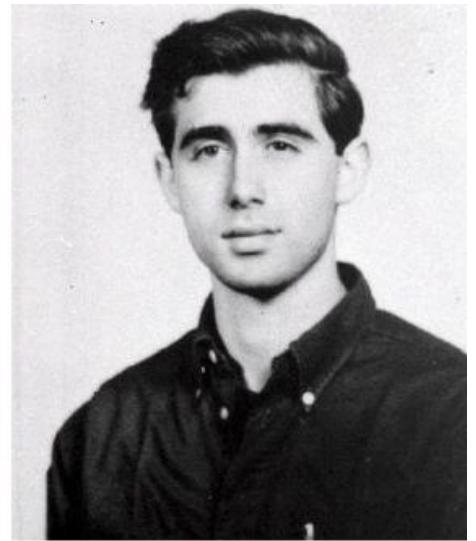
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SCHWERNER



CHANEY



GOODMAN

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Never before seen case files, photographs and other records documenting the investigation into the infamous slayings of three civil rights workers in Mississippi are now open to the public for the first time, 57 years after their deaths.

The 1964 killings of civil rights activists James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner in Neshoba County sparked national outrage and helped spur passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. They later became the subject of the movie “Mississippi Burning.”

The previously sealed materials — dating from 1964 to 2007 — were transferred to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History from the Mississippi attorney general’s office in 2019. As of last week, they are now available for viewing by the public at William F. Winter Archives and History Building in Jackson. The records include case files, Federal Bureau of Investigation memoranda, research notes and federal informant reports and witness testimonies. There are also photographs of the exhumation of the victims’ bodies and subsequent autopsies, along with aerial photographs of the burial site, according to an announcement from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

The collection is being stored in three catalog records: Series 2870 houses the attorney general’s research files, Series 2902 houses the FBI memos and Series 2903 houses the photographs.

The three Freedom Summer workers, all in their 20s, had been investigating the burning of a black church near Philadelphia, Mississippi when they disappeared in June of 1964.

A deputy sheriff in Philadelphia had arrested them on a traffic charge, then released them after alerting a mob. Mississippi’s then-governor claimed their disappearance was a hoax, and segregationist Sen. Jim Eastland told President Lyndon Johnson it was a “publicity stunt” before their bodies were dug up, found weeks later in an earthen dam.

Nineteen men were indicted on federal charges in the 1967 case. Seven were convicted of violating the victims’ civil rights. None served more than six years.

In 2004, the Mississippi Attorney General's office reopened the investigation. That led to the June 2005 conviction of Edgar Ray Killen, a 1960s Ku Klux Klan leader and Baptist minister, on manslaughter charges. During his state trial in 2005, witnesses testified that on June 21, 1964, Killen went to Meridian to round up carloads of klansmen to ambush Schwerner, Chaney and Goodman, telling some of the Klan members to bring plastic or rubber gloves. Witnesses said Killen then went to a Philadelphia funeral home as an alibi while the fatal attack occurred.

Killen died in prison in 2018. Mississippi then-Attorney General Jim Hood officially closed the investigation in 2016.

Supreme Court won't revive school's transgender bathroom ban

By The Associated Press | WVDN JUN 30, 2021

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected a Virginia school board's appeal to reinstate its transgender bathroom ban.

Over two dissenting votes, the justices left in place lower court rulings that found the policy unconstitutional. The case involved former high school student Gavin Grimm, who filed a federal lawsuit after he was told he could not use the boys' bathroom at his public high school. Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas voted to hear the board's appeal.

The Gloucester County, Virginia, school board's policy required Grimm to use restrooms that corresponded with his biological sex — female — or private bathrooms.

Seven years ago, Grimm was barred from using the boys' restroom when he was a 15-year-old student at Gloucester High School. He sued a year later, and his case has worked its way through the courts ever since. After learning that the Supreme Court refused to hear the case, Grimm, now 22, said that his long court battle is over. "We won," he tweeted. "Honored to have been part of this victory," he added.

David Corrigan, an attorney for the school board, did not immediately respond to email and voice mail messages seeking comment.

In its petition asking the Supreme Court to hear the case, the school board argued that its bathroom policy poses a "pressing federal question of national importance."

The board argued previously that federal laws protect against discrimination based on sex, not gender identity. Because Grimm had not undergone sex-reassignment surgery and still had female genitalia, the board's position has been that he remained anatomically a female.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which represented Grimm in his yearslong lawsuit against Gloucester, argued that federal law makes it clear transgender students are protected from discrimination.

Local Woman Wins Big In 'Do It For Babydog' Sweepstakes

By by matthew young | WVDN JUN 30, 2021



When Tracy Brownell arrived at the Lewisburg Hardees for her shift this morning, she wasn't expecting to be greeted by Babydog bearing an oversized novelty key for her brand new Chevy truck!

Also on hand for the presentation was West Virginia Governor Jim Justice.

Tracy is a resident of Frankford.

Other statewide winners announced thus far today include:

College Scholarship Winners

Jenna Atwell, Paynesville
Brendon Lee, Falling Waters

Lifetime Hunting License Winners

Larry Wayne Cox, Lindside
Andrea Lamb, Weston
Donna Montgomery, Masontown
Paul O'Dell, Canvas
Floyd Teter, Terra Alta

Lifetime Fishing License Winners

Patrick Bowles, Ashford
Abigail Mullins, Alderson
William Perkins, Washington

Keith Reed, Matoaka
Sharon Shaffer, Bruceton Mills

Custom Hunting Rifle Winners

Aimee Cain, Elkins
Lindsay Erwin, Cross Lanes
Denzil Lynch, Elizabeth
Donald Reed, Princeton
Jason Vance, Beckley

Custom Hunting Shotgun Winners

David Abraham, Charleston
Crystal Lockhart, Winfield
Marvin Maynar, Verdunville
Joyce Westfall, Clarksburg
David White, Ravenswood

State Park Weekend Getaway Winners

Darrell Adkins, Lorado
Larry Arbogas, Scarbro
Judith Ash, Salem
Michelle Barr, New Haven
Amber Blankenship, Wheeling
Marion Brewer, Comfort
Tina Browning, Milton
Tracy Gore, Accoville
Renea Hetrick, Morgantown
Ariana Hydorn, Barboursville
James Jackson, Gassaway
Mark Klug, Wheeling
Pauletta Kovalski, Wheeling
Melissa Mayes, Point Pleasant
Robert McMahon, Follansbee
Robin Myers, Lumberport
Breanna Schoonover, Parkersburg
Janet Slider, Paden City
Danielle Stanley, Parkersburg
Pete Stark, Huntington
Brian Tephabock, Masontown
Shane Tyree, Beaver
Steven Utley, Lost Creek
Robert Waskey, Ravenswood
Mary Anne Young, Nitro

Additional winners will be announced throughout the day. The West Virginia Daily News will provide updates as winners names are made available.