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**Flood Risk Distribution**  
The state's flood risk distribution is being updated, according to the West Virginia Department of Transportation. The update will be completed by the end of the year.

**Lease Revenue Bonds Approved For Rail, Co. Sheriff's Dept.**  
The West Virginia State Board of Finance has approved the issuance of \$100 million in lease revenue bonds for the West Virginia Department of Transportation and the Boone County Sheriff's Office. The bonds will be used to finance the purchase of new rail cars and the construction of a new sheriff's office building.

**Boothe's Killer Sentenced To Life**  
A man who was convicted of the murder of a young girl in Boone County has been sentenced to life in prison. The man, who was 21 years old at the time of the crime, was found guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

**Miller's Nightmare Returns For New Scares**  
The horror film 'Miller's Nightmare' is returning to theaters for a new scare. The film, which was released in 2019, is a psychological thriller that follows a man who is haunted by a nightmare that becomes a reality. The film is being re-released in theaters on July 10th.

**Lewisburg Passes Crown Act**  
The town of Lewisburg has passed a new act, known as the Crown Act, which is designed to protect the rights of people of color. The act prohibits discrimination based on race, ethnicity, or national origin in the workplace and in public accommodations.

**If You Hate Can Can Ballroom Can Be a Good Thing**  
A new book, 'If You Hate Can Can Ballroom Can Be a Good Thing', is available for purchase. The book is a collection of essays and stories that explore the history and culture of can-can ballroom dancing.

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# Dear Abby: Thursday, July 8

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN JUL 08, 2021

## Mother Continues To Treat Grown Son Like A Child

**Dear Abby:** Several months after we met, my partner asked me to move into her home. That was three years ago. She told me she had a son who was living with her, but that he would soon be moving into his own place. I have never loved anyone the way I do her, but her son is a different story. What she didn't tell me before I moved in was that he is 37 years old and hasn't worked more than three weeks in his life. He is not physically or mentally disabled. In fact, he is extremely bright in the tech field. He is totally dependent on his mother to pay for everything, including his car. He buys nothing. She gives him a hefty "allowance" for doing her yard work. He has no shame about being a slacker, and she keeps saying she wants him out on his own, but she sets no deadlines. I want her to set a departure date. Her son has to grow up, get a job and move out six months after that, just as my daughter and son both did. They now have families and are economically sound. I want my partner and me to have our own home together. She's pushing marriage, and I'm thinking I should use my head and move back to Florida. I have no security here and I do not want any responsibility for him. Any advice? — **Smarter Woman**

**Dear Smarter Woman:** Your partner may be pressing for marriage, but you absolutely shouldn't do it under these circumstances. Set a departure date at which time either her son moves out, or you do. I agree that the man (37!) needs to move out and accept responsibility for himself, but it won't happen as long as Mama is his enabler.

**Dear Abby:** At family gatherings, I can't get a word in edgewise. When I try to join the conversation, invariably someone — usually my wife — cuts me off, dismisses what I have to say as "fiction" and shuts me down. It is extremely disrespectful and I feel humiliated and embarrassed by her comments. My silence does not mean consent. She and the family live by the rule that the one who speaks loudest speaks best. I have complained privately to her to no avail. She won't admit there's a problem. She says these verbal free-for-alls are a part of her "culture." I love her and the family, but have begun to withdraw as much as I can from these gatherings. For what it's worth, I'm fairly well-educated, stay reasonably well-informed, have traveled quite a bit and believe I could add worthwhile and valid input to our gatherings if I had the chance. Please advise. —

## Unheard Man of the Family

**Dear Unheard:** You may be the "man of the family," but your wife assumed the dominant role the first time she dismissed what you were saying as "fiction." You may love her and her overbearing, disrespectful family, but what has been going on is a part of no "culture" I have heard of. Nothing will change until you either insist that she be sensitive to your feelings, treat you with respect and refuse to attend gatherings if you are not allowed to fully participate.

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# Dear Recycle Lady: Thursday, July 8

By dear recycle lady | WVDN JUL 08, 2021

## **Dear Recycle Lady,**

I have accumulated many photos over the years and lately, I have been sorting and organizing them. Can unwanted photographs be recycled? Does it matter whether they are black and white or colored photos? Thanks for your help. — **Organizer**

## **Dear Organizer,**

Unfortunately, photographs are not recyclable. Chemical coatings that are used in the photo-developing process make them non-recyclable. Have you considered making a collage of them and sending it to family members? An interesting collection of relatives, young and old, could make a great Christmas gift.

## **Dear Recycle Lady,**

What is considered “excess food”? It has been mentioned in several articles lately. — **Concerned Shopper**

## **Dear Shopper,**

Excess food is food that is considered safe to eat, but because it is not perfect, is mislabeled or looks ugly, supermarkets and grocery stores are putting it in the trash. Nearly 40% of all food in the United States is wasted. Believe it or not, supermarkets and grocery stores throw away 43 billion pounds of imperfect food each year. Wasting food can be reduced in several ways. Find creative ways to use leftovers instead of throwing them out. For example, freeze leftovers, then make soup and freeze it to use later. Make a shopping list, particularly when buying fresh fruits and vegetables, as they spoil quickly. Plan your meals and purchase accordingly. Try not to overbuy when grocery shopping. Check out [www.misfitsmarket.com](http://www.misfitsmarket.com) to purchase “ugly” food at a substantial discount.

Kudos to New York for passing an Excess Food Law which will help feed people and reduce food waste. According to <https://news.thehungersite.greatergood.com/excess-food-law>, New York grocery stores and supermarkets will be required to donate their excess food to food banks, charities and soup kitchens that provide free food to the hungry. France has a similar law and 90% of their supermarkets now donate unwanted food. Israel is working toward getting restaurants and hotels to donate their surplus food to hungry people.

**RECYCLE WORKSHOP** — Friday, July 16, any time from 10 a.m.- noon, for information, discussion, and demonstrations on recycling at the Greenbrier Recycling Center, Monroe Avenue, Ronceverte, WV. Come join us. We would love to see you!

*Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or information to [recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com](mailto:recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com). Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.*

# Raleigh County Commissioners Approve County

# Board, Authority Appointments

By by autumn shelton | WVDN JUL 08, 2021

During the regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission on Tuesday, July 6, commissioners approved the following appointments:

Jamel R. Corey, Raleigh County Emergency Services Authority, term expires July 6, 2023;

Dave Tolliver, Raleigh County Recreation Authority, term expires July 6, 2026;

Detlef Ulfers, Raleigh County Property Safety Agency Board, term expires July 6, 2023;

Brian Bell, Raleigh County Property Safety Agency Board, term expires July 6, 2023;

John Dunn, Raleigh County Property Safety Agency Board, term expires July 6, 2023;

Barry Milam, Raleigh County Property Safety Agency Board, term expires July 6, 2023;

Sherrie Hunter, Raleigh County Property Safety Agency Board, term expires July 6, 2023;

Matt Stanley, Raleigh County Memorial Airport Authority, term expires July 6, 2026;

Joseph Todd Cornett II, Raleigh County Building Commission, term expires July 6, 2026;

John O'Neal, New River Parkway Authority, term expires July 6, 2024;

Jack "Gordie" Roop, Coalfields Expressway Authority, term expires July 6, 2025;

Dr. Daniel Foley, Beckley-Raleigh County Board of Health, term expires July 6, 2026;

Donita Marks, Raleigh County Housing Authority, term expires July 6, 2022;

Ron Hedrick, Raleigh County Housing Authority, term expires July 6, 2023;

Kevin Robinson, Raleigh County Housing Authority, term expires July 6, 2024;

Greg Shupe, Raleigh County Housing Authority, term expires July 6, 2025;

Jeff Miller, Raleigh County Housing Authority, term expires July 6, 2026.

## Raleigh County Commissioners Approve Issuance Of Lease Revenue Bonds To Finance New

# Sheriff's Department

By by autumn shelton | WVDN JUL 08, 2021

Raleigh County Commissioners have authorized the issuance of lease revenue bonds to provide financing for the new sheriff's department.

During the Tuesday, July 6 commission meeting, Attorney Roger Hunter said he has been working with the Raleigh County Building Commission to issue \$6.5 million in lease revenue bonds for the new Raleigh County Sheriff's building, soon to be located in the Beckley Pinecrest Industrial Park.

"This will provide a major part of the permanent financing," Hunter said of the bonds.

First Community Bank will buy all of the bonds at 2.49 percent on a 15 year maturity plan, Hunter told commissioners. The county will then lease the building from the building commission. The rental payments will be used to pay the bank for the bonds.

"This is a structure that has been used throughout the state many times," Hunter added.

The Raleigh County Building Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, July 22, for the third and final reading of the ordinance that will allow this financing to occur. This public hearing will take place at 2:30 p.m.

"Shortly after that, we hope to close," Hunter continued. "Funding could occur as early as the 23rd."

Commission President Dave Tolliver stated that the total cost for the new sheriff's department building is approximately \$10.5 million. The commission has made a down-payment of roughly \$4 million toward the project. This leaves \$6.5 million to be financed through the lease revenue bonds.

Construction for the new sheriff's department began in March. The facility is estimated to be complete in 2022.

Also, during the meeting, commissioners agreed to use \$1.2 million from the American Rescue Plan Act for the Piney View/Batoff Mountain sewer project, to purchase new playground equipment for Stoco Park and Lake Stephens at the cost of \$80,000 from the capital improvement fund for parks and recreation, and to approve a GPS ankle monitoring program agreement with the Day Report Center.

The next meeting of the Raleigh County Commission will take place on Tuesday, July 20, at 10 a.m.

# Lewisburg Passes Crown Act

By by bobby bordelon | WVDN JUL 08, 2021



Lewisburg City Council seeks to protect its residents from discrimination with a new ordinance.

Ordinance 291 is a descendent and successor to the proposed Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair, or Crown, Act introduced to the West Virginia Legislature this year. Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White outlined why council took on the ordinance.

“The goal of the ordinance is to make sure no one can be fired or not hired because of the texture of their hair or how they wear it,” White said. “That has been the case for people throughout this state and throughout this country.

The bill did not leave committee, leaving an opening for municipalities to take the lead. White cited the freedoms of Americans to determine their own path as a prime reason for the ordinance.

“Where are their freedoms to wear their hair the way they wish or be who they are? I just don’t get that. ... Your hair is not your brain. It doesn’t define your intelligence, or your willingness to work, or what you bring to the table in an organization. You won’t know that if you can’t get past their hair, whether it’s locks or twists or afros, even if it’s straight. A lot of African American women have made sure their hair was straight to fit in. Why is that fair when you don’t ask any white female to wear their hair a certain way? ... I really don’t understand why someone feels like they can tell you how you can wear your hair or that they won’t hire you or they’ll fire you - this ordinance protects that from happening.”

White and Councilmember Arron Seams both pointed to the West Virginia Legislature not passing the Crown Act as a prime reason it’s been considered at the city level.

"I see so many people with different hairstyles and different textures," White said. "Councilmember Seams and I talked and I realized that this is not just for now. This is for the future. We have to protect people that will be coming to the city. How do we make sure they feel safe here and that we are totally inclusive, head to toe."

"Delegate Walker introduced it and really championed it and it did not get voted out of committee," said Seams. "I think it was such an important opportunity for our legislators and Charleston missed out on it. It's so basic and, in a lot of ways, it can be seen as symbolic. There aren't really that many issues there, but there was a student, Matthew Moore in Beckley, that felt pressured to cut his hair and change his appearance based on some arbitrary preference of an authority figure. That's not what West Virginia is. This is a place where Mountaineers are always free, you know? We stick it to authority when we have to and it seems like such an easy way to provide simple protection that doesn't take away anything, except maybe a little bit of ignorance, but we could all stand to lose a little of that."

Lewisburg has previously served as a model for cities and towns in West Virginia for protecting minority populations, such as the 2016 passage of an LGBTQIA+ protection ordinance. In this case, it's just one of the first.

The Crown Act was brought to Beckley in March by Danielle Stewart, a member of the Beckley Human Rights Commission, who explained 25% of Beckley residents could be directly affected by the lack of a current ordinance. Soon after Stewart's proposal, common council members and city officials drafted the Beckley Crown Ordinance, which passed on May 11.

No reports of this type of discrimination have come to the city to spark the ordinance, White explained. However, often people affected by hair discrimination find themselves on an uncertain legal footing, leading to them often not get work or leave jobs without any recourse. This means that the actual rate of this discrimination happening is hard to track with typical job statistics.

Even with no reported incidents, White emphasized that having the ordinance in place, just in case, was worth its passage. Lewisburg's City Council, voting unanimously to pass it, agreed. No public comment was made against its passage.

"The more we can do to make people feel included, the more inclusive, the better for the community," White said. "Our children need to feel that they are loved, respected, and cared for. When we have ordinances in place to protect them, I feel good about that. I don't want anyone to ever be in this city and not feel protected, cared for, loved, and protected. That's what Lewisburg is."

As of June 15, City Code now reads:

"Discriminate or discrimination means to exclude from, or fail or refuse to extend to, a person equal opportunities because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, blindness, disability, familial status, or sexual orientation, and gender identity and includes 'to separate' or 'segregate.' For purposes of this ordinance, discrimination based on race includes, but is not limited to, discrimination based on hair textures and protective hairstyles historically associated with a particular race; and the term 'protective hairstyles' includes but is not limited to, hairstyles such as braids, five locks and twists."



# Miller's Nightmare Returns for New Scares in 2021

By by rebecca stalnaker | WVDN JUL 08, 2021



With Independence Day now past, those who love Halloween are already gearing up for spooky season. This means putting together costumes, planning decorations and most importantly, seeking out the best-haunted attractions. Because of ongoing concerns related to the pandemic, haunted houses were almost non-existent in 2020. Many made the difficult decision to close for the season, including Miller's Nightmare Haunted Farm located in Lewisburg. However, the farm will be opening on October 1 with more scares than ever before.

According to Berkley Miller, who manages Miller's Nightmare, this year will be bigger and completely different.

Miller said, "The entire layout of Miller Manor will be different." He also said, "We added another 2,000 square foot indoor structure, The Basement." He noted that The Basement will add "a totally new element of fear." In addition to a new layout for the Manor and a new structure, Miller said that the Infected Crop and Demented Forest will also be different.

Miller's Nightmare Haunted Farm had humble beginnings as a fall corn maze with a small Halloween event that took place at the end of October. However, Miller said, "I wanted to focus on the Halloween aspect only, thus Miller's Nightmare was born." He went on to say, "We combined our love for agriculture, fall and Halloween." When asked what his favorite element of the haunted attraction is, Miller stated, "Probably the atmosphere.. with all the sounds, (music, screams, chainsaws, laughs), smells (bonfire, fair food) and sights, it really brews up an ecstatic atmosphere."

The manor, basement, crop and forest are all filled with actors set to create the perfect scares as participants

tour the area. Miller said they aim to have between 40 and 50 actors/actresses as well as 10 to 15 other positions such as security, ticket sellers, etc. He also said anyone interested in working at Miller's Nightmare can begin reaching now to be placed on the actors' list, "it's great fun and easy money to be made." To inquire, send an email to [millersnightmare@hotmail.com](mailto:millersnightmare@hotmail.com). There is also a contact form on the website at [www.millersnightmare.com/contact](http://www.millersnightmare.com/contact).

This haunted attraction is not the everyday, run of the mill haunted house. Miller said, "We are not your basic haunted house/attraction. We work year-round to build and improve upon the year before to try and provide the best October experience you can get." He also said, "...if you like being scared, people are welcome to just come, eat, and sit by the bonfire."

While waiting for the tour, there are several fun activities to keep patrons occupied. There is a themed Escape Room, Halloween games, a bonfire and tons of freshly made concessions as well as music. Food options include fresh-cut fries, burgers, pizza, hand-dipped corn dogs, ribbon fries and cheesesteaks. For anyone with a sweet tooth, there are s'mores, hot donuts and funnel cakes. Butterbeer and hot chocolate are also available.

Tickets are \$17 per person or \$30 for a FastPass. The FastPass allows for the purchase or redeeming of tickets in the FastPass booth. This allows the ticket holder to skip all lines except for those for food and games. Tickets are available to purchase in advance online; however, children's tickets must be purchased at the farm. Children under the age of five get free admittance "Kudos to the brave child!" The prices for food and games vary. The cost for the mini escape game is \$4. The sale of tickets in person begins at 6:30 p.m. on open days and concludes at 10 p.m. According to the Miller's Nightmare website "All patrons on-site by 10:00 will be allowed admittance."

The attraction will be open on October 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30. For more information, visit [www.millersnightmare.com](http://www.millersnightmare.com) or send an email to [millersnightmare@hotmail.com](mailto:millersnightmare@hotmail.com).

## **Piney View Area Residents To Receive Public Sewer Access**

By autumn shelton | WVDN JUL 08, 2021

For over 40 years, the residents of Piney View and surrounding areas have wanted public sewer access. Now, with help from the Raleigh County Commission and the American Rescue Plan Act, it looks like they will have it.

Jay Quesenberry, Raleigh County Administrator, explained that 120 homes from Piney View to Batoff Mountain will benefit from the sewer project, approved by the commission during their Tuesday meeting.

\$1.2 million in funding came from the American Rescue Plan Act and additional funding from the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program will be provided at a later date, Quesenberry said.

"It's a needed investment and we are happy to see an improvement to the community and to the lives of those living there," Quesenberry stated. "We want residents to have a good quality of life, not just for the people of Piney View, but everybody."

He added that the sewer project will help decrease septic pollution throughout the area and will give people “peace of mind.”

Construction on the project should start this year, but the county must work with the Department of Environmental Protection and various other agencies to make a plan.

That will take some time, Quesenberry concluded.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 primarily provides grants to state and local governments to improve sewer, water and broadband access to residents. The plan was signed into law in March to help those struggling from the Coronavirus pandemic.

## Ronceverte Baptist Church To Host VBS

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUL 08, 2021

Ronceverte Baptist Church invites children of all ages to a summer event called “Alpine Ascent – Find Strength in God’s Word” The lessons are students will always be ready to serve the Lord, will follow Christ who lives in them, will live faithfully for Christ despite difficulties, will share Christ with their unsaved family and friends, and will stand with Christ against evil and danger. Each day the kids will enjoy delicious snacks, play games, learn upbeat songs and work on different crafts.

VBS will be Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be classes for nursery age children through those who have completed 6th grade. There is an adult class as well. (Children 3 and under must be accompanied by parent or guardian.)

Come join us and bring a friend.

Ronceverte Baptist Church is located at 437 W. Main Street. If you have any questions please call 304-647-4067 — if no answers leave a message and someone will return your call.

## Ronceverte City Council To Hold Meeting

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUL 08, 2021

A Ronceverte City Council meeting will be held Monday, July 12, at 7 p.m. in Ronceverte City Hall,

### **Agenda:**

- Call to order
- Approval of minutes
- Citizens and other comments
- Wastewater-related business: Resolutions, John Humphreys - WW Plant update
- Water-related Business: Resolutions, Bob Hazelwood/Steve Williams update
- Business-related

- Other business
- Reports: Police Department, Street Department, Fire Department
- Council members comments
- Administrators comments
- Adjournment

## **Youngest-ever WVa lawmaker back in state government**

By The Associated Press | WVDN JUL 08, 2021

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A former West Virginia delegate who became the youngest person elected to the Legislature in state history at age 18 is back in government.

State Treasurer Riley Moore announced Tuesday the appointment of Saira Blair as deputy treasurer for the office's local government division. Moore and Blair served in the House of Delegates together.

Blair will oversee a staff of specialists who work on local government and constituent issues.

"When Saira was a delegate, she did a tremendous job representing the people of her district and working with them to help resolve issues with state government," Moore said. "I know she will bring those same skills to bear in this new role."

Blair was a senior at Hedgesville High School when she defeated incumbent Larry Kump in the May 2014 Republican primary at age 17. She received 63% of the vote in winning the November 2014 general election over a Democratic opponent.

Blair decided in 2018 not to seek a third term, opting instead to finish her college education.

## **WVa kids can get hunting, fishing licenses at reduced cost**

By The Associated Press | WVDN JUL 08, 2021

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for West Virginia residents ages 15 and younger are now available at a reduced price.

The new tiered pricing program was made possible by legislation signed by Gov. Jim Justice in April.

The regular price of a lifetime hunting and fishing license is \$805. Under the new system, lifetime licenses for children before their first birthday are \$322. The cost is \$442.75 for a child before their fifth birthday, \$603.75 before their 10th birthday and \$724.50 before their 15th birthday.

Applications are available on the Division of Natural Resources' website. A certified copy of the child's birth certificate is required.

"As a lifelong hunter and fisherman myself, I know just how valuable it is for us to get our kids out in the woods or in our pristine waters," Justice said in a news release. "It can spark a lifetime love of the outdoors and create so many great memories."

# Capito, Manchin Announce Water Infrastructure Investments

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUL 08, 2021

U.S. Sens. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), ranking member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today announced \$4,519,000 in loans and \$3,465,000 in grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program. This funding will be used to modernize rural drinking water and wastewater infrastructure and eliminate outdated pipes and service lines to safeguard public health and safety in rural communities.

"Through my work as ranking member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I have long emphasized the impact that updated wastewater and drinking water infrastructure can have on our communities. That is why I worked alongside Chairman Carper to craft the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021, which is a bipartisan, responsible, and meaningful investment that will advance the infrastructure needed to help local communities keep their drinking water safe and clean, which passed the Senate 89-2. I'm thrilled to see these three locations in West Virginia receiving this funding today, and I look forward to the impact this will have on residents across our state," Ranking Member Capito said.

"When every West Virginian has clean water to drink, our entire state is healthier and our communities thrive. In order to ensure all West Virginians have reliable access to clean water, we must improve and upgrade our drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. My recent bipartisan infrastructure proposal includes millions to improve America and West Virginia's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure and our sewer systems," Sen. Manchin said. "USDA's investment in three West Virginia Public Service Districts is great news for our state, and I look forward to seeing the benefits of these upgrades for our rural communities."

Individual awards listed below:

- \$2,019,000 Loan / \$965,000 Grant for the Tyler County Public Service District: This Rural Development investment will be used to enable the Public Service District to provide both public drinking water and fire protection by extending its water distribution south from Boreman Elementary along Route 18 to Centerville and Alma.
- \$2,000,000 Loan / \$1,000,000 Grant for the Lavalette Public Service District: This Rural Development investment will be used to replace undersized and outdated lines in the German Ridge and Dickson areas of the Northern Distribution System.
- \$500,000 Loan / \$1,500,000 Grant for the Cowen Public Service District: This Rural Development investment will be used to extend a sewer system to the Upper Glade area.

## Tale of rescue after falling several floors in Fla.

# collapse

By The Associated Press | WVDN JUL 08, 2021



KELLI KENNEDY Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — When 16-year-old rising volleyball star Deven Gonzalez was pulled from the rubble of her Miami condo building, her initial reaction amid the shock was to tell firefighters that she had to compete in a major tournament in a few days.

The teen's world revolved around volleyball. She played beach volleyball, on her high school team and with a competitive travel club team. From her hospital bed where she's undergone multiple surgeries for a broken femur, she apologized profusely to her coach for missing their final practice.

"I said, 'Let's focus on you right now and not volleyball,'" said club coach Amy Morgan, who described Gonzalez as extremely determined, passionate and unrelenting in pursuing her goals.

Gonzalez lived with her parents on the ninth floor of Champlain Towers South. She and her mother, Angela Gonzalez, fell several stories before being rescued on the fifth floor, she told her coach. Her mother was among the survivors pulled from the rubble and is still hospitalized with serious injuries, Morgan told The Associated Press.

At least two dozen were killed in the building's partial collapse June 24. Deven Gonzalez's father, attorney Edgar Gonzalez, is among the more than 120 still missing. The family's eldest daughter, Taylor, who was not in the building at the time of the collapse, has been a source of strength for her mom and sister, according to Morgan and Joslyn Varona, a family friend who has posted frequent updates on Facebook.

"This is a strong and wonderful family," Varona said. "They have a lot of faith."

Deven Gonzalez still hasn't been able to see her mother because they are in separate parts of the hospital, but she briefly video chatted with her a few days ago on her mother's birthday when Angela Gonzalez's intubation tube was removed, Morgan said.

Deven Gonzalez was conscious when the building collapsed and throughout her traumatic rescue, her coach said. She remembers the details vividly and is having trouble sleeping, haunted by nightmares.

"I don't know if she's completely come to terms with everything. She has and she hasn't," said Morgan, who added that Gonzalez was unaware of the extent of the tragedy and the worldwide attention it's received.

"She says, 'My dad's still missing. My dad's still missing,'" Morgan said. "She gets really choked up about it." The teen even took her first few steps recently.

"It's going to be a nasty, hard painful road, but I think she can do it," Morgan said.

Angela Gonzalez will undergo surgery for her extensive injuries this week, but has been responsive when asked questions, Varona said in her Facebook posts.

"There has not been any news on Edgar," Varona wrote. "We are still praying and hoping for a miracle."

Varona said she has set up a letter writing campaign to encourage the family.

Edgar and Angela Gonzalez were extremely involved with their daughter's volleyball goals, the coach said. Her mom was like the team therapist, always listening and encouraging the girls.

Edgar is a kind, gentle and jolly father, Morgan said. After one tournament, he helped prepare a massive BBQ feast for the team. The family was about to leave for Orlando when the building collapsed. Edgar was so excited he'd been packed for two weeks.

"They're so loving, so supportive," Morgan said. "I see a lot of (Gonzalez's) strength coming from her parents."

The tragedy has been difficult on the close-knit volleyball team, which met for practice Thursday night and allowed parents to participate. Everyone sat in a circle and held hands as they prayed. Many cried.

"Deven is such a hardworking and loving person," her teammate Liyah Deveaux said Sunday. "We can't wait for her to get back on her feet. We love and miss her so much."

A GoFundMe site has raised more than \$100,000 for the family.

"We're really trying to help and be supportive, but we feel absolutely helpless that we can't make it better," Morgan said. "Every single one of us would be in there digging through the rubble. If we could be there, we'd be doing it."

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This story has been corrected to show that Deven Gonzalez's mother is named Angela Gonzalez, not Andrea Gonzalez.

## **With McCain in mind, Sinema reaches for bipartisanship**

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By LISA MASCARO and NICHOLAS RICCARDI Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than for her shock of purple hair or unpredictable votes, Democratic Sen. Kyrsten Sinema is perhaps best known for doing the unthinkable in Washington: She spends time on the Republican side of the aisle.

Not only does she pass her days chatting up the Republican senators, she has been known to duck into their private GOP cloakroom — absolutely unheard of — and banter with the GOP leadership. She and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell talk often by phone.

Sinema's years in Congress have been a whirlwind of political style and perplexing substance, an antiwar liberal-turned-deal-making centrist who now finds herself at the highest levels of power. A key negotiator of the bipartisan infrastructure compromise, she was among those President Joe Biden first called to make the deal — and then called upon again as he worked furiously to salvage the agreement from collapse. A holdout to changing the Senate's filibuster rules, she faces enormous pressure to act as voting rights in her own state and others hang in the balance.

"If anybody can pull this off it's Kyrsten," said David Lujan, a former Democratic colleague of Sinema's in the Arizona statehouse. "She's incredibly smart, so she can figure out where people's commonalities are and get things done."

The senator's theory of the case of how to govern in Washington will be tested in the weeks ahead as Congress works to turn the infrastructure compromise into law and mounts a response to the Supreme Court decision upholding Arizona's strict new voting rules.

She is modeling her approach on the renegade style of Arizona Sen. John McCain, who died in 2018 and was known for his willingness to reach across the aisle. But aspiring to bold bipartisanship is challenging in the post-Trump era of hardened political bunkers and fierce cultural tribalism. Many in her own party scoff at her overtures to the GOP and criticize her for not playing hardball.

Her name is now uttered alongside West Virginia's Sen. Joe Manchin as the two Democrats standing in the way



of changing the filibuster rules requiring 60 votes to advance legislation — a priority for liberals working to pass Biden's agenda in the split 50-50 Senate. This year she cast a procedural vote against raising the minimum wage and has opposed the climate change-focused Green New Deal, even though she's not fully opposed to either policy. She declined a request for an interview.

"It's the easiest thing in the world for politicians to declare bipartisanship dead and line up on respective sides of a partisan battle," she said in a statement to The Associated Press. "What's harder is getting out of our comfort zones, finding common ground with unlikely allies, and forming coalitions that can achieve durable, lasting results."

Sinema arrived in Washington with a burst of energy and a swoosh of fashion. She quickly became known as one of the best vote counters in the House, on par with Speaker Nancy Pelosi, because of her visits to the other side of the aisle. She voted against Pelosi more than once for speaker.

Her maiden speech in the Senate drew from McCain's farewell address, a marker of where she was headed. She changed the decades-old Senate dress code by simply wearing whatever she wants — and daring anyone to stop her. The purple wig was a nod to the coronavirus pandemic's lockdown. (In off hours, she has been spotted wearing a ring with an expletive similar to "buzz off.")

"People may debate her sincerity, but the truth is, she makes an active decision that she's going to work well with other people — and I haven't seen her slip up," said Republican Rep. Patrick McHenry of North Carolina, who served with her in the House.

Sinema's status as a bipartisan leader fascinates those who've watched her decades-long rise in Arizona politics, where she began as a lonely left-wing activist who worked for Ralph Nader's 2000 Green Party presidential campaign and then slowly retooled herself into a moderate advocate of working across the aisle. "Ideologically, it does surprise me," Steven Yarbrough, a Republican who served 12 years with Sinema in the Arizona legislature, said of her transformation. "But given how smart and driven she is, well, that doesn't surprise me at all."

That Sinema even made it that far seemed improbable. Her parents divorced when she was young, and she moved with her mother and stepfather from Tucson to the Florida panhandle, where she lived in an abandoned gas station for three years.

Driven to succeed, she graduated from the local high school as valedictorian at age 16 and earned her bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in Utah at age 18, leaving the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in which she'd been raised, after graduation.

Sinema landed in Phoenix, where she earned several more degrees — including a law degree and a doctorate — worked as a social worker and then a lawyer, vociferously protested the Iraq War and fought for immigrant and LGBTQ rights at a time when Arizona was veering right. In 2004 she was elected to the state legislature representing a fairly liberal area and initially was a backbencher who lobbed rhetorical bombs from the left. But Sinema has written and spoken extensively of how she discovered the merits of moderation while serving in the GOP-controlled state legislature. She wrote a book titled "Unite and Conquer" about the need for leftists to compromise and cut deals.

In 2006, she co-chaired a bipartisan group to fight a gay marriage ban on the ballot and had to decide whether to simply condemn the ban or try to defeat it, said Steve May, the Republican former state lawmaker who collaborated with her.

An avid consumer of polling, she helped hit upon a strategy of targeting older, retired heterosexual couples who could also lose benefits under the ballot measure due to their unmarried status. They narrowly succeeded in defeating it. (Another ban passed two years later.)

"She came from doing speeches and leading protests, and she learned she can actually win," May said.

When a congressional seat opened up in a bluing stretch of Phoenix's eastern suburbs, Sinema ran and won. She had remade herself into the ideal candidate for a state that was slowly becoming competitive. And in 2018, she seized the moment, winning the open Senate seat.

Her infrastructure work is only one of several bipartisan "gangs" in the Senate where she is testing her theory of governance. She is about to roll out a minimum wage proposal with Republican Sen. Mitt Romney of Utah and is involved with others on immigration law changes.

“Kyrsten is always honest and straightforward, two often underrated qualities that are the mark of a successful legislator,” said Sen. John Thune, the South Dakota Republican whip, who is among those Sinema often seeks out for conversation.

In a statement to the AP, Thune said that “while we certainly don’t see eye-to-eye on every issue,” he trusts that she is transparent with him, and he respects her “sincere pursuit of bipartisanship.”

Charming and funny in private conversations, Sinema prides herself on competing in marathons and triathlons, while maintaining a notoriously colorful wardrobe — even in her Green Party days, she referred to herself as a “Prada socialist.”

Dashing from the Senate recently, she brushed off reporters’ questions about the infrastructure talks. On that day she wore a faux tuxedo bib dress paired with a suit jacket. Why?

She does what she wants, she suggested, by way of a shrug, before she climbed into a waiting car.

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Riccardi reported from Denver.

## Trump files suit against Facebook, Twitter and YouTube

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By JILL COLVIN and MATT O’BRIEN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Donald Trump has filed suit against three of the country’s biggest tech companies, claiming he and other conservatives have been wrongfully censored.

Trump announced the action against Facebook, Twitter and Google’s YouTube, along with the companies’ CEOs, at a press conference in New Jersey on Wednesday. He was joined by other plaintiffs in the suits, which were filed in federal court in Miami.

“We’re demanding an end to the shadow-banning, a stop to the silencing and a stop to the blacklisting, banishing and canceling that you know so well,” he said.

Under Section 230 of the 1996 Communications Decency Act, social media platforms are allowed to moderate their services by removing posts that, for instance, are obscene or violate the services’ own standards, so long as they are acting in “good faith.” The law also generally exempts internet companies from liability for the material that users post.

But Trump and some other politicians have long argued that Twitter, Facebook and other social media platforms have abused that protection and should lose their immunity — or at least have to earn it by satisfying requirements set by the government.

Trump was suspended from Twitter, Facebook and YouTube after his followers stormed the Capitol building on Jan. 6. The companies cited concerns that he would incite further violence.

Nonetheless, Trump has continued to spread lies about the 2020 election, baselessly claiming that he won, even though state and local election officials, his own attorney general and numerous judges, including some he appointed, have said there is no evidence of the mass voter fraud he alleges.

Facebook, Google and Twitter all declined comment Wednesday.

The suits argue that banning or suspending Trump and the other plaintiffs is a violation of the First Amendment, despite the fact that the companies are private. The suit against Facebook and CEO Mark Zuckerberg says Facebook acted unconstitutionally when it removed Trump from the platform. Suits against Twitter and YouTube make similar claims. All three ask the court to award unspecified damages, declare Section 230 unconstitutional and restore Trump’s accounts, along with those of the other plaintiffs — a handful

of others who have all had posts or accounts removed.

But Trump's lawsuits are likely doomed to fail, said Eric Goldman, a law professor at Santa Clara University in California who has studied more than 60 similar, failed lawsuits over the past few decades that sought to take on internet companies for terminating or suspending users' accounts.

"They've argued everything under the sun, including First Amendment, and they get nowhere," Goldman said. "Maybe he's got a trick up his sleeve that will give him a leg up on the dozens of lawsuits before him. I doubt it."

Goldman said it's likely Trump is instead pursuing the suits to garner attention. As president, Trump last year signed an executive order challenging Section 230.

"It was always about sending a message to their base that they're fighting on their behalf against the evil Silicon Valley tech giants," Goldman said.

Matt Schruers, the president of the Computer & Communications Industry Association, a tech industry trade group that includes Facebook, Twitter and Google, said internet companies have a right to enforce their terms of service.

"Frivolous class action litigation will not change the fact that users — even U.S. Presidents — have to abide by the rules they agreed to," he said in a statement.

\_\_ O'Brien reported from Providence, Rhode Island. Associated Press writer Mae Anderson contributed to this report from Nashville.

## Boothe's Killer Sentenced To Life

By Bobby Bordelon | WVDN JUL 08, 2021

The man convicted of killing Jay Boothe has received a life sentence and the mercy of the court.

After a three-day trial first-degree murder trial In November 2019, Carl Rich was convicted of voluntary manslaughter by a Greenbrier County Grand Jury. After the conviction, the state filed a motion for recidivism sentencing, which would expand the voluntary manslaughter sentence of three to 15 years to life.

Greenbrier Circuit Court Judge Jennifer Dent, who oversaw the trial, recused herself from the case, explaining she previously worked for the prosecution during one of the previous cases filed to be considered for recidivism sentencing. The defense filed for a new trial with Circuit Court Judge Robert Richardson once the case was transferred for sentencing, but the motion was dismissed.

A second trial was then held, not to retry the case, but to identify Rich as the same Carl Rich previously convicted of burglary and delivery of a controlled substance, a needed step for recidivism sentencing. Rich was sentenced after hearing arguments for and against if the first two felony convictions were violent in nature.

"At least two of those three offenses have to be ones that involve violence, or the threat of violence, or substantial harm to someone because they are typically more serious crimes that carry those weighted sentences," explained defense attorney Grady Ford. "... Essentially the question that Judge Richardson had to rule on was whether or not the recidivist statute could be applied to him. We had to say that two of those cases were not violent and didn't involve a risk to others. We didn't contend that with the voluntary manslaughter."

The first conviction was a felony burglary case in 2004.

“We did argue that the burglary was nonviolent because there was no evidence of another person being in the home and there was some case law that could suggest the court could determine ... there was not substantial risk of harm or injury,” Ford noted, also pointing out that there was case law that could work against them in the case as well.

The second conviction dealt with the delivery of cocaine in 2009.

“There’s more recent case law that said a controlled buy of heroin was [a violence offense] because of the inherent violent nature of drugs,” Ford said. “[There is also] the fact that heroin is clandestine from the moment it’s created to the time it is ultimately consumed, whereas, with a pharmaceutical, you could lawfully obtain that. Also [in] a case from Greenbrier County that Judge Richardson decided three or four years ago, he found that heroin did qualify and sentenced Travis Norwood to life.”

Richardson ultimately disagreed with their cases, sentencing Rich to “life in prison with mercy,” meaning he is eligible for parole in 15 years.

“Judge Richardson rejected our cases, saying that the burglary was violent and that our cases were exceptions rather than persuasive arguments,” Ford said. “With the cocaine position, he said this is much more like heroin than a prescription opiate because of the illegal nature from its creation. ... We needed to win both of them and ultimately we lost on both of them, and now Carl got sentenced to life, eligible for parole in 15 years. He’s three years into it already.”

Rich also noted some of the ambiguity in the cases has been resolved by the West Virginia Legislature in the last term after a large crime bill was passed.

“The law was recently changed a year ago, so much of this debate is academic because they’ve changed the way that it was to specifically identifying qualifying offenses,” Ford said. “Now there’s a list that says if you have been convicted of these offenses or similar. [The similar offenses provision is for] if you were convicted of robbery in Virginia, it could be used against you here in West Virginia.”

Ford also stated the defense planned to file an appeal.

## **“60 to 80” Marijuana Sales Result In Arrest**

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Charges have been filed against a White Sulphur Springs woman for the alleged “60 to 80” marijuana sales she described to police in an interview.

Jessica Flack was charged after an initial incident on June 2 in White Sulphur Springs. According to the criminal complaint, officers were dispatched to a residence where “two individuals ... had been doing drug deals out of their window located on the side of their residence.”

The officers then took a statement – Flack stated she and another individual “had been selling marijuana for the past six months” and that “they had done approximately 60 to 80 hand-to-hand transactions in the last six months.”

Flack was charged with delivery of a controlled substance and conspiracy, which could result in a one to five

year prison sentence along with a possible \$15,000 fine and a two to 10 year sentence, respectively.

Another incident in July led Flack to be charged a second time, alongside another individual. Juanae Young and Flack were both charged with obstructing an officer, a misdemeanor offense that could result in a year of jail time and a \$50 to \$500 fee. According to the complaints filed against both, officers were attempting to serve felony warrants against both individuals when they resisted arrest.

“This officer was attempting to serve felony warrants on the defendant, Ms. Jessica Flack,” reads the complaint against Flack. “The defendant pulled away from this officer several times while trying to place her into handcuffs. This officer had to forcibly place the defendant into handcuffs.”

“This officer told [Young] several times to place his hands behind his back to where the defendant kept pulling away from this officer and backing away,” reads the complaint against Young. “This officer then had to forcibly place the defendant into handcuffs.”

Neither Flack or Young are currently detained at Southern Regional Jail in Beckley.

## Man Arrested For Domestic Battery In Lewisburg

By by bobby bordelon | WVDN JUL 08, 2021



A Lewisburg man was arrested for domestic battery and brandishing a deadly weapon.

Brett Michael Sheppard was arrested after an incident on July 3.

According to the criminal complaint, officers were dispatched by Greenbrier County 911 to a home in

Lewisburg. In the initial call to the 911 Center, “dispatch stated that they could hear what sounded like a domestic type situation between a male and female and could hear what sounded like slapping noises.”

Officers arrived on the scene and detained Sheppard after he “refused to comply and became combative towards” the officers.

A victim stated Sheppard had “hit” them multiple times “during the day, slapping” their face, “pushing” them down and against a wall. In addition, Sheppard allegedly “had a rifle which he pointed” at them, “threatening to kill” them.

After the incident, Sheppard was charged with five misdemeanor offenses, including two counts of obstructing an officer, brandishing deadly weapons, domestic battery, and domestic assault.

Sheppard is currently being held at Southern Regional Jail in Beckley with a cash-only \$15,000 bond.

## 2021 Alderson Rubber Duck Race Winners

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- \$5,000 cash: Ada Farren – Alderson 4th of July Committee
- Surprise River Package: Becky Wilson – (\$1,000 value) Alderson 4th of July Committee and Walmart Community Grant Program
- Medical Check-up and Exam: Layton Sea – (\$400 value) Alderson Medical Center
- Hanging JD Pool Table Light: Adam Bostic – (\$400 value) Mountain State Beverage, Summersville
- \$280 Gift Certificate: Michael Pinardo – Pizza a Month for one-year Godfather’s Pizza, Alderson
- \$200 Cash: Shirley Tolosa – Lobban Funeral Home LLC., Alderson
- \$200 Cash: Karen Winkfield – Lantz Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Alderson & Buckeye
- \$200 Cash: Trudy Halstead – Bank of Alderson
- \$200 Gift Certificate: Brenda Crawford – Factory Tire, Ronceverte
- Full Day Pistol Training (\$200 value): Matt Brigman – Antares Defense, Michael Blum, Alderson
- Roadie 24 Yeti Cooler (\$200 value): Kaysha Burkholder – Ronceverte Ice & Produce Co., Ronceverte
- Foursome 18 Holes Gift Certificate (\$178 value): Brooke Blevins – Lewisburg Elks Country Club
- Golf Bag (\$150): Eric Hanson – American Beer Company, Meadow Bluff
- \$144 Gift Certificate: Nathan Brackenridge – one chicken dinner for a month for one-year, Alderson Big Wheel
- \$125 Cash: Andrew Dimlich – One Way Towing, Roger & Laura Bennett, Alderson

- Four Fast Pass Tickets (\$120 value): River Ridge Campground – Miller’s Nightmare Farm
- \$110 Cash: Rick Cline – Randy Burdette, Agent for Foxfire Realty, Alderson
- \$110 Gift Certificate: Blaine Jerrell “Garrett” – Greenbrier Ford, Lewisburg
- \$110 Gift Certificate: Mary Catherine Thompson – Greenbrier Ford, Lewisburg
- \$110 Gift Certificate: Laurie Bennett – Greenbrier Ford, Lewisburg
- One Foot-Long Sub per month for one-year (\$101 value): Adam Patriacca – Alderson Subway
- \$100 Cash: Angela Hedrick – Steven Hunter Associates, LC, Lewisburg
- \$100 Cash: Mark A. Campbell – Merritt Electric, Alderson
- \$100 Cash: Tom Campbell – Paul S. Detch, Inc. – Lewisburg
- \$100 Cash: Adrianna Mitchem – State Farm, Sandra Epling, Lewisburg
- \$100 Cash: Trudy Halstead – Louvonne Arbuckle, Greenbrier County Circuit Clerk
- \$100 Cash: Trent Gabbert – Greg Miller, Inc., Lewisburg
- \$100 Cash: Tom Cross – Robin Loudermilk, Greenbrier County Clerk
- \$100 Cash: Eden Trent – Hugh Harris Insurance, Alderson
- \$100 Cash: Betty Bridges – Greenbrier Physicians, Ronceverte
- \$100 Cash: Julie Hanna – Mountaineer Farm Center, Union
- \$100 Cash: John Songer – Kimberly Johnson, Greenbrier County Magistrate
- \$100 Cash: Wanda Mitchem – Kirby Hanson, Greenbrier County Magistrate
- \$100 Cash: Shawn Dickens – Robert and Susan Richardson
- \$100 Cash: Janet Alderson – David and Jennifer Dent
- \$100 Cash: Jayden Tincher – Bruce Sloan, Greenbrier County Sheriff
- \$100 Cash: Brianne Williams: Tom Johnson, broker, Coldwell Banker/Stuart & Watts Real Estate
- \$100 Cash: Lily Campbell – Joseph Darnell, Greenbrier County Assessor
- \$100 Cash: David L. Wallaby – Jennifer K. Mason, Esq., Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, Lewisburg
- \$100 Cash: Gloria Beverage – Renee Harvey, realtor, Country Road Realty, LLC, Liz Wickline broker/owner
- \$100 Cash: B. Forren – Mark & Cindi Bowe, White Sulphur Springs
- \$100 Gift Certificate: Jared Masters – S.J. Neahawk Lumber, Inc., Lewisburg
- Betsy Ross 1776 Hand Carved Rustic Flag (\$100 value): Linda Davis – Wes and Heather Adkins
- \$100 Gift Certificate: Nicole Bumgarner – Stuart’s Hot Hot Dawgs, Alderson
- One Night Stay at Old Victorian Inn (\$100 value): Vaughn Betancourt, Alderson
- Paintball Adventure for Four (\$80 value): Lori Anderson – Kent & Jennifer Gilkerson, Sunset Berry Farm, Alderson
- NRA Basic Pistol Class (\$75 value): J.R. Dorsey – Top Secret Printing Services, Alderson
- 18 X 24 Custom Canvas Wrap (\$75 value)Top Secret Printing Services, Alderson: J.R. Dorsey
- Round of Golf four Four (\$72 value): Fountain Springs Golf Course, Peterstown
- Golf Umbrella (\$60 value): Summit Community Bank, Rupert
- Admission for Four to Sunflower Festival (\$60 value): Holly Rudolph – Kent and Jennifer Gilkerson, Sunset Berry Farm, Alderson
- Coleman JD Cooler (\$50 value): Thomas Bostic – Mountain State Beverage, Summersville
- \$50 Gift Certificate: Sonny Beverly – Alderson’s Store, Alderson
- \$50 Gift Certificate: Danny Hammons – Alderson’s Store, Alderson
- \$50 Gift Certificate: Su Kessinger – The Meeting Place, Alta
- \$50 Gift Certificate: Jack Campbell – Martin & Jones, Ronceverte
- \$50 Gift Card: Olivia Sims – Thomas Building & Repair, Alderson
- \$50 Gift Card: Kaely Boyd – Greenbrier River Campground, Alderson
- Gift Basket (\$50 value): Beverly Walker – Sassy Scissors, Alderson
- \$50 Gift Card: Patti Ellis – Barnwood Living, White Sulphur Springs
- One Pound WV Beef Jerky (\$45 value): Judy Lohmey – Wayne and Patti Burdette, Alderson
- Four Adult Gate Tickets (\$44 value): Louvonne Arbuckle – Fairlea

- \$25 Gift Certificate: Robin Wilson – Riverview Café, Alderson
- \$25 Gift Certificate: Ricky D. Miller – Food & Friends, Lewisburg
- \$25 Gift Certificate: Kathleen Gladwell – Jim’s Drive-In, Lewisburg
- \$25 Gift Certificate: Ariel Bennett – Jim’s Drive-In, Lewisburg
- \$25 Gift Certificate: Rick Parker – Jim’s Drive-In, Lewisburg
- \$25 Cash: Brianne Williams – Kathy Keadle, Life & Health Insurance, Alderson
- \$25 Cash: Autumn Kirk – Kathy Keadle, Life & Health Insurance, Alderson
- \$Last Duck – 4th of July T-Shirt: Todd Chandler – Alderson 4th of July Committee

## Sarah Louise Clonche

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### CLONCHE

Sarah Louise Clonche, 82, of White Sulphur Springs, WV went home to be with the Lord at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV, on Monday, July 5, 2021.

Born November 6, 1938, she was a daughter of the late Joe and Frances Campbell.

Sarah was a member of Wild Meadow Baptist Church, White Sulphur Springs, and was retired from The Greenbrier as a waitress after 20 years of service.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Clonche; two brothers, Joseph Campbell and Lonnie Campbell; sister, Helen Knighton; and a nephew, Justin Baker.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Billy Joe Clonche of White Sulphur Springs, WV; three sisters, Jo Ann Baker of White Sulphur Springs, WV, Geneva Thomas of Fayetteville, WV, and Ella Mae Graham (Donald) of Covington, VA; nephews, Donnie Graham, Delmas Graham, and Michael Baker; two great-nephews, Chase Graham and Jacob Graham.

Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at the chapel of Wallace & Wallace in White Sulphur Springs with Rev. Roger “Wahoo” McDaniel officiating. Burial will follow at Whatcoat Cemetery in White Sulphur Springs. Visitation will be from 12-1 p.m. at the church.

Pallbearers will be Donnie Graham, Delmas Graham, Michael Baker, Chase Graham, Ernest Wade, Curtis Reaser.

Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com).

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements.