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Alderson Town Council Sworn In

By by bobby bordelon | WVDN JUL 21, 2021



The swearing-in of town officers, the building next to Town Hall, and more were considered by the Alderson Town Council during their Thursday, July 8 meeting.

In the election held earlier this year, each of the current councilmembers ran unopposed, the town keeping its current leadership. Mayor Travis Copenhaver swore council back in.

“In front of you, you all have your oaths of office as well,” said Copenhaver. “They are all exactly the same. If you’ll raise your right hand.”

Each of the councilmembers raised their hand.

“Do you solemnly swear to uphold the oath of office, for the counties of Monroe and Greenbrier, town of Alderson, to execute the ordinances and code of the town, and you will faithfully perform those duties of office and continuous therein, to the best of your skill and judgment, so help you God.”

“I do,” said the council members.

Another expected to be sworn in was Frankie Jones as fire chief. Jones was approved with a unanimous vote from the Fire Department and Town Council approved his appointment. However, he was not able to be sworn in during the council meeting.

“I did not notify Frankie to be here, I kind of assumed he knew that the first meeting of council and I didn’t tell

him to come," Copenhaver said. "I have his oath of office in front of me, if council wants to affirm the fire department's vote, then I will swear him in, in his driveway, one morning when I see him. We can do the oath later, that doesn't have to be here."

The locked building next to Town Hall will remain for now, pending Town Council and Joe Alderson's ongoing conversations.

Last year the building was scheduled to be torn down for free by the National Guard. However, a proposal from Joe and Sarah Alderson to preserve the building got it pulled from the demolition list.

"The city bought the property and the plans then were to rehab the building for a police department," Copenhaver explained. "We found out then that grant funding was not available to rehab that building. Then the asbestos came into play. There was a plan at one point to tear it down and seek USDA funding for the building of a modern police department. That went by the wayside. When we had the opportunity to tear it down and not cost us anything. That brings us to where we are right now. Council voted to stop the process of tearing it down a year ago based on your plan."

Town Council gave Alderson a year to work on the project, which included rehabilitating the building and possibly moving it. Alderson explained roof repairs are in the works, but COVID-19 and other troubles have complicated the timeline of the repairs. In addition, lack of grant funding has made it difficult to continue working on the building without him putting funds directly into the project, something he doesn't want to do without owning the structure.

"My question, Joe, is what's your main intent? What are you trying to see as a result of this project?" Copenhaver asked.

"I want to make it a viable business location," Alderson said.

"So if you don't own the building, then you don't intend to do that, is that fair?"

"Then I would not be putting my own money into it. I could help with trying to obtain funds for [that] but the plan I have so far is based on my own personal funding."

If the town decides to sell the building, it would go through a bidding process. However, if the town is able to successfully enroll in the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Program, something the town is currently attempting, it would also allow for a direct sale of property for fair market value. The town could demolish the building or rehabilitate it with its own funds, the funds collected from rent going into the town's budget.

The issue will be considered once again next month after Councilmember Doris Kasley has more time to look into the city's options.

Copenhaver also noted the building should not be entered due to asbestos.

"The building has to be [sectioned] back off with tape," Copenhaver said. "It has to be ... wrapped with that tape that says it's got asbestos because that's a violation. ... They also have to make sure the windows that are not covered, stay covered with plywood."

In other business:

— Councilmember Ruthie Allen said "I would like to say something about the grocery store efforts. They're not

great. I haven't had any response from the people I've emailed and called." One organization stated the population and space were inhibiting factors to opening a store. ... I think our biggest issue is the location."

— Last month, Copenhaver explained that the funds from a \$50,000 USDA grant had not yet arrived, resulting in the town not paying Greenbrier Motors. However, Copenhaver celebrated this month, saying "there are two new police cars that are in the fleet. I'll tell you now, our elected delegation at the federal level did, within a few days, help us to resolve some issues that were holding up funds. We were able to pay [for the vehicles] without coming back and begging you guys to go to the bank. Those vehicles are here and are paid for as part of a grant."

— Chief of Police Rusty Byer Jr. noted the abatement process, said "we're working on those. I've had a pretty good response from people. I've got probably about seven or eight letters from people asking for more time to fix their issues. I've got one guy in the process of selling the property. We're working on it, it's taking some time."

State Fair

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Brenda Hunt and Chris Altizer at the WV State Fair Box office, working quickly handling all of the event tickets

Photo by Scot Refsland

Dear Abby: Woman Continues To Hide Ex's Double Life

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN JUL 21, 2021

Dear Abby: I broke up with my boyfriend a few months ago, but I'm still having a difficult time getting over him. I discovered he was responding to sexual messages from men and sending them pictures of himself, including his body parts. I feel this is the biggest betrayal any woman could experience, and keeping the truth from our mutual friends has been difficult. When people ask me what caused the breakup, I have to deny the truth and tell them we just grew apart. Now I wonder if he ever loved me or was he just using me because I was the breadwinner while he stayed home. I keep wondering if all those times he claimed to be at the gym was he really there? Please help me. — **Broken Dignity in California**

Dear Broken: That your boyfriend wasn't honest about the fact that he was bisexual and unfaithful was, indeed, a betrayal. I also agree that all those times he claimed to be "at the gym" he was likely WITH "Jim." That you supported him financially while he involved himself with others — regardless of their gender — was another betrayal. You should be on your knees thanking your higher power you learned what was going on before you wasted more time (or money) on him. Quit covering for him by lying to your friends about what happened. You are not the first woman to fall for a cheater and you won't be the last.

P.S. If you haven't already contacted your doctor to be tested for STDs, the time is now.

Dear Abby: A close friend of mine hadn't been feeling well. After seeing her doctor for a full day of tests she met up with me, and I listened to her concerns. Before I could stop myself, I blurted out, "God, I hope you don't have cancer!" She became very upset because of my comment and made me feel guilty for even mentioning it. While I meant my remark to be more caring than callous, it backfired. With cancer so prevalent in today's society, when is it OK to talk about it? Is it something we tiptoe around and discuss only after a full diagnosis? I regret my words and need to know how I can become a more caring, supportive friend. — **Oops, in Florida**

Dear Oops: Cancer, like other illnesses that can be fatal, should be discussed when and if the person has the diagnosis, reveals it AND FEELS THE NEED TO DISCUSS IT.

Dear Abby: I have been married to a wonderful man for 46 years. The only disagreement we have had during all this time is my hairstyle. Growing up, I had curly (kinky) hair, for which I was bullied and teased. I feel secure and safe when I straighten it. He loves it curly. I feel insecure and sad when I try to make him happy. Because I feel so much better with straight hair, I don't think I can honor his wishes. To some people, this may seem trivial, but it's a major issue in our home. I would appreciate your advice. — **Hair-Don't Out West**

Dear Hair-Don't: My advice is, to thine own self be true. If you feel depressed and insecure with curly hair, then you should not feel forced to wear it that way. It's your head and your feelings, and your husband will have to adjust and accept it.

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WVSOM Professor Writes Textbook of Muscle and Bone

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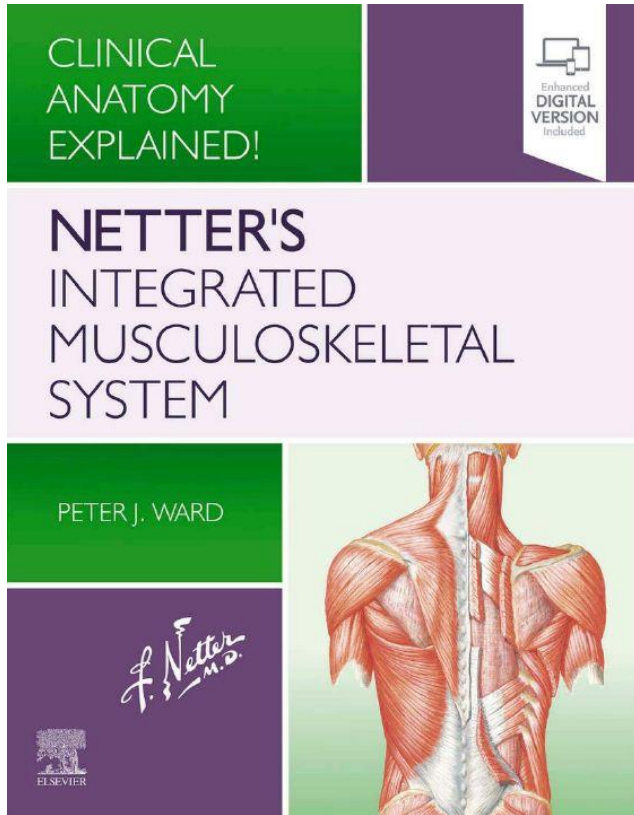


Local professor Peter Ward has now literally written the book on muscle and bone anatomy and physiology.

Netter's Integrated Musculoskeletal System: Clinical Anatomy Explained takes a holistic approach to learning about the musculoskeletal system. While working as a professor at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM), Ward first had the idea for this type of book eight years ago, but didn't start writing until about two years previously.

"A lot of medical schools are switching up their curricula to not be based around topic areas, like physiology or pharmacology, but to be more systems based content," Ward said. "This is meant to fill a gap because there's almost no textbooks that cover multiple topic areas in relation to one system. ... Hopefully, if places adopt it, it'll provide a continuous narrative, so students get one voice. ... [Professors at WVSOM used to] tell people to 'go read this anatomy book for this stuff', then 'go read the histology book for this stuff.' ... The plan is that this will simplify where they are going for their information and create a single voice, which I hope is

comprehensible and pleasant, as pleasant as a textbook can be.”



The textbook's front cover

This is a prime reason for the holistic system approach Ward used in writing the textbook, cutting down the number of textbooks WVSOM and other medical school students need to purchase.

“It’s meant to be a spiral approach that lets you, theoretically, start with zero knowledge of anatomy and still read this entire textbook,” Ward explained. “It would be [difficult], like reading Proust or Hegel, but you could still do it if you really set yourself to it. ... it doesn’t just talk about anatomy in terms of the bones and muscles, it’s looking at the musculoskeletal system at all levels. Starting with the gross anatomy, which is the stuff you can see, then the microanatomy, the cells and the tissues, then we go into the physiology and the biochemistry and how the molecules allow for muscular contraction to happen. We then jump to embryology and neuroscience related to the system. Then we finish off with four dense chapters on each body region — the back, upper level and lower level torso.”

When COVID-19 shutdowns began, Ward was already in semi-isolation, working on the textbook. The lockdown restrictions gave him more time to work on the later chapters. Ward noted he often kept a stack of reference books nearby as he wrote, with three typically spread out across the workspace, compiling the structural and functional information about each muscle and bone anatomy, histology, embryology, physiology, and biochemistry together into one place.

“Nobody is trained as a musculoskeletal-ologist, you’re an anatomist or a physiologist or a pharmacologist,” Ward said. “I teach martial arts and that’s just another way to study anatomy — I’ve just always loved the musculoskeletal system.”

As he selected medical illustrations, Ward was approached to use the Netter name for the textbook, an established name in the textbook community.

“The medical illustrator whose images I’m using is a guy named Frank Netter. He passed away quite a while ago,” Ward explained. “He’s a very famous medical illustrator ... people are going to buy Netter books just because of the name. [When I was offered to use the name], they didn’t have to try very hard to talk me into it. There’s another artist named Carlos Machado that does updated illustrations in that style and he’s just a phenomenal illustrator.”

The book also features an index of word roots, such as kypho, a Greek word that refers to a specific spiral curvature, allowing students to break down long medical words into their basic parts. There’s also an index for anatomical structures with two names, such as myelin-sheath gaps, a name that describes what the structures are, also being called the Nodes of Ranvier, named after researcher Louis-Antoine Ranvier in the 19th Century.

The second half of the title, Clinical Anatomy Explained, is the name of Ward’s Youtube channel, covering exactly what it claims to cover. Ward noted his publisher had the idea and he enthusiastically agreed.

Ward also thanked the publisher, his family, and everyone who provided him a hand during the writing process. This includes WVSOM, which he noted helped make the textbook happen on the legal end.

With the book now in print, he can take a break from writing, then could eventually integrate feedback into a Second Edition.

“Academics being academics, I’m prepping myself for slightly brutal criticism and well-meaning, constructive feedback,” Ward said. “Either way, it’ll make it better when it’s done. ... One of the nice things about textbooks is that it’s anticipated that they’ll be changed. You’ll get a second and third edition, so I can only make it better as time goes by.”



Dr. Peter Ward

Joking that if he gets “amnesia and forgets what an ordeal it was to write” the textbook, other bodily systems might eventually get the same treatment.

Netter’s Integrated Musculoskeletal System: Clinical Anatomy Explained! is available digitally now, with a print version available starting August 6.

Lions Club Honors Scholarship Winners

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The Lewisburg Lions Club held its summer picnic meeting on July 13 at the Hollowell picnic pavilion. The Club honors two high school seniors each year with a \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester) each from both the J. Bright Hern Scholarship Foundation and The Lewisburg Lions Club Scholarship Foundation. Our awardees this year were Ms. Kendra Goeddert and Ms. Azjah Woods. Kendra will be attending West Virginia Wesleyan majoring in sociology and marketing. Azjah will be attending West Virginia University majoring in nursing. Both of these young ladies ranked very high in their class and will, no doubt, be very successful in their academic endeavors. The Club is very proud to honor these great students.

Energy Express Provides Community Service

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The Renick Freedom Celebration was held at Renick Park on Saturday, June 26. Members of the Frankford Elementary Energy Express site were on hand early to help set up tents, tables, and more for the event. The members walked the parade route and distributed American flags for the onlookers to wave. Site members, Karla Workman, Caitlynne Price, Lauren Quick, Hallie Grim, and Jessica Kellison, as well as volunteers from the site, Hannah Workman, Haley Workman, Alanna Johnson, and Madeline Johnson, also worked with children in an arts and crafts area. Children were able to paint pottery and create sand art items they could take home to display.

Energy Express is a six-week summer reading and nutrition program through West Virginia University Extension Service. Children enrolled in the program receive free lunch and breakfast every day. They also participate in a read-aloud with a graphic organizer activity as well as writing, art, and vocabulary activities daily. Each child also receives one-on-one reading with Energy Express team members or volunteers from the community.

Raleigh County Commission Asked To Help Fund Just For Kids, Agrees To Purchase New Voting Machines

By autumn shelton | WVDN JUL 21, 2021

Due to a proposed decrease in funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act, the Just For Kids Child Advocacy Center in Beckley has asked Raleigh County Commissioners for financial assistance.

Scott Miller, executive director at Just For Kids, asked commissioners at their recent meeting for \$30,000 a year for the next two years. He said he hopes to receive this funding through the American Rescue Plan Act.

“In the last five years, we have worked with over 900 children, and their non-offending family members, who have been sexually abused, physically abused, have been witnesses to violent crimes, or who have been criminally neglected,” Miller said. “This is all in Raleigh County.”

The center works with law enforcement, child protective services, the prosecutor’s office and other local

organizations to provide essential services to child victims, he continued. The nine employees of Just For Kids provide child advocacy, forensic interviews, counseling and outreach to provide the best possible outcomes for those served.

Just For Kids relies on private funding, donations and state and federal grants to provide these services, Miller stated. Due to the pandemic, finding adequate funding has been difficult.

“No other organization in the county does what we do,” Miller noted.

Commissioners decided to take the request under advisement until their next meeting. If they decide to provide the requested funding to Just For Kids, it would amount to just 10% of the anticipated yearly loss of \$300,000 federal funding.

In other commission business,

- Commissioners agreed to purchase 350 new voting machines for the county. The total cost for the machines will be \$1,582,520 after the trade-in of old machines for \$380,755. The county must make a \$400,000 down payment and make yearly payments of roughly \$280,000 for the next four years.

“It’s a major thing for us,” said County Administrator Jay Quesenberry after the meeting. “The voting machines will provide stronger security and integrity and basically improve our ability to make voting safer”;

- Commissioners selected Gary R. Hall as right-of-way negotiator for the Piney View/Batoff Mountain sewer project. They also named the law firm Spilman Thomas and Battle as bond attorney; Rist Huggins and Associates as project attorney, and Lowe & Associates for accounting services;

- Commissioners approved a \$67,852.53 drawdown for the White Oak Water Project from Cool Ridge to the Summers County line;

- Commissioners approved the issuance of lease revenue bonds for the new Raleigh County Sheriff’s building at 308 New Payne Drive.

The Raleigh County Commission will be holding a special meeting on July 23, at 2 p.m. to discuss the employment of two new deputy sheriffs, Nathan Traybor and Brandon Toler.

\$26B Opioid Settlement Not The End

By jaine schmidt wyatt | WVDN JUL 21, 2021



BY JULIE CARR SMYTH and GEOFF MULVIHILL / AP

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A \$26 billion settlement between the three biggest U.S. drug distribution companies and drugmaker Johnson & Johnson and thousands of states and municipalities that sued over the toll of the opioid crisis is certainly significant — but it is far from tying a neat bow on the tangle of still unresolved lawsuits surrounding the epidemic.

Besides the monthslong process of state and local governments deciding whether to sign onto the settlement, there are three current cases in the U.S., others set to begin soon and the bankruptcy of OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma to resolve.

Here's a look at other legal proceedings across the nation:

OPIOID TRIALS ARE HAPPENING NOW. DOES THIS END THEM?

The three opioid trials happening already are expected to continue, but one of them will be a lot different.

That's New York. Unlike other states, it reached a deal on its portion of the settlements.

Johnson & Johnson agreed to pay \$230 million last month just before the trial began. And Tuesday, the drug distribution companies AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson agreed to pay a total of more than \$1.1 billion.

Those companies were all dropped immediately from the case. But the trial is continuing against Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Endo International and AbbVie, Inc.

Two other trials are also expected to continue.

In West Virginia, a trial of claims brought by the city of Huntington and surrounding Cabell County against the nation's three largest opioid distributors is scheduled to wrap up next week.

Because the new settlement will not be finalized before closing arguments, proceedings are expected to move forward as planned.

Meanwhile, several California counties — including populous Los Angeles, Orange and Santa Clara — and the city of Oakland went to trial in April in a case alleging four drugmakers were complicit in the U.S. opioid

epidemic through the use of deceptive marketing and soft-peddling the painkillers' addictive aspect. It has been a virtual, nonjury trial.

The municipalities seek \$50 billion from Johnson & Johnson, Teva, Endo and AbbVie to cover the costs of remedying the epidemic's fallout, as well as penalties.

That trial is continuing.

WHAT ABOUT PURDUE PHARMA, THE COMPANY MOST CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH OPIOIDS?

This deal doesn't directly affect Purdue's situation. But the company is getting closer to a settlement itself. Purdue, the maker of OxyContin, is in bankruptcy court to settle the lawsuits it faces. Its plan calls for the Connecticut-based firm to transform into a business with profits used to fight the opioid crisis. And members of the Sackler family who own the company have agreed to give up not only the company but also control of \$4.5 billion over time in a deal the company says could be worth \$10 billion.

This month, it reached a breakthrough when a group of states that had opposed the plan agreed to support it. A judge will decide after a hearing scheduled for Aug. 9 whether to accept the deal.

While lawyers for most state and local governments are now on board, the proposal does face opposition from a handful of remaining states, as well as from the U.S. bankruptcy trustee, a group of Native American tribes and some individual victims, who all say it does not hold Sackler family members accountable.

WHAT ABOUT FUTURE CASES?

None will be derailed immediately by Tuesday's news, though it's likely that a lot fewer opioid cases will go to trial eventually than otherwise would have.

Some of the next cases include one in Tennessee where a judge issued a default judgment against Endo Pharmaceuticals and its attorneys this spring for engaging in a "coordinated strategy" to delay proceedings, deprive plaintiffs of information and interfere with the administration of justice.

The only issue there is what the damages are.

And a case of claims brought by the Ohio counties of Lake and Trumbull against CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid, Walmart and Giant Eagle pharmacy chains is scheduled to start in October.

The pharmacies are not part of the settlement at hand and no case against them has been tried so far.

The two northeast Ohio counties' lawsuits against the chains were the first to target retail pharmacy chains as both distributors and dispensers of painkillers. The plaintiffs contend the chains' stores in the two counties bought a combined total of nearly 130 million oxycodone and hydrocodone pills — the most frequently diverted and abused painkillers — between 2000 and 2014. That would be roughly 266 pills for every Lake County resident and 320 pills for every Trumbull County resident during that 15-year period.

Other trials are on the calendar over the next year in Texas, California and Alaska.

Mulvihill reported from Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

4 companies on verge of settling US opioid lawsuits

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By GEOFF MULVIHILL Associated Press

The three biggest U.S. drug distribution companies and the drugmaker Johnson & Johnson are on the verge of a \$26 billion settlement covering thousands of lawsuits over the toll of opioids across the U.S., two people with knowledge of the plans told The Associated Press.

As a precursor to the bigger deal, New York reached an agreement Tuesday with the distribution companies

AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson to settle an ongoing trial in the state. That deal alone would generate more than \$1 billion to abate the damage done by opioids there. The trial is expected to continue, but the settlement leaves only three drug manufacturers as defendants.

“Today, we’re holding them accountable delivering more than \$1 billion more into New York communities ravaged by opioids for treatment, recovery, and prevention efforts,” New York Attorney General Letitia James said in a statement Tuesday.

The people who gave the AP details of the national settlement did so on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak as details are finalized.

Cardinal Health declined to comment early Tuesday, and the other distribution companies did not respond to requests for comment. But Johnson and Johnson reiterated in a statement that it’s prepared to contribute up to \$5 billion to the national settlement. The company settled with New York last month just before the trial there started. “There continues to be progress toward finalizing this agreement and we remain committed to providing certainty for involved parties and critical assistance for families and communities in need,” the company said. “The settlement is not an admission of liability or wrongdoing, and the Company will continue to defend against any litigation that the final agreement does not resolve.”

The distribution companies face thousands of similar legal claims from state and local governments across the country and have long been trying to settle them all. The New York deal would become a part of a national agreement if one can be struck this year.

The state and local governments say distribution companies did not have proper controls to flag or halt shipments to pharmacies that received outsized shares of powerful and addictive prescription painkillers. The companies have maintained that they were filling orders of legal drugs placed by doctors — so they shouldn’t shoulder blame for the nation’s addiction and overdose crisis.

An Associated Press analysis of federal distribution data found that enough prescription opioids were shipped in 2012 for every person in the U.S. to have a 20-day supply.

And opioids — including both prescription drugs and illegal ones like heroin and illicitly produced fentanyl — have been linked to more than 500,000 deaths in the U.S. since 2000.

Under the New York settlement, the three companies would provide more than \$1 billion to be used to abate the epidemic in the state. The money would be delivered in 18 annual payments, with the first one arriving this year.

The companies would also establish a national clearinghouse of data on opioid distribution, and the data would be monitored by an independent body. Johnson & Johnson would also agree not to produce any opioids for the next 10 years.

Including the New York case, there are currently three trials across the U.S. of government entities’ claims that companies should be held liable for the opioid crisis. One in California focuses solely on drugmakers, and one scheduled to wrap up this month in West Virginia aims only at distributors. That could be ended if a deal is reached.

Other cases are queued up to start. The only one of its kind to reach a verdict so far was two years ago in Oklahoma. There, a judge ordered Johnson & Johnson, the only company not to settle before that trial, to pay \$465 million. The company is appealing the judgement.

The New York case is the broadest one to go to trial so far — and the first with a jury deciding the case rather than only a judge.

Johnson & Johnson settled for \$230 million just before the case started. The remaining defendants are Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Endo International and AbbVie, Inc.

With so many cases approaching trial, there’s been a flurry of proposed or realized settlements over opioids. OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma declared bankruptcy as part of its effort to settle cases. It is proposing a reorganization that would use all future profits to fight the epidemic as part of a deal the company values at about \$10 billion over time. That plan will face some opposition at a confirmation hearing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court next month.

Stocks Regain Much Lost Ground

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BY DAMIAN J. TROISE / AP

Stocks jumped on Wall Street Tuesday as investors went back to buying following a rout the day before brought on by concerns about the spread of a more contagious variant of COVID-19.

The S&P 500 index was up 1.5% as of 1:43 p.m. Eastern., regaining most of the ground it lost from Monday's drop, its biggest since May.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 558 points, or 1.7%, to 34,521 and the Nasdaq composite was up 1.6%.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks outpaced the other major indexes with a 2.9% gain.

The sharp one-day rebound for the broader market shows yet again just how choppy trading has been as investors try to figure out the lingering virus' impact on inflation, the broader economy and businesses ranging from airlines to banks. The broader market has managed to keep gaining ground even with all the churn and the benchmark S&P 500 notched several records over the last few weeks.

The spread of the more contagious delta variant of COVID-19 has become a worry spot for investors and policymakers. The Centers for Disease Control has said an estimated 83% of cases in the U.S. are tied to the delta variant of the virus. While tens of millions of Americans have gotten vaccinated, there remains a significant percentage of Americans who are either reluctant or outright hostile to the idea of being vaccinated.

Los Angeles County last weekend reinstated an indoor mask mandate as the region's infection rate was climbing quickly yet again. Other parts of the country, like Southern Missouri, are flooded with COVID cases that are straining hospitals once again.

Bond yields fell sharply on Monday on fears that the strong economic recovery from the pandemic could be put at risk from additional lockdowns or coronavirus cases. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dipped as low as 1.14% early Tuesday, but has reversed course and is up to 1.21% from 1.18% the day before. Barely a week ago, the 10-year note was trading at a yield of 1.33%.

"We're seeing a more dramatic extension of what we experienced over the last couple of weeks, which is really the market searching for a narrative," said Yung-Yu Ma, chief investment strategist at BMO Wealth Management.

Investors are looking for whatever clues they can get to better gauge the continued trajectory of the economic recovery. Everything from comments from the Federal Reserve to outlooks from companies and economic data is being used to get a clearer picture of what the economy might look like throughout the rest of this year and into 2022.

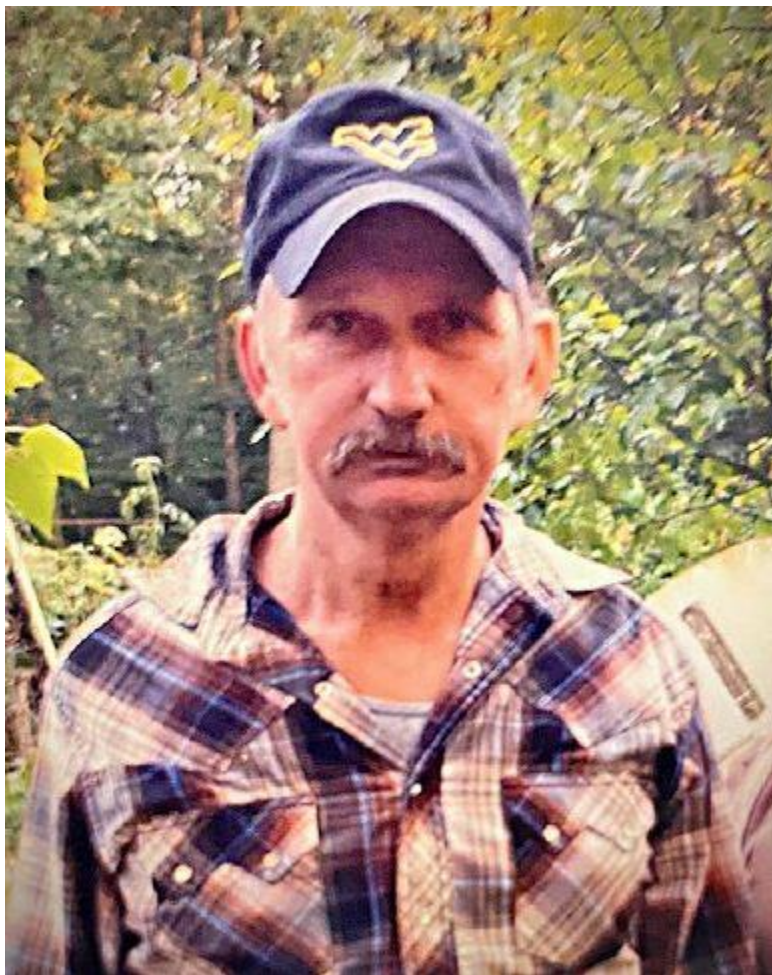
Wall Street is also in the midst of earnings reporting season. IBM rose 1% after the company reported better than expected revenue and profits, helped by its cloud computing business. Hospital operator HCA Healthcare jumped 14% after handily beating Wall Street's second-quarter profit and revenue forecasts.

Outside of earnings, drug distributors made some big moves following reports that they are on the verge of \$26 billion settlement over opioid lawsuits. AmerisourceBergen rose 3.7% and McKesson rose 2.9%.

Paint and coatings maker PPG Industries fell 4.6% after its second-quarter profit fell short of analysts' forecasts and it faces supply chain issues and higher raw materials prices.

John Wayne Biggs

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BIGGS

John Wayne Biggs of Neola, passed away Saturday, July 17th as a result of a car accident. He was 65 years old.

John is survived by his significant other, Rita Hull Spinks; father of Johnny Foster Biggs, Jason Roy Biggs, and Jennifer J. (Philip) Davis; grandfather of Jenna, Joshua, Jared, Josie, and Jaxson Biggs, Ethyn Biggs, Shae, Sky, and Kayla Davis; brother of Jane Marie Biggs (Butch), Judy Christine Biggs (Jimmie) Hammons, Justin "Joe" Nelson Biggs, Renata "Renaë" AnnTrainer (Slim), Rosa Ruth (Bobby) Trainer Osborne, Melvin Earl (Kim) Trainer, Florence "Flo" Mae Trainer (Bobby), and Michael "Ross" (Jaime VanHoy) Trainer; life-long friend of Pete and Betty Didawick. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, friends, and extended family.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Agnes Grace Bennett Trainer, Roy Echols Trainer, and Jack Nelson Biggs; siblings, Jackie "Sugar" Lee Biggs, Janet Grace Biggs, and Edward "Bimbo" William Bennett.

John was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He was a hard worker that you could count on to show up early and get the job done. He loved to ride and race horses. He was a very skilled horse trainer. He loved and cherished his dogs. He was very proud of his garden that he planted every year. He enjoyed being outdoors, hunting, fishing, and running his dogs. His favorite time of the year was 4th of July, where he hosted a cookout

and looked forward to spending time with his family and friends.

Visitation will be held Thursday, July 22, 2021 at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. A graveside service will follow at May Chapel Cemetery at 1 p.m.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com.

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