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Greenbrier Valley Airport Among Others To Receive American Rescue Funds

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Washington, DC - U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$3,259,485 from the American Rescue Plan for 10 West Virginia airports. This funding is distributed through the U.S. Department of Transportation to provide economic relief and increase safety precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The American Rescue Plan continues to provide critical relief to the Mountain State. This American Rescue Plan funding will help West Virginia’s regional airports keep passengers and staff safe as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Manchin. “Our regional airports are vital to West Virginia’s economy and serve as a gateway while also supporting the manufacturing industry in the Mountain State. As we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, I will continue to fight for funding that supports our regional airports while supporting economic development across the state.”

Individual awards are listed below:

- \$1,879,112 - Tri-State/Milton J Ferguson Field Airport
- \$1,063,373 - Greenbrier Valley Airport

- \$59,000 – Morgantown Municipal-Walter L Bill Hart Field Airport
- \$59,000 – Mercer County Airport
- \$59,000 – Wheeling Ohio County Airport
- \$32,000 – Eastern WV Regional/Shepherd Field Airport
- \$32,000 – Fairmont Municipal-Frankman Field Airport
- \$32,000 – Elkins-Randolph County-Jennings Randolph Field Airport
- \$22,000 – Upshur County Regional Airport
- \$22,000 – Appalachian Regional Airport

Dear Recycle Lady: Thursday, August 5

By dear recycle lady | WVDN AUG 05, 2021

Dear Recycle Lady,

What kind of plastic bags recycle? Must paper labels be removed?— **New to Plastic Bag Recycling**

Dear New to Plastic Bag Recycling,

Low-Density Polyethylene Plastic (LDPE), better known as #4 plastic, can be recycled. LDPE plastic is transparent and is used for items such as shrink wrap, frozen food bags, shopping bags, produce bags, dry cleaning bags, and Ziplock bags. Some recyclable plastic bags have a #4 inside the Recycle symbol stamped on them but none of the above do. According to <https://www.ecolife.com/recycling/plastic>, LDPE plastics are recycled into plastic lumber, shipping envelopes, paneling, and furniture, among other items. Before putting your plastic bags in the recycling bin be sure the bag is empty of labels or sales receipts, is clean and dry. Cut off any labels stuck on the plastic. Both Kroger and Walmart accept #4 plastic bags. Do not take these bags to the Recycling Center as they will contaminate an entire load of the other kinds of plastic.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I seem to be getting more and more junk mail these days? Can all of it be recycled with office paper? — **Hates Junk Mail**

Dear Hates Junk Mail,

Junk mail does seem to be on the increase and most of it goes to the landfill. However, junk mail can be recycled, and it is a source of revenue for the Recycling Center. If they are not made of colored paper, junk mail envelopes and their content can be recycled with office paper. Take all slicks and colored paper return envelopes out of the outer envelopes and place them in the magazine recycle bin. Address labels, plastic membership cards, and dark-colored paper must be removed before the remaining contents of the envelope can be recycled with office paper. The quickest way to remove these items is to slit the top of the envelope open, thumb through the contents and pull them out. (I highly recommend purchasing a letter opener, if

you don't have one.) Practice makes perfect and you will soon be able to identify and remove these items quickly.

Dear Recycle Lady,

The last time I was at the Recycle Center I noticed a chute made from a large pipe for recycling toothbrushes. What kind of toothbrushes can be recycled? — **Surprised**

Dear Surprised,

Any kind of non-battery-operated toothbrush can be recycled. Colgate Oral B has partnered with TerraCycle to recycle "all brands of used toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothpaste cartons, toothbrush outer packaging, and floss containers." According to their information, you don't need to clean the items, but you should remove as much of the product as possible, for example, remaining toothpaste. Be sure your items are dry. When the Recycling Center has collected a good-size number of oral use items, TerraCycle sends the Center a prepaid shipping label. Upon receipt of the items, TerraCycle cleans and melts them into a hard plastic that is used to make new products.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center at recycle@greenbrier-swa.com and Greenworks Recycling at info@greenworksrecycling.com.

Adopt A Cop Returning To Greenbrier County, Event Planned For Saturday

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It's no secret that being a law enforcement officer is a tough job. The long hours, the stress, the life or death decisions and being the person that everyone needs, but no one wants to see, is enough to affect even the most seasoned officer. Luckily, in Greenbrier County, those in law enforcement have the support of the community and the support of two ladies who have decided to adopt them out to caring individuals who wish to show their appreciation.

Brittany Ennis and Jamie Baker founded the Greenbrier County Adopt a Cop program in September 2020. According to Ennis, the decision to start this program came about following the recent shift in public perception of law enforcement. This, combined with their experiences working with those in law enforcement and having family members in law enforcement, made them the perfect candidates to start a program like Adopt a Cop.

"We wanted to show the officers that they are still loved and supported throughout the community," Ennis said. "They do so much to help and protect us and it's time we give back to them."

To raise money for that first Adopt a Cop, Ennis said that an adoption fee was set up for every state, county, municipal and DNR officer countywide (85 total) and five K9 officers.

"Within three days they were all adopted and some of them were even adopted twice," Ennis said.

A little over \$4,000 was raised in just over two months and volunteers donated their time and supplies to provide the officers with handcrafted and store-bought presents that were delivered just before Christmas.

"We made them personalized signs with their last name on them in the thin blue line. People throughout the

community made goodie bags with baked items like cookies and Gatorade.”

She said that bigger organizations donated items as well and she was able to buy a \$50 gift card to Park Center Sporting Goods in Rainelle for each officer. For K9 officers, Rural King donated five bags of dog food and each K9 received a personalized water bowl.

This display of kindness was well-received throughout the law enforcement community.

Greenbrier County Sheriff Bruce Sloan said that he was grateful for the gifts he received and for his adopter last year.

“It was a gratifying feeling,” Sloan said. “I think that’s the way most officers felt. People don’t go into law enforcement, or any first responder role, for the accolades or acknowledgment. They do it for service. But it’s always nice when people acknowledge what you do, or express appreciation.”

He noted that there has been a nationwide shift in how officers are viewed and there have been some isolated incidents where local officers have felt that shift. However, for the most part, Sloan said that the Greenbrier County community is still respectful.

“We are fortunate to live in the area we are in,” Sloan said. “I think that anytime you bring awareness to anything, whatever it might be, is always a positive. The Adopt a Cop program is positive and I think it educates the public. We can see what is happening in other parts of the country, so it doesn’t happen here.”

He added that the hardest part of the job for him is the limitations placed on those in law enforcement.

“There are times when we are limited in some instances in what we can do for people and in what we are legally allowed to do,” Sloan said. “When you can’t provide or always meet the needs of people it’s hard. We want to fulfill those needs, but just cannot always do that.”

For this reason, and others, Sloan said that all first responders are in challenging positions. So, community support is always appreciated.

“Officers are human like everyone else and anytime you get someone who expresses their appreciation or does something special like this, it means a lot,” Sloan said.

Lewisburg Police Department Chief Chris Teubert shared that he and his officers enjoyed the Adopt a Cop program last year and look forward to the program making a return this year.

“It was very much appreciated by every one of our officers,” he said of Adopt a Cop.

For him, the hardest part of the job is wanting to help people who struggle with issues like drug abuse but just cannot break the cycle.

“We see a lot of the negative things that society has to offer on a daily basis, but programs, like Adopt a Cop, shows us that we are supported in what we do,” Teubert said.

He noted that he placed the personalized sign he received last year in his office where he can see it every day. It serves as a reminder that even though officers nationwide are not receiving as much support as they once did, his community is still very supportive.

Following the success of the first Greenbrier County Adopt a Cop, Ennis and Baker plan to once again provide this program and are gearing up to make it happen.

On Saturday, August 7, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. those with the Adopt a Cop program will be hosting a fundraiser and car show featuring the Shade Tree Car Club at the Ronceverte Island Park in Ronceverte. There is a \$15 fee for vehicle registration with all proceeds going toward the program. Slots are still available for those who wish to show their car, truck or motorcycle at the event, Ennis said. Participants can bring their vehicle to the Island Park that day from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and pay the registration fee to participate.

There will be various family-friendly activities during the car show and t-shirts supporting law enforcement will be for sale. The event is free to the public. Additionally, Ennis will soon begin taking adoption fees and donations to provide officers with gifts once again. She will be on-hand at the event for anyone who wishes to ask questions or receive additional information.

"This is just a Greenbrier County thing for now, but it may go bigger," Ennis said. She added that she hopes to make this program statewide in the future.

For those who cannot make it to the car show, but would like more information or wish to Adopt a Cop, visit "Greenbrier County Adopt a Cop" on Facebook. Ennis said that she does not post the names of officers online, but a private message request will allow adopters to select the officer of their choice.

For those who do not use Facebook, they may call Ennis at 304-667-1417.

Greenbrier Valley Theatre Channels Feel-Good Nostalgia With Its Upcoming Production

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Miss Daisy and Hoke will have driven off by the time that Greenbrier Valley Theatre opens its second production of the 2021 season. Five women will now take the stage and transport the theatre back to the 1960s with their performance in "SHOUT! The Mod Musical." "SHOUT!" opened off-Broadway in 2004, nearly 30 - 40 years after most of the hit songs that are featured in the musical were released.

"There's a lot of nostalgia, but there's also a lot of entertainment," said Matthew Scott Campbell, the producing artistic director of the theatre. Featuring songs such as "Downtown," "These Boots Are Made for Walking," "Goin' Back," and of course "Shout!," this show will have audience members grooving in their seats and feeling the urge to sing along.

Director Stephanie Harter Campbell loves jukebox musicals and is excited to create a "rock concert" feeling as well as to have an all-female cast featured on-stage. The production was cast from all around the country and will feature a mix of talent who has performed at GVT in the past, alongside others who will be making their debut.

Patrick Summers, Lexington VA native, will head the music direction. Summers will be working with a mix of musicians that will feature some recognizable GVT talent, as well as first-time musicians to the theatre.

One of the goals of the organization as they re-opened their doors after a prolonged closure was to be both comfortable and safe, but also to produce work that was comforting to audience members. "SHOUT! has a lot of music that is popular throughout the ages," said Harter Campbell. "It's an evening of fun and great music."

The production team has been hard at work creating an authentic 1960s–1970s atmosphere for the show. From vintage costumes — each revolving around a specific color, to the lighting, and the set design. Inspiration has been drawn from famous wardrobe designers, vintage photographs, and other iconic moments to help fully immerse everyone into the times.

Combine the voices, tunes, costumes, lights and “SHOUT!” will be sure to take you back to the “Swinging Sixties.” Still, songs featured in the show have lived on well into today’s pop culture and will be familiar to audience members who used to put a dime in the jukebox, as well as those who scroll through their digital music.

As the theatre continues to re-open, guidelines will continue to change as well. The theatre will make sure to make them readily available to audience members as soon as they are set.

“SHOUT!” opens Aug. 20 and runs through Sept. 4. Tickets are \$30 for general seating, \$27 for senior citizens age 60 and above, and \$20 for students. “SHOUT!” does contain some mature themes. Tickets are available online at the theatre’s website: www.gvtheatre.org or by calling the box office at (304) 645-3838

American Legion Greenbrier Post 26 News

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On Aug. 31, a new school season is set to begin. Even with the insidious prevailing pandemic and its emerging threatening variants looms like a predacious killer on the outskirts of our community, there is an air of excitement and anticipation for a new and exciting return to “normal.” Students are all anticipating the return to the classroom, a return to an active sports schedule, a return to the many clubs and outside activities such as dance schools or drama. Students stand on the fringes anticipating and anxious. The threat of another year of cancelations still threatens.

Our professional teachers deal with the same anticipation but with a guarded and protected shield. The past year has hit them with double blows and the new normal is being cautiously examined.

The American Legion Greenbrier Post 26 Ronceverte is also anticipating a return to normal. Annual Post 26 visits each of our county’s 5th-grade elementary schools and presents the flag etiquette program. “We also love to give awards to students for their outstanding quality of character in the areas of leadership; honor, integrity, helpfulness, patriotism and service, qualities sometimes overlooked by those achieving a high GPA (which is also very important).”

Post 26 recruits young men of character and a 3.0 GPA for Mountaineer Boys State Camp at Jackson Mills. Two sessions of Mountaineer Boys State Camp have been canceled because of the insidious pandemic enemy. This year Post 26 is looking for a bumper crop of young men to attend from Greenbrier County.

Another activity the American Legion Greenbrier Post 26 Ronceverte is looking forward to is a return of the scholarship awards program with the Oratorical Contest.

Also, Legion members love working with, in whatever way possible, the JROTC from both East and West high schools. The JROTC is always available to lend a helping hand to Post 26 during the Memorial weekend each year helping Post 26 to place flags on deceased comrades’ graves in 14 cemeteries within the county.

“We will be conducting our first gathering activity on September 11 for our annual Flag Disposal Ceremony. Our beloved and honorable American Flag is disposed of in a dignified and respectful method. The public will be invited to participate in this activity also. More information will be forthcoming.”

Students, parents, teachers, the American Legion, and many, many more organizations look forward to the new and exciting school season.

Employers Increase Pressure On Unvaccinated Workers

By by alexandra olson ap business writer | WVDN AUG 05, 2021



NEW YORK (AP) — Employers are losing patience with unvaccinated workers.

For months, most employers relied on information campaigns, bonuses and other incentives to encourage their workforces to get the COVID-19 shot. Now, a growing number are imposing rules to make it more onerous for employees to refuse, from outright mandates to requiring the unvaccinated to undergo regular testing.

Among employers getting tougher are the federal government, the state governments of California and New York, tech giants Google and Facebook, the Walt Disney Co. and the NFL. Some hospitals, universities, restaurants, bars and other entertainment venues have also started requiring vaccines.

But the new measures are unlikely to affect many of the millions of unvaccinated Americans.

Many of the companies that are requiring shots have mostly office workers who are already largely vaccinated and are reluctant to work alongside those who aren't.

In contrast, major companies that rely on low-income blue-collar workers — food manufacturers, warehouses, supermarkets and other store chains — are shying away from mandates for fear of driving away employees and worsening the labor shortages such businesses are facing.

Tyson Foods, for instance, said about half of its U.S. workforce — 56,000 employees — has received shots after the meat and poultry processor hosted more than 100 vaccination events since February. But the company said it has no plans to impose a mandate to reach the other half.

Walmart and Amazon, the country's two largest private employers, have also declined to require its hourly workers to get vaccinated, continuing to rely on strategies such as bonuses and onsite access to shots. But in a potentially powerful signal, Walmart said employees at its headquarters will be required to get vaccinated by Oct. 4.

The biggest precedent so far has come from the federal government, the nation's largest employer. President Joe Biden announced last week that all federal employees and contractors must get vaccinated or put up with weekly testing and lose privileges such as official travel.

The federal government has said it will cover the costs of the weekly tests. As for other employers, insurance may pay for such testing at some workplaces but not others.

Biden's decision could embolden other employers by signaling they would be on solid legal ground to impose similar rules, said Brian Kropp, chief of research at consulting firm Gartner's human resources practice. But Kropp said some companies face complicated considerations that go beyond legalities, including deep resistance to vaccines in many states where they operate.

Retailers like Walmart might have a hard time justifying vaccine requirements for their workers while allowing shoppers to remain unvaccinated, Kropp added. Stores have mostly avoided vaccine requirements for customers for fear of alienating them and because of the difficulty in trying to verify their status.

In surveys by Gartner, fewer than 10% of employers have said they intend to require all employees to be vaccinated.

But a shift is building amid frustration over plateauing vaccination rates and alarm over the spread of the more contagious delta variant.

On Monday, the U.S. finally reached Biden's goal of dispensing at least one shot to 70% of American adults — but a month late and amid a fierce surge that is driving hospital caseloads in some places to their highest levels since the outbreak began. The president had hoped to reach his target by the Fourth of July.

The Union Square Hospitality Group, a group of New York City restaurants and bars founded by Danny Meyer, is now requiring employees and customers to be vaccinated by Sept. 7.

The San Francisco Bar Owner Alliance, a group of about 300 bars, made a similar decision following a meeting where "the thing that stood out was anger and frustration" toward vaccine holdouts, said founder Ben Bleiman.

While some companies fear vaccine mandates will drive workers away, the pandemic itself is also causing absenteeism. Bleiman said he recently had to close his bar for a night after his bartender, who was fully vaccinated, tested positive and a replacement couldn't be found.

Some employers are concluding that requiring vaccines is simpler than trying to come up with different rules on masks and social distancing for the small number of unvaccinated employees.

BlackRock, the global investment manager, is allowing only vaccinated workers into its U.S. offices for now and said people will be free to go maskless, as local health guidelines allow, and sit next to each other and congregate without restrictions. The firm said 85% of its U.S. employees are vaccinated or in the process of getting shots.

Matthew Putman, CEO of New York-based high-tech manufacturing hub Nanotronics, said he agonized over his decision to impose a vaccine mandate on his more than 100 employees. As it turned out, nearly all of them were already vaccinated, though he dreads the prospect of having to fire any holdouts.

"I hate the thought. But if it has to happen it has to happen," Putman said. "I lost a ton of sleep over this but not as much sleep as I've lost over the fear of infection."

Other mandates could provide a clearer test of the potential for employee backlash.

Hospitals and nursing home chains, for instance, are increasingly requiring the vaccine. So far, such mandates have survived legal challenges. More than 150 employees at a Houston hospital system who refused to get the COVID-19 shot were fired or resigned after a judge dismissed an employee lawsuit over the requirement. Atria Senior Living, which operates more than 200 senior living communities across the country, was among the first to mandate vaccines for its staff in January.

It worked. Nearly 99% of Atria's 10,000 employees are vaccinated, and only a tiny fraction quit over the requirement, said CEO and Chairman John Moore.

"Our residents deserve to live in a vaccinated environment. Our staff deserves to work in a vaccinated environment," Moore said.

Associated Press Business Writers Anne D'Innocenzio and Dee-Ann Durbin contributed to this story.

This year's summer of climate extremes hits wealthier places

By by seth borenstein and frank jordans associated press | WVDN AUG 05, 2021

As the world staggers through another summer of extreme weather, experts are noticing something different: 2021's onslaught is hitting harder and in places that have been spared global warming's wrath in the past. Wealthy countries such as the United States, Canada, Germany and Belgium are joining poorer and more vulnerable nations on a growing list of extreme weather events that scientists say have some connection to human-caused climate change.

"It is not only a poor country problem, it's now very obviously a rich county problem," said Debby Guha-Sapir, founder of the international disaster database at the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters at Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. "They (the rich) are getting whacked."

Killer floods hit China, but hundreds of people also drowned in parts of Germany and Belgium not used to being inundated. Canada and the Pacific Northwest of the U.S. had what climate scientist Zeke Hausfather called "scary" heat that soared well past triple digits in Fahrenheit and into high 40s in Celsius, shattering records and accompanied by unusual wildfires. Now southern Europe is seeing unprecedented heat and fire. And peak Atlantic hurricane and U.S. wildfire seasons are only just starting.

When what would become Hurricane Elsa formed on July 1, it broke last year's record for the earliest fifth named Atlantic storm. Colorado State University has already increased its forecast for the number of named Atlantic storms — and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will update its season outlook on Wednesday.

For fire season, the U.S. West is the driest it has been since 1580, based on soil moisture readings and tree ring records, setting the stage for worsening fires if something ignites them, said UCLA climate and fire scientist Park Williams.

What happens with U.S. hurricane and fire seasons drives the end-of-year statistics for total damage costs of weather disasters, said Ernst Rauch, chief climate and geoscientist for insurance giant Munich Re. But so far this year, he said, wealthier regions have seen the biggest economic losses.

But when poorer countries are hit, they are less prepared and their people can't use air conditioning or leave so there's more harm, said Hausfather, climate director of the Breakthrough Institute. While hundreds of people died in the Pacific Northwest heatwave, he said the number would have been a much higher in poor areas.

Madagascar, an island nation off East Africa, is in the middle of back-to-back droughts that the United Nations warns are pushing 400,000 people toward starvation.

Though it's too early to say the summer of 2021 will again break records for climate disasters, "We're certainly starting to see climate change push extreme events into new territories where they haven't been seen before," Hausfather said.

The number of weather, water and climate disasters so far this year is only slightly higher than the average of recent years, said disaster researcher Guha-Sapir. Her group's database, which she said still is missing quite a few events, shows 208 such disasters worldwide through July — about 11% more than the last decade's average, but a bit less than last year.

Last year, the record-shattering heat that came out of nowhere was in Siberia, where few people live, but this year it struck Portland, Oregon, and British Columbia, which gets more western media attention, Hausfather said.

What's happening is "partly an increase in the statistics of these extreme events, but also just that the steady drumbeat, the pile on year-on-year ... takes its cumulative toll on all of us who are reading these headlines" said Georgia Tech climate scientist Kim Cobb.

“This pattern of recent Northern Hemisphere summers has been really quite stark,” said University of Exeter climate scientist Peter Stott.

While overall temperature rise is “playing out exactly as we said 20 years ago, ... what we are seeing in terms of the heat waves and the floods is more extreme than we predicted back then,” Stott said.

Climate scientists say there is little doubt climate change from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas is driving extreme events.

Aside from dramatic floods and fires, heat waves are a major risk to prepare for in the future, Guha-Sapir said

“It’s going to be a very big deal in the Western countries because the most susceptible to sudden peaks of heat are older people. And the demographic profile of the people in Europe is very old,” she said. “Heat waves are going to be a real issue in the next few years.”

Borenstein reported from Kensington, Maryland, and Jordans reported from Berlin.

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