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Affordable Health Screenings Available

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Residents living in and around the Lewisburg area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. State Fair Event Center will host this community event on Sept. 15. The site is located at 947 Maplewood Avenue in Lewisburg.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health
- HDL and LDL Cholesterol Levels
- Diabetes risk
- Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis
- Kidney and thyroid function

Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available.

Consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Freshwater Folk Festival To Be Held At WSS Fish Hatchery

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On Saturday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Freshwater Folk Festival will take place at the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery! It'll be a day of fun for the whole family with live music by The Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys, Jim Snyder, and The Rust Brothers, plus food, crafts, exhibits and hands-on educational activities designed to foster understanding, appreciation and conservation of freshwater resources. It also celebrates the rich culture and natural history of WV.

Live music will kick off with The Rust Brothers at 10 a.m. The Rust Brothers are George Piasecki on bass, Jim Wright on guitar and vocals, and Bob Ducharme on vocals, guitar and guitjo. The Rust Brothers perform music ranging from oldies to folk and pop with a bit of rock'n roll and blues tossed in, and they do it in a back porch, good-time kind of way. As DuCharme says, "Fun first, and lastly!"

At 11 a.m., singer-songwriter Jim Snyder will take the stage. His music runs the gamut from folk, rock, and gospel to blues and bluegrass. Besides being a performing artist, he is also the director of the WV Winter Music Festival, the D Street Art & Music Series and Colesmouth Concerts. He'll be joined by bassist Bob Riggelman and percussionist Scott Logsdon.

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., legendary banjo player, Richard Hefner, will be onstage with his band, The Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys. Hefner is known for his high lonesome tenor, lead vocals and dynamic banjo style that is much like that of Ralph Stanley, Earl Scruggs and Don Reno. The band's fiddler, Blaine Sprouse, is one of the top fiddlers in the U.S. today. Sprouse began his career at the age of 17, playing with the "King of Bluegrass," Jimmy Martin. Since then, he has played and recorded with top Bluegrass artists including the Osborne Brothers, Bill Monroe, The Dreadful Snakes featuring Bela Fleck, Peter Rowan and many more.

Roy Moose from the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center will be there with his “Snakes of West Virginia.” Displays and demonstrations ranging from wildlife presentations and scientific phenomena to educational exhibits that celebrate the rich culture and natural history of West Virginia will be presented by groups such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hanging Rocks Raptor Observatory, the U.S. Forest Service, WVSOM students, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society, The Grotto, and the West Virginia Cave Conservancy. Tours of the fish hatchery will also be available.

Please join us on September 11 at the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery, 400 E Main Street, White Sulphur Springs, WV. Admission is free! For more info, call 304-646-0602 or visit www.freshwaterfolkfestival.org or Freshwater Folk Festival on Facebook.

City Nat. Welcomes New Staff To Kroger Branch

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City National Bank recently welcomed Erica Burns to the Fairlea Kroger office.

Erica has been with City National since 2015, transferring from City’s downtown Lewisburg branch. She is a graduate of New River Community and Technical College and lives in Ronceverte with her husband, Eric, two children, Kaizer and Jude, and two dogs, Chief and Kano.

WSS Council Considers Street Blockage

By by bobby bordelon | WVDN AUG 11, 2021



Work crews blocking Caldwell Drive were a main focus for White Sulphur Springs City Council on Monday, Aug. 10.

Heather Williams lives on Caldwell Drive, near the Schoolhouse Hotel project. The drive is a dead end, and Williams expressed frustration with crews blocking the street.

“We’re not maintaining proper access or proper safety to those homes,” Williams said. “There’s six homes up there, five of which have people in there. Part of the reason we choose that street is that it’s a quiet little spot but we’re right here in town. I feel like on any given day, if my house were to catch on fire, the fire department couldn’t get that truck up to my house. It’s a safety issue. ... When you have a bad day at work, we’ve all had that, and you’re so many feet from your house and they’re looking at you like ‘what’s your problem, go around.’ Go around where? You’ve completely blocked off the street, which is now Schoolhouse Way.”

Williams also explained the project is not the first to give her problems on Caldwell Drive.

“I’m not targeting the construction, it’s just coming to a head with the construction,” said Williams. “This has been going on since I moved up there seven years ago. It’s more than that. Before the civic center was up there and people would have church and would park straight in front of the road like it wasn’t a road. ... I live on a dead-end street. I don’t think I’m asking too much as a White Sulphur Springs citizen to get to and from my home.”

Mayor Bruce Bowling said he watched the street over the past week, after a phone call with Williams, and Monday was the only day there was any blockage.

“If we catch them, we’re going to shut them down,” Police Chief Scotty Teubert elaborated. “Today they were up there welding and I shut them down. We will continue to do that. ... I absolutely see your point. But in my mind, I’m thinking they’re going to be there until December, we’ve got to come up with a reasonable plan. You

all are going to be aggravated by traffic until then, but I will do my best, I promise.”

Teubert noted he would be speaking with the leadership of the Schoolhouse Hotel project, keeping the contractors out of the way. This includes Wells Friedman, project manager for the Schoolhouse Hotel.

“We are a part of this community and we will do all we can to not block access in the future,” Friedman told The West Virginia Daily News. “Please have patience and work with us. We apologize for causing any inconvenience.”



White Sulphur Springs City Council, with the new fire engine visible in the window.

In other business:

- Water infrastructure work on Church Street and Big Draft Road has met two different fates, explained Ed Robinson of E.L Robinson Engineering. On Church Street, work is progressing well “around the turn,” but the contractor for Big Draft Road is currently unable to get the necessary materials. Robinson said, “this is not the only project that has fallen to this fate, there are many across the state.”
- The July Volunteer Fire Department report notes there were three motor vehicle accidents with no injury, four automatic fire alarms, three motor vehicle accidents with injury, three helicopter landing zones, two motor vehicle fires, one service call, one electric line down, one illegal burn, one hazmat incident, and one camper fire. In addition, Fire Chief Brian Doolin highlighted the department’s new fire engine, visible just outside the window.
- The July Police Department report notes there were 68 calls for service, including 14 written citations, 17 total charges, eight drug charges, five written warnings, 15 total arrests, four traffic crashes, three funeral details, four domestic calls, and 18 building checks.
- A franchise agreement between the city and Suddenlink was tabled to be considered next month.
- Councilmember Mark Gillespie noted White Sulphur Springs would have more of a presence in the upcoming Greenbrier County Convention and Visitors Bureau guide, marketed primarily as a place for outdoor adventures. He said, “they’re really supporting us.”

- Author's note - Friedman is a relative of the writer.

Sprouting Farms Offers Mobile Farmers Market

By by rebecca stalnaker | WVDN AUG 11, 2021

Sprouting Farms in Talcott, West Virginia is providing a Mobile Farmers Market to surrounding areas. During the summer months, farmers' markets always take place in various communities. However, not everyone can enjoy those markets because of time constraints, other obligations and a whole host of other reasons. Sprouting Farms is offering additional opportunities to the communities of Summers and Monroe County to get fresh fruit and vegetables.

For residents of Monroe County, the farm will be set up every Wednesday at two locations. From 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., they will be at the Senior Center in Lindside. Between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m., they will be at Farm Kitchen in Greenville. Sprouting Farms does accept Senior Vouchers as well as offers senior discounts. They also offer the SNAP Stretch program that allows those paying with SNAP to stretch their budget. Adults receive 50% off, seniors 67%, an adult with children also gets 67% and a senior with children gets 75%.

Residents of Summers County can check out the Mobile Farmers Market every other Friday beginning Aug. 13. The farm will be set up at two different locations in the county. From noon until 2 p.m. the market will be at Summers County Council on Aging and between 3 and 5 p.m. it will be at the Hilldale Dollar General. The same SNAP Stretch program will be offered and Senior Vouchers will be accepted.

Anyone who is still unable to attend the market has two other options. Sprouting Farms is open on-site Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. The second option is to order the produce online at www.turnrow.localfoodmarketplace.com. Online orders begin every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.

For more information, visit Sprouting Farms' Facebook page, visit www.sproutingfarms.org or call 304-466-5175. The farm is located at 4661 State Route 3/12 in Talcott.

Greenbrier County Courthouse New August 4 - 10

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Marriages

Brendan Dillon Bruno to Julia Marie Hasten;

Zachary Blaine Dodd to Elizabeth Raqhel Peck;

Michael James Wickline to Chelsea Lynn Honaker.

Fiduciaries

Cathey Sawyer, Executrix of the Joe Buttram estate;

David Coffman, Executor of the Floyd Clark Coffman Jr. estate;

Brent Vance, Administrator of the Benny Eric Vance estate;

Land Transfers

Elden Ray Still and Gina M Still to Ryan Vallandingham and Gina Pensule, Lot 10 Shaw Mi Del Eca Village, White Sulphur District;

Randy Forren and Tina Forren to Cassi Vannatter and Brandon Vannatter, 1.69 acres, Blue Sulphur District;

Anne Dewolf Zogbaum to Anne Dewolf Zogbaum and Ferdinand Zogbaum IV, 3 Parcels, Falling Spring District;

Luther A Lewallen Jr. and Judy Lewallen to Matthew Dean Croslin and Kelly Ann Croslin, 3.33 acres more or less, Alderson Corp District;

Gary Holliday and Nellie Holliday to Monnin Farmstand LLC, 2 Parcels, Williamsburg District;

Stephen G Morgan and Susan Morgan to Christopher Scott Harrison, Lot 5 Wallace Rockland Campsites, Fortsprings District;

Jerry D Roberts to Verlin Morgan Butcher and Sheryl Arcabos Butcher, 0.499 acres more or less, Meadow Bluff District;

Wade L Rowe to Joyce A Rowe, 1.0 acres more or less, Anthony Creek District;

Drema Marie Holland to Raina Holland and Nichole R Holland, Lots 12 & 13 Crickmer Place Addition, Ronceverte Corp District;

Ellen Kronk by Substitute Trustee to Bed Properties LLC, 0.749 acres more or less, Frankford District;

Opal H Smith to Timothy J Bell II, 0.195 acres more or less, Rainelle Corp District;

Carolyn A Bryant to Glenn C Simmons and Barbara J Simmons, Lot 105 Rolling Hills, Lewisburg Corp District;

Mary A Ramsey to Lori A Honaker and Lois P Hanna and Gary F Ramsey and Anthony L Ramsey, Lot 35 and part of Lot 34 Crowfields, Lewisburg Corp District;

Dallas Lewis Ware estate by heirs to Sandra Defibaugh and Harold McMillion Sr., Lots 6, 8, 9 and part of Lots 5 & 7, .95 acres, White Sulphur District;

John E Still as Paulita M Still to Paul J Boerner, Lots 20 and 21 of Riverview Addition, Alderson Corp District;

Jonathan D Spence to Jonathan D Spence and Linda L Spence, 1.056 acres more or less, White Sulphur District;

Henry C Hunt III and Bryan D Hunt to Bryan D Hunt, Lot Number 20 Block Number 4 Huddleston Hills, White Sulphur Corp District;

American Immigration Control Foundation Inc. to Tod Sherman and Tracy Sherman, 17.593 acres more or less, Fort Springs District;

Blackbird Village LLC to JA Property Holdings LLC, Units 155 & 156 Blackbird Village, Lewisburg Corp District;

Michael R Hunter and Pamela L Hunter to Aaron M Hill and Megan W Hill, 2 Parcels Several Tracts, Blue Sulphur District;

Tolby Lowe and Janice Lowe to Lorene McClung, 4 acres and 5 acres, Meadow Bluff District;

Constance H Reeves and Elliot W Reeves to Wayne F Hoke and Elaine L Hoke, 4.351 acres, Lewisburg District;

Wayne F Hoke and Elaine L Hoke to Elliot W Reeves and Constance H Reeves, 1.58 acres and .44 acres, Lewisburg District;

EXR LLC to Michael R Hardy and Elaine I Hardy, 1.03 acres, Blue Sulphur District;

Larry Skelton to William Spellmeyer, 8.28 acres more or less, Meadow Bluff District;

Dorothy J Owens to Crystal Dawn Foran and Daniel Joseph Foran, 43,803.06 square feet, Lewisburg District;

James Shawn Wolford and Tiffany Wolford to Rachel Leah Woodford, 3 Properties, Rainelle Corp District;

Dorothy Lee Shinaberry to Macey Burns, Lots 28 & 51 White Sulphur Addition, White Sulphur Corp District;

Blue and Gold Properties LLC to Phillip Shane Parr, Property, Ronceverte Corp District;

Rosewood Cemetery Association to Robert Richardson, Crypt Spaces South #10 in the Rosewood Cemetery Mausoleum, Lewisburg Corp District;

Carol A Nutter to Deborah L Nutter, Lot 91 & 92, Meadow Bluff District;

William P Martin and Andrea N Martin AKA Andrea Delp to Andrea Delp and Kevin Delp, .38 acres, Meadow Bluff District.

Damon's Change of Scenery Working to Perfection

By by brandon baker | WVDN AUG 11, 2021



Former Greenbrier East Lady Spartan basketball player Amya Damon was on her way to a historic career for her former head coach, current West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice, but after a second-team all-state sophomore season in Fairlea, she decided it was time to try something new and move on to bigger — although not literally — and greener pastures.

Damon is now a star for Huntington Saint Joseph (Joe) after a stellar first season that saw her make the all-state first team after averaging 21.4 points, 9.2 rebounds and 3.3 steals per game.

She was able to mesh with her new coach Shannon Lewis and hit the court running.

A lot of Huntington St Joe players from the previous season had transferred and another enrolled in college early. That left Damon and just a few others to pick up the slack and that is exactly what the senior-to-be did as evidenced by her big numbers on the season. St Joseph lost in the regional co-finals to Logan, 51-43 in their final contest.

While the Spartans miss her scoring prowess, rebounding and in-your-face defense, Damon said it was in her best interest at the time to take her talents somewhere else.

“I needed change. I felt like St. Joseph was a better choice both academically and athletically. I just think that it provided me with more opportunities,” Damon said.

Damon, who has been playing basketball for “as long as she can remember,” said the difference between the two schools was definitely an eye-opener, but it was a positive move for her then and continues to be now.

“Honestly, there isn’t much that is similar. I went from having 150 people in my grade to 20 people and it was

a big change. The schools are different because East is a much bigger (public) school with less one-on-one, with St. Joseph being a much smaller (private) school. The opportunities for learning are much higher," Damon said.

"As far as basketball, I had some personal issues with the basketball program at East and St. Joseph was a nationally ranked team at the time, so I felt that it provided me with more looks. With Covid standing in the way of that, we only had seven players this past year. We made the best out of it and we actually had a good season," Damon continued.

Even though arriving at a new school can be tough, Damon took some things she learned as a Spartan and transferred those traits to Huntington as well.

"I was just told to play basketball, don't run through the plays if they aren't working and don't force it. So, this past season, I just played my game and it paid off," Damon explained.

When asked what she hopes to accomplish this winter when she is back on the court, Damon narrowed it down to not only some basic and relevant goals but also memorable ones as well.

"I want to make first-team all-state again and I hope to make it far in the state tournament. I want my last high school season to be one to remember," she said.

Damon will have multiple colleges knocking on her door and sending her letters this year, but as of now, she is undecided where she will be going to school next fall. She will major in biology once she gets to that school of choice.

Damon is the daughter of Monica Mann and Steven Damon.

Rainelle Residents Continue To Ask For Help From Town Leadership

By autumn shelton | WVDN AUG 11, 2021

"Help us!" is the resounding cry of those living in the town of Rainelle.

In a town that has seen the devastating effects of multiple floods, those struggling with drug addiction and life under the poverty line, residents continue to seek assistance from local leaders.

During the August 9 council meeting, residents once again pleaded for a full police force and for help cleaning up the town.

One resident stated that on her short drive to the council meeting, she saw at least five people in town she had never seen before. One woman was carrying a backpack, grocery bags and totes.

"She was on something because she was all over the place," the resident stated. "Something has got to be done here."

In response to a question about whether former Police Chief J.P. Stevens will be coming back to serve as an

officer once again, Mayor Robin Williams responded “we are working on him and I have some resumes for other officers, too, that are starting to come in. Hopefully soon, we will have a full police force.”

A full force for the town will include a police chief and at least three officers, she added.

Currently, the town police force includes Officer Randy Sizemore and Officer Doris Vandall.

As for town cleanup, Pat Vaughn, business owner and citizen, asked “what are we going to do about a few of the homes in town that really look bad? Some of them have small kids in them. That really depresses people about those children. Is there anything the town can do to clean up underneath these buildings? They were the ones that were built.”

She said she recently took her great-granddaughter to the city park, but the barking dogs and the dog manure were too much and her great-granddaughter became scared. Further, she said there was a four-wheeler revving up and a bunch of people standing around near the park.

During the recent Meadow River Valley Kids Frenzy event, Vaughn said that people who attended were talking about the bad conditions at houses near the park.

“Can nothing be done about these people sticking all that stuff underneath those homes?” Vaughn asked. “If it floods again, where will all of that stuff go?”

“You are not supposed to drive down the street in Rainelle and see a mattress or a washer or a this or that in the yard,” she continued. “Come on. Let’s get some pride.”

Williams responded that the town is currently issuing citations asking property owners to clean up and that the officers are helping do that.

“Hopefully, we will see an improvement,” Williams said. “Several people have been notified.”

Vaughn added that she recently needed to call 911 about a group of people who were outside of her business getting ready to fight.

“I wasn’t afraid . . . but still, I thought I would call 911 and see what happens,” Vaughn said. “But, nobody ever came and nobody ever called me back. What are we gonna do about it? What do you think about 911 never calling me back?”

Officer Vandall stated that she never received the call from dispatch, but she also didn’t have a portable radio until later in the day.

“It could have been critical, but it wasn’t,” Vaughn said. “It was something that you wonder what if you were really in trouble. What would happen?”

Vandall said she would check with those at 911 to see what happened.

In other business,

- Vandall reported for her first day of duty on Aug. 9. She stated that she “is glad to be back” and that she spent her first day gathering information from town residents on areas that need to be addressed.

- Council approved a bid from Southern WV Paving for \$96,950 to pave Kanawha, Fayette, Locust, Oak, 1st, 5th, 6th, 9th, 16th and Chestnut Streets and West Virginia Avenue.

According to Williams, the alleys will not be paved at this time;

- Williams stated that several residents had approached her to see if the town had a “no Jake Brake” ordinance.

Typically, when truck drivers come down Sewell Mountain, they need to use their Jake Brakes at the bottom of the mountain to slow down, Williams explained. However, there is no ordinance regarding this specific issue, but there is a noise ordinance that she could use to have “No Jake Brakes” signs placed along Route 60 as they enter town.

Councilmember Jimmy Matheney stated that truck drivers need to use that brake in order to slow down. They are especially needed due to the location of Rainelle Elementary.

“You want the trucks to be coming through there slow,” he noted. “Especially since school is about to start.”

Council decided to look into the matter before making a decision on whether or not to place a sign;

- In response to a citizen concern about lawnmowers being driven through town, Williams said the noise ordinance could be used to stop people from using their mowers at 11 p.m.

- Former Mayor Andrea Pendleton asked to be able to complete projects she started including the placement of road signs and benches at the Veterans Memorial Park and the painting of a mural.

The Rainelle Town Council meetings are open to the public. They take place on the second and fourth Monday each month at 7 p.m. at town hall.

STARS Comes To Covington

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Special Theatrical Artists Revue & Showcase (STARS) will perform “Stars and Stripes Forever,” at the Good News Church at 214 S. Lexington Ave. in Covington on Sunday, Aug. 29, at 3:00 p.m.

STARS opened its 25th performance season on June 26 at The Historic Masonic Theatre where 154 patrons purchased tickets, and the Good News Church thanks to senior pastor, Steve Noel, is providing its facilities free of charge to Appalfoks of America Association (AAA), founder of STARS in 1996.

The production will be directed by Paula Crance and Sonya K. Romonello, and the troupe of 30 performers who face intellectual challenges and/or physical disabilities has grown from the troupe’s original 12 members to 30 since STARS made its debut in the Historic Stonewall Theatre (renamed The Historic Masonic Theatre in 2003) as an outreach program of AAA.

Chris Fisher will continue to serve as emcee of STARS, and ticket prices are \$5 at the door or any amount a person wishes to donate.

AAA’s documentary film, “STARS,” won a Bronze Telly for documentary excellence in 2006, and STARS was able to keep its continual streak of performances alive by performing a variety show in The Historic Masonic Theatre on March 7, 2020, just before Governor Ralph S. Northam issued “Executive Order No. 53” that

resulted in the rest of STARS' 24th performance season being cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

M. Ray Allen, founder and president of AAA, remarked, "On behalf of Appalfolks and its board of directors, I thank Pastor Noel for the hospitality and good will that he and Good News Church are extending to our STARS."

Farmland Protection Boards Accepting Applications

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Greenbrier, Monroe, and Pocahontas Counties are accepting applications for the RCPP and ALE programs. RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) is a program authorized by the USDA Farm Bill. West Virginia was awarded funds to purchase conservation easements within an eleven-county region of West Virginia that drains into the Potomac River. RCPP emphasizes conservation values such as the protection of streams and creeks, springs, sinkholes and caves, and mature forests that help maintain good water quality – both for the Potomac River and its tributaries, as well as for the Chesapeake Bay. The program is similar to the Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) program, which the USDA uses to purchase conservation easements on agricultural/farmlands.

Due to limited matching funds, the Farmland Protection Boards will be submitting qualifying applications to NRCS/USDA for funding consideration. Selections will be based on ranking across the state and available funding within a specific county.

Applications must be received by Sept. 30 to be considered for the FY22 funding cycle. Please mail applications and supporting documents to MCFPB, PO Box 574, Union, WV 24983. You may also scan the documents and email them to amy@saddlebackservices.org. Arrangements can be made for in-person delivery.

Applications can be obtained from local libraries in, local NRCS offices, and via e-mail: amy@saddlebackservices.org. If you would like an application mailed to you, or have any questions, please contact Amy Moloney, executive director at 304-667-4877.

Game Changer Announces New Board Members

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Eleven West Virginians with extensive backgrounds in business, law and education have agreed to serve on the WV Game Changers Inc. Board of Directors beginning Sept. 1, 2021.

The WV Game Changer Board will include Clarksburg businessman David B. Alvarez, member of the West Virginia University Board of Governors; Joe Boczek, co-founder and executive director of Game Changer; Meredith Dailer, Wheeling Park High School principal; John Ebert, president, JW Ebert Corporation and owner of 41 McDonald's, including 36 in West Virginia; Karen Farmer, statewide community volunteer; Charleston Attorney Angel Moore, member of the Marshall University Board of Governors; Bailey and Glasser Attorney

Rebecca Pomeroy; Founding member Larry Puccio, president of Larry Puccio LLC; Leah Summers, head of Community Outreach and Engagement, Viatris, Inc.; Harrison County Superintendent of Schools Dora Stutler, and Brian Waugh, president of Par Mar Oil Company, which operates 180 ParMar Stores and Mountaineer Marts, including 100 throughout West Virginia.

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice, who serves as Head Coach of West Virginia Game Changer, says this is just another example of West Virginians coming together to address the opioid and substance misuse epidemic.

“This an absolutely impressive list of people from around our state who have offered to give their time and talents to such an excellent initiative. I want to be the first to thank each and every one of them. Their backgrounds are extensive in their fields, and I know their heart is in eradicating this terrible epidemic.”

Boczek, who has directed the West Virginia Game Changer initiative since its inception says he is excited to serve and work for and with such an impressive list of West Virginians.

“I am excited individuals of this caliber have such a strong belief in West Virginia Game Changer that they have volunteered to serve on the Board of Directors. Most importantly I am gratified I will have a chance to work with such an outstanding group of individuals.”

West Virginia Game Changer is a student-powered prevention program created to address the opioid and substance misuse epidemic in West Virginia. The WV Game Changer model is a multi-faceted approach with engagement tools, prevention programming and collaborations with the public and private sector to bring the best prevention education programs to elementary, middle and high school students in the Mountain State. Prevention Solutions, part of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, delivers key, research-informed, best practices programming for WV Game Changer, providing students with the knowledge, understanding, and skills needed to make intelligent, healthy choices about alcohol and other drug use.

Through collaboration with the Governor’s Office, the West Virginia Secondary Schools Athletic Commission, the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, the West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy, the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute, Prevention First West Virginia, and the state’s six Prevention Lead Organizations, WV Game Changer incorporates existing infrastructure to implement and support its prevention efforts.

Truck Winner Announced

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A woman from Vienna received a major surprise when Gov. Jim Justice presented her with the keys to a brand-new, custom-outfitted truck as part of the “Do it for Babydog: Save a life, Change your life” Vaccination Sweepstakes.

Megan Landsberg was personally greeted by the governor and Babydog, who shared the exciting news that she was among the lucky West Virginians whose names had been drawn as one of the big winners in the 7th and final prize drawing of the sweepstakes.

Landsberg works as an adjunct professor of music at Marietta College in Ohio but lives across the border in Vienna, West Virginia.

Earlier in the day, Gov. Justice also surprised a healthcare worker from Beckley, presenting him with a custom-outfitted truck as well.

In addition, Gov. Justice surprised a pharmacy worker from Charles Town with a check for \$588,000 through the sweepstakes.

In addition to the cash and truck winners, 47 more West Virginians were announced as Week 7 “Do it for Babydog” winners earlier today for prizes including two full four-year scholarships to any public institution in the state, five lifetime hunting licenses, five lifetime fishing licenses, five custom hunting rifles, five custom hunting shotguns, and 25 weekend getaways to West Virginia State Parks.

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are currently available to all West Virginians ages 12 and older.

All West Virginians interested in being vaccinated are encouraged to visit [Vaccinate.wv.gov](https://www.vaccinate.wv.gov) or call the West Virginia Vaccine Info Line: 1-833-734-0965. The info line is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dear Abby: Wednesday, August 11

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN AUG 11, 2021

Parents Told That Their Son And His Wife Are Swingers

DEAR ABBY: My son and his wife have been living with us for two and a half years so they can save for a house. Recently, my best friend told me that a mutual acquaintance spotted a picture of my son and his wife on a swinger website. At first I discounted it. Then I started noticing they were going out every Friday and Saturday night. My daughter-in-law was usually dressed provocatively, and they wouldn't get home until around 5 or 5:30 a.m. My husband and I are both Christians. Neither of us feel comfortable about the situation. What do you recommend we do? — **Incredulous in Texas**

Dear Incredulous: Your son and his wife are adults. You can't force them to live according to your religious beliefs. But neither do you have to give tacit consent and foster their living a life you do not approve of by turning a blind eye. Check the website for yourself. If what you heard is the gospel, it may be time your adult children made other living arrangements.

Dear Abby: My friend "Lois" is in her 70s. She met a man on a dating site several years ago. I warned her he was a romance scammer, but she kept talking to him. She even sent him a few hundred dollars. Since then, she talks to more than one stranger who I'm pretty sure are scammers as well. Lois lives on Social Security, but sometimes comes into small windfalls from a stimulus or the sale of items. I suspect she's sending them money, too. She has been in a relationship with a man she lives with for several years. When I asked her how she would like it if he were doing the same thing, Lois told me she would stop. Now I see she is friends with three or four more strange men on Facebook! I don't know them, but they sometimes "like" things I post. (I will have to change my settings so that strangers can't see my posts.) What's wrong with her? Does she like to pretend she is rich? They keep sending friend requests to me and my sister. Of course, we don't accept them. We have warned Lois about this, yet she continues to do the same thing. What can I do? — **Seeing Clearly in Georgia**

Dear Seeing Clearly: Lois is an adult. You have warned her that what she's doing is a mistake. It may be a waste of her money, but you can't control her behavior, so accept that fact and live your own life accordingly.

Dear Abby: My friend's mom has been sick lately. She's on oxygen and has a portable oxygen concentrator. I am also on oxygen. Would it be rude of me to ask for her mom's portable concentrator after she passes? — **Practical in California**

Der Practical: To ask that question could be perceived as extremely insensitive. Attempt it only if you have the skills of a diplomat.

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Ava Jolene (Stacy) Callahan

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Ava Jolene (Stacy) Callahan, age 84, of Alderson, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Thursday, August 5, 2021. She was born in Renick on December 19, 1936, the daughter of the late Oscar and Iona Madeline (Dolin) Stacy.

After graduating high school and attending Davis & Elkins College, Jolene went on to be an administrative assistant for the WV Department of Highways with 20 years of service. She was a beloved member of the Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, where she served as a delegate for the annual Conferences. She will be remembered for her love of traveling, taking long walks, and striking a conversation with anyone, but most of all, the love for her friends and family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jolene is survived by her loving husband of 23 years, Kenneth Eugene Callahan.

She is also survived by her son, Dale Kidd, of Alderson; her daughter, Dawn Painter and her husband, Billy, of Alderson; her stepson, Kenneth Callahan, Jr, and his wife, Vicky, of Covington, VA; her stepdaughter, Cristy Wall, of Covington, VA; her grandchildren, Lindsey Ormsbee and his companion, Jessica Richards, of White Sulphur Springs, Morgan Brooks, of Alderson, Hannah Ormsbee, of Alderson, and Franklin Ormsbee and his fiancé, Madison, Allen, of Alderson; and several loving great-grandchildren.

Anyone who knew Jolene loved her because of her cheerful and smiling nature. She will be deeply missed by everyone.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, 104 N Monroe St, Alderson, WV 24910.

In keeping with her wishes, Jolene will be cremated. A graveside service will be held at the Alderson Cemetery on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 1 p.m., with Pastor Jeffrey Kanode officiating.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Callahan family at www.lobbanfh.com.

Information submitted by Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson, WV.