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Geneva “Jean” Madeline Parker

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PARKER

Geneva “Jean” Madeline Parker, 87, of Lewisburg, passed away early Tuesday morning, August 10, 2021 at Peyton Hospice House, Lewisburg.

Born on September 24, 1933, in Beaver, WV, she was the daughter of the late Elmer Nelson Underwood and Lola Mae Pack Underwood.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Donald E. “Dagg” Parker, Sr.; a grandchild, Ashley Parker; sister, Mildred Parker; and a brother, Fred Jackson Underwood.

Jean was a member of the Sunrise Chapel United Methodist Church of Clintonville. She was a former 4-H leader. She retired from Appalachian Electronics, and in her spare time, she loved her garden, quilting, and sewing.

Those left to cherish her memory are one daughter, Kim Parker of Clintonville; two sons, Donald (Debbie) E. Parker, Jr., of Lewisburg, Charlie (Tricia Lynn) Parker of Smoot; grandchildren, Michael, Brittany, and Kelly Parker, Josh (Kristen) Parker, Courtney Parker, Samantha (Chris) Hicks, Abby (Chase) Bryant, and Ty Nickell; great-grandchildren, Dakota Parker, Kameron Parker, Kadin Parker, Hudsyn Hicks, Quinnley Hicks, and Knox Bryant; two brothers, Charles Underwood of Rainelle and Johnny Underwood of Virginia. She also leaves behind her special caregiver, Kathy Remley.

Service will be 2 p.m., Sunday, August 15, 2021 at Sunrise Chapel United Methodist Church, Clintonville with Pastor Penny Bivens officiating. Entombment will follow at Wallace Memorial Mausoleum, Clintonville. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until time of service at the church.

Online condolences www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com.

Wallace & Wallace, Inc. 283 Main St., Rainelle, WV 25962 is in charge of arrangements.

Staff Representing Congresswoman Carol Miller Coming To Western Greenbrier County

By autumn shelton | WVDN AUG 12, 2021

Staff members representing Congresswoman Carol Miller will be making two mobile office stops in western Greenbrier County on Friday.

On Friday, Aug. 13, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., they will be at Rupert Town Hall located at 65 Nicholas Street.

They will then be making a stop at Rainelle Town Hall located at 1233 Kanawha Avenue from 11 a.m. until noon.

Anyone who is experiencing problems with federal agencies and programs is encouraged to attend these events and bring any documents they have related to their issues.

“My staff and I are committed to serving the people of the third congressional district of West Virginia,” Miller stated in a press release. “My staff has more than 30 years of experience working with federal agencies and can help cut through red tape. The mobile office hours offer residents the chance to meet with my staff on issues without having to travel to one of my district offices.”

Dear Abby: Thursday, August 12

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN AUG 12, 2021

“New” Father Insists Baby Girl Be Kept A Secret

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé, “Nathan,” and I met in college 12 years ago. At the time, he was helping to raise a child he thought was his. He was crazy about his son, “Joey.” Everywhere we went, he would show him off, post pictures of them together on social media and talk about Joey nonstop. When Joey turned 9, Joey’s mother finally told Nathan that Joey was not his son. When a DNA test proved it was true, the stuff hit the fan. Not only had the mom known from the beginning that Joey wasn’t Nathan’s, it turned out so did his family and all his friends. It took a while for Nathan to overcome the shock. Once he did, he decided he wanted to start a family. He proposed to me, and we welcomed our baby girl. (I never cheated on him, but to avoid any doubts he might have, once she arrived, we did a DNA test.) Nathan has her spoiled rotten. The problem is, he acts very peculiar where she is concerned. Before she was born, he wanted few people to know we were expecting. He said it was because he didn’t want to get everybody’s hopes up in case anything went wrong, which was understandable. Now our baby is 3 months old, and he’s still keeping her a secret. He doesn’t want to take family pictures and doesn’t post her on social media like he did with Joey. He has asked his family and friends and even me not to tell anyone about the baby, and he gets mad if we do. When I asked why he’s acting this way, he said it’s because our child is “nobody’s business.” I love Nathan, and I understand that he was hurt once, but I’m starting to wonder. Is my fiancé ashamed of our child? — **Can’t Figure It Out**

Dear Can’t: I don’t think Nathan is ashamed of his daughter. He may be being overly careful about news of his baby girl because he was so badly burned. He went overboard posting pictures and talking nonstop about

his “son”; this time he has gone overboard in the opposite direction. Could this have anything to do with a fear that Nathan’s ex will find out he has another child? You won’t know unless you ask him. Between you and me, unless you’re willing to go along with this secrecy business — which I don’t think is healthy — your fiance should be urged to consult a licensed psychotherapist who can help him regain his balance.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 13 years. He is a kind of optimist. After a night of arguing and distancing, the next day he acts as though nothing has happened. He texts me from work, “Hey Babe! Good morning. I love you.” Our arguments are not screaming matches but little spats that bother me a lot. Am I just a nagging wife? — **Fighting Mad in New York**

Dear Fighting Mad: Not necessarily. Your husband may get past these fights faster and more completely than you do. However, if his way of dealing with unresolved issues is to pretend they don’t exist, I can understand your frustration. If this happens often, a text the next morning isn’t going to improve the situation. Your communication problem won’t improve until you both agree to talk about this with a marriage and family therapist. If he is not willing to do that, you might find a few sessions for yourself helpful.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Recycle Lady: Thursday, August 12

By Recycle Lady | WVDN AUG 12, 2021

Dear Recycle Lady,

Does aluminum foil need to be flattened before it can be recycled? I always crumple up mine before putting it in the recycle bin. — **Foil Recycler**

Dear Foil Recycler,

Aluminum is a valuable material. It can be made into new aluminum products in only 60 days. Aluminum can be recycled either flattened or crumpled. It really doesn’t matter. However, crumpling it will prevent it from blowing away, as foil is very light. Before recycling, be sure the foil is dry and clean. Remove any paper that is stuck to the foil. If the paper or other types of materials can’t be separated from the foil, throw it away as foil mixed with other materials is a contaminate. Holes or burns are okay to recycle. One important thing to remember is that aluminum foil is recycled with aluminum pans and not aluminum cans. Interestingly, aluminum foil used to be called tin foil, but aluminum foil and tin foil are the same product. According to earth911, all foil has been made of aluminum since World War II.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Last week you said that TerraCycle recycles oral use items such as toothbrushes. What is Terra Cycle? — **Wants to Know**

Dear Wants to Know,

According to www.terracycle.com, TerraCycle is an innovative recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling hard-to-recycle materials. They offer a wide range of easy-to-use free recycling programs

that are funded by manufacturers and retailers around the world. Primarily run as a volunteer-based recycling platform, TerraCycle collects non-recyclable pre- and post-consumer waste in cooperation with corporate donors or municipalities. They turn collected waste into raw materials for making new products. Their website says that over 202 million people in 21 countries have helped to collect and recycle nearly 8 billion tons of waste and raise over 44 million dollars for charities around the world. They offer free shipping labels that can be downloaded to send your waste for recycling. Additionally, there is a rewards program available for your school or favorite non-profit.

Dear Recycle Lady,

You asked for ideas on reusing, repurposing, and recycling. Here's one. When people run out of biodegradable dog poop bags, they can put an empty plastic shopping bag over their hand to pick up the poop. Then they can turn the bag inside out and tie a knot in it to keep the poop in the bag. Dispose of the bag in the trash. I use the same method to pull small poison ivy plants out by the roots. — **Pooper Scooper**

Dear Pooper Scooper,

Thanks for the good suggestion. I especially liked the fact that you are using biodegradable dog poop bags. They are my preference also and there are several brands of biodegradable dog bags available online. When biodegradable bags are not available, single-use shopping bags are a good alternative. Another alternative would be to use the newspaper sleeves in which newspapers are delivered. They can be used in the same way as all the other bags

RECYCLE WORKSHOP - Friday, Aug. 27 any time from 10 a.m. - noon. Information, discussion, and demonstrations on recycling at the Greenbrier Recycling Center, Monroe Avenue, Ronceverte, WV. Come join us. We would love to see you!

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

Vote For Justice As Boys' Coach Tabled

By by bobby bordelon | WVDN AUG 12, 2021

Gov. Jim Justice is not yet the head boys' basketball coach for Greenbrier East High School.

The Greenbrier County Board of Education met on Tuesday, Aug. 10, in the last regular meeting before the school year begins.

The board considered pages upon pages of extra duties for employees throughout the school system, such as the county battle of the books coordinator and prom coordinator, approving nearly all of the possibilities listed on the agenda under personnel.

However, one extra-curricular assignment was tabled.

Governor and current Greenbrier East High School Girls' basketball coach Jim Justice was listed on the agenda for the position of head boy's basketball coach.

Both before and after taking up a vote on any employment decisions, the board elected to go into executive session. After over an hour, the board returned, approving all the hires except for Justice. After the vote, the board entered executive session a second time.

An explanation for the tabled vote was not given in public session.

“[The board] didn’t give a definitive explanation,” explained Superintendent Jeff Bryant after the meeting. “That’s their right to table it.”

The vote is expected for the next Board of Education meeting.

According to the governor’s website, Justice has been teaching basketball for the past 36 years and was “honored when he coached his 1,000th career win in basketball” on November 29, 2016.

Statewide Support for Meadow River Valley Community Center

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Meadow River Valley Association (MRVA) and development partner Woodlands Development Group are moving forward on the Meadow River Valley Community Center. Recently they held a meet-and-greet to

answer questions and detail the latest changes.

Jeremy Tincher of the West End Youth Sports League provided a tour of the renovated gymnasium. Tincher updated the heating system, installed an energy-efficient ceiling, and obtained mats and other safety equipment for wrestlers and cheerleaders. He is now building a weight room, starting with the donation of impact-resistant flooring. He purchased weight racks and machines but is needing donations for the weight plates.

Additionally, the campus greenspace is increasing. One structure was removed from the property and replaced with a grassy field. This space is filling in nicely, shaded by the existing trees.

Sen. Stephen Baldwin joined the meet-and-greet. He is an avid supporter of this project and broader economic development in the Meadow River Valley. Baldwin commented, "This project is strong because it's backed by local leaders working together with professionals from across the state and nation. Seeing the beloved Rupert school revitalized signals a new horizon for the community and will be a model for other communities across West Virginia."

Farm To Food Pavilion Shares Agricultural Experience

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Have you and your little ones checked out the Farm to Food Pavilion at the State Fair of WV?

This exhibit is an agricultural educational experience designed to teach K-5 the basics of agriculture in a fun and exciting way.

The Farm to Food Pavilion is a great place for children to learn about agriculture.

With hands-on activities, your child will love learning how to plant seeds, pick apples and milk a cow.

They can also go through the corn maze sponsored by Miller's Nightmare Haunted Farm.

Visit the Farm to Food Pavilion in Heritage Corner between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

WVDA 2021 State Fair Guide

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The State Fair of West Virginia begins Thursday, Aug. 12 and will run until Saturday, Aug. 21 in Fairlea, WV. This year, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) will be hosting the West Virginia Grown Country Store at the Gus R. Douglas Agriculture Annex Building. The store will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and feature more than 40 West Virginia vendors and their locally grown and produced products. In addition, the store will host product samplings, wine tastings and a maple cotton candy machine run by the West Virginia Maple Syrup Producers Association.

“Last year, the pandemic forced the cancellation of the State Fair for the first time since World War II. As part of our state’s effort to rebound from the pandemic, we are encouraging everyone to visit and support the State Fair of West Virginia,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “If you have missed previous fairs, take time out of your busy schedules, put aside the distractions, pack up the family and head to Lewisburg. Traverse the livestock barns, take part in a honeybee or maple demonstration and support a local farmer by visiting the WVDA Country Store.”

The West Virginia Country Store features: AJ’s Goats N Soaps, Appalachian Botanical Company, Appalachian Mountain Specialty Foods, Bluegrass BBQ, Bluestone Mountain Farm, Blue Smoke Salsa (Vandalia, Inc.), Brookstone Soaps, Candies by Linda, Cedar Run Farm, Cellar House Harvest, Custard Stand Food Products, Daniel’s Maple Syrup, Daniel Vineyard, Dean’s Apiary, Greenbrier Dairy LLC, Heasley Homestead Maple, In A Jam, Kirkwood Winery, Lem’s Meat Varnish, Lisa Dawn’s Delights, Lovely Creations Handmade Soaps and More, Mix in Magic (Create 304), Mountain State Honey, M&S Maple Farm, Ruslyn Confections, Sassy Gals Gourmet Treats, Smith Candy, Stone Road, Vineyard, Tarbillys BBQ, The Black Dog Coffee Company, The Blue Spoon Cafe, The Happy Hound, The Leavitt Farm, Two Fat Cousins, Up the Creek (Create 304), Walnut Hollow Farm, We B Fryin’ Snacks, Williams River Farm, WV Harvest, WV Maple Syrup Producer Association, West Virginia Veteran Produced, WV Wilderness Apiaries, and Yoders (Vandalia, Inc.)

Agriculture Annex Activities: daily wine tastings, featured West Virginia Grown products, honeybee hive demonstrations, maple cotton candy sampling, and Invasive Insects and Forest Health displays.

Special Events:

*Women in Agriculture Reception, Sunday, August 15, at 11:30 a.m.

*Farm Heritage Award Luncheon, Thursday, August 16, Noon

*Governor's Day, Thursday, August 19

*Military Appreciation Day, Thursday, August 19

- 15% discount to military personnel at WVDA Country Store

Produce Safety & West Virginia Farmers Markets Booth

The WVDA will staff a new education trailer on components of the produce safety rule under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and West Virginia Farmers Markets rule. The education trailer will have interactive, hands-on activities for both children and adults alike. Staff will also be available to answer any questions. In addition, growers will be able to sign up for free On-Farm Readiness Reviews or on-site visits to determine improvements to their growing and processing operations. The booth will host daily jeopardy games on produce safety questions at 10:30, 1:30 and 3:30 with prizes, as well as live water infiltration demos each day at 2:30 pm.

West Virginia Hemp Products

The WVDA will have an informational booth to discuss new regulations for hemp products sold in West Virginia. Staff will be available to assist with registrations, discuss labeling and testing requirements and current state rules regarding hemp products.

West Virginia Dairy Programs

WVDA staff will also have an informational booth near the birthing center to discuss West Virginia Dairy Programs. Staff will be available to answer questions about the state's dairy program as well as host dairy trivia with prizes, daily.

Poultry Building:

The WVDA Poultry Building (located behind the rabbit hatch) will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Inside you'll find dozens of feathered friends on displays, from turkeys to roosters and the fan-favorite duck slide. With hands-on activities for the entire family, the focus is on the importance of the poultry industry to West Virginia's economy.

Livestock Exhibition:

WVDA Animal Health staff are available, throughout the State Fair of West Virginia, to conduct entrance examinations of all animals for signs of contagious or communicable diseases. Staff will ensure proper testing and paperwork procedures are met for out-of-state entrants. WVDA Animal Health will be available at their checkpoint trailer located near the livestock gate entrance.

Contact Information:

WVDA Fair Location - Gus R. Douglass Agriculture Annex

WVDA Related Fair Questions - Beth Southern 304-550-3620

Media Inquiries - Crescent Gallagher 304-380-3922

Animal Health - 304-558-2214

State Fair of West Virginia - 304-645-1090

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture protects plant, animal and human health through a variety of scientific, regulatory and consumer protection programs. The Commissioner of Agriculture is one of six statewide elected officials who sits on the Board of Public Works.

Charleston WV - The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia

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Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Aug. 15, 1867: The cornerstone for the first building of the Fairmont Branch Normal School was laid at the corner of Adams and Quincy streets in the heart of town. The first class of students occupied the new building in April 1869. That school evolved into Fairmont State University.

Aug. 15, 1906: The Niagara Movement began a five-day meeting at Storer College in Harpers Ferry. The organization was founded in 1905 by a group of African-American intellectuals, including W.E.B. DuBois.

Aug. 15, 1946: The first FM radio station in the state, WCFC of Beckley, began regular programming.

Aug. 16, 1851: William Hope “Coin” Harvey was born in Buffalo, Putnam County. Harvey, a social reformer, was nominated for president of the United States by the Liberty Party in 1932.

Aug. 17, 1944: Staff Sergeant Stanley Bender earned the Medal of Honor in southern France. Bender rushed through intense machine gun fire and grenades, and knocked out two German machine guns with rifle fire. His actions inspired the rest of the company to take out a German roadblock, kill 37 enemy soldiers, and take 26 prisoners.

Aug. 17, 1976: The National Mine Health and Safety Academy opened at Beaver, near Beckley. The academy, located on an 80-acre campus, is the world’s largest educational institution devoted solely to safety and health in mining.

Aug. 18, 1885: Artemus Ward Cox was born on a farm at Red Knob, Roane County. In 1914, Cox bought the George Ort Department Store on Capitol Street in Charleston. That store became the first in a chain of 21 A. W. Cox stores in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Aug. 19, 1863: Union cavalry under Brig. Gen. William Woods Averell destroyed the Confederate saltpeter works near Franklin.

Aug. 19, 1997: Fiddler Curly Ray Cline died. Born in Logan County, Cline was a member of the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers and Ralph Stanley’s Clinch Mountain Boys.

Aug. 20, 1851: The oldest statue in West Virginia, a nine-foot wood carving of Patrick Henry, was dedicated at the county courthouse in Morgantown.

Aug. 21, 1861: Confederate troops under Gen. John B. Floyd crossed the Gauley River at Carnifex Ferry, Nicholas County, and began to entrench their position. It was the beginning of what became known as the Battle of Keslers Cross Lanes.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

After Justice's Dog Tax Issues, Beckley Council May Remove Dog License Fee In City

By by autumn shelton | WVDN AUG 12, 2021

Following the amount of press Gov. Jim Justice received regarding his non-payment of dog taxes in Greenbrier County, Beckley Common Council member Tom Sopher inquired about the possibility of getting rid of the dog license fee in his city.

During the Tuesday, Aug. 10, common council meeting, Sopher asked Mayor Rob Rappold about getting that law off the books.

"The other day it was in the front page of the paper that Jim Justice's dog didn't have his license and he got in trouble," Sopher said. "We can ask Captain Morgan how many dogs are legal in Beckley and he is probably going to tell us, like, five or something."

"I wonder if we should just take that rule off the books," he continued. "Dogs don't need a dog license in Beckley."

Rappold responded that it wouldn't bother him, but the question should be directed to city attorney William File.

"Poor Babydog," council member Sherrie Hunter said, referring to Justice's English bulldog who became the face of the governor's statewide vaccination effort "Do It For Babydog."

It has since been reported that Justice squared up Babydog's debt in Greenbrier County.

According to Beckley code, "The yearly license fee shall be one dollar (\$1.00) for males and two dollars (\$2.00) for females, for each dog over the age of six (6) months."

File responded that he would look into the matter.

In other Beckley business,

- Rappold announced that a portion of the cardinal sculpture that will be located in the former Beckley Hole will be arriving next week. He said the sculpture will arrive in three pieces and will be covered until complete. Upon completion, the city will host a ceremony dedicating the sculpture;

- Hunter praised officers at the Beckley Police Department for their recent promotions.

According to information provided by the Beckley Police Department, Lt. Frankie Shelton was promoted to captain, Sgt. William Ray was promoted to lieutenant and Corporals Johnny Wall and Steven Whitt were promoted to sergeant.

- Hunter also praised those with the Community Transformation Center for handing out backpacks and school supplies to children;

- Rappold announced that the Beckley Day of Hope will take place on Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.;

- Councilmember Janine Bullock asked for an update about the Bill Withers statue. She said several of her constituents have been asking about it.

Rappold responded that he would check in with those responsible for the statue for an update.

The Beckley Common Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at city hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.