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Dear Abby: Wednesday, August 18

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN AUG 18, 2021

Wife Must Seek Support For Husband's Silent Abuse

Dear Abby: I have known my husband for eight years. We've been married for four. Abby, my husband rapes me while I'm asleep. I have told him how it makes me feel, because I was molested when I was younger. When my second child was conceived, I don't even remember doing anything. He never did this when we were dating. We do things every now and again, but NOT how we used to. I'm the first in my family to get married and have kids, so I'm afraid if I leave him I'll be breaking my vows and setting a bad example. What should I do? — **Silent Victim in Georgia**

Dear Silent Victim: In case you are unaware of it, Georgia has strict laws that treat marital rape the same as rape between two strangers. This means that when dealing with marital rape charges, claiming that the defendant is married to the victim cannot be used as a defense. If you haven't already done it, obtain birth control to prevent you from becoming pregnant without your consent again. Contact the Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network (rainn.org; 800-656-4673) and let a counselor there know what has been going on. Then consult a lawyer, get out of there and don't look back!

Dear Abby: We have a family wedding coming later this year that we're all very happy about. We are, however, concerned about one family member's drinking. This person already has a "larger than life" personality that is amplified when they drink. The bride's family has, for several reasons, chosen not to have an open bar. A limited selection of alcohol will be offered. Our concern is this family member will become loud, disruptive and embarrassing. Should we address this ahead of time with the family member, which will be uncomfortable, but will hopefully head off a disruption at the reception? Or should we cross our fingers and take our chances that they will realize they should be on their best behavior? — **Bracing Ourselves in Tennessee**

Dear Bracing: When in doubt, speak out. Sometimes crossing one's fingers and hoping for the best is not enough of a precaution. In a case like this, leave nothing to chance.

Dear Abby: My husband and I are good friends with another couple. One of them is having an affair, which is destroying their family. The cheater has lied to us repeatedly trying to cover their tracks. We all know the truth. How can we continue being friends when we do not condone these behaviors? It's difficult because the friendship is long, rooted in community and we care deeply for them all. — **Awkward in the South**

Dear Awkward: Step back and stay out of the line of fire. Whether the marriage will survive is anybody's guess. If it fails, be as supportive to the spouse as you can. However, if the cheater continues his/her relationship with the lover, because you don't condone "those behaviors" you may choose to change your behavior. See the new couple "because of community ties" on a far less frequent or intimate basis.

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.

Officials Still Seeking Cause Of Widespread Bird Disease, Deaths

By autumn shelton | WVDN AUG 18, 2021

Officials still do not know what has been causing the deaths of diseased birds in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia and throughout the mid-Atlantic region, but they are working to find an answer.

According to information provided by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR), reports of affected birds have tapered off since late July.

Beginning in May, widespread reports of diseased birds started coming into multiple wildlife management agencies prompting them to take action. Birds were experiencing symptoms of eye swelling and crusty discharge and neurological signs of illness such as behavioral abnormalities.

Ethan Barton, Romney-based wildlife disease specialist for the WVDNR, told the West Virginia Daily News at that time that cases in West Virginia were following the same trends as witnessed in other states. Almost all of the cases were seen in juvenile birds with Common Grackles, European Starlings, Blue Jays and American Robin species most frequently reported.

Barton stated that the disease outbreak was most likely multifactorial, with a major cause of illness in juvenile birds being that they do not have fully-developed immune systems.

The most recent studies have found that 15-20% of the reports are related to lesions of the birds' eyes. Mortality events most often involved one to four birds at a given location.

The WVDNR has noted that no human health or domestic livestock and poultry issues have been reported.

The following pathogens have not been detected in any tested birds: Salmonella and Chlamydia (bacterial pathogens), avian influenza virus, West Nile virus and other flaviviruses, Newcastle disease virus and other paramyxoviruses, herpesviruses and poxviruses and Trichomonas parasites.

Transmission electron microscopy and additional diagnostic tests, including microbiology, virology, parasitology and toxicology are ongoing, according to a WVDNR press release. However, similar to previous avian disease outbreaks, where birds presented with swollen and crusted eyes, a species of bacteria called Mycoplasma was found in some sampled birds.

WVDNR officials continue to advise that folks in Jefferson and Berkeley counties cease feeding birds. Residents in other West Virginia counties may continue to feed birds, but should take the opportunity to take down, repair and disinfect their feeders.

For those who witness sick or dead birds near their feeder or bird bath, it is advisable to remove the feeder or bath for a period of two weeks and to sterilize with a 10 percent bleach solution. Residents may continue feeding hummingbirds but should clean feeders with soap and water and ensure hummingbird food is fresh every few days.

WVDNR, the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, National Park Service and other agencies are continuing to work in partnership with diagnostic laboratories to investigate the cause of mortality. Those

laboratories include the USGS National Wildlife Health Center, SCWDS, the University of Pennsylvania Wildlife Futures Program and the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.

Jehovah's Witnesses Honor Women Of Strong Faith

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Breaking a century-old tradition, the largest convention organization in the world has moved its annual in-person event to a virtual format for the second time in as many years, canceling nearly 6,000 conventions in 240 lands.

For decades, Jehovah's Witnesses from West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky have streamed to the Charleston Coliseum and Civic Center for multi-day programs on such topics as love, joy, courage, and endurance. This year, the world's largest convention organization will emphasize faith, including how modern-day Christians can learn the quality from notable women of the Bible.

"These beautiful examples of faithful women in the Bible remind us that God doesn't only use men to carry out his will," says Rita Sizemore who attends the South Beckley Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. "He has used many women to save his worshipers, their families, and even at times whole nations. These Bible accounts truly show how much Jehovah respects and trusts faithful women."

Some names will be familiar to those who watch the program, which is being streamed free of charge in more than 500 languages across 240 lands. Women such as Sarah, Rahab and Mary are well known to Bible readers. But other less prominent — though no less important — women will feature on the program as well, according to organization representatives.

“Sometimes the Bible is thought of as a male-centric book,” said Garrett Johnson, a local representative of the Jehovah’s Witnesses. “But Jesus taught his apostles to imitate the examples of faithful women, and we are still learning from the examples of faith women today.”

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic unexpectedly interrupted Jehovah’s Witnesses’ convention tradition, moving the international religious organization to cancel in-person events throughout the world and launch a global virtual program. It was a first for Jehovah’s Witnesses, who have held public conventions in stadiums, arenas, convention centers and theaters around the world since 1897.

“Powerful by Faith!” is the theme of the 2021 global event, which is being delivered over six weekends during July and August to some 15-20 million expected viewers. The weekend program dedicated to women of strong faith will be available for streaming or download beginning August 9 and will remain indefinitely on the organization’s website.

“Faith has helped our global brotherhood to continue to thrive even during a pandemic,” said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah’s Witnesses. “Our faith will continue to unite us in worship — even virtually — as millions gather in private homes around the world to enjoy a powerful and inspiring spiritual program.”

All are invited to attend the event by going to www.jw.org on the web or JW Broadcasting on the free JW Library app available for iOS or Android, or on streaming platforms such as ROKU TV, Apple TV and others. The program is free and accessible to all. The schedule for download and global streaming is listed below.

For more information, please contact Jehovah’s Witnesses United States at (718) 560-5600 or pid@jw.org.

Ronceverte Officer Ready To Teach New D.A.R.E. Program

By by bobby bordelon | WVDN AUG 18, 2021



The Ronceverte Police Department now has a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) instructor.

Patrolman Brandon McMillion moved to the Ronceverte Police Department approximately two years ago from Raleigh County, noting “it’s a great department to work for.” During this time, he noticed the D.A.R.E. program was dormant for many West Virginia kids, including his own.

“I’ve got kids that go to school. When you start noticing that there’s no D.A.R.E. officer teaching this in West Virginia, you ask what happened?” McMillion said. “I found out that the main D.A.R.E. corporation decided it wasn’t effective. They shut it down and decided to revamp it and try to make it better.”

In the early 2000s, a series of studies found that the D.A.R.E. program was “ineffective,” with [one 2004 study by Dr. Steven L. West and Dr. Keri K. O’Neal](#) explaining that regardless if a person receives D.A.R.E. instruction or not, “use of alcohol and other drugs reaches a peak during adolescence or young adulthood and decreases steadily thereafter. Such a developmental path would be expected of all individuals, regardless of their exposure to a prevention effort. Ideally, individuals enrolled in a program such as D.A.R.E. would report limited or no use during their adolescent and young adult years. The fact that half of the included studies reported no beneficial effect of D.A.R.E. beyond what would be expected by chance casts serious doubt on its utility.”

McMillion explained that after these studies, D.A.R.E. organizers pulled back and have been relaunching in recent years.

“They’re starting to bring it back. ... They changed more of the material. It still covers everything but it’s not just about drugs. Nowadays you see more underage kids vaping. Back when I went to school they never talked about vaping because it was nonexistent. Now it’s in there.”

This was also highlighted by Lewisburg D.A.R.E. Officer Jonathan Hughes during an interview with The West Virginia Daily News in 2020.

“When you think of D.A.R.E., most people think of saying no to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, and that’s part of

it, [but] it is how to deal with stress, how to find out if other kids are dealing with stress, bullying is big,” Hughes explained. “There are enhancement lessons on vaping, stuff like that. Trends right now. How to have confident communication skills. It’s more than drugs and alcohol – that’s always going to be a part of it, ... but we want kids to learn what peer pressure is, avoidance techniques, or just to not put yourself in the situation. It’s a pretty well-rounded program.”

The program now covers new threats to kids as well.

“It helps keep the community safe online,” McMillion said. “You know as well as I know that kids get bullied through the internet. Sometimes females get blackmailed. In West Virginia, you’re not supposed to send inappropriate photos, but kids still do. Next thing you know, you’ve got little Tommy blackmailing little Susie ‘if you don’t do this, I’m going to send these photos to everyone in the school.’ You’ve got an officer having to respond.”

In order to teach, McMillion went to Virginia for an intense crash course on both what he needs to teach and how to teach it.

“I just got back — I went two weeks in Culpeper Virginia for the D.A.R.E. class. It was very intense, they cram a whole bunch of information into you for two weeks. People think you’re just reading out of a book. You’re not, you’ve got to memorize this, you’ve got to get it set up to your way of teaching kids. There are more than one type of learners, you’ve got visual learners [uses pictures best], auditory learners, they get it when you are talking to them. You’ve gotta find something best to use with the individual kids.”



McMillion

Chief Jerry Hopkins was excited to get the program started again, “especially with the amount of hard drugs we’ve encountered in the county in the last five years. It’s pretty bad. ... We usually get around a call a week on something like that. When I first started 30 years ago it used to be pills, but now it’s meth and heroin. When I started out ... it was pretty much a daily thing with pills. It’s different — same base drug but they

flipped the script. The pills got so expensive that a normal person couldn't buy them. Then you get a dime of heroin, it's a whole lot cheaper. It's a whole lot more of a chance of you going out too."

This takes a toll on the users, their families, their friends, and the officers and emergency responders who address these calls.

"A lot of the young, in their early 20s, are dying from overdoses. We had two in two weeks OD in Alderson and it was terrible. It's a hard deal. ... We deal with methamphetamines. When you stay up so long your mind is not able to handle it. You start tweaking and then it becomes a mental health issue. I've had people run in here like dogs were chasing them. You're trying to talk to them and calm them down — I had one guy jump out of an ambulance."

McMillion hopes more West Virginia officers will take the training.

"I was the only one from West Virginia that went. Everybody that was in my class were all from the Virginia area. You would think there would be more officers from West Virginia wanting to teach it because now they have more school resource officers in schools."

So far, McMillion only has one criticism of the program, but also noted he understood the reasons behind it.

"It could have been a little longer so everything doesn't feel quite as crammed into you, but I know a lot of departments can't have officers out that long," McMillion said.

"It was a great experience and I can't wait for school to start back. ... I think kids need to be taught this because if you can reach out to one person, you've done something. Maybe that's what I can do — reach out to one kid. The more you go, the more you teach something and work with something, the better you'll get at it. You won't always know it all, but you can still practice and get better. The longer I go teaching, the better I'll get."

Aerial Treatments for Black Flies Taking Place in Summers County

By by rebecca stalnaker | WVDN AUG 18, 2021

A public notice has been issued for Summers County by Commissioner Mike Gore. The notice states that the West Virginia Department of Agriculture will be conducting aerial treatments for black flies. This treatment consists of a biological suppression for the specified insects. Treatments will be along the New River, Greenbrier River and Bluestone River and will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 18. This date is contingent upon the weather and water levels. There is a possibility that treatments will continue into Thursday, Aug. 19.

Raleigh County Commissioners Move Money

During Recent Meeting

By by autumn shelton | WVDN AUG 18, 2021

During a very brief meeting of the Raleigh County Commission on Tuesday, Aug. 17, commissioners were moving money.

The following budget revisions and grants were approved:

- \$9,000 was granted to the Raleigh County 4-H camp for use in yearly upkeep.

"They do a tremendous job," said Commission President Dave Tolliver. "It's all volunteer work."

- \$5,382.50 will be moved to the Raleigh County Sheriff's Department account for their use in a sign-on bonus for new deputies and for FICA taxes.

- \$269,071 will be moved to various accounts to cover costs of the recently approved 3% pay raise for full-time county employees.

- \$24,955 was allocated for the No. 2 drawdown on the White Oak water project. According to Tolliver, dirt should start turning in the next two months on this project.

- \$50,000 was granted for pre-engineering work and land acquisition to begin on the West Raleigh sewer project. Tolliver stated that this money is used to match an \$80,000 grant from the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council. The commission hopes to recover the \$50,000 from other funding sources. Construction on the project will take place along County Route 1 from Clear Fork to Eunice, Tolliver said.

In other business,

- The Spillman Thomas & Battle law firm was selected to provide legal services for the Raleigh County Memorial Airport broadband project and Thrasher Engineering was selected to provide engineering services.

- Tim Kosut was reappointed to the Raleigh County Planning and Zoning Commission. His term expires on Aug. 17, 2024.

- Fred T. Sims was reappointed to the Raleigh County Public Defender's Corporation. His term expires on Aug. 17, 2024.

The next meeting of the Raleigh County Commission will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m.

DHHR COVID-19 Update

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The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) reports as of Aug.9 there have been 3,176,205 total confirmatory laboratory results received for COVID-19, with 170,199 total cases and 2,972

deaths.

DHHR has confirmed the deaths of a 91-year old female from Fayette County, a 64-year old female from Putnam County, a 68-year old male from Cabell County, an 80-year old male from Fayette County, a 68-year old male from Mingo County, a 71-year old male from Marshall County, and a 63-year old male from Nicholas County.

“Today’s news of additional losses is a heartbreaking reminder of the threat this virus presents,” said Bill J. Crouch, DHHR cabinet secretary. “West Virginians believe in taking care of each other, and we must strive to keep the health of others in mind. Please schedule your COVID-19 vaccine today.”

CASES PER COUNTY: Barbour (1,571), Berkeley (13,306), Boone (2,239), Braxton (1,075), Brooke (2,291), Cabell (9,329), Calhoun (411), Clay (555), Doddridge (658), Fayette (3,749), Gilmer (920), Grant (1,337), Greenbrier (2,956), Hampshire (1,956), Hancock (2,905), Hardy (1,605), Harrison (6,454), Jackson (2,350), Jefferson (4,924), Kanawha (15,918), Lewis (1,434), Lincoln (1,634), Logan (3,411), Marion (4,851), Marshall (3,728), Mason (2,200), McDowell (1,711), Mercer (5,383), Mineral (3,026), Mingo (2,853), Monongalia (9,613), Monroe (1,262), Morgan (1,306), Nicholas (1,989), Ohio (4,462), Pendleton (725), Pleasants (980), Pocahontas (702), Preston (2,998), Putnam (5,579), Raleigh (7,365), Randolph (2,959), Ritchie (784), Roane (695), Summers (878), Taylor (1,361), Tucker (563), Tyler (786), Upshur (2,132), Wayne (3,358), Webster (627), Wetzel (1,480), Wirt (479), Wood (8,205), Wyoming (2,171).

Delays may be experienced with the reporting of information from the local health department to DHHR. As case surveillance continues at the local health department level, it may reveal that those tested in a certain county may not be a resident of that county, or even the state as an individual in question may have crossed the state border to be tested. Such is the case of Pendleton County in this report. Please visit www.coronavirus.wv.gov for more detailed information.

West Virginians 12 years and older are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. To learn more about the vaccine, or to find a vaccine site near you, visit vaccinate.wv.gov or call 1-833-734-0965.

Considine Guilty Of Fleeing Scene Causing Death

By by bobby bordelon | WVDN AUG 18, 2021

A man responsible for an ATV accident causing death pled guilty under Greenbrier County Circuit Court Judge Jennifer Dent on Friday, Aug. 13.

Timothy Considine was indicted in 2018 on one count of driving while in an impaired state causing death and one count of leaving the scene of an accident causing death.

According to Assistant Prosecutor Bethany Burdette, on “about June 29 of 2018, on the western end of Greenbrier County, there was an ATV accident involving Mr. Considine, with [him] being the driver. At the accident, the victim Curtis Johnson was injured and, in fact, killed. ... Mr. Considine had reason to believe, at the time of the accident that he caused, that Mr. Johnston was injured. He declined to render any kind of aid and ... then he left the scene of the accident, as evidenced by the 911 caller picking him up approximately a mile and a half away from the victim.”

“It sounds pretty accurate to me,” Considine said after Dent asked if the state’s case was correct.

Considine pled guilty to count two, felony leaving the scene of an accident causing death. After this, Burdette moved that the first indictment be dismissed.

The plea deal carries a maximum possible penalty of one to five years imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine. Burdette also noted that the family of the victim, also related to Considine, approved of the plea deal.

Defense Attorney Michael Whitt also highlighted one of the deals' penalties.

"One thing in the written plea of guilty that has not been mentioned here today that I want to put on the record is that under the statute ... his driver's license will be revoked for one year after either the date of conviction or the date of his release from incarceration, whichever date is later," said Whitt. "He is fully aware of this revocation."

Considine was allowed to remain on bond until sentencing.

Fayette County Woman Now Facing Sexual Abuse Charges Along With Boyfriend

By autumn shelton | WVDN AUG 18, 2021



A Fayette County woman has now been arrested and charged on multiple felony counts of sexual abuse after allegedly sending sexually explicit photos of her with her boyfriend to two minor females.

April Dawn Leshar, 44, of Edmond, was booked at Southern Regional Jail on Aug. 10 after being arrested by members of the Fayette County Sheriff's Department.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Fayette County, from October-December 2020, Leshar, along with her 42-year-old boyfriend Billy James Keeney, sent photos of themselves engaging in sexual acts through a Snapchat group chat to two 17-year-old females. Keeney allegedly asked the girls through the Snapchat app if they wanted to come over and hang out.

“This message included an eggplant emoji and then the sweat droplets emoji,” the complaint continues.

In a separate incident from the same time period, Leshar and Keeney sent one of the female victims text messages asking her to engage in a “threesome” with them. The female also received two photographs of the couple engaging in oral sex.

Keeney was arrested and booked at Southern Regional Jail on March 17 on three felony counts of distribution and display of obscene matter to a minor, three felony counts of use of obscene matter with intent to seduce a minor, three felony counts of soliciting a minor via computer and one count of conspiracy to commit a felony.

Leshar originally told officers that she did not know that Keeney had sent the explicit photos and messages to either minor victim, the complaint states. However, she told officers that he had told her he would use those photos against her if she ever pressed domestic violence charges against him.

Now, five months after his arrest, Leshar is facing the same charges as Keeney, with an additional two felony counts of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or person in a position of trust to a minor child. She is at Southern Regional Jail. Her surety/cash bail has been set at \$50,000.

Federal Trial For Greenbrier County Man Accused Of Possessing Child Pornography Placed On Hold

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The federal trial for a Greenbrier County man charged with possession of child pornography has been placed on hold pending further order of the court.

Jack Michael Smith, 34, of Alderson was scheduled to appear for a jury trial before United States Magistrate Judge Omar J. Aboulhossn at the federal courthouse in Beckley on Tuesday, August 17, regarding charges that he took sexually explicit photos of a female approximately 11-13 years old and uploaded them to the social media site Tumblr.

The incident allegedly occurred on Oct. 19, 2019.

According to a search warrant application issued on Oct. 13, 2020, officials with Tumblr reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that 11 images of a nude, pubescent female were uploaded to a Tumblr chat by a person using the user name "reapersmith" and the email address jmikesmith2000@gmail.com. The site was also able to capture the IP address of the user.

In the Tumblr chat, the user "reapersmith" states that he had been having a sexual relationship with the girl and began molesting her when she was three years old.

During the initial investigation, it was discovered that Smith allegedly uploaded another image of a female who was approximately 7-10 years old to Kik messenger on March 19, 2019, from a Ronceverte address. This image depicted the nude female leaning against a bathtub wearing handcuffs and ankle bracelets, the warrant application states.

Through surveillance work, it was discovered that Smith had applied for a martial arts studio on Oct. 7, 2020 using the email address jmikesmith2000@gmail.com.

After the search warrant was granted, evidence was seized from Smith's home on Sunset Drive. He was taken into custody and booked at Southern Regional Jail on Oct. 16, 2020. Kimberly Crookshanks, who resided with Smith, was also taken into custody and charged after evidence of child pornographic images were found on

her cell phone.

Crookshanks was relocated to the state of Oregon where she is currently in jail awaiting a three day jury trial scheduled for Sept. 28 at the Portland Courtroom 16 before Judge Michael W. Mosman, according to information provided by the district of Oregon criminal court docket sheet.

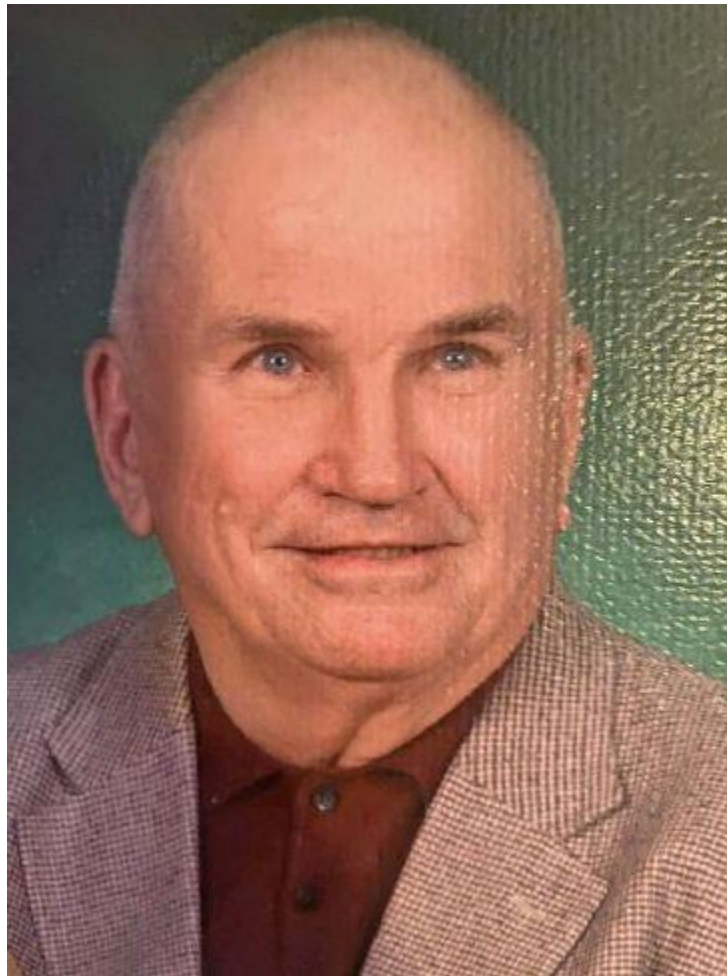
Smith is currently at Southern Regional Jail. No bond has been set.

Officers with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) out of Oregon, DHS officers from Charleston and those with the Alderson Police Department aided each other during the investigation.

The West Virginia Daily News will continue to provide updates on this case as they become available.

Kedrick Allen “Al” Buster

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BUSTER

Kedrick Allen “Al” Buster, 86, of Ronceverte, WV passed away on August 14, 2021 at the Brian Center in Low Moor, VA.

Al was born September 17, 1934 in Powellton, WV and was the son of the late Homer and Jessie Workman Buster.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte. Al was a retired TSGT with the U.S. Air Force. He, also, was a retired supervisor with ABB. After retirement from ABB, Al became a starter on the golf courses at the Greenbrier Hotel. He loved to fly fish with the flies that he created and tied.

Most importantly was his family, whom he adored and enjoyed the time that they spent together.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Emma Jane Munsey and Rosa Lee Williams.

Surviving are his wife, Carmen Montgomery Buster; his daughter, Danith Flanagan and her husband, Ty of Earlysville, VA; son, Mark K. Buster and his wife, Glenda of Mt. Crawford, VA; grandchildren, Molly Flanagan, John Kedrick Flanagan, and Aaron Mark Buster; his special niece, Paulette McNeely, and her daughters, Josie and Katie, and their daughters, Evie and Ruby.

Funeral services for Al will be Friday, August 20, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Dr. Joseph Geiger officiating. Interment will be 2 p.m. on Friday, August 20, 2021 with military honors at the Montgomery Memorial Park in London, WV.

The family will receive family and friends from 10 a.m. until time of services on Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 373 Pocahontas Ave., Ronceverte, WV 24970 or to Greenbrier County Emergency Ambulance Service, 257 3rd St., Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

Justin Allen Ambler

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AMBLER

Justin Allen Ambler, 40, passed away unexpectedly on August 6, 2021 at Charleston Area Medical Center. He

was born at Greenbrier Valley Hospital in Ronceverte and was a lifelong resident of Alderson.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Norma McFarland; and maternal grandparents, Janet and John Gadd; and special cousin, Joshua Serreno.

He is survived by his father and mother, Jeff and Teresa Ambler of Alderson, WV; and his mother, Marsha Hunter Black of Crawley WV; his children, Courtney Rogers of Melbourne, FL, Justice Sinkhorn (Dylan) of Morristown, TN, and Lukas and Dravin Ambler of Fort Spring, WV; sisters, Megan Meadows (Justin) of Alderson, WV and Jesse Black of Quinwood, WV; brothers, John Allen Ambler (Krys) of Beckley, WV and James Black of Lewisburg, WV; also, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Justin was a fierce and loyal friend and had a spiritual side to him known only to a few.

The prayer that held special meaning to him was:

“Angels from the North, South, East, and West,
watch over me as I rest,
For the ones that I love,
for I know I’m truly Blessed.”

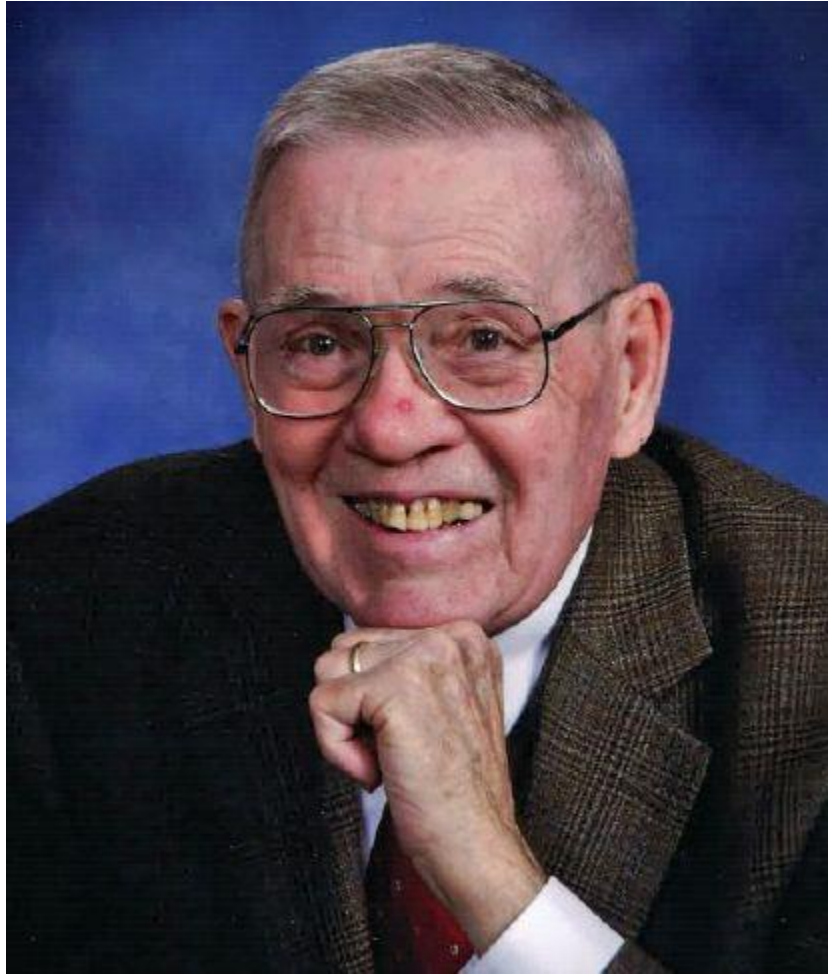
A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com.

Information submitted by Lantz Funeral Home in Alderson.

Thompson Arthur Mashburn, Jr.

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MASHBURN

Thompson Arthur Mashburn, Jr., 84, of Lewisburg, passed away Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at his residence in Lewisburg.

Born October 9, 1936 in Morganton, NC, he was a son of the late Thompson Arthur Mashburn, Sr. and the late Evelyn Irene Walker Mashburn.

Mr. Mashburn graduated from Madison High School in 1953, graduated from UNC with a BA degree in 1956, and graduated from Duke University with a Ph. D in 1959.

He was on the faculty at the Hospital for Joint Diseases Research Institute, NYC; Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, NYC; University of Tennessee Health Center, Memphis, TN; West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg, WV; was a retired Emeritus Professor and authored multiple publications.

He was a member of the Board of Directors at Sheppard Center and Carnegie Hall.

In his spare time, he enjoyed wood working, was a competitive rifle shooter, Life Member of the National Rifle Association, Horticulturist, and Orchid grower, was a member of the Blue Ridge Orchid Society, the American Orchid Society, and was an avid scuba diver.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two wives, Louise Tull Mashburn and Nelda Joyce Mashburn.

He is survived by a sister, Sara Mashburn Quate and husband, Wallace; a niece, Laura Pratt; a step-daughter, Jenny Kisler and husband, Eric; and step-sons, Jon Collins and wife, Lisa and David Collins and wife, Sheila.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m., Saturday, September 4, 2021 at Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg, WV, with Rev. Samuel Harkness officiating.

A reception will follow the service in the church fellowship hall.

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

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.