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Tom T. Hall Passes Away At 85

By by matthew young | WVDN AUG 27, 2021



Legendary musician Tom T. Hall passed away on Friday, August 20, at his home in Franklin, Tennessee. Hall was 85.

A troubadour in every sense of the word, Hall was the artistic force behind such cherished songs as “That’s How I Got to Memphis”, “Harper Valley P.T.A.” and “Faster Horses (the Cowboy and the Poet).

Hall was selected as a member of The Grand ‘Ole Opry in 1971, and inducted into the Country Music Hall Of Fame in 2008. Throughout the course of his nearly 60-year career, Hall had penned a total of 12 chart-topping songs, with another 26 that reached the top 10. He also collaborated with other celebrated musicians, such as Loretta Lynn, Johnnie Wright and Johnny Cash.

Other than writing and performing his music, Hall had several stints as a radio disc jockey in both Kentucky and West Virginia, including some time spent on the air here in the Greenbrier Valley.

In the coming days, The West Virginia Daily News will provide a much more thorough and fitting tribute to the “Storyteller” whose music touched the lives of so many.

In the meantime, please join with us in celebration of his musical legacy...

"Thank you for your precious time..."

Forgive me if I start to cryin'.

That's how I got to Memphis, that's how I got to Memphis..."

Let Me Do You A Flavor: Easy Summer Salads

By by lindsey wolford | WVDN AUG 27, 2021



Hey there and welcome back. I hope you are finding ways to beat the heat because it has been beyond hot lately. This week I'm bringing you two easy jar salads, so pour a cold drink and hot this down.

These salads are so easy and great for beating the heat and keeping your kitchen cool. For the first salad grab a mason jar - whatever size you want and put some dressing in the bottom. Then put the meat of your choice or you can leave meat out. I often buy frozen diced chicken and thaw it in the microwave for these salads.

Next add your veggies. I like cucumbers, some cherry tomatoes, some of those little fried onions and lettuce. It's fun to do this in layers and remember we eat with our eyes first. You could add fruit or nuts - really whatever your heart desires. The best part is when you are ready to eat your salad you just shake it up and eat it from the jar!!

The next salad is one that I love and feel in my soul!! I think this salad is best in a smaller jar because a little goes a long way. For this salad you will need:

small mozzarella balls in oil
Large black olives
Large green olives
And salami diced into cubes

Layer each of the ingredients in the jar – twice if you can. Then take some of the oil and spices from the mozzarella balls and drizzle in the jar and shake up – I have also used a Greek vinaigrette dressing. Then shake it up and eat!

So there you have it friends. You can make these your own by changing ingredients up to fit your family's likes, but no matter what you do make it your own and as always I'm sending love from my kitchen to yours!

Echoes Of The Past

By WV Daily News | WVDN AUG 27, 2021

The following information is taken from the pages of The West Virginia Daily News, The West Virginia News, and The Greenbrier Independent in The West Virginia Daily News archives from 25, 50, 75, and 100 years ago.

August 26-30, 1996

25 Years Ago...

Lindsey Renee Gabbert of Alderson has been awarded a President's Scholarship for the 1996-97 academic year at Marietta College.

She is the daughter of Mike and Brenda Gabbert and is a 1996 graduate of Greenbrier East High School.

The Alvon United Methodist Church dedicated its new fellowship and picnic shelter on August 11. The shelter was named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore and Margaret Boggs, who are long time members of the church.

Keith Poore of Snowshoe has been accepted and will attend Burke Mountain Academy for the junior year of high school in Vermont for the 1996-97 school year.

The American Board of Opticianry and the National Contact Lens Examiners have announced that Shelli Ervin of Seneca Opticians in Fairlea recently passed the National Competency Examination.

Gov. Gaston Caperton has named Brownie Hayes Dodson of Maxwelton a Distinguished West Virginian. She has nearly 60 years of teaching experience and is the oldest active teacher in West Virginia. She teaches math at Frankford Elementary School.

Air Force Airman Dale R. Pence has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Barbara E. Level of Ronceverte and is a 1993 graduate of Greenbrier East High School.

Heather Dawn Fogus, daughter of Kenneth and Darlene Fogus of White Sulphur Springs, will appear in the 30th annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

She is a junior at Greenbrier East High School.

Jim Gallagher, general manager, presented 10-year pins to employees Aaron McCormick, Gloria McClung, and David Green at the annual company picnic of Greenbrier Valley Limousine.

Garieann Cunningham of Lewisburg has been awarded a President's Scholarship for the 1996-97 academic year at Marietta College.

She is the daughter of Mark and Marsha Cunningham and is a graduate of Greenbrier East High School.

J. Kincaid, district manager of Southern West Virginia Wendy's, purchased the Light Weight Champion Steer at the 4-H sale at the West Virginia State Fair on August 18. The blue ribbon steer was raised by John Tuckwiller. John Tuckwiller is the son of Matthew and Lynn Tuckwiller of Lewisburg.

August 26, 1971

50 Years Ago...

Miss Vivian Crane was among the degree recipients at the summer commencement exercises of the University of Virginia.

She is a former principal and teacher at Rupert School.

Patricia J. Wise of Ronceverte and Deborah Ann Gibson of White Sulphur Springs are among the 65 West Virginia University sophomores who will compose the entering class of the School of Nursing for the fall term.

Fifty years ago this month, Paul Legg accepted a position with the Pioneer Drug Store and has been serving the public in this capacity in a dignified and unselfish manner ever since.

Lowell E. Johnson has received his Doctor of Education degree in reading and psychology from West Virginia University.

He is a former teacher and counselor at Lewisburg High School and guidance counselor at Greenbrier East High School.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave E. Johnson of Williamsburg.

Virgil W. Hanshew Jr. has been hired as a graduate assistant teacher in the department of speech at Marshall University.

He is the son of Virgil W. Hanshew Sr. of Lewisburg.

Airman John W. Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Beard of Lewisburg, has received his first U.S. Air Force duty assignment after completing basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to a unit of the Air Training Command at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

Miss Alee Jean Dolinger of Rainelle was a member of the graduating class of the Charleston General Hospital School of Nursing in ceremonies held at Morris Harvey College.

Evjan Giamour Gloria, a 4-year-old registered Holstein in the head tested for Clayborne D. and Virginia C. Campbell of Sinks Grove, has produced a noteworthy record of 17,630 pounds of milk and 672 pounds of butterfat in 305 days.

August 29, 1946

75 Years Ago...

John Henson and Henry Loudermilk cut down a walnut "bee" tree on the John Young farm west of Lewisburg and found a store of 40 pounds of honey.

On the fairgrounds on Wednesday, a daughter was born to a woman in the secretary's office, attended by a physician hastily summoned. It was suggested the baby be named "Merry Fair."

Fred B. Reynolds of Ronceverte has purchased the pool room building and residence known as the Grace Patton property in Alderson from C.H. Bivens. It is reported that Reynolds will establish a cleaning and pressing plant at the site.

Forrest Lee Suttle, son of Mrs. Una Suttle of Ronceverte, has recently been discharged from the Navy at Bainbridge, Md., where he was stationed for 11 months as a yeoman.

On September 1, he will resume work at the Ronceverte A&P store, where he was employed before entering the service.

August 27, 1921

100 Years Ago...

Mr. Grady King of Alvon, who is road supervisor for Anthony's Creek District, has had for some time a crew of men working on the district roads, which are beginning to show much improvement.

The cornerstone of the new Falling Spring District high school will be laid with elaborate ceremonies on Monday, September 5.

Len H. was arrested at White Sulphur Springs and placed in jail in Covington, Va.

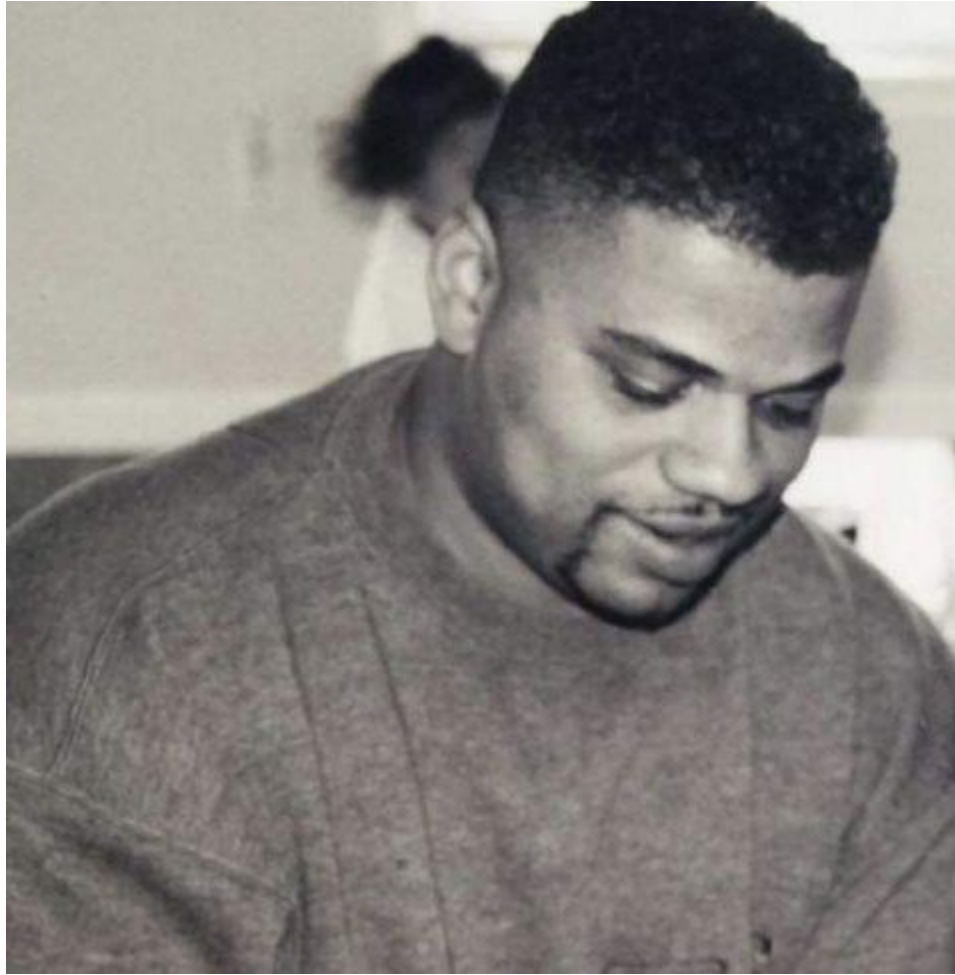
A few days before, Lawrence H. and Rodney H. were arrested and lodged in the Covington jail on the charge of holding up a truck at the point of a gun at the foot of Little Alleghany Mountain and taking a new tire off the truck to replace the flat one on the automobile they were driving.

As the officers were on their way to arrest Lawrence and Rodney H., they encountered Arch H. on the White Sulphur road and found a gallon and a half of whiskey in his car and took him to the Covington jail.

The car on which the stolen tire was put belonged to Len H.

Eddie T. Lawson, Jr.

By WV Daily News | WVDN AUG 27, 2021



On Tuesday, July 27, 2021, Eddie T. Lawson Jr., aged 51, entered into eternal rest, after a brief battle with cancer. He was affectionately known as E.T. to his family and friends. E.T. was born on May 14, 1970, in White Sulphur Springs to Eddie T. Lawson, Sr. and Donna Lawson.

E.T. was a proud U.S. Army Veteran and was stationed in Babenhausen, Germany. E.T. also played football and Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. After his enlistment, he went on to have a successful career as an over the road truck driver. In his 28+ years of driving, he was employed with Schneider, Maverick and Mercer trucking companies. E.T. enjoyed serving as a Greenbrier County recreational league coach for their youth basketball and Lewisburg Steelers football team.

E.T leaves, to cherish his memory, his parents, Eddie Sr. and Donna Lawson; two beloved sisters: Yvonne Lawson of East Orange, NJ and Shawne Lawson Mooreman of KY; his daughter, Alexis Y. Lawson of Durham, NC; three sons: Zayvion Esiah Lawson, Marion Cole Lawson of Lewisburg, WV, their mother Colette Lewis and Myles Nico Lawson of Las Vegas, NV as well as a host of friends & family. He reveled in the company of his only grandchild, Riley Brooke Hall.

He will be mourned by extended family and countless friends all across the country. A memorial service will be held at 1 PM on August 28th at First Baptist Church on 17 church St in White Sulphur Springs.

Registration Underway At New River CTC

By WV Daily News | WVDN AUG 27, 2021

Students have another opportunity to take fall classes at New River Community and Technical College with Rolling Start Options beginning Monday, Sept. 27, 2021.

“Starting classes in August doesn’t work for everyone,” explained Executive Director for Institutional Advancement and the New River CTC Foundation Michael Green. “Our Rolling Start Options give people flexibility on when they start taking college classes and provide a good selection of general education courses required for many majors.”

Online classes offered during the ten-week session include algebra, American history, English, general mathematics, public speaking, psychology, medical terminology, Microsoft Office courses, and sociology.

Students may take up to two courses during the session.

Registration for the fall 2021 Rolling Start Options is underway and will continue through Sept. 24, 2021.

For more information about New River CTC, visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 866-349-3739.

New River Community and Technical College serves nine counties in southeastern West Virginia from the Greenbrier Valley Campus (Lewisburg), Mercer County Campus (Princeton), Nicholas County Campus (Summersville) and Raleigh County Campus (Beaver).

Go Fund Me Set Up To Help Family Following Passing Of WVSP Sgt. John Syner

By by autumn shelton | WVDN AUG 27, 2021



When West Virginia State Police Sgt. John Syner passed away on Saturday, Aug. 21. It was a shock to everyone who knew him.

He was only 52 years old at the time of his passing and serving as detachment commander at the Marlinton West Virginia State Police Detachment. Syner was in his prime.

Unfortunately, a tree cutting accident that occurred at his Lansing-Edmond home in Fayette County took his life too soon.

He was a proud husband to Stephanie, a role-model father for his son and daughter and a great pops to his three grandchildren, according to Trooper First Class Shane G. Milam of the Oak Hill detachment. He had two years to go before his retirement.

When tragedies like this occur, the brotherhood of the West Virginia State Police come together to mourn, to remember the good times and to help the families of lost officers make it through the bad times.

Because Syner hadn't quite made it to retirement, Milam decided to start a fundraiser to assist his family financially. He has now set up the official "Sgt. John Syner Memorial Fund" on Go Fund Me.

In just two days, he has raised over \$6,000. His ultimate goal is to raise \$50,000, and more if possible.

"I wanted to provide support for the family," Milam said. "It is never easy when we lose someone unexpectedly. I wanted to set up something so the community could help and show that they care. I would like to raise as much as possible to get his wife, Stephanie, settled."

Milam added that Syner was a family man.

“John’s heart was with his family. He talked about them all the time. He was ‘pops’ to his grandchildren,” Milam said. “He was a very loyal man. He was dedicated to his job and to serving people. He was a great investigator who would work a case until it went cold, but even then he wouldn’t give up. He took cases personally. He took them to heart. He wanted to catch the criminal and help the victim who suffered. He solved several murders.”

“He was a good guy,” Milam continued. “You couldn’t ask for a better guy.”

Milam said that he was fortunate to have worked with Syner before he received his promotion and became detachment commander in Marlinton.

He said that he will always remember working multiple shifts with Syner in Oak Hill.

“We had this bond,” Milam noted. “The state police is a brotherhood. You stick together. We are family. Every memory I have of him is a good one.”

Milam stated that it was Syner who recommended him for his position with the state police. He has now served for 8 years.

“When we met, he just wanted to see me do well,” Milam said. “He checked in on me and made sure I was good.”

“He was definitely someone I liked working with. We had the same goals. He did the public right,” Milam concluded.

Syner’s services took place on Friday, Aug. 27, in Fayette County. He will be laid to rest at the Nuttall Cemetery.

For those who wish to contribute to the Sgt. John Syner Memorial Fund, but do not have access to a computer, they may drop off their donations at the Oak Hill Detachment of the West Virginia State Police.

The Go Fund Me page can be found at <https://au.gofundme.com/f/sgt-john-syner-memorial-fund>.

9 women now serving as governors in US, tying a record

By by david a. lieb associated press | WVDN AUG 27, 2021



With Kathy Hochul officially taking the reins as New York's governor, a historic number of women are currently leading U.S. states — a push towards equality and representation that could continue into next year's midterm elections.

There are now nine women serving as governor in the U.S. That ties a record that was set in 2004 and matched in 2007 and 2019, but it's still well shy of gender proportionality.

Taking over on short notice for a scandal-plagued predecessor in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, Hochul began her tenure Tuesday with more than enough challenges for a new administration. She also began with an historic opportunity: Hochul is the first woman to hold one of the most prominent governorships in the U.S.

"New York as a whole has been a tough place for women to break into the highest levels, because there is very much a tight set of powerful gatekeepers," said Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

"And unfortunately — even in 2021 — women are still seen, in effect, as newcomers," she said.

A century after women gained the right to vote, 19 states still have never been led by a woman. That includes some of the most populous states, such as California, Florida, Pennsylvania and Illinois. Even if it succeeds, California's recall election of Gov. Gavin Newsom next month doesn't appear likely to elevate a woman to the state's top job.

Hochul had served as New York's lieutenant governor until succeeding fellow Democrat Andrew Cuomo, who resigned after a decade in office. Cuomo had faced a potential impeachment battle after an attorney general's investigation said he had sexually harassed or inappropriately touched 11 women. Among other things, Cuomo also had faced a legislative investigation into whether he misled the public last year about COVID-19 deaths in nursing homes.

Hochul pledged "a dramatic change in culture" that will include mandatory ethics courses and improved sexual harassment training for state employees.

"I want people to believe in their government again," Hochul said Tuesday while outlining her top goal. Hochul already has announced she will seek a full four-year term in 2022.

Taking over in a crisis could benefit her politically, especially since women can face greater scrutiny when running for office, said Betsy Fischer Martin, executive director of the Women & Politics Institute at American University.

"It gives her an automatic way to shine in the office," Fischer Martin said.

Next year could be a pivotal one for women running for governor. Democratic Gov. Kate Brown of Oregon will be the only female incumbent barred from seeking re-election by term limits. Six male governors also will be term-limited, opening a path to office for fresh candidates from both parties.

In Arizona, where Republican Gov. Doug Ducey can't run again, the field already has several candidates who are women, including Republican state Treasurer Kimberly Yee and Democratic Secretary of State Katie Hobbs. Arizona already holds the record for the most women who have served as governor — four. Kansas has had three.

In Arkansas, which has never had a woman serve as governor, a high-profile Republican primary pits Attorney General Leslie Rutledge against Sarah Sanders, press secretary for former President Donald Trump and daughter of former Gov. Mike Huckabee. The incumbent, Republican Gov. Asa Hutchinson, will be termed out. In 2018, women's political advocates also thought they were primed for success with a record number of candidates for governor. But they did not ultimately set a new record for victories.

Women currently hold 18% of governors' offices — significantly less than this year's new records of 27% of U.S. congressional seats and 31% of state legislative seats. In addition, Vice President Kamala Harris also became the first woman in that role this year.

Part of the challenge in electing women as governors is overcoming stereotypes of men as stronger, more decisive leaders, Walsh said.

Another challenge is deepening the pool of women willing to enter politics, said Wendy Doyle, president and CEO of the Kansas City, Missouri-based nonprofit United WE.

The organization is coordinating an effort to get more women appointed to positions on state, county and city boards and commissions. It's working with local officials in California, Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania Texas and Washington. The idea is that some women appointed to positions eventually will run for elected offices.

"It's a long game," Doyle said. "But we've got to build the pipeline; we've got to build the bench."

Feds report most rental assistance has still not gone out

By by michael casey associated press | WVDN AUG 27, 2021

BOSTON (AP) — States and localities have only distributed 11% of the tens of billions of dollars in federal rental assistance, the Treasury Department said Wednesday, the latest sign the program is struggling to reach the millions of tenants at risk of eviction.

The latest data shows that the pace of distribution increased in July over June and that nearly a million households have been helped.

But with the Supreme Court considering a challenge to the federal eviction moratorium, the concern is that a wave of evictions will happen before much of the assistance has been distributed. Some 3.5 million people in the U.S. as of Aug. 16 said they face eviction in the next two months, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey.

Lawmakers approved \$46.5 billion in rental assistance earlier this year and most states are distributing the first tranche of \$25 billion. According to the Treasury Department, \$5.1 billion in Emergency Rental Assistance has been distributed by states and localities through July, up from \$3 billion at the end of June and only \$1.5 billion by May 31.

Several states, including Virginia and Texas, have been praised for moving quickly to get the federal money out. But many others have still only distributed a small percentage of the rental help.

Housing advocates blame the slow rollout partly on the Treasury Department under President Donald Trump, which they say was slow to explain how the money could be spent. The criteria, while clearer under the Biden administration, was still criticized for a burdensome process that seemed more focused on preventing fraud than helping tenants.

Advocates also said states made things worse — some waited months to set up programs and others created bureaucratic hurdles.

Efforts to use coronavirus relief money for rental assistance last year faced similar challenges.

“Nearly 1 million households assisted is meaningful progress, but the overall rate of spending emergency rental assistance remains much too slow,” said Diane Yentel, CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

“Some communities are spending the money quickly and well, proving that it’s possible and making the many communities who aren’t all the more glaring and unacceptable” she said. “Seven months after funds were first allocated to them, nine states have spent less than 3% of the money and 16 states have spent less than 5%.” National Apartment Association president and CEO Bob Pinnegar called the assistance rollout “a disaster, marred with programmatic inefficiencies and difficulties.”

“Americans are hurting and we are on the edge of another financial cliff as distribution deadlines loom and the future availability of rental assistance funds is jeopardized,” he said.

The Treasury Department has repeatedly tweaked its guidance to encourage states and local governments to streamline the distribution of the funds. The Biden administration has also asked states to create eviction diversion programs that aim to resolve disputes before they reach the courts.

On Wednesday, Treasury released additional guidance to try to speed up the process. This includes programs to allow tenants to self-assess their income and risk of becoming homeless among other criteria. Many states and localities, fearing fraud, have measures in place that can take weeks to verify an applicant qualifies for help.

Treasury also said states and localities now can distribute money in advance to landlords and utility providers “in anticipation of the full satisfaction of (the) application and documentation requirement.” And they approved providing money for tenants who have outstanding rental debt in collection, which would make it easier for them to find new housing.

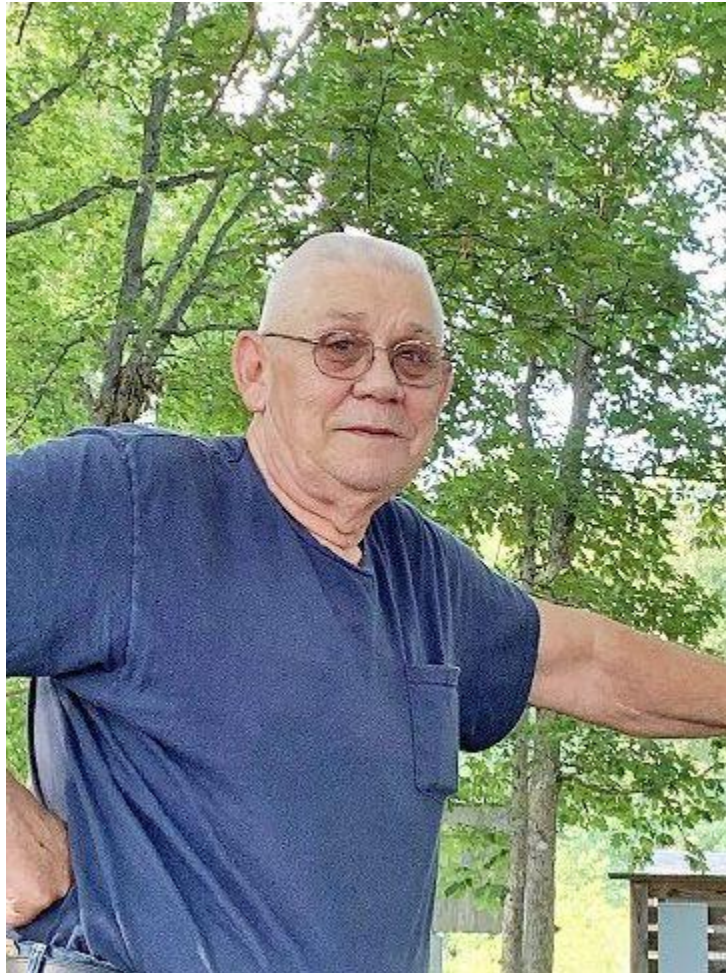
“For those cities and states that wanted even more clarity that they can and should use simpler applications, speedier processes and a self-attestation option without needless delays — this answers that call,” said Gene Sperling, who is charged with overseeing implementation of President Joe Biden’s \$1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package.

“The guidance could not be more clear in expressing that this is a public health and eviction emergency that requires putting quick and sound rental relief above unnecessary paperwork that will not reach families in time.”

The administration also announced measures aimed at averting evictions at federally-backed housing, including 400,000 rental units in Department of Agriculture-backed multifamily properties. It also is offering additional rental assistance to at-risk veterans and their families and working to ensure tenants in public housing can access rental assistance.

Chief Everette Lee Tinney

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TINNEY

Chief Everette Lee Tinney, 72, of Marlinton passed away Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

Born February 9, 1949 in Page, WV, he was a son of the late Peter F. and Effie E. Miller Tinney. He is preceded in death by his wife, Drema McCall Tinney; daughter, Susan Dawn Tinney; brothers, Alden and Edward Tinney.

Lee graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in 1983, then served as a police officer for 32 years; 28 of those years he served as the chief of Police for the Town of Marlinton. Lee was a member and an ordained deacon of the Cooktown Community Church.

Survivors include daughters, Renee Perkins and husband, Eric of Marlinton, Patty Ann Sharp and fiancé, Brian Cool of Huttonsville, Robyn Lea Beverage of Marlinton, Debra Lynn Holiday and fiancé, Derrick Suttle of Maxwellton, Camella Jo (CJ) Ervin and husband, Michael of Renick, and Kelly Woody and husband, Anthony of Marlinton; twenty one grandchildren, and twenty one great-grandchildren and one on the way; brothers, Homer A. Tinney and wife, Rose of Petersburg, and Connice C. Tinney and wife, Candy of Columbus, OH; aunt, Phyllis Cartè; many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021 at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Pastor Sam Felton officiating. Burial followed in the Mountain View Cemetery in Marlinton.

Visitation was from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com.

Information submitted by Lantz Funeral Home in Alderson.

William Randolph “Bo” Adwell

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ADWELL

William Randolph “Bo” Adwell, 52, of Ronceverte, WV passed away Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at the J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV.

Born November 19, 1968, at White Sulphur Springs, WV, he was the son of Ada Fay Kast (Frank) of Ronceverte, WV, and the late William Adwell.

In addition to his father, Bo was preceded in death by a son, Andrew Ethan Adwell.

In addition to his mother, survivors include his children, James T. Adwell (Maggie) of Organ Cave, WV and Brianna Adwell of White Sulphur Springs, WV; brother, Randall Lee Adwell (Connie) of Ronceverte, WV; and sister, Sheila Wright (Rickie) of Richmond, VA; grandchildren, Madelyn and Jeremiah.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, August 29, 2021, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Darrell Ramsey officiating.

Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net.

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Ronald Wayne Shockley

By WV Daily News | WVDN AUG 27, 2021

SHOCKLEY

Ronald Wayne Shockley, 70, of Lewisburg passed away, Saturday, August 21, 2021 at his residence in Lewisburg.

Born October 6, 1950 at Floyd, VA, he was a son of Geneva M. Phillips Shockley of Lewisburg, and the late Fielding V. Shockley.

Ronald was a production worker for U.T.C. aerospace products and transportation systems and was an Army veteran with the 101st Airborne division.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Berry Shockley; a son, Marcus Wayne Shockley (Georgia) of Lewisburg; two grandchildren, Austin and Skylar Shockley; a sister, Kimberly Mayes of Fairlea; and a brother, Stephen Larry Shockley of Ronceverte.

There will be a visitation from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, immediately followed by a graveside service with Military Honors at Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg, with Pastor Everett Hat Defibaugh officiating.

The family requests those in attendance to please wear a mask and social distance.

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

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

Todd Allen Sheffield

By WV Daily News | WVDN AUG 27, 2021



SHEFFIELD

Todd Allen Sheffield, 52, passed away Monday, August 23, 2021 at his homestead in Ronceverte.

Born on July 6, 1969 in Silver Spring, MD and raised in Gaithersburg, MD. He later moved to Ronceverte, WV in the early 1990s and has since become a true mountaineer.

Being a master craftsman, Todd was a founding member of Bearclaw Forge WV he specialized in hand forged knives and ironwork, leathercraft, machining, carpentry, and cabinet making. He was also an avid mechanic and outdoorsman. He loved to teach these skills and delighted in passing on these skills to a new generation. A man of many talents, Todd worked as a logger, surveyor, and finally as an engineering technologist for the West Virginia Department of Highways.

His most defining trait was his devotion to family. He is survived by his wife, Gina Rose; daughter, Cecilia Bucklen and husband, Chris Bucklen; grandson, Draven Bucklen; aunt, Linda May; uncle, Steve May; cousin, Daryl May and wife, Erin Goeller May; cousin, Denise Nieves and husband, Fredo Nieves; mother-in-law, Thelma Morgan; sister-in-law, Cheryl Drumheller and husband, Corbbet Drumheller; nephew, T.C. Drumheller; as well as many extended family and friends.

Todd did not wish for a service but instead asked for a celebration of his life at his family homestead on Saturday, August 28, open to anyone. Those who wish to attend are asked to bring seating, a covered dish, and good memories of Todd.

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

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

Edward James “Jim” Burton

By WV Daily News | WVDN AUG 27, 2021



BURTON

Edward James “Jim” Burton, 66, of Marlinton passed away Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at the Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born October 6, 1954 in Sedalia, MO, he was a son of the late Wally and Veta Couger Ward. Jim was also preceded in death by his wife, Laretha Sue Bowien Burton; great-grandson, Dominic Trotter; and a brother, Mike Burton.

Jim was a 101st Airborne Specialist, Equipment Operator, retired from the Forest Service, owner/operator of Burtons Laundromat, Burton Enterprises, and Burtons Bargains Thrift Store.

Jim is survived by two sons, James Burton of Columbus, IN, and David Burton of Champaign, IL; three step-daughters, Shelia Miller of Clarksville, WV, Charlene Farrington, and Rebecca Smith both of Meridian, MS; eleven grandchildren; two sisters, Nola Gregg of Warsaw, MO, and JoAnn Mudry of Lee Summit, MO.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Pastor Timothy Scott officiating. Burial will follow in the Mountain View Cemetery with military honors by the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corp.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com.

Lantz Funeral Home in Alderson is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Louise Deem Sturgell

By WV Daily News | WVDN AUG 27, 2021



STURGELL

Mary Louise Deem Sturgell went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 22, 2021 after a short illness.

Louise was the daughter of the late Sam and Ethel Deem of Ronceverte. Louise was preceded in death by not only her parents, but her baby brothers, Charles William Deem, Sammy Dale Deem, and Gary Hollie Deem; and sister, Hazel Marie Russell.

She is survived by her husband, Herman Sturgell; her children, Danny Deem (Allie), Kim Withrow (David), and Wolly Sturgell; and grandchildren, Janet Kowalsky (Denny), Katelin Withrow (Zack), Mary Deem, Aaron Withrow, Gary Deem, Gabby Withrow, Haley Toney, and Clay Deem; great-grandsons, Bradley Shirley, Darren Deem, and Emmett Kowalsky; her sister, Doris Lovelace; and brothers, Tommy Deem (Barb), Roger, and Johnny Deem (Melanie).

A visitation for family and friends will be 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, August 26, 2021 at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte, followed by a service at 5:30 p.m. with Pastor Joey Morgan officiating.

Private interment will follow the service.

Donations of sympathy may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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

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

Ruth Marie Nester

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Ruth Marie Nester, 82, of Union, WV, passed away on Monday, August 16, 2021, at her residence.

She was born on January 16, 1939, in White Sulphur Springs, WV, the daughter of the late Eugenia Virginia Kersey.

Other than her mother, she is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Leslie Nester; and a brother, James Robert Kersey.

Ruth was the pastor of the New Life Christian Center, Glace, WV.

Surviving are her children, Sandra Marie Kinney and husband, John Richard of Spotsylvania, VA, Charles L. Nester, II, and wife, Melody Elaine of Glace, and Greg Nester of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Tiffany Jackson, Sarah Gammons, Buddy Kinney, Josh Nester, Chloe Lewis, Brett Todd Nester, Britt Nester, Jade Hefner, and Jacy Hefner; great-grandchildren, Kalup Kinney, Heaven Kinney, Michael Gammons, Evelyn Lewis, Kaylee Gammons, Jase Nester, Linda Nester, Abby Fridley Thomas Collins III, and Silas Collins.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Leslie Nester Memorial Cemetery in Glace with Pastor Josh Nester officiating.

Visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, August 23, 2021 beginning at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs.

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Dear Abby: Friday, August 27

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN AUG 27, 2021

Married Matchmaker Tries To Sink Resulting Romance

DEAR ABBY: I have been friends with “Carolyn” since grammar school. We are in our early 40s now. She’s married; I’m divorced. Two years after my divorce, she introduced me to a nice man I’ll call “Don.” Don and I have grown closer. He recently told Carolyn how he feels about me and that he wants to marry me. After he told her, Carolyn started sending him messages letting him know that she is attracted to him. She even told him some confidential things about me that I shared only with her. Don has shown me the messages she sent and told her he feels uncomfortable about her coming on to him. She dismissed it as “joking.” I plan to spend the rest of my life with Don. I feel betrayed and hurt by Carolyn’s actions. Should I end our friendship? — BOTHERED IN OHIO

DEAR BOTHERED: Your friendship with Carolyn ended when she not only put the moves on your boyfriend, but also tried to sabotage your romance by revealing things you had confided to her. What she did was no joke. I see no reason for a confrontation, but you and Don should distance yourselves from Carolyn.

DEAR ABBY: I was diagnosed with a brain tumor six months ago. All of my friends and co-workers know. My family does not. I hesitated to tell them because my father was gravely ill (he has since recovered), my sister doesn’t like bad news, my daughter had a difficult time with my last brain tumor 10 years ago, and my son is in the military. There is nothing they can do. I finally have a plan of action from my doctors. I will be having radiation and will hold off on surgery to see if it works. My question is: Should I bring my family in on this? I desperately want to. I know I’d be devastated if another family member kept this kind of information from me. Or would telling them be selfish on my part? I mean, why worry them? — WAFFLING OUT WEST

DEAR WAFFLING: I’m sorry for your diagnosis. I hope you realize, because you have been around this track before, that you may beat this again. Because you want and need the support of your family, please let them know what has been going on. Doing that is NOT “selfish.” If your cancer does not respond to treatment, how do you think they would feel that you had kept the news from them? Tell your father and your children so they can support you through this. As to your ostrich of a sister who “doesn’t like bad news,” allow her to continue living in ignorance. She would be of little, if any, help to you during this stressful time. I wish you all the best.

DEAR ABBY: I recently invited two couples over for dinner. After the meal, I asked if anyone would like to go for a short boat ride on our lake. One of the couples wanted to go, but the other woman said she didn’t want to, so we didn’t. What would have been a better way to handle this so that we could have gone? — SAILING AWAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR SAILING: Boating isn’t for everyone. Because she wasn’t willing, you could have offered your guest the television remote control and told her the rest of you would be back in 45 minutes if she wished to stay.

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