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Lewisburg Hosts Memorial Service For Those Killed In Afghanistan

By by matthew young | WVDN AUG 31, 2021



A memorial prayer vigil for the servicemen and women lost in last Thursday's bombing attacks in Kabul, Afghanistan was held in front of the Greenbrier County Courthouse in Lewisburg Sunday evening.

Those killed in the attacks were:

Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo, 25, of Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Sgt. Nicole L. Gee, 23, of Sacramento, California.

Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover, 31, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22, of Indio, California.

Cpl. Daegan W. Page, 23, of Omaha, Nebraska.

Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez, 22, of Logansport, Indiana.

Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza, 20, of Rio Bravo, Texas.

Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz, 20, of St. Charles, Missouri.

Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum, 20, of Jackson, Wyoming.

Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola, 20, of Rancho Cucamonga, California.

Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui, 20, of Norco, California.

Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak, 22, of Berlin Heights, Ohio.

Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss, 23, of Corryton, Tennessee.

“Anytime that we as Americans can come together for prayer, for all of our Americans, then that’s what we should do,” Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White said after the vigil. “It’s an honor to be here today to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom...for all of our freedoms. For that I’m very thankful.”

Dear Abby: Tuesday, August 31

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN AUG 31, 2021

Friend’s Constant Advice On All Things Begins To Grate

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend from college I’m really close to, but they have begun an annoying habit I need help addressing. We live more than 1,000 miles apart, and over the past six months, I’ve noticed that my friend has been giving me unsolicited advice on daily tasks that don’t concern them. At first it didn’t bother me. Now it’s happening three or four times a week. I think they mean well, but the “friendly” reminders are beginning to come across as condescending. Some examples: If I mention what I’m making for dinner, I’ll be reminded to make sure the chicken is cooked to the correct temperature. I have a vacation planned, and I was just reminded that in order to go I need to have flights booked. I’m afraid I may be overreacting, which is why I haven’t said anything. However, these constant reminders are frustrating and leave me with the impression that my friend thinks I’m stupid or incapable of taking care of myself. What’s your advice on how to handle this? — NOT A KID AND NOT STUPID

DEAR NOT: A way to handle it would be to ask your friend why the advice was being offered. If you say you’re making chicken for dinner and you are advised to be sure it’s cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees, calmly ask why the person felt it was necessary to say it. The same goes for your travel plans and any other unsolicited advice you receive. If you ask the question, you may find that your old friend isn’t questioning your intelligence, but simply trying to be helpful.

DEAR ABBY: My niece is getting married. This has been a very stressful time for her family. My sister calls me in tears every night because of the hurtful things her daughter has said to her. Until now, they had a good relationship. I know weddings can be a nightmare for families, even those who are close, because the bride can turn into a “bridezilla.” It is HER wedding, although my sister is paying for everything. Her daughter and the fiance are in their 30s and have well-paying jobs but are very happy to have my sister foot the bill. Sometimes I want to shake my niece and tell her to grow up and show some respect. Is there anything I can do to help my sister other than listen and be there for her? I’m getting worried about her health because of

the stress, and she refuses to take care of herself. — FEELING HELPLESS IN THE EAST

DEAR FEELING HELPLESS: I am sure you are aware that most couples in their 30s who have well-paying jobs foot the bill for their own weddings. Your sister has created this monster with her checkbook. At this point, the most helpful thing you can do for her is what you have been doing — letting her vent so she doesn't blow a gasket from the pressure.

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.

Lewisburg Planning Commission To Hold Work Session

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The Planning Commission will have a working session on Thursday, Sept. 2, at 5:30 p.m. at 942 Washington Street, West. The session will also be available via teleconference because of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

For information on how to participate on ZOOM, contact Marsha Cunningham at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2.

Session topics include

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes: August 5, 2021
- Comments from the Public:
- Review and Discussion: Sign Regulations
- Discussion of Scenic Overlay
- Discussion of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities
- Discussion of Permissible Use Table and Map
- Discussion of Air B & B regulations
- Schedule LUSD Clinic Date
- Comments from Planning Commission Members
- Comments from Zoning Officer
- Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.

Ronceverte Elementary Installs Nonverbal Communication Boards

By by bobby bordelon | WVDN AUG 31, 2021



Kids returning to school should notice a new addition to the Ronceverte Elementary School playground — nonverbal communication boards.

“Ronceverte Elementary School is proud to announce that brand new non-verbal communication boards are going to be installed this school year!” announced the Ronceverte Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) on Facebook. “These boards will be extremely beneficial for our special needs students! These boards will bridge the gap of communication between non-verbal students and their peers during recess! There are two boards; one will be placed on the playground used for Kindergarten through 5th grades and the other will be placed on the Pre-K playground!”



The boards come into Ronceverte Elementary. Left to right - PTO officer Ashley Guet, Special Education teacher Pam Hanna, and Speech-Language Pathologist Karen Isabell. Photo courtesy of Guet.

The boards can be invaluable to those unable to communicate effectively on their own. Ronceverte PTO officer Ashley Guet's daughter Winter has trouble with this, one of the ways autism presents in her life.

"Two summers ago, at the water mister," Guet told the Mountain Messenger in 2020. "It was right after Winter discovered it, she's a water baby and loves that thing. She was playing on it and another little girl was playing on it, and a third little girl came over. Not intentionally and not maliciously, they were edging Winter out and she was looking at me. I thought I was going to have to step in, but Winter held her hand and put it out. Then it finally clicked to the little girl what Winter wanted. They just all had a blast and it was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen because it was the first time Winter communicated on her own without me. ... I cried all the way home."

This prevents her from communicating what she would like or need to other kids or adults, a problem the boards seek to fix.

"[In 2019] I was on Facebook and I ran across an article about a nonverbal communication board someone put up in some other state, I don't remember where it was, at an elementary school," Guet previously told the Mountain Messenger. "I thought it was the coolest thing I'd ever seen. I realized this wasn't something new, this was something we hadn't caught onto yet."

Guet took the idea to Ronceverte Elementary School, looking to get a board installed in the school's playground, and was surprised to receive as much support as she did. Ronceverte Elementary School Principal Stuart and the Parent Teacher Organization each "jumped right on in." Despite this momentum, the same thing that interrupted everyone's lives also interrupted the project — COVID-19.

With help from now Mayor Deena Pack, the Ronceverte Parks and Recreation Committee and many others boards have now come to Ronceverte Elementary School and are expected at Island Park.

"I am so proud of the school, PTO, and myself," Guet told The West Virginia Daily News. "It feels good to see the boards become a reality! Big thanks are owed to our principal, Mrs. Andrea Stewart and the PTO for approving the boards and Mr. Tim Dolan at River City Signs & Tees because he brought my dream to life and he did such a stellar job!"

"Many thanks to ... Mrs. Hanna and Mrs. Isabell for getting the pictures together for the boards and Tim Dolan at River City Signs & Tees for making Ashley's vision come to life!" the PTO said on Facebook. "We are very excited and know these will be beneficial for years to come!"

In the meantime, plans to get two more boards up in Island Park are still ongoing.

"I can't wait to see the boards up and in use!" Guet said. "It's a very exciting time for our school. The inclusion that will come with these boards is so important and I'm proud that our school took such a big step towards that!"

Ty Samples To Take Over As Rainelle Municipal Judge

By autumn shelton | WVDN AUG 31, 2021

The town of Rainelle will soon have a new municipal court judge.

According to Mayor Robin Williams, Tyrone "Ty" Samples was sworn into his new position on Wednesday, Aug. 25. He is a retired West Virginia State Trooper and local resident.

"He is going to be an excellent addition to our town," Williams stated.

Samples will be holding court on the last Thursday of each month and will be at town hall occasionally to read cases, Williams added.

Although the town is still looking for a new police chief, Williams said that she is continuing efforts to find the right person for the job. She noted that she is also working on making other improvements for all those who live in town.

In other Rainelle business, due to the rise in Coronavirus cases in the area, the Rainelle Town Council meetings have once again been closed to the public.

In order to comply with West Virginia state code regarding open governmental proceedings, the council will be

streaming their council meetings on their Facebook page at “Town of Rainelle, WV.”

Unfortunately, the regular council meeting for Monday, Aug. 23, didn’t stream to Facebook because of technical difficulties, Williams said. For this reason, those who wish to pick up a copy of the meeting minutes will be able to do so at town hall.

Anyone who wishes to speak before the council during this closure may call Williams at 304-438-7191 ext. 102 to be placed on the agenda. During the council meeting, Williams said that she will invite those who are on the agenda into the meeting to speak.

She asks that everyone follow this procedure to keep the meetings as safe as possible.

The Rainelle Town Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Registration For WV Forestry's Women Owning Woodlands Weekend Now Open

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Women landowners who want to learn more about forestry and network with other women involved in

woodlands management can now register for the West Virginia Division of Forestry's Women Owning Woodlands workshop.

The event, which is led by women instructors and provides women landowners with an opportunity to ask questions, practice skills and connect with woodland professionals, forest owners and resources, will be at Watoga State Park and Calvin Price State Forest in Pocahontas County on Sept. 17-19.

"Whether you are getting acquainted with your land or have been managing woodlands for years, the Women Owning Woodlands weekend offers learning experiences and a sense of community for all," said Barbara Breshock, a WOW workshop instructor and retired West Virginia Division of Forestry assistant state forester.

Space is limited. The deadline to register is Sept. 10. The \$150 attendance fee covers lodging for two nights, instructional materials and facilities use and meals (dinner on Friday and lunch and dinner on Saturday). To register and get more information, visit WVforestry.com, scroll to the event calendar and click on Sept. 17.

During the event, participants will learn how to identify types of trees, maintain a chainsaw, make the woodlands more attractive to wildlife and value woodlands for timber or wildlife. The event also provides information about resources for landowners and includes field trips into the woods to identify common trees and to watch wildlife in their native habitats.

Scheduled instructors for the 2021 WOW workshop include service foresters and a retired assistant state forester with the West Virginia Division of Forestry, a private consulting forester, a research forester and stewardship coordinator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service and partner biologists for the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

Women play a critical and growing role in farming and land stewardship. Federal research reports that the percentage of family forest ownerships where a woman is the primary decision-maker doubled from 2006 to 2013. The study also found that women are less likely than men to participate in forest management activities or landowner assistance programs. The findings suggest that developing networks of women woodland owners could be an effective way for more women to share information, concerns and experiences.

The West Virginia University Extension Service and Forest Stewards Guild are partnering agencies for the event. Support is provided by the national Women Owning Woodlands program of the USDA Forest Service and a Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund Grant.

For more information about Division of Forestry landowner assistance programs and the Women Owning Woodlands workshop, visit WVforestry.com, send an email to wwomenowningwoodlands@gmail.com or call the Division of Forestry at 304-256-6775.

DHHR Provides COVID Update

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The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) reports as of Aug. 30 there have been 3,385,377 total confirmatory laboratory results received for COVID-19, with 188,660 total cases and 3,074 deaths.

Since last Friday, DHHR has confirmed the deaths of an 83-year old female from Kanawha County, a 77-year

old female from Fayette County, a 68-year old female from Cabell County, 35-year old female from Monongalia County, a 60-year old male from Monongalia County, a 78-year old female from Braxton County, a 44-year old male from Randolph County, an 88-year old female from Fayette County, a 91-year old female from Wood County, an 80-year old male from Ohio County, a 69-year old male from Cabell County, a 57-year old female from Logan County, and a 94-year old female from Raleigh County.

Additional deaths reported on the dashboard as a result of the Bureau for Public Health's continuing data reconciliation with the official death certificate are an 86-year old female from Wood County, a 59-year old male from Berkeley County, a 61-year old male from Kanawha County, an 80-year old male from Marshall County, a 76-year old male from Hancock County, a 66-year old female from Cabell County, and a 75-year old male from Pleasants County.

Ten of the 20 deaths listed above were published to the dashboard on Saturday, Aug. 28.

"As we send our condolences to these grieving families, we remind West Virginians that a COVID-19 vaccine is the best protection from getting very sick with COVID," said Bill J. Crouch, DHHR Cabinet Secretary. "I urge all state residents who have not yet received their vaccine to schedule an appointment."

CASES PER COUNTY: Barbour (1,947), Berkeley (14,431), Boone (2,433), Braxton (1,233), Brooke (2,416), Cabell (10,418), Calhoun (476), Clay (693), Doddridge (710), Fayette (4,165), Gilmer (1,004), Grant (1,443), Greenbrier (3,381), Hampshire (2,150), Hancock (3,059), Hardy (1,759), Harrison (7,094), Jackson (2,546), Jefferson (5,280), Kanawha (17,784), Lewis (1,727), Lincoln (1,854), Logan (3,739), Marion (5,322), Marshall (4,068), Mason (2,463), McDowell (1,929), Mercer (6,041), Mineral (3,262), Mingo (3,170), Monongalia (10,206), Monroe (1,508), Morgan (1,444), Nicholas (2,288), Ohio (4,875), Pendleton (817), Pleasants (1,047), Pocahontas (784), Preston (3,242), Putnam (6,105), Raleigh (8,141), Randolph (3,547), Ritchie (871), Roane (840), Summers (980), Taylor (1,536), Tucker (667), Tyler (946), Upshur (2,596), Wayne (3,731), Webster (711), Wetzel (1,746), Wirt (514), Wood (9,043), Wyoming (2,478).

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. 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. West Virginians ages 12 and older who have had at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can register for the second Do it for Babydog: Save a life, Change your life vaccine sweepstakes by visiting doitforbabydog.wv.gov.

For additional free COVID-19 testing opportunities across the state, please visit <https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/pages/testing.aspx>.

Betty Jean Martin

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MARTIN

Betty Jean Martin of Caldwell passed on August 24th, 2021 at the age of 96. She was born in Alderson on June 3, 1925, but grew up in Smoot, WV.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, James Edward Martin; as well as her parents, Randolph Tucker Martin and Mary Hobbs Martin. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Willard Martin; sister, Bonnie Toothman; sister-in-law, Anna Jane Martin; and brothers-in-law, Bob Toothman and Max Martin.

Those left to remember her are son, Rodney Martin (Sharry) of Daytona, FL; and daughter, Sue White (Jim) of White Sulphur Springs, WV; also her grandson, Jaired L White (Michelle) of Richmond, VA; her granddaughters, Jessica White (Lisa) and Jana Whited (Ben) both of Lewisburg, WV.

She has 9 great-grandchildren, Amber and Lane White, Jaxon, Mace, and Maddix Dolan-White, Lyndi and Charlee Whited; and step-great-granddaughters, Cora and Annie Whited; as well as two great-great grandchildren, Callie and Canaan O'Conner; and her sister-in-law, Betty Martin of Rainelle, WV. She also has many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services will be held at McCraw Funeral Home in Lewisburg, WV on Friday, September 3, 2021. Visitation will be at 1 p.m. followed by service at 2 p.m. with the Reverend Ron Miller officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Betty's name to the Smoot School Reunion, c/o Donna Cadle Whitt, 5676 Duncun Branch Road, Alderson, WV 24910.

McCraw Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of the arrangements.

John Franklin Dilley

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DILLEY

John Franklin Dilley, 84, of Marlinton, WV went to be with our Lord on August 28, 2021 at the Peyton Hospice House.

He was born June 7, 1937 at Mill Point, WV. He was the son of the late Boyd Uldrick Dilley and Mary Lucile Arbogast Dilley. John graduated from Hillsboro High School, served in the United States Air Force, was a proud veteran, and worked as a Parts Manager for many years.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Lee, Robert, and David; his son, Craig A. Dilley; and great-grandson, Bryce Crace.

He is survived by son, John W. Dilley of Oxnard, CA; daughters, Pamela S Moore (Jackie) and Kimberly Sparks Ober (Roger) of Marlinton, WV; sister-in-law, Wilma Dilley of Dunmore, WV;

Grandchildren, La'Nay Dilley, Lee-Ann Hessler (Brandon), Lizza Dilley, Jonathan Moore, Jeremy Moore (Morgin), Melinda Moore (Chuck), Jackie Moore (Crystal), Jeffrey Moore, Sophia Dilley, Gretta Dilley, and Conlin Halterman;

Great-grandchildren, William Dilley, Kimberly Gutierrez, Jackson Hessler, Bracie Sheets, Dakota Sheets, Jeffrey Moore, Jr (Havyn), Joshua Moore (Brittany), Jerika Moore, Jerico Moore, Jason Moore, Lillie Moore, Blake Giese, and Stevee Crace;

One great-great-grandchild, Jacksen Moore;

Several special nieces and nephews; and "adopted daughter", Patricia McComb.

John was affectionately known by many as "Mr. D". He was a kind, caring, loving man, and we will miss him dearly.

Per his wishes, he will be cremated, and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Veterans program of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com.

Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye is in charge of arrangements.