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**Volunteer West Virginia Issues 'Be Kind' Report**

By [Name] | [Location]

Volunteer West Virginia has released its annual "Be Kind" report, highlighting the impact of community service projects across the state. The report, titled "Be Kind: A Year of Service," details the efforts of thousands of volunteers who spent their time on various projects, from environmental cleanups to food bank distributions. The organization's CEO, [Name], stated that the report is a testament to the generosity and dedication of West Virginians who give back to their communities. The report also includes a list of top volunteer organizations and a call to action for more people to get involved in service projects.

**New Era For GBO As New Director Named**

By [Name] | [Location]

The Greenbrier Outdoor Center (GBO) has announced the appointment of a new director, [Name], to lead the organization's operations. [Name] has over 10 years of experience in outdoor recreation and has previously worked for the National Park Service and the Appalachian State University. The GBO is a leading provider of outdoor recreation programs and facilities in the Greenbrier region. The new director will be responsible for overseeing the organization's programs, facilities, and staff. [Name] expressed his excitement about the opportunity to lead the GBO and to continue its commitment to providing high-quality outdoor recreation experiences for the community.

**Spartans (1-0) Face Another Tough Road Test At Beckley (1-0)**

By [Name] | [Location]

The West Virginia Spartans football team will face a tough road test on Wednesday as they travel to Beckley to play the Beckley Bulldogs. The Spartans, who are currently 1-0, will be looking to continue their winning streak. The Bulldogs, who are also 1-0, are a strong opponent and will be looking to make a statement. The game is expected to be a high-scoring affair and will be a key test for both teams. The Spartans will be looking to rely on their offensive firepower to break through the Bulldogs' defense. The Bulldogs will be looking to use their defensive strength to keep the Spartans' offense in check.

**Greenbrier East Girls Cross Country Team Performed Well In Beckley**

By [Name] | [Location]

The Greenbrier East Girls Cross Country team had a successful performance in Beckley, finishing in the top 10 of the regional competition. The team, led by captain [Name], showed great teamwork and endurance throughout the race. [Name] finished in the top 10, earning a spot on the regional team. The team's performance was a testament to their hard work and dedication to the sport. The coach, [Name], praised the team's effort and looked forward to their upcoming season. The team will be looking to improve and win more races in the coming months.

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# Alderson Closes City Hall Due To Delta Variant

By Bobby Bordelon | WVDN SEP 01, 2021



Alderson City Hall is now closed to the public due to the Delta variant of COVID-19.

Mayor Travis Copenhaver posted to the town's Facebook page, announcing the closure.

"Due to the rise of COVID-19 positive cases in our direct area and counties, effective 8/31/21 mask use is required to enter city hall," wrote Copenhaver. "There will be no visitors, sales representatives, or unnecessary persons at any of our plants or facilities. We will continue to serve customers at city hall. Please respect our staff by wearing your mask as they respect you by wearing their's. This is our best effort to not resort back to closing to the public as was done previously."

Shortly before this on August 24, Copenhaver took to Facebook Live to address the situation in the three counties Alderson emergency responders service.

"I want to take an opportunity this evening to address you as not only your Mayor but your friend, your neighbor, and discuss where we are right now with our rise in numbers with COVID. Recently, because of various outings and the uptick, we're seeing a rise in our numbers in Greenbrier, Monroe, and Summers counties, and across the state.

"One of the things that you can do to be a good neighbor is wear your mask. I am not just a politician, but I try to bring factual science when I give an address over COVID and all the stuff that's relevant to COVID.

"I would ask you, if you've not considered getting vaccinated, consider your family and friends that are immunocompromised and do your level best to pray about it. Think about the decisions that affect other people and join me and others in receiving the vaccine.

"If you can't come to trust the vaccine, at least think about wearing a mask. The last year, we've altered how we do business. We're going quickly back to the probably of regulating, like we were last year. There are businesses that sustained last year, barely sustained, and there are businesses that will fail if we have to go back to the absolute shutdown again, limiting the way that we were.

"Good bad or indifferent, you know there are ramifications to the shut down. The way to avoid that, quite honestly, is wear your mask. Indoors, outdoors. If you're inside, please be cautious and considerate. Put your mask on when you go inside. The facts, the science, tells you that the masks reduce transmission.

"COVID is worse than when we deal with chicken pox. Whenever we think about chicken pox virus, it is spread predominantly [through the air]. This strand of COVID is as easily spread, or more easily spread, than chicken pox.

"I'm asking you, as we think about the future, please do everything we can to protect you and your family. Businesses can't afford another shut down. The municipality of Alderson has been adversely affected due to COVID. To be quite honest, we have to look at what we can do to sustain ourselves.

"Wearing a mask is not an infringement on your rights, it's not taking away civil liberties, it's asking you to be courteous. Courteous for your neighbor, courteous for your family, courteous for those that are serving in the public. If you work in a public environment and you're indoors taking care of people, please think about wearing your mask. Use the hand sanitizer. Do everything you can to protect yourself because right now our healthcare facilities are reaching their peak.

"Even if you can't fathom having COVID, it affects you if you have a heart attack, broken bone, or any reason you need to go to the hospital, because healthcare is being used for COVID patients and taking away the ability to get quality care close to home.

"If you think an ambulance ride three hours away is comfortable, I can tell you now, it's not. It's not comfortable for the provider or for the patient.

"I'm asking that you take the time to have consideration for your friends, family, and neighbors. This is not a topic that's easy. When people start to discuss it, you can go down one path or the other path, but we've trusted the CDC for years. We've trusted those that have been making decisions for years.

"The reason that a lot of us are alive is because our parents and grandparents took vaccines that were new to them. [These vaccines] eradicated polio and other diseases that were new at the time. Please give consideration, give consideration for your neighbors. We need to pull together, put a lot of negativity aside, and think about what we're doing for other people.

"I'm asking, humbly as your mayor, and I hope that you understand that if just one or two people decide that maybe it's a good idea to go get vaccinated, or maybe it's a good idea [to wear a mask], the science is there, then I've done my job this evening. I'm asking you to please wear your mask when you're indoors and please consider getting vaccinated."



**Alderson Mayor Travis Copenhaver**

## **Echoes Of The Past: Alderson Edition**

By WV Daily News | WVDN SEP 01, 2021

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**Alderson...**

### ***Prison Gives 89 Pints of Blood***

Eighty-nine pints of blood were collected last Wednesday at the Federal Reformatory when the Roanoke Chapter American Red Cross set up its bloodmobile unit there, for the semi-annual visit.

Gray Ladies from the local Red Cross chapter who assisted the unit and operated a canteen for the donors were: Mrs. J. W. Raine, Mrs. Frank Ogle, Mrs. H. B. Rowe, Mrs. E. R. Fletcher, Mrs. Carl Eades, Miss Lehman, and Mrs. Rufus Bryant, Ellen Langley Johnson, Miss Laura Mrs. Harriet Dunlap, RN, of Alderson also assisted. Alderson W.S.C.S. Hears Report on S. America.

As guest speaker at the meeting Thursday evening of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Johnson Memorial Methodist Church, Mrs. H. B. Rowe gave a resume of her experiences and observations on her recent trip to South America.

Mrs. Rowe spent six weeks during the past spring visiting her daughter in Caracas, Venezuela. She was surprised to find no Baptist or Methodist institutions there.

Mrs. J. J. Fleshman conducted the devotional and meditation on missions, using as her theme, "To Other

Countries Also.”

Announcement was made of the Methodist seminar to be held Friday, Sept. 11, at Marlinton, at which time the mission study books for the year would be discussed and selected. Twenty-nine members and three guests, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. B. M. Light, and Miss Lenore Hinton were present.

Guest Minister Rev. John Mates, formerly of Alderson, and now pastor of the Kingwood Baptist Church, was guest speaker at the Sunday morning services at the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church.

He is the first of several ministers who will be guests during the vacation of Rev. Randolph Johnson, pastor. Mothers Club. The program for the opening meeting of the Alderson Mothers Club will be presented by Mrs. J. Frank Nash. Theme of the program, “Preserving Our American Heritage Through Our Music.”

For the opening meeting a covered-dish luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. in the dining room of Johnson Memorial Methodist Church. Each member was asked to bring a guest.

Mrs. J. J. Fleshman, Mrs. Everette Warren and Mrs. H. Rodgers McVey are the committee in charge of programs.

Rotary-Lions Ladies'-Night. A joint ladies' night meeting of the Alderson Rotary and Lions clubs was held in the dining room of the Methodist Church. Special guests were officials of Camp Greenbrier.

Howard Fulks and Rotarian Donald Bice were in charge of entertainment.

Wolf Creek Reunion.

Approximately 150 relatives and friends gathered Sunday, Aug. 23. at the Newberry Park at Wolf Creek, for the annual Harris family reunion which is held in celebration of the birthday of G. Y. Harris. This was his 86th birthday.

Alderson people who attended was Mrs. Floyd Lobban Jr., who is his great niece.

Following a picnic dinner served at noon, the Rev. C. W. Ambrose Jr., of Alderson, addressed the gathering. Music was furnished by Ernest Lee Skaggs of Wolf Creek, who sang several selections and by a string band from Princeton.

### **Alderson Personals.**

Miss Nina Kinsella, warden of the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, is spending her vacation with relatives in Salem, Mass.

Mrs: Stuart Miller of Miami, Fla., is spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. O'Brien in Alderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lobban and children of Washington, D. C., are spending their vacation here with his father, F. G. Lobban and other relatives.

Miss Josephine Andrews left Aldersson last week for Fort Pierce to resume her work as an instructor at the high school there after a year's leave of absence. She accompanied by her sister,

Miss Part Andrews, who will spend two the in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smiglin and son Pete, of Salomca, N. Y., were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fulks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford and sons, Mike and Eddie, of Balimore, Md., are visiting with his mother, Mrs. C. T. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilson of the Federal Institution staff visited over the weekend with their son Midshipman Garry Wilson, at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. They attended the Parents Day festivities along with 1,158 other parents.

Mrs. C. M. Nelson and daughters, Mrs. Sidney Skaggs and Miss Stelle Nelson, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Skaggs and family at Fairmont.  
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## Dear Abby: Wednesday, September 1

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN SEP 01, 2021

**DEAR ABBY:** My soul mate, "Ted," is marrying another woman. When we met 10 years ago, we fell madly in love. We had absolutely everything in common but couldn't take our relationship to the next level because we were both married at the time. Ted's wife eventually left him for another man, but we still couldn't be together as I was still married. During that time, he met a woman named "Shelley." I eventually got divorced because my husband left me for another woman, but I still couldn't be with Ted because he was now with Shelley. We are perfect for each other in every way, but our paths could never come together. Ted has admitted they have nothing in common and he's not in love with her, but he feels he has an obligation since she has been there for so long. I'm devastated at the thought of losing my soul mate again. I don't want him to marry her. Help! — SUCH BAD TIMING IN TENNESSEE

**DEAR TIMING:** I am going to assume that Ted knows you are devastated at the thought of his marrying someone else. If you haven't told him, do it now. And when you do, point out that marriages entered into out of a feeling of "obligation" rather than love don't usually last. It's a sad truth. If he was being honest with you about his feelings for Shelley, she deserves better than what she'll be getting. Keep in mind that Ted has had time to end that romance since your divorce. My advice is to take a break. Clear your head before trying to find someone who is as available as you are, since Ted is taken.

**DEAR ABBY:** My dad used to beat my mother badly. Back then, it was "don't tell." Well, I guess she got tired of it because she had him shot. I was 15 at the time. My brother and sister were 8 and 6, and they don't remember it well. But they were in my care until they were in their 20s. Now they are older, and I am treated like the black sheep. They act like I'm beneath them, and it hurts. My brother ended up in prison and was out for only two months before he put his hands on me. Am I petty for having nothing to do with them? My mom was in prison for a long time and died two years after she was released. What am I supposed to do? Any advice would be appreciated. — DRIFTING IN THE EAST

**DEAR DRIFTING:** Abusers have sometimes been victims themselves, or they grew up witnessing abuse, which is why they think it is normal behavior. Please accept that you can't fix what's wrong with your relatives (the younger ones included). Although you have been through much trauma at an early age, it is within your power to heal. Counseling can help you to do that. It is available in most communities through the Department of Mental Health.

**DEAR ABBY:** I find the phrase, "Shut up!" to be hostile, aggressive and, at times, demoralizing. Are there any situations where it is OK to say it? — POLITE IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR POLITE:** Although the phrase "Shut up!" may be jarring to hear, it has become part of the vernacular

and its meaning has changed over the years. It isn't always intended to mean "be quiet." It is sometimes used lightheartedly to express surprise.

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## **Spartans (1-0) Face Another Tough Road Test at Beckley (1-0)**

By by brandon baker | WVDN SEP 01, 2021

The Greenbrier East Spartans got off to a 1-0 start to the 2021 season after defeating the Point Pleasant Big Blacks 32-22 on the road in Mason County last Friday night.

However, East could not celebrate very long as their archrival, the Woodrow Wilson Flying Eagles will be awaiting East to arrive in Beckley this Friday, Sept. 3 with revenge on their minds as the Eagles try to avenge two losses to the Spartans last year.

Ian Cline ran for 101 yards and caught two 40-plus yard TD passes in the Point Pleasant win and the Spartans will once again rely heavily on the sophomore running back.

Quarterback Monquelle Davis was the difference-maker on the offensive side of the football as he passed for 140 yards and ran for 44 more and had four touchdowns.

However, as exciting as the offense was, it was the defense that carried the Spartans to their first victory. They forced three Point Pleasant turnovers — all fumbles — and pressured quarterback Evan Roach all night. After the performance, linebacker Kamon Anderson was named McDonald's player of the game.

But the Flying Eagles are riding high as well and are coming off a dominating 39-12 win over Riverside, and they too did most of their damage on the defensive end.

Elijah Redfern, a sophomore defensive back/receiver, picked off two passes and returned one for a touchdown. Fellow teammate and senior, Keynan Cook, also picked off two passes and he too returned one to the end zone.

Beckley had two big plays in the game on offense. One was a 45-yard Maddex McMillan touchdown pass to Redfern, who had three catches for 71 yards, and the other was another 40-yarder to Darmonte Mitchell. McMillan threw for 160 yards and the two scores on 12-of-17 passing.

Against the Eagles, East will need to control the football and run the clock. The only issue with that strategy though is Woodrow got 14 points from their defense, albeit all on interceptions against Riverside. Davis is a better player than what the Eagles faced last week in Riverside QB Jake Walker. Davis can pass it and run it and will need to be on top of his game in this one. Beckley did give up a 69-yard run to the Warriors so that is something East can look at on tape.

The Spartan defense will be key as well. It sounds cliché, but East must limit the big plays from the Woodrow offense. That will mean shutting down Redfern, Cook and Mitchell. Beckley did not run it much or all that well



last week as evidenced by their 10 total rushing yards.

Head coach Ray Lee always has a plan, and the fans are accustomed to seeing it unfold every Friday. His plans and preparation this week will be under the watchful eye of everyone in attendance to see if the Spartans can get to an important 2-0 start.

In the second contest between the two teams last year, the Spartans eked out a close win as both teams almost combined for 100 points. This one should be more of a defensive shootout, at least initially on paper.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

## GEHS Girls Perform Well In Beckley

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The Greenbrier East girls cross country team came in second place on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Beckley Invitational.

Sophomore Abby Dixon was the first to finish for her team and placed thirteenth overall. Freshman Emma Toller is proving herself as an asset to the team, finishing right behind Dixon.

Seniors Emma Kesterson and Micha Fisher, juniors Abbey Landeree, Breanna Hannigan and Isabell Harrison, and freshman Luella Mansheim all pushed hard throughout to round out the team's strong performance.

# WVDA To Conduct Black Fly Suppression

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The West Virginia Department of Agriculture will be conducting aerial treatments for biological suppression of black flies on the New, Bluestone, and Greenbrier rivers on Tuesday, August 31, weather and water levels permitting. Potentially, the treatments may continue into Wednesday, September 1.

# Volunteer West Virginia Issues Report On 'Be Kind' Campaign

By by theresa flerx | WVDN SEP 01, 2021

Be kind. 2020 was a rocky year, and 2021 continues along a rutted and bumpy path.

However, there are people who strive to make life a little smoother, less agitated.

For some volunteers seeking to help in rough situations, it all starts with a pledge:

*I will get things done for America to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.*

*I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities.*

*Faced with apathy, I will take action.*

*Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground.*

*Faced with adversity, I will persevere.*

*I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.*

*I am an AmeriCorps member, and I will get things done.*

AmeriCorp members and Volunteer West Virginia became highly visible partners in the Greenbrier Valley's recovery effort following the 2016 flood.

The Be Kind COVID-19 campaign began last year to provide aid during the pandemic.

"Volunteer West Virginia provided mini-grants to local organizations to host COVID-19 related volunteer projects. The goal of the campaign was to safely engage volunteers and promote kindness throughout the state," explains the group's 2020 annual report. "The response to the mini-grant program was overwhelming. In total, Volunteer West Virginia granted \$14,000 to host 44 volunteer projects."

A portion of that funding helped many local endeavors.

Greenbrier County children received bee-themed masks sewn and delivered by volunteers with the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine as part of the "Be Safe, Be Happy, and Be Kind project. These face coverings also came with education on the importance of wearing a mask and being kind.

LifeBridge AmeriCorps members Thomas Ruggiero and Katie Barnes delivered meals in Lewisburg.

Cheryl Workman distributed masks and meals at the Hub Student Cafe.

Senior citizens in Monroe County were given Blessing Bags assembled and delivered by members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. This project was organized by the United Way of Central West Virginia.

Patricia Beasley, an Education Alliance AmeriCorps VISTA at Peterstown Preservation Group, served more than 3,000 meals to students in Monroe County.

Monroe students were also treated to storytime by AmeriCorps members serving with Energy Express.

The Hinton Historic Landmarks Commission spread kindness by hosting a community litter cleanup and wellness day.

Statewide, Boy Scouts of America Troop #152 packaged note card kits used by volunteers to send 500

handwritten cards to nursing home residents.

Blessing Boxes began to appear in numerous places throughout two counties by way of Community Connections, Inc., a Volunteer Generation Fund grantee.

“Through a partnership with Volunteer West Virginia, Community Connections, with the help of staff and volunteers, purchased and installed fifteen Blessing Boxes throughout Mercer County and one in Summers County. These boxes are filled with nonperishable food items and the motto is: ‘Take what you need, Give what you can,’” according to the annual report. “Through the generosity of volunteers, faith-based organizations, civic groups, collegiate groups, first responders, law enforcement, and local leaders, Community Connections keep the boxes stocked with food products. Many volunteers and nonprofits took note of this creative project and now Blessing Boxes can be found throughout the state!”

The Volunteer West Virginia 2020 Annual Report notes that “During the COVID-19 pandemic, AmeriCorps members continue to serve West Virginia in many creative ways. From sewing masks to delivering hot meals, AmeriCorps members are there to help.”

Over the past year AmeriCorp contributed to 52,361 meals served; 173,443 pounds of food collected; 6,321 hours spent on COVID-19 relief activities; and 32,966 donations collected, including food, note cards for seniors, masks, and hand sanitizer.

Volunteer West Virginia, the lead agency for volunteerism and AmeriCorps, administers \$3 million in federal, state, and local funding for AmeriCorps and volunteer programs across the state each year. The organization is guided by a bipartisan board of commissioners, who are appointed by the state governor.

Volunteer West Virginia makes it easier to volunteer, provides funding and support to AmeriCorps programs, and supports and strengthens West Virginia’s nonprofits and volunteer programs.

“In 2020, COVID-19 became our reality” writes Julie Keehner, board chair for Volunteer West Virginia. “We all know we have faced tremendous challenges, but Volunteer West Virginia has moved forward in progressive and innovative ways. Various staff members stepped up and did Herculean work. We are all proud of and impressed by their efforts and success. And we are most thankful.”

Visit [volunteer.wv.gov](http://volunteer.wv.gov) to learn about AmeriCorps positions, volunteer opportunities, and grant and training opportunities.

Volunteer West Virginia also oversees the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and ReadyWV programs, offering plenty of opportunities to “be kind” by helping to make “people safer, smarter, and healthier.”

## **Lewisburg House And Garden Club Receives National Recognition**

By submitted by the lewisburg house and garden club | WVDN SEP 01, 2021



The National Garden Clubs, Inc. had acknowledged the Lewisburg House and Garden Club's decades-long commitment to beauty, birds, and education by awarding the club First Place for Bird Welfare for its 60-year-old program of distributing sunflower seeds to local elementary school children.

The Lewisburg House and Garden Club began the program in the Lewisburg Elementary School in 1959. In May of each year, every child is given a packet of sunflower seeds along with oral and written instructions for planting and growing the plants. Each student who brings their largest sunflower receives a certificate of achievement and there is a prize for the largest sunflower in each classroom as well as a grand prize for the largest sunflower in the school.

The club expanded the opportunity to grow sunflowers for birds and beauty to Ronceverte Elementary school in 2017.

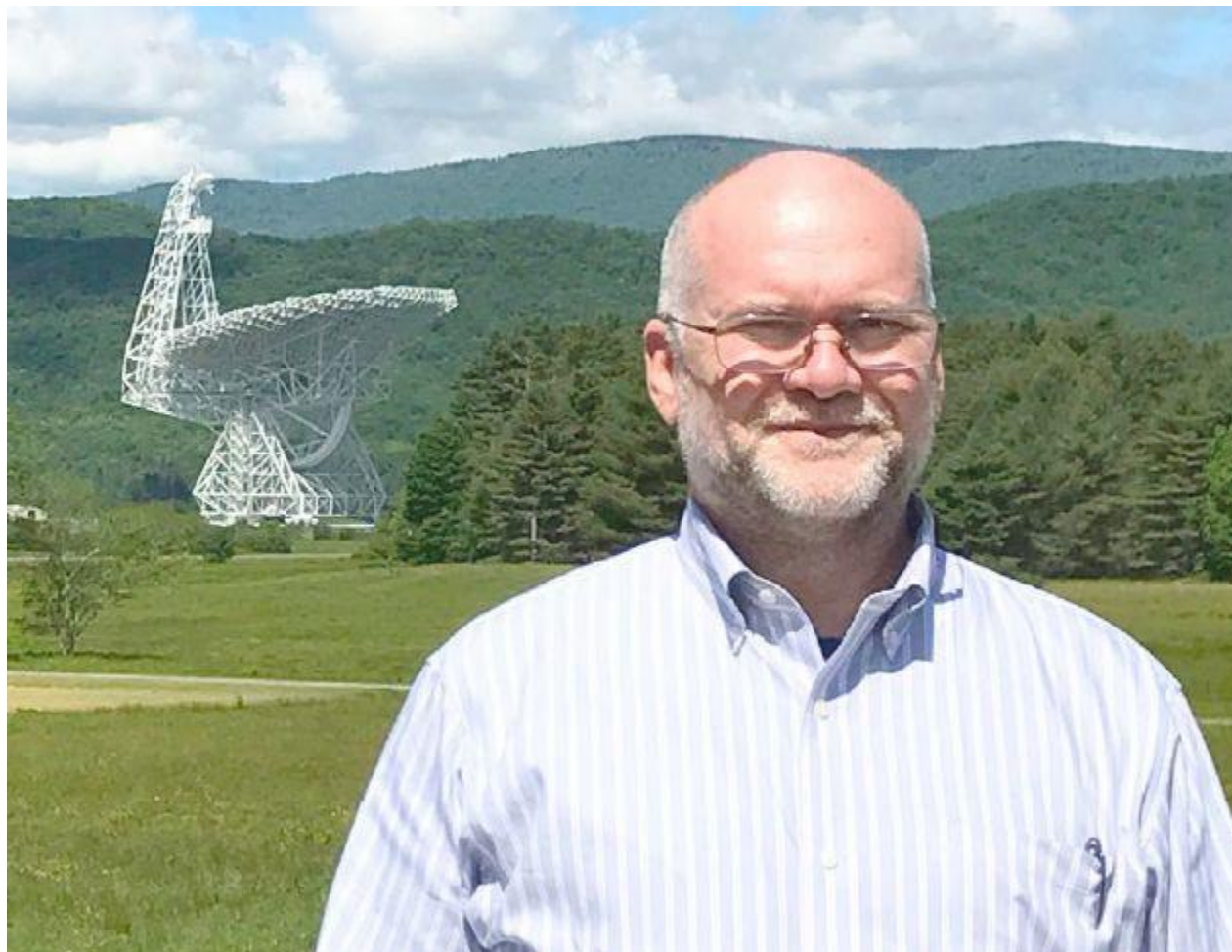
The club would like to extend appreciation to the administration, faculty, and staff of both schools for their support and participation, and to all the members of the Lewisburg House and Garden Club who have generously given their time and energy to this project throughout the years.

Special thanks is offered to Townley Hamilton who has led the effort in recent years and who assured that the program would continue to flourish even during the pandemic by filling the 1,000 bags with sunflower seeds, printing instructions, delivering packets to the schools, and writing articles for the newspapers about the project and its winners.

"It was very gratifying to receive a national award, but the real reward is to see the pride and pleasure on the faces of the student each year. The Lewisburg House and Garden Club was pleased to receive acknowledgment for this successful program but is aware that the award was made possible only by the goodwill and efforts of the schools, the students, and the parents."

# New Era For Green Bank Observatory As New Director Named

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The Green Bank Observatory (GBO) enters a new era of leadership in October. Dr. James M. Jackson, an internationally known astrophysicist, has accepted the role of director.

After serving as director for 15 years, Dr. Karen O'Neil will join the scientific staff. O'Neil has led the observatory since 2006, including overseeing the separation from the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) and the successful transition to Green Bank Observatory in 2016. She looks forward to being a longstanding member of the observatory staff and being a vital part of its continued growth.

Jackson has served most recently as associate director for Research for the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) with the Universities Space Research Association (USRA). Jackson has also led administration and research in astronomy and astrophysics for the University of Newcastle (Australia) and Boston University and served as assistant director for the Center for Astrophysical Research in Antarctica. He has co-authored 148 journal articles, with over 12,000 total citations.

The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), which owns the observatory, worked closely with O'Neil throughout her tenure. Harshal Gupta, program director at NSF's Division of Astronomical Sciences shared,

“On behalf of NSF, I would like to thank Dr. O’Neil for her long and dedicated service as director of Green Bank Observatory. We look forward to working with Dr. Jackson as he assumes this critical role for the observatory.”

Jackson is expected to begin his work onsite in mid-October. A frequent user of the Green Bank Telescope (GBT), he is very familiar with the site’s staff and resources. He recognizes the observatory’s role as an essential facility in the nation’s astrophysics portfolio, “I congratulate the observatory in providing pre-eminent capabilities to the radio astronomy community and in producing world-class science. I am keen to serve GBO and our research community, to continue to grow these resources, and to secure a stable and productive future.”

## **VVA Seeks To Add More Names To Veterans' Memorial**

By WV Daily News | WVDN SEP 01, 2021

Vietnam Veterans of America, Eastern Highlands Chapter #1072 is giving notice to the public about obtaining the names of deceased veterans. These names will be inscribed on the black granite Veterans' Memorial in White Sulphur Springs.

The deceased veterans must be honorably discharged from the military branch he or she served in and have been a resident (mailing address) of Greenbrier County.

Chapter #1072 would like to have enough to complete the 48 names per black granite by the Veteran’s Day celebration on November 11. For more info, contact Jim Quick at 304-667-0591, Bobby R. White at 304-536-3538 or any member of the chapter.

## **Morrisey Warns Of Promotion Scam**

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West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey warned of a promotion scam Tuesday that deceives consumers and lures them into providing cash or personal information in exchange for fraudulent discounts, upgrades or billing credits.

Those perpetrating the scam often claim to represent an established utility, service provider or other familiar company, such as satellite or cable television providers.

The attorney general’s Consumer Protection Division has received word of the scam circulating throughout West Virginia, including Berkeley, Cabell, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Logan, Raleigh and Wetzel counties. In one instance, a consumer reportedly paid the impostor more than \$5,000 in gift cards.

“Everyone wants a discount or the latest upgrade, however, consumers must be cautious with any unexpected offer,” Morrisey said. “Scams often play on one’s emotions with hopes to pressure the victim to act out of fear

or excitement. Be calm, ask questions and never give money or information to a stranger.”

The scam typically involves a surprise, unsolicited call. The impostor will entice consumers with a fraudulent promotion and then, oftentimes, ask for credit card numbers, bank accounts and other information falsely claiming a need to confirm the account holder’s identity.

Those who fall victim have been known to mail checks and purchase gift cards in addition to having provided personal information.

The attorney general urges anyone receiving such calls to follow these tips:

End the call.

Be wary of any unsolicited offer, even if the caller has one’s actual account information.

Call the company’s legitimate phone number to verify any promotion.

Stay calm and do not feel pressured.

Never pay in advance via cash, check, wire transfer, gift cards or numbers associated with a credit/debit card or bank account.

Never share personally identifiable, financial or otherwise sensitive information without verifying the legitimacy of the recipient.

Beware of call spoofing. Scammers can mimic a legitimate phone number to lure consumers to believe the incoming call comes from a recognizable business.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a promotion scam, should contact the attorney general’s Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-368-8808, the Eastern Panhandle Consumer Protection Office in Martinsburg at 304-267-0239 or visit the office online at [www.wvago.gov](http://www.wvago.gov).

## Justice Declares State Of Emergency

By WV Daily News | WVDN SEP 01, 2021

Gov. Jim Justice has declared a State of Emergency for all 55 West Virginia counties due to the increasing threat of flash flooding and severe storms from now-Tropical Depression Ida.

“All West Virginians need to absolutely be ready for the potential impact Ida may bring to our state,” Gov. Justice said. “West Virginians should pay extra close attention to emergency officials and media outlets. And please: do not endanger yourselves, your loved ones, or our first responders by trying to drive through floodwaters.”

According to the latest forecast from the National Weather Service, a nearby cold front and the impending arrival of Ida will begin to spark periods of moderate to heavy rain today.

Rainfall amounts of 2 to 4 inches are expected to occur through Wednesday, with locally higher amounts of up to 6 inches possible. West Virginia has received several inches of rainfall recently, which has primed soils and rivers for potential flooding.

The State of Emergency allows state agencies to coordinate ahead of a possible weather event, including by pre-positioning personnel, vehicles, equipment and other assets.

The following is a summary of current preparations by various State agencies:

**West Virginia National Guard:**

“We are currently deep into planning and bringing online personnel, equipment and additional assets that are typically in high-demand during flood events,” stated Lt. Col. Walter “Wally” Hatfield, director of operations. “With Ida posing a risk to the entire state, we are working closely in support of the West Virginia Emergency Management Division to stand up a whole-of-government response. Coordinating with the State Emergency Operations Center, multiple Community Assistance Teams and Liaison Teams of Guard personnel are being strategically positioned throughout the state to assume a proactive posture providing assistance to local communities as quickly as possible should we be called on to do so.”

“Gov. Justice has initially authorized State Active Duty status for up to 60 Guardsmen, and we are ready to activate as many as is needed should conditions deteriorate rapidly,” said Hatfield. “Our top priority is always the safety and survival of our fellow West Virginians, and we will do everything we can to meet any challenge Mother Nature might throw at us in the next 72 to 96 hours.”

**West Virginia Emergency Management Division:**

Emergency Management staff will operate the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) on 12-hour shifts, with coordinating agencies on standby. The SEOC will monitor for overnight updates, including weather forecasts as well as river and stream level reports, and relay any alerts to the SEOC.

EMD is also hosting twice-a-day virtual briefings with the National Weather Service for county and local emergency agencies statewide. These briefings provide the latest Ida forecasts and operational updates, among other information.

EMD has been in contact with all county emergency management agencies, with no unmet needs or resource requests reported at this time.

**West Virginia Division of Highways:**

District Engineers and District Managers in all 10 West Virginia Division of Highways (DOH) districts were meeting with county administrators in their districts to brief them and ensure all counties are prepared to deal with heavy rainfall.

Employees will be on 24-hour standby through the duration of the weather event. Standard DOH storm protocols include making sure all equipment and vehicles are gassed up and ready to go and stored out of low-lying areas. Highways districts also have fuel reserves on-hand to fuel vehicles and equipment of the West Virginia National Guard if the guard should be mobilized for flood response.

DOH is paying close attention to weather reports and stands ready to deal with any emergencies that may arise.

**Weather forecast:**

Portions of FEMA Region III – which includes West Virginia – have received several inches of rainfall over the past two weeks from Tropical Storm Fred, Hurricane Henri, and other systems, which has primed soils and rivers for potential flooding.

Local rises on creeks and streams and resulting flash flooding is anticipated. In addition to the flash flooding threat, there is a potential for some flooding on main stem rivers by midweek where the heaviest rain falls.

Gusty winds and thunderstorms are also forecast as Ida passes through the state. Tornadoes are possible Tuesday night in southeast West Virginia and Wednesday in the Eastern Panhandle.

Isolated power outages are also possible due to gusty winds that may exceed 30 miles per hour and saturated soils.



# Monroe County Grand Jury Releases Indictment List

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The following were indicted by the Monroe County Grand Jury on August 24.

John Staunton III, Count 1 - Obtaining Money By False Pretenses;

Brandon C. Hughes, Count 1 - Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, Count 2 - Fleeing from a Law Enforcement Officer, Count 3 - Obstructing an Officer, Count 4 - Battery on a Police Officer;

Jeremy Garten, Two Counts of Grand Larceny;

Angela Y. Bland, Count 1 - Burglary;

Justin Wesley McMillion, Count 1 - Possession of a Schedule 2 Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver;

Roger Ellis, Count 1 - Burglary, Count 2 - Grand Larceny;

Michael Lee Hoke, Jr., Count 1 - Failure to Provide Notice of Changes to Sex Offender Registration Information, 2nd or Subsequent Offense (2 Counts);

Colton M. Quick, Count 1 - Possession of a Schedule 1 Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver;

William D. McGuire, Sr., Count 1 - Attempted Murder, Count 2 - Malicious Assault, Count 3 - Domestic Battery;

Marcus Kirby, Count 1 - Delivery of a Schedule 2 Controlled Substance, Count 2 - Possession of a Schedule 2 Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver, Count 3 - Conspiracy to Commit a Felony Offense, Count 4 - Improper Registration, Count 5 - Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid Driver's License;

Mary Allen, Count 1 - Delivery of a Schedule 2 Controlled Substance, Count 2 - Possession of a Schedule 2 Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver, Count 3 - Permitting an Unauthorized Person to Operate a Motor Vehicle;

Lewis A. Phillips, Jr., Count 1 - Failure to Provide Notice of Changes to Sex Offender Registration Information (2 Counts);

Derek R. Wickline, Count 1 - Burglary, Count 2 - Breaking & Entering, Count 3 - Grand Larceny;

Robert E. Martin, III, Count 1 - Delivery of a Controlled Substance Causing Death.

Hearings for these cases are set for Sept. 7, 8, and 9.

## Ohio Couple Arrested In Fayette County On Child Neglect, Endangerment Following Vehicle Accident

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An Ohio couple has been arrested on felony child neglect and endangerment charges following a vehicle accident that caused severe injuries to two of their three children.

According to a police report filed by a Fayette County Sheriff's Deputy, Robert Alan Day, 33, of Orwell, Ohio, was driving along U.S. Route 19 in Hico on Aug. 29 when he lost control of the vehicle and "hit a dirt and rock embankment, which caused [the vehicle] to flip over, coming to rest on its roof several feet away."

Day's wife, Rachael Marie, 31, was in the passenger seat. Their three children ages 11, 10 and 6 had been riding in the back seat at the time of the accident, the report states.

Upon arrival at the scene, the officer noted that it was apparent the family had been living out of the vehicle. Several witnesses told the officer that before the accident, they noticed the vehicle "weaving across the road" in the Summersville area, nearly hitting a guardrail at one point. One of those witnesses had called 911 to report the erratic driving.

Rachael Day and the 10-year-old child were taken to Plateau Medical Center by EMS. The two other children were airlifted to Charleston Area Medical Center with severe injuries.

The 11-year-old child had been ejected from the vehicle and was suffering from severe lacerations to the torso and a nearly severed right arm, the report states. The six-year-old child was suffering from two skull fractures and a spinal fracture.

During an interview with Rachael Day, she told the officer and a social worker that she and her husband had been "struggling with addiction for nearly 10 years or more," the report alleges. She also stated that they had taken non-prescribed suboxone strips prior to getting in the car that day. They had been living in their vehicle for about 4 months.

The couple was allegedly on their way to Florida to stay with family.

Rachael Day was arrested on charges of child neglect and child endangerment. She is at Southern Regional Jail on \$5,000 bail.

Robert Day was also arrested on charges of child neglect and child endangerment. He faces additional charges of driving suspended, no insurance and having passengers under the age of 18 with no seatbelts. He is at Southern Regional Jail on \$10,000 bail.

Child Protective Services is involved and securing the children.