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Local Labor Day Closings

By [Name]

Local businesses are preparing for Labor Day weekend with various closings and special events. Many businesses will be closed on Monday, September 6, in observance of the holiday. Some businesses are offering special promotions and events to celebrate the occasion.

Parade of Lights Returns September 11

By [Name]

The annual Parade of Lights is set to return on September 11. The parade will feature a variety of floats, bands, and community groups. The event is a popular tradition in the area and is expected to draw a large crowd of spectators.



The parade is organized by the local community and is a great way to bring everyone together. It is a fun and festive event that is enjoyed by people of all ages.

New School Year Sees Old Concerns

By [Name]

As the new school year begins, many parents and educators are expressing concerns about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are worries about student learning, mental health, and the overall well-being of the school community. Schools are working to address these concerns and provide support for students and staff.

Alderson Correction

By [Name]

There has been a correction to a previous article regarding the Alderson Correctional Institute. The article contained some inaccuracies that have been corrected. We apologize for any confusion caused by the error.

Community Outreach

By [Name]

Local organizations are engaged in various community outreach activities. These activities include food drives, volunteer events, and other initiatives aimed at helping those in need. The community is coming together to make a difference.

Ida Remnants Reach Greenbrier County

By [Name]

The remnants of a tropical storm named Ida have reached Greenbrier County. The storm has brought heavy rain and strong winds to the area. Residents are advised to take necessary precautions and stay safe.

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Dear Abby: Thursday, September 2

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN SEP 02, 2021

Boyfriend Sets 'Do Not Disturb' Policy For Visit To Ex

DEAR ABBY: I've been dating a great guy for a year and a half. For eight years before we met, he dated a woman with teenage daughters. He never had children, so they are as close to his own kids as he will ever have. He was recently invited to the graduation party of one of the daughters. It will be a weeklong trip, since they have moved across the country. He intends to stay awhile and visit with the girls and his old girlfriend. I'm grudgingly OK with that. The part I'm having real trouble with is that he told me he won't call or text me the entire week that he is gone. He has apologized in advance but says he wants to concentrate on the girls and have a break from everything. We usually talk every day, and this seems extreme, especially since he will be spending a week with the woman who broke up with him and left him heartbroken (his words). He realizes his behavior isn't normal and assures me we are OK, but I'm so hurt. Am I right to be this upset, and how do I get past this? — SILENT TREATMENT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR SILENT TREATMENT: I understand why you would find it upsetting that your boyfriend of a year and a half has unilaterally decided to go radio silent under these circumstances. It is a radical change of his behavior pattern, and I'm sure most women would be at least taken aback. Before he leaves, request that he send you a text confirming he has arrived safely, and another telling you when he has started back and expects to be home. The way to "get past this" is to stay very busy in his absence. Make plans with friends during the evenings so you won't be sitting alone at home, stewing. And when he returns, do NOT give him the third degree.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 41-year-old mother of three, married less than two years. I now realize what a selfish lover my husband is. He expects things from me and refuses to reciprocate, which leaves me unhappy and unsatisfied. When I ask him to change things up or return the same foreplay, it results in us not connecting at all. How do I get him to be less selfish without hurting his feelings? I'm on the verge of cheating. — IT'S STALE IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR IT'S STALE: Cheating won't help your situation. It will likely make it worse. Instead of dealing with a selfish or sexually repressed husband, you will have, in addition, one who is outraged when he discovers your infidelity. Find a time when you are both calm to talk to him. Tell him you love him, but your sex life is unsatisfactory, and if he loves you, he will agree to talk things out with a licensed marriage and family therapist. If he refuses or things don't improve, you may want to consult a lawyer.

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WVU QB Doege Looks For Solid Start After Rough End To 2020

By by john raby ap | WVDN SEP 02, 2021



West Virginia's Jarret Doege knew he had some work to do after a poor finish to the 2020 season. The quarterback needed the offseason to improve in several areas, among them awareness in the pocket, arm strength, footwork and foot speed. He also reduced his body fat. With that effort behind him, Doege's confidence in West Virginia's offense is high entering his second full season as the starter as the Mountaineers get set to open at Maryland on Saturday.

"I think I had a really good camp, to be honest," Doege said Tuesday. "I wanted to accomplish some things that we talked about. I think I showed that through fall camp that I could move around in the pocket, get some yards when I needed to, and my deep ball was on point as well."

Doege was third in the Big 12 with 2,587 passing yards in 10 games. But he threw just 14 touchdown passes and his accuracy was all over the map, often underthrowing his receivers. He couldn't get the Mountaineers into the end zone in a Dec. 5 loss at Iowa State, then fell flat in a Liberty Bowl win over Army.

Against the Black Knights, Doege held onto the ball too long before throwing an interception. He also lost a fumble during an awkward backpeddle in the pocket that led to an easy Army touchdown. He was replaced in the second half by backup and former starter Austin Kendall.

Doege said after the bowl game, he had a talk with his brother, former Texas Tech quarterback and current Southern Cal assistant coach Seth Doege.

"I think he gave me two days just to sit there and think about what happened," Seth Doege said. "And from there on, it was wipe it out and let's go to work."

Kendall transferred to Louisiana Tech for his final season, handing the starting job this season back to Doege. Wide receiver Bryce Ford-Wheaton said Doege especially took control over the summer, gathering his pass-catchers after workouts to get in some extra throws.

"Whether we wanted to or not, he would always drag us out there: 'Come on, run 10 routes for us' or something like that," Ford-Wheaton said. "So they were doing like a little quarterback school every day after workouts. You could just come from a heavy (workout) or whatever. But Doege doesn't care. He wants you out

there running the routes, too. So it's a lot of timing and I think we've got it down. We're really on the same page."

West Virginia coach Neal Brown said football players can be separated into two categories: the dreamers who only think about attaining their goals, and those with visions who have a plan and put it to hard work.

Doege is "a guy with a vision," Brown said. "He's earned the opportunity to go out and compete and compete at a high level. My expectation and my belief is he's going to play well. There's nothing I've seen over the last nine months that would tell me any different."

Doege, or anyone for that matter, won't exactly know what they'll get from Maryland. The Terps return 10 starters on defense from the team that went 2-3 during the pandemic-interrupted 2020 season and played just twice over the final six weeks.

Maryland compiled 14 sacks in five games, led by Mosiah Nasili-Kite's four. Cornerback Tarheeb Still broke up eight passes in four games as a freshman, including four against Rutgers in the season finale.

Conversely, what version of Doege the Terps will face is unknown.

"If we see something during the game, we'll probably adapt," Maryland safety Jordan Mosely said. "We've got a pretty sound game plan going in. Just try to confuse him with our alignments and our (coverage) disguises, especially at the safety position. But that's probably one of the better quarterbacks we're going to see this year. We're definitely ready for the competition."

More AP college football: <https://apnews.com/Collegefootball> and https://twitter.com/AP_Top25

Local Labor Day Closings

By by rebecca stalnaker | WVDN SEP 02, 2021

With Labor Day fast approaching, it is important to know what will and will not be closed to plan your day accordingly. Here is some information on what will be closed over the holiday.

All federal services such as the United States Postal Service will be closed and mail will not run on Labor Day. This means all local post offices will be closed. In addition, most banks, including the Bank of Monroe in Lewisburg will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Municipal services such as city halls, including Lewisburg City Hall and Marlinton Town Hall, will be closed on Sept. 6 as well. Many municipalities, such as the town of Marlinton are also postponing trash pick up for that day. For Marlinton customers, pick up for Monday, Sept. 6 is moved to Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Other services such as the Greenbrier County Landfill and the Greenbrier County Recycling Center will be closed on Labor Day.

Also, offices for most utilities such as water and sewer will not be open on Sept. 6 due to the holiday. Whereas many cell phone providers such as US Cellular stores will be open but operating under "holiday hours." For the US Cellular store in Lewisburg, the holiday hours are from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Generally speaking, restaurants and chain stores will remain open over the holiday. This includes stores such as Walmart.

If unsure whether or not a specific store or restaurant is open, contact that business directly for clarification.

West Virginia Jazz Orchestra To Hold Labor Day Concert

By WV Daily News | WVDN SEP 02, 2021



The West Virginia Jazz Orchestra is pleased to present a Labor Day concert after a one-year COVID hiatus on Saturday, September 4 at 5:00 PM in the Green Space in downtown Lewisburg. The WVJO is an 18-piece big band playing tunes from the big band era along with contemporary jazz material.

Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White will be giving opening remarks on this Labor Day weekend. State Senator Steve Baldwin will be giving a Labor Day address during the band's intermission.

Everyone is welcome and there is no admission charge. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy beautiful downtown Lewisburg while you enjoy the sounds of the West Virginia Jazz Orchestra.

Alderson Correction

By WV Daily News | WVDN SEP 02, 2021

In the August 31 edition of The West Virginia Daily News, specifically the Alderson Review, a headline read "Alderson Closes City Hall Due To Delta Variant." This is misleading - Town Hall is now requiring face masks for customers and reduced the number of "unnecessary" visitors. City Hall is not closed. Access has, however, been restricted somewhat. We apologize for any confusion created by our headline. Thank you Mayor Travis Copenhaver for clarifying.

2 Men Fatally Shot At West Virginia State Park

By The Associated Press | WVDN SEP 02, 2021

HALL, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia State Police are investigating the shooting deaths of two men at a state park.

Dustin Christopher Peterson is accused of fatally shooting Christopher Jackson Price at Audra State Park on Saturday evening before he apparently turned the gun on himself, news outlets reported, citing a police statement.

Peterson's estranged wife was camping at the park with Price, police said. The two men argued and drew guns on each other before Peterson allegedly shot Price and then shot himself, the statement said.

Both men were pronounced dead at the scene. No further information was immediately released.

Capito, Manchin Announce Funding For HIV/Aids Support Services

By WV Daily News | WVDN SEP 02, 2021

U.S. Sens. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$1,235,743 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Ryan White Part B Supplemental to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). This funding will be used to improve the quality, availability, and organization of HIV health care and support services in West Virginia.

"I'm encouraged to see this funding coming to our state to improve the quality and organization of HIV-AIDS treatment in our communities," Capito said. "In the past year, we have seen HIV numbers increase in our state, underlying the importance for continued support and funding like this. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue to advocate for funding that helps increase the health and quality of life for people across West Virginia."

"The drug epidemic has impacted every West Virginian and our communities and has also led to an increase in infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS. I am pleased HHS is investing in West Virginia for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program, which will expand access to treatment and care across West Virginia. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue to advocate for funding to help West Virginia combat the drug epidemic and ensure healthcare access for all West Virginians," Manchin said.

NRGRDA Markets Region's Economic

Development Sites

By WV Daily News | WVDN SEP 02, 2021

The New River Gorge Regional Development Authority (NRGRDA) is leading the way in its use of technology to help interested companies and real estate developers locate prime sites for community and economic development.

Jina Belcher, executive director, said NRGRDA is successfully using Geographic Information Systems mapping technology developed by REsimplifi, Inc., a Columbia, S.C.-based company that sources commercial and industrial real estate listings nationally. Sites in Fayette, Nicholas, Raleigh, and Summers counties can be accessed by visiting www.choosenrg.com.

“The use of this technology allows seamless synchronization of broker-listed sites without manual data entry and maintenance,” said Belcher. “We now have specifics about available development sites and buildings that can be accessed by companies looking to grow, developers, and real estate brokers worldwide.”

Belcher said the distribution proximity and centralized location of the region, the new national park designation, and the rural business operating environment have all put the New River Gorge region on the map and elevated interest in people living and working here.

Belcher said NRGRDA is the first in the Mountain State to utilize REsimplifi, Inc.

Justice Announces STOP Violence Against Women Act Grants

By WV Daily News | WVDN SEP 02, 2021

Gov. Jim Justice announced today that he has awarded \$1,085,964.00 in STOP Violence Against Women grant program funds to 26 projects across West Virginia.

The purpose of these funds is to establish or enhance teams whose core members include victim service providers, law enforcement, and prosecution to improve the criminal justice system’s response to violence against women.

“The people who commit these terrible acts against women need to be held accountable. We must always do what it takes to make sure they’re brought to justice,” Justice said. “I have great pride in this important grant program because I truly believe it is making a difference that matters.”

The grants provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems for the establishment or enhancement of these teams.

Additionally, statewide projects are funded to provide training and educational opportunities for all victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecution, and court personnel throughout the state.

These funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, and are administered by the Division of Administrative Services, Justice, and Community Services.

Funds were awarded to the following:

FAYETTE

Comprehensive Women's Service Council Inc. - \$28,286.00

These funds provide for the enhancement and the continuation of the Fayette County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. The Core Team includes the Fayette County Prosecutor's Office, the Comprehensive Women's Service Council, and the Fayette County Sheriff's Department.

GREENBRIER

Family Refuge Center - \$39,478.00

These funds provide for the enhancement and the continuation of the Greenbrier County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. The Core Team includes the Greenbrier County Prosecutor's Office, the Family Refuge Center, and the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department.

MONROE

Family Refuge Center - \$30,044.00

These funds provide for the enhancement and the continuation of the Monroe County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. The Core Team includes the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office, the Family Refuge Center, and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

NICHOLAS

Comprehensive Women's Service Council Inc. - \$28,747.00

These funds provide for the enhancement and the continuation of the Nicholas County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. The Core Team includes the Nicholas County Prosecutor's Office, the Comprehensive Women's Service Council, and the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department.

RALEIGH

Comprehensive Women's Service Council Inc. - \$47,825.00

These funds provide for the enhancement and the continuation of the Raleigh County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. The Core Team includes the Raleigh County Prosecutor's Office, the Comprehensive Women's Service Council, and the Beckley Police Department.

STATEWIDE

Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia - \$58,240.00

These funds provide for continued training for court personnel in domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence - \$51,300.00

These funds provide for the continued enhancement of the statewide domestic and sexual violence database; to provide training and technical assistance for STOP Teams, Allied Professionals, and Domestic Violence Programs on cultural diversity and cultural competency.

West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information & Services - \$154,422.00

These funds provide for training activities, the ongoing development and capacity building of service providers to victims of sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes, and to provide training and resources for these programs to provide services to sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking victims.

West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute - \$97,432.00

These funds provide for the development and continuation of strengthening prosecution strategies and best practices as well as improving prosecution-based victim services in cases involving violence against women through training and the development of resources.

Justice Reports August Surplus

By WV Daily News | WVDN SEP 02, 2021

Gov. Jim Justice announced that West Virginia's General Revenue collections for August 2021 came in at \$29.9 million above estimates.

"The State of West Virginia continues just to percolate along and do absolutely wonderful," Gov. Justice said. "If you'll think back a few years, we had doom and gloom all the time. Now, all I do is continue to report to you good number after good number."

August collections of nearly \$383.5 million were 15.7% ahead of prior year receipts.

Year-to-date collections of \$689.3 million are \$58 million above estimates.

"Our growth continues from the standpoint of all kinds of different sectors," Gov. Justice said.

Personal income tax collections were nearly \$5 million above estimate and 7.2% ahead of prior year. YTD collections were \$19.7 million above estimate.

Consumer sales tax receipts were nearly \$12.9 million above estimate and 7.3% ahead of prior year. YTD collections were \$8.3 million above estimate and 4.3% ahead of prior year.

Severance tax collections totaled \$45.9 million. Collections were \$8.9 million above estimate and 213% ahead of last year. YTD general revenue fund severance tax collections were \$19.9 million above estimate and \$45.3 million ahead of last year. Current natural gas prices are roughly triple the price at this time last year. Average coal prices are also higher along with higher production for both natural gas products and coal.

"The State is doing wonderful," Gov. Justice said. "We're on really rock solid ground and we're just gonna keep building on it."

Aeronautics Commission Issues Report On

Greenbrier Valley Airport

By by bobby bordelon | WVDN SEP 02, 2021



LWB **GREENBRIER VALLEY AIRPORT**

Greenbrier Valley Airport is in the heart of the beautiful Greenbrier Valley in Lewisburg, West Virginia. Named "America's Coolest Small Town" by Budget Travel Magazine in 2011, this town is full of unique community and regional assets that make it a sought-after destination. The airport provides scheduled airline service on United Airlines to Chicago and Washington, D.C. and supports general aviation (GA) activities through a full-service fixed-base operator (FBO). The airport's close proximity to the Lewisburg community is essential for business and leisure travelers arriving by commercial service or private aircraft. Visitors can enjoy a vibrant downtown district that has impressive historic and cultural value, such as one of only four Carnegie Halls in the world still in continuous use and Greenbrier Valley Theatre, the State Professional Theatre of West Virginia. The airport also sees significant passenger activity traveling to Greenbrier Valley Airport to reach The Greenbrier, a world-famous resort located just 12 miles from the airport. The resort brings crowds of visitors to the region year-round.

AIRPORT ACTIVITIES

- Corporate/Business Activity
- Medical Transport/Evacuation
- Aerial Inspections
- Police/Law Enforcement
- Crew Training/Flight Instruction

City: Lewisburg
(LWB is approximately 3 miles north)

County: Greenbrier

Tourism Region:
New River-Greenbrier Valley

Ownership: Public

Primary Runway 04/22: 7,008' x 160'

AIRPORT CLASSIFICATION

Greenbrier Valley Airport is one of seven commercial service airports in West Virginia's aviation system. Commercial service airports offer scheduled air carrier services and are critical access points to larger metropolitan areas in the state. These airports often facilitate travel between domestic and international destinations and accommodate a larger variety of users and services, including GA. The airport is classified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a Primary-Nonhub airport and is eligible for federal aviation funding through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

The economic impact of the Greenbrier Valley Airport, and all of the state, is the subject of a new study from the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission (WVAC).

The study looks at 24 airports in West Virginia, assessing their direct impacts on things like employment.

"Our visitor spending was the highest in the state," said Greenbrier Valley Airport Director Brian Belcher. "Of course that's got a lot to do with The Greenbrier. That was pretty good. ... I believe these are very strong numbers. I don't believe the community in general realizes how much of an economic impact the airport has."

According to the WVAC website, the organization "is excited to launch the West Virginia Aviation Economic Impact Study (AEIS). ... The study will collectively analyze the annual impact of the entire aviation system through examination of each airport's quantitative impacts. Additionally, qualitative data in the form of real-life stories will lend a human element to the study by showcasing the importance of aviation to residents, businesses, and visitors that go beyond the numbers. The AEIS in its entirety will assist in communicating the benefits of the aviation system to West Virginia and validate the continued public investment in West Virginia's system of airports."

The data was collected in 2019, meaning that the full report is based on the pre-COVID-19 economy. However, for the Greenbrier Valley Airport, the employment numbers are more recent.

“They spent over a year putting that study together – Kimberly Horn is a very respected aviation consultant,” Belcher explained. “The state paid for that. ... The employment numbers are for 2020. All of the employees at the airport were still there because we were open and running. We never laid anyone off [during the pandemic thanks to CARES Act funds]. They did the survey during summer and fall of 2020, so we had everybody in place. As for the passenger numbers, that was based on 2019.”

After collecting data from across the state, AEIS released a report for each of the 24 airports it analyzed, including the Greenbrier Valley Airport.

The report breaks down financial impacts into two categories – direct impacts and multiplier effects. The direct impacts are the “initial economic activity” spurred on directly by the airport, such as payroll for airport staff or visitors spending money in West Virginia, while the multiplier effects are a “result when a portion of direct business revenues are used to purchase good and services in West Virginia (supplier sales) and payroll is re-spent within the state (income re-spending).

On the state level, the study showed the aviation industry had \$1.04 billion for on-airport activity, \$69.16 million in visitor spending, \$158.56 million in supplier sales, and \$308.2 million for income re-spending.

For the Greenbrier Valley Airport:

- On-Airport activity included 100 jobs and approximately \$5,720,000 in payroll.
- Visitor spending resulted in 136 jobs and \$3,795,000 in payroll.
- Supplier Sales included 64 jobs and \$3,095,000 in payroll.
- Income Re-spending resulted in 66 jobs and \$2,650,000 in payroll.

Belcher noted the entire report was not yet available, but was able to provide The West Virginia Daily News with the Greenbrier Valley Airport fact sheet.

“I think they’re releasing the full report [next week], I haven’t seen the full thing. I know that we were the highest in visitor spending because they told me.”

Belcher also celebrated the results.

“It’s surprising – I don’t think the community realizes the economic impact the airport has, but it’s pretty significant,” Belcher said. “We are an economic engine and we are a vehicle for people to get in and out of this. The airport is able to connect this community to the world because of the United system. You’re one stop from most of Europe, to Asia, for this type of community to have that type of service is pretty phenomenal really.”

The fact sheet describes the Greenbrier Valley Airport as being in “the heart of the beautiful Greenbrier Valley in Lewisburg, West Virginia. Named ‘America’s Coolest Small Town’ by Budget Travel Magazine in 2011, this town is full of unique community and regional assets that make it a sought-after destination. The airport provides scheduled airline service on United Airlines to Chicago and Washington, D.C. and supports general aviation activities through a full-service fixed-base operator. ... Visitors can enjoy a vibrant downtown district that has impressive historic and cultural value, such as one of only four Carnegie Hall’s in the world still in continuous use and Greenbrier Valley Theatre, the State Professional Theatre of West Virginia. The airport also sees significant passenger activity traveling to Greenbrier Valley Airport to reach The Greenbrier, a world-famous resort located just 12 miles from the airport. The resort brings crowds of visitors to the region year-round. ... The airport is classified by the Federal Aviation Administration as a Primary – Nonhub airport and is

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The airport’s fact sheet can be found below:

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AVIATION'S ECONOMIC IMPACT



The 2020 West Virginia Aviation Economic Impact Study (WV AEIS) was conducted using 2019 data to quantify the economic contributions of West Virginia's airport system to the state's economy. The 24 publicly owned airports in the state support the transportation of people, goods, and services to, from, and within the Mountain State. This generates quantitative economic value in the form of jobs, payroll, value added, and business revenues, but airports also enhance the quality of life for West Virginians by supporting air ambulance operations, remote access and evacuation, just-in-time deliveries of freight, aerial firefighting, aviation career opportunities, and much more.

Economic benefits are generated by on-airport activities including employment (e.g., airport administration and tenants) and capital improvements (e.g., construction). Economic impacts are also generated off-airport when money is spent by out-of-state visitors traveling to West Virginia via the state's seven commercial service airports and 17 GA airports, and when air cargo transported via the state's airports supports the operation of off-airport businesses.

This initial economic activity, known as direct impacts, generates additional impacts as money flows through the economy. These "multiplier" effects result when a portion of direct business revenues are used to purchase goods and services in West Virginia (called supplier sales) and payroll is re-spent within the state (called income re-spending). In addition, direct impacts for on-airport activities and visitor spending also generate \$75.5 million in tax impacts annually.

Economic Impact Indicators

👤 Jobs: The number of employed people

💰 Payroll: The sum of compensation to workers (salaries, wages, and benefits) and proprietor income

📊 Value Added: The value contributed to a product or service provided by a firm or group of firms. Value added is aviation's contribution to West Virginia's Gross State Product (GSP)

💵 Business Revenues: An airport's total aviation-supported output including the sum of business sales and budget expenditures

Statewide Economic Impacts

Direct Impacts

- On-Airport Activity**
\$1.04 billion
- Visitor Spending**
\$69.16 million
- Air Cargo**
\$47.35 million

Multiplier Impacts

- Supplier Sales**
\$158.56 million
- Income Re-spending**
\$308.20 million

Total Impacts

- Jobs:** 10,729
- Payroll:** \$550.11 million
- Value Added:** \$816.49 million
- Business Revenues:** \$1.63 billion

Greenbrier Valley Airport's Economic Impacts

	👤 Jobs	💰 Payroll	📊 Value Added	💵 Business Revenues
On-Airport Activity	100	\$5,720,000	\$11,319,000	\$20,384,000
Visitor Spending	136	\$3,795,000	\$6,400,000	\$11,779,000
Total Direct Impacts	236	\$9,515,000	\$17,719,000	\$32,163,000
Supplier Sales	64	\$3,095,000	\$4,983,000	\$9,868,000
Income Re-spending	66	\$2,650,000	\$3,951,000	\$8,484,000
Total Multiplier Impacts	130	\$5,744,000	\$8,934,000	\$18,342,000
Total	366	\$15,260,000	\$26,652,000	\$50,505,000

Notes: Totals may not add due to rounding. Metrics (jobs, payroll, value added, and business revenues) represent various components of an airport's economic impact and are not additive. Sources: WV AEIS Airport Manager Survey; Airport Tenant Survey; Transient GA Pilot & Passenger Survey, 2020; FAA 8010 Airport Master Record; FAA Terminal Area Forecasts; Airline Data, Inc., 2019; Langwoods International, 2018; Calculations by EBP US using IMPLAN V.3 2018, 2021.

Judge conditionally approves Purdue Pharma opioid settlement

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A federal bankruptcy judge on Wednesday gave conditional approval to a sweeping, potentially \$10 billion plan submitted by OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma to settle a mountain of lawsuits over its role in the opioid crisis that has killed a half-million Americans over the past two decades.

Under the settlement reached with creditors including individual victims and thousands of state and local governments, the Sackler family will give up ownership of the company and contribute \$4.5 billion but will be freed from any future lawsuits over opioids.

The drugmaker will be reorganized into a new company with a board appointed by public officials and will funnel its profits into government-led efforts to prevent and treat opioid addiction.

Also, the settlement sets up a compensation fund that will pay some victims of drug addiction an expected \$3,500 to \$48,000 each.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert Drain said Wednesday after speaking from the bench for more than six hours that he would approve the plan as long as two technical changes were made. If so, he said, he will formally enter the decision on Thursday.

He said before his ruling that while he does not have “fondness for the Sacklers or sympathy for them,” collecting money from them through litigation would be complicated.

The settlement comes nearly two years after the Stamford, Connecticut-based company filed for bankruptcy under the weight of some 3,000 lawsuits from states, local governments, Native American tribes, hospitals, unions and other entities. They accuse Purdue Pharma of fueling the crisis by aggressively pushing sales of its best-selling prescription painkiller.

The Sacklers were not given immunity from criminal charges, though there have been no indications they will face any.

State and local governments came to support the plan overwhelmingly, though many did so grudgingly, as did groups representing those harmed by prescription opioids.

Nine states, Washington, D.C., Seattle and the U.S. bankruptcy trustee, which seeks to protect the nation’s bankruptcy system, opposed the settlement, largely because of the protections granted to the Sackler family. At least some of them are expected to appeal.

Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson quickly announced he would appeal the plan, calling it inadequate.

The bankruptcy judge, based in White Plains, New York, had urged the holdouts to negotiate an agreement, warning that drawn-out litigation would delay getting settlement money to victims and the programs needed to address the epidemic.

“Bitterness over the outcome of this case is completely understandable,” Drain said. “But one also has to look at the process and the issues and risks and rewards and alternatives of continued litigation versus the settlement laid out in the plan.”

He noted that the payout issue was mediated by Kenneth Feinberg, who oversaw the government’s Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund.

Most states have sued Purdue, claiming it aggressively marketed OxyContin, contributing to an opioid overdose and addiction epidemic that has been linked to more than 500,000 deaths in the U.S.

Some of the deaths have been attributed to OxyContin and other prescription opioids, but most are from illicit forms of opioids such as heroin and illegally produced fentanyl. Opioid-linked deaths in the U.S. continued at a record pace last year, hitting 70,000.

The crisis crushed the reputation of the Sackler family, major philanthropists whose name was once

emblazoned on the walls of museums and universities around the world. With the settlement, family members who have owned the company will still be worth billions.

Whether the deal provides enough accountability for the Sacklers was the most contentious question through the proceedings. Many state attorneys general and advocacy groups working on behalf of opioid victims pushed for the family members to pay more and initially fought against the liability waiver.

They succeeded in boosting the amount the Sacklers would pay from a likely \$3 billion to a guaranteed \$4.5 billion over a decade.

David Sackler, a former Purdue board member, had testified that family members would not accept the agreement unless it protected them from lawsuits.

Otherwise, he said, the family would defend itself in litigation that could drag on for years, with the company's and the family's assets eaten up by lawyers' fees rather than used to help address the crisis.

His father, Richard Sackler, a former Purdue president and board chairman, said under questioning that he, his family and the company did not bear responsibility for the opioid crisis.

Drain noted that none of the four Sacklers who testified offered an explicit apology. "A forced apology is not really an apology, so we will have to live without one," he said.

One projection commissioned by a group of state attorneys general found that the family's wealth could rise from the current estimate of \$10.7 billion to more than \$14 billion by 2030 despite making payments under the settlement. That's because the family could continue to benefit from investment returns and interest payments as they make their gradual contributions under the deal.

However, lawyers for Purdue and branches of the Sackler family disputed the assumptions used in the projection.

The settlement also requires members of the Sackler family, who are scattered across the U.S., Britain and elsewhere in Europe, to get out of the opioid business worldwide.

Several attorneys general won another provision that will create a massive public repository of company documents, including communications with lawyers that normally would be protected by attorney-client privilege.

Purdue has said the settlement overall will be worth about \$10 billion, a figure that includes the value of addiction treatment and overdose antidote drugs it is developing.

The bankruptcy case is not the first time Purdue had faced legal trouble over the marketing of its prescription painkillers.

The company pleaded guilty in 2007 to federal charges it misled regulators and others about the addiction dangers of OxyContin and agreed to pay more than \$600 million in penalties.

Last November, as part of a settlement with the U.S. Justice Department, Purdue pleaded guilty to conspiring to defraud the United States and violating anti-kickback laws.

Purdue's bankruptcy has been the highest-profile case in a complicated universe of opioid litigation.

Drugmaker Johnson & Johnson and the three largest U.S. drug distribution companies recently announced a settlement that could be worth up to \$26 billion if state and local governments agree.

Individual trials also remain, including one scheduled to start in October in Cleveland over the role pharmacies played in the crisis. Other trials have been held this year in California, New York and West Virginia, though verdicts have not yet been reached.

Silver Alert Issued For Hillsboro Man

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A Silver Alert has been issued for Pocahontas County resident James Andrew Hefner.

According to information provided by the West Virginia State Police, on Wednesday, Sept. 1, at approximately 7:35 p.m., an officer received a missing person complaint from concerned family members.



They told the officer that Hefner, 69, was last seen at his Hillsboro residence on Monday, Aug. 30. Hefner is possibly suffering from paranoia and left in a Red 2014 Jeep Patriot with West Virginia license plate 66P538.

Hefner is a white male, approximately 5'9" tall, weighing 240 pounds with a full gray beard.

Hefner was last seen in the Renick-area heading towards Lewisburg.

If seen, contact the West Virginia State Police Marlinton Detachment at 304-799-4101 or Troop 3 headquarters in Elkins at 304-637-0200.

Lewisburg Once Again Under Boil Water Advisory

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The city of Lewisburg has issued a system-wide Boil Water Advisory to all customers due to high levels of turbidity — meaning the quality of being cloudy, opaque in the water. The city hopes to have the Boil Water Advisory lifted by Saturday, Sept. 4 dependent on compliance levels. Please contact City Hall (304) 645-2080 if you have any questions or concerns. Please boil your water before consuming or cooking. Thank you for your patience and understanding on this matter.

Shelda Jean Brookman

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BROOKMAN

Shelda Jean Brookman, 57, of Alderson passed away on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at her home. Born May 24, 1964 in Alderson, she was a daughter of the late Oather Gordon and Carol Sue Redden Ewing. She left us to join God and daughter, Jody Ann Brookman; mother, Carol Adkins; and a brother, Michael Ewing.

Shelda was a CNA for the Shenandoah Manor. She was loved dearly by many, and she will be forever missed.

She is survived by two daughters, Becky Jean Brookman of Lewisburg and Kayla Brookman of Alderson; nine grandchildren; brother, Jessie Ewing of Alderson; and three sisters, Darlene Vernieu of Beckley, Carol Marie Ewing and Tennie Ewing both of Alderson.

Graveside services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, September 3, 2021 at the Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Friday at the Lantz Funeral Home in Alderson.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com.

Lantz Funeral Home in Alderson is in charge of arrangements.