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New School Year Sees Old Concerns For Pocahontas County

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The 2021/2022 school year is now underway across the Mountain State. However, despite the optimism generated by a fresh beginning, the threat of COVID-19 (particularly the Delta variant) still covers the new academic year in a blanket of uncertainty.

In Pocahontas County, students returned to their school buildings on Wednesday, August 18. But in stark contradiction to the way the previous academic year ended, no one entering the buildings was required to wear a face covering.

As outlined in the 2021-2022 Pocahontas County School's Revised Re-entry Plan: "Face coverings and masks are optional for students, employees, or visitors in the buildings. Face masks/coverings are required on school buses by employees and students."

While the plan does require the use of face coverings on school buses, it makes no account for those arriving by other means.

The plan further explains: "The Pocahontas County Board of Education voted to not use the WVDHHR daily map to determine the requirement to use masks/face coverings. Only by a mandate from the Governor or DHHR will masks/face coverings be required.

All people entering the schools must also have their temperature read upon arrival by a scanner that is located at the front entrance."

The WVDHHR daily map, which for the majority of the previous school year was recognized by all county school's as the "final word" regarding COVID-19 protocols, currently designates Pocahontas County as "yellow." The positivity-rate within the county has increased from 0.46% on August 25, to 3.42% as of Tuesday, September 1. Even more concerning, however, is Pocahontas' infection rate, which has risen by more than 20-percent within the last seven days.

While no COVID-related deaths have been reported within Pocahontas County since August 25, the 116 laboratory tests performed have resulted in the identification of 38 new cases. Of those 38 cases, 12 have been detected in young-people under the age of 20. And out of the 12, nine are below the age of 15-years.

This means that children 15-years-of-age and younger account for nearly 24% of all identified cases of COVID-19 in Pocahontas County within the last seven-day period; two of which have been confirmed to be the Delta variant of the virus.

Since the return to school on August 18, officials at Pocahontas County Schools have reported the identification of two cases of COVID-19 at Green Bank Elementary/Middle School, four cases of COVID-19 at Marlinton Elementary School, and five cases of COVID-19 at Pocahontas County High School. While these nine cases may not necessarily involve students, they are confirmed to be individuals associated with the individual school buildings.

Several social media posts made over the past week by Pocahontas County School officials presented an all-to-familiar message: "All measures have been taken with contact tracing completed by the Pocahontas County

Health Department and by School Nurse Jenny Friel. Deep cleaning protocols by the custodial and transportation staff will continue and all precautions are in place. We will continue to work with the Pocahontas County Health Department and will continue to inform our families and community of COVID-19 cases within the schools. Please understand that the utmost regard to confidentiality must be observed and is required in all cases. Thank you for supporting our efforts to keep our students and staff safe.”

To date, 3,984 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Pocahontas, accounting for 48.3% of the county’s population. This is a full three-percent below the state’s current number of 51.4% vaccinated. Only three doses of the vaccine have been administered in Pocahontas County within the last seven-days.

Parade of Lights Returns September 11

By by bobby bordelon | WVDN SEP 03, 2021



The Parade of Lights is returning to the Greenbrier Valley.

Sponsored by Greenbrier County Fire and Emergency Responder’s Association, the parade and candlelight vigil are an annual celebration of the emergency responders in the area and a tribute to the lives lost on September 11, 2001. This year, Parade of Lights organizer Jeff Doss hopes more detachments will be present than ever.

“I’m expecting a big turn out. Any first-responder is invited, as well as the public. Given the good weather,

given the fact that it's the 20th anniversary, given the fact that it's a Saturday, and I hate to say this, but given the fact of the recent events in Afghanistan, I'm hoping that this will probably be [the largest turn out ever]."



2020's candlelight vigil

In addition to all of the units of local emergency responders, something bigger will also be there.

"We should have at least one, if not two, medical helicopters that land, [including the Healthnet Helicopter]. Last year, unfortunately, we had to utilize the helicopter there. We had a patient at the time. It was someone who was smoking [with oxygen]. It never fails, a couple of times a year someone on oxygen will decide they still want to smoke. What happens is that it back feeds and they get burnt pretty bad. That person was local, so we just said 'hey, the helicopter is already on the ground. Let's transport to the fairgrounds and we'll fly them out from there.'"

Another feature of the event is the chance to meet several of the K9 units that work in the area. Last year, demonstrations were given, with the dogs taking down people coated in a thick padding.

"The Department of Corrections will have their dog team there and the Greenbrier County K-9 will be there. Those are going to be pretty cool demonstrations. A lot of people don't realize that some dogs are bite dogs and some dogs are for tracking. Some dogs are not bite dogs - they might look vicise but they're lap dogs really. They're drug sensing dogs. It's really cool, we'll probably play some kind of game where we'll hide some drugs somewhere and that dog will sniff it out."

Doss hopes there will be a new addition as well.

“This year I’m adding a finger print [station] because human trafficking is very much a concern, so if it saves one child’s life, it will be worth it. So we will have a finger printing station there, as long as they get the materials on time.”

The meet, greet, and demonstrations will begin at 5:30 on the WV State Fairgrounds. The Parade of Lights will then begin at approximately 7:30 and will travel from the fairgrounds on Route 219 to Grand Avenue at Bob Evans and return to the fairgrounds. The event will then conclude with a candlelight vigil.

“Hopefully I think everything will go well, especially if the weather holds,” Doss said. “On Saturday, we’re going to assemble around 5 p.m. or 5:30. That gives the kids a chance to come out, look at the trucks, look at the ambulances, look at the police cars, talk to the first responders.”



Over 70 vehicles took part in last year’s Parade of Lights.


Doss pointed to the lives lost as a reason for the ceremony.


“Imagine [if], just in Greenbrier County alone, we lost every single deputy, patrolman, trooper, EMT, medic, DNR officer, dispatcher, and firefighter - it would still be less than the number of first responders lost on September 11, 2001. In fact, that number continues to rise with some estimates at an additional 2,000 having died from toxic exposure from rescue attempts after the attacks. I’m also sure that the post traumatic stress disorder rate is incalculable. ... This is going to be 20 years, in 2021. Some of the [younger emergency responders] were young or would not have even been born [on 9/11].”










Parade of Lights

Sponsored by Greenbrier County Fire and Emergency Responder's Association

 **When:** Saturday, September 11, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

 **Where:** Midway at the State Fairgrounds

 **What:** Show and Tell of emergency equipment

-  Emergency Vehicles and Equipment
-  Landing of Healthnet Helicopter
-  Greenbrier County Sherrif Department Kids' Fingerprinting Trailer
-  K-9 Demonstration
-  *Parade of Lights begins at dusk
-  Candlelight Vigil

*Leaves fairground on Rt 219 passing McDonald's, goes through Fairlea to Lowe's, circles back through Fairlea, ending at Fairgrounds

This parade was created to honor the first responders, and others, who sacrificed their lives on September 11, 2001



WSS Lions Club To Hold 9/11 Memorial

By WV Daily News | WVDN SEP 03, 2021



On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Almost 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

As a tribute to those who lost their lives that day, the White Sulphur Springs Lions Club carries American Flags across three interstate bridges in White Sulphur and Lewisburg. Anyone wishing to join the Lions to honor the victims is welcome beginning at 8:45 a.m. and continuing through the time of the last plane crash in PA (10:07 a.m.)

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the attacks, and we have not forgotten. Please bring your flag to any one of the three overpasses (Rt. 311 or Kate's Mountain Road in WSS, or in Lewisburg on Sydenstricker Road off Rt. 60 West.) If you are driving on any of the interstates, please wave or blow your horn to honor the victims. Any questions, you may call Steve Clendenen in Lewisburg at 304-645-1359 or Lion President Mary Lee Buckland in WSS at 304-536-3259.

WSS Police Remind Residents About Leash Ordinance

By jaine schmidt wyatt | WVDN SEP 03, 2021

On August 13, the White Sulphur Springs Police Department posted the following to their Facebook page:

“The ... Department wishes to remind citizens that there is an ordinance against dogs running at large within city limits. This has become quite an issue and the officers have tried to be patient with this problem. However, it has now gotten out of hand. Citations will be issued to anyone who has allowed their dogs to run at large off of their own property. Below are copies of ordinances dealing with this issue and a copy of the penalty that may be imposed.”

505.08 PERMITTING ANIMALS OR FOWL TO RUN AT LARGE — No person shall permit any animal or fowl owned, harbored or maintained by him to run at large within the City limits.

505.11 DOGS. (c) - Running at Large Prohibited; Dogs on Leash. Any person who owns, keeps or harbors a dog within the City shall keep such dog confined to the premises owned or occupied by him and shall not permit such dog to run at large; provided, that a dog shall not be deemed to be at large when held on leash by and under the control of a responsible person and while displaying on its collar a currently valid registration tag and currently valid vaccination tag as provided in West Va. Code 19-20A-4.

505.99 PENALTY (a) - Whoever violates any provision of this Part Five - General Offenses Code for which no other penalty is provided shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Echoes Of The Past: White Sulphur Springs Edition

By WV Daily News | WVDN SEP 03, 2021

The following information is taken from the pages of The Sentinel, the precursor of The White Sulphur Springs Star, for the month of September 1952.

Mrs. Amelia DeLarbe of White Sulphur Springs won the title of “Queen of the Show” last week at the annual flower show presented by the Old White Garden Club.

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The Terrace, White Sulphur’s newest restaurant, opened its doors to the public Friday afternoon under the management and ownership of Mr. and Mrs. John Argyrakis.

The new modern building is located on the old Clifford property on U.S. Route 60, Main Street, next door to the Village Transfer Company.

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Sgt. and Mrs. Elmer Burnett and infant son, Stephen, arrived Tuesday from Ft. Sheridan, Ill., and have taken an apartment in the O’Farrell building on Patterson Street in White Sulphur.

The sergeant has received orders for overseas duty and sails September 20th for Germany. Mrs. Burnett and baby will remain here during his absence.

Frank G. Perry, son of Mrs. Wilda Perry, has the distinction of being the first person in White Sulphur Springs to receive television clearly on a Philco TV set. He is now putting up antennas for TV reception with Ralph Ballard Jr.

A dream of Mrs. Pat Sullivan of White Sulphur Springs will be realized September 9th when a portrait of General Andrew S. Rowan is presented to the Andrew S. Rowan Home at Sweet Springs.

Mrs. Retus Griffith Zengeler of Washington, D.C., received a commission as a lieutenant, USNR, in the Naval Nurse Corps.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Griffith of White Sulphur Springs.

Franklin R. Hoke was sworn into the Air Force on August 28.

He was born in White Sulphur Springs and attended graded and high school there. He is the son of the former Mrs. Ola Bostic Hoke and her husband, A-1c William L. Huntsman.

Mrs. Dolly R. Kyer and Mrs. Nellie Weyen of White Sulphur Springs have been announced as delegates to attend the Republican State Judicial Convention at Clarksburg on Oct. 4.

White Sulphur cadets at Greenbrier Military School in Lewisburg this year are Buddy Kanipes and Jack Boone, both on the varsity football team, also Robert Gamba, Billy Van Deman, Louie Toman Jr., Jeep Goodwillie, and Ralph Hanna Jr.

Members of the White Sulphur Springs Volunteer Fire Department underwent a 3-hour intensified training period on the mechanism and equipment of their new fire truck last Tuesday evening.

Dick Bell of Lewisburg has accepted a position of night clerk at the Alvon Hotel in White Sulphur.

Lt. Col. Richard E. East recently arrived at Okinawa, Japan, and has been assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, as commanding officer.

His wife, Margie, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed East, live in White Sulphur Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bowling Jr. left last week for Morgantown where he will continue his studies at the University of West Virginia.

The annual drive for funds with which to maintain the White Sulphur Library and Community House opened September 15 under the leadership of Mr. Oscar Bowling.

Victor Seixas, No. 1 ranking tennis player in America, will head a list of 16 of the nation's top net stars who are expected to participate in Autumn Tennis Week at The Greenbrier, October 23-26.

A-3c Marshall E. Spinks from Tyndale Air Force Base in Florida, is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spinks at Alvon.

Miss Helen Gumm, Miss Debby Schwarz, and Miss Marcia Wright, all of White Sulphur Springs, left Saturday for the University of Kentucky.

See the agent at the Greyhound Terminal on Main Street in White Sulphur Springs to take advantage of these

great rates: from White Sulphur Springs to Miami \$19.15, to New York City \$10.05, and to Washington, D.C., \$5.55.

For more information, phone 13.

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Marriages

Joshua Austin Boone to Tori Sierra Martin;

Michael Robert Welch to Ashley Nicole Winnings;

Nya Monroe McCutcheon to Faith Nicole Cox;

David Wellington Johnson to Ashley Brooke Johnson.

Fiduciaries

Denny Ray Canterbury, Administrator of the Virgil Dale Canterbury estate;

Jeff Brown, Executor of the Jacob Alexander Brown estate;

Nellie F King, Executrix of the Warren Douglas Sampson estate;

Joseph C Fox, Executor of the Jackie Eugene Fox estate;

Leann G Piercy-McMillion and Donna Y Piercy Co-Executrix for the George Edward Piercy estate;

Garry E Burns, Executor of the Paul S Burns estate;

Cecil Ayers, Administrator of the George Walter Ayers Jr. estate;

Jacqueline Loudermilk, Administratrix of the Carl Denver Loudermilk estate;

Jennifer Morgan, Administratrix of the John Paul Beaver estate;

Gregory Wingo, Executor of the Patsy C Wingo estate.

Land Transfers

PCG Inc. to Old Hemlock Holdings LLC, Lot 334 Creekside, White Sulphur District;

Lorene McClung to Kelly P Hatfield and David Keith Hatfield and Adam Keith Hatfield, 5 acres, Meadow Bluff District;

Howard James Rowe III and Patricia J Rowe to Property Brothers LLC, Lots 149 & 150, Alderson Corp District;

Dustin H Gadmski to Joseph K Terry and Sareh F Terry, Lot 5, Ronceverte Corp District;

Blackbird Village LLC to Richard Andrew Kelso and Rebecca Kathleen Kelso, Unit Number 154 of Blackbird Village, Lewisburg Corp District;

David C Hegger and Deborah Hegger to Zhendong Lun and Yimei Lun, Unit Number 131 of Blackbird Village, Lewisburg Corp District;

David Gibson and Suzanne Gibson to Russell Abbott Legal Owner Via Non-Trust Custodial IRA, 22,208 square feet, Lewisburg Corp District;

Raging Creek Farm Trust by Surviving Trustee to Philippa Radon and Peter Radon, 4 Tracts, Williamsburg District;

Clarie Davis to Clarie Davis and Lisa Ellen Davis, 3 Properties, Falling Spring District;

Beatrice A Burns to Matthew L Burns and Samantha L Burns, 2.676 acres, Blue Sulphur District;

Charles Thomas Price to Marlene Price and Caitlyne Price, 7.89 acres, Falling Spring District;

Peggy Ann Patterson to Jill Patterson -time, Lot 20 Leroy C Tuck Subdivision, Fort Spring District;

Halcyon Properties II LLC to 300 IKE Trust, Lot/Unit 130, White Sulphur District;

Harold E Jackson to Gail N Fitzgerald, 2 Tracts, White Sulphur Corp District;

Roger D Ball to Kayley Nicole Robbins, Lot 7, 8 and 22, Block 11, Rainelle Corp District;

Steven C Coy and Lee E Coy to Allan Rabune and Catherine G Rabune, Lot Number 34 and 35, Alderson Corp District;

John Schriefer a 2020 irrevocable trust to Emily Chittenden-Laird and William Laird, 31,235 square feet, Lewisburg District;

Kevin Alley and Shawn A Alley and Shirlene M Alley to Brittani M Stanley, 1 acre, Meadow Bluff District;

George Poszich and Andrew Poszich to Michael Zimmerman and Robert Anderson, 16.054 acres, Frankford District;

Bridgett M Krystnak ing to James A King and Bridgett M King, 3.19 acres more or less, Fort Springs District;

Chelsea J Rhodes to Chelsea J Rhodes and Toby Lane Klinger, 2 Parcels, Meadow Bluff District;

Patrick W Williams to Talman, Wayne Hylton and Tyler James Hylton, 3.6 acres, Irish Corner District.

Dear Abby: Friday, September 3

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN SEP 03, 2021

Wife Unsettled At MIL's Frequent Presence At Home

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for nearly 10 years. I guess I never noticed this while we were dating, but as our marriage has progressed, it's becoming increasingly apparent he's a complete "mama's boy." He calls her constantly with updates (some I'd prefer she didn't know about) and invites her over frequently without consulting me. I have tried to gently express that sometimes it's a bit much (especially because he tells her things before he tells me), but he becomes defensive and accuses me of not liking her. It doesn't help that his father died five years ago, leaving her a rather young widow. I feel his protectiveness over her has accelerated because he fears she will be alone too much. My mother-in-law is a nice person, but I need my space. After work, I want to come home and spend time with my husband and children without another person always being there. It has reached the point that I'm starting to resent her, and that's not fair to her. Please help. — CROWDED IN WISCONSIN

DEAR CROWDED: You're right, it isn't fair that you are aiming your resentment at your mother-in-law. The person who should be the target of your displeasure is your husband. I assume you have already tried communicating to him the legitimate complaints you listed in your letter. It may require help from a marriage counselor to get him to understand that you don't dislike his mother, but that certain things between a husband and wife should remain private. Yes, she is his mother, but common courtesy would dictate that the two of you agree about how often you will come home after a hard day's work to find her sitting there.

DEAR ABBY: I've been married for more than 30 years. Our marriage isn't wonderful, but it's better than most. I love my husband, but I'm not sure I am "in love" with him. I have had an off-and-on friendship with my ex-boyfriend for the past 40 years. We're not intimate — just friends. We meet occasionally for coffee or dinner to talk. He is divorced. Logically, I know he isn't the right one, but my heart still feels strongly for him. This in spite of a 20-year gap when we didn't see or hear from each other. I ran into him three years ago and we started talking, but a year went by before we saw each other again. No matter how hard I try, I can't seem to get him out of my heart. He says he will always love me, but I don't think he means "in love." He has been with someone for five years whom he cares for and is thinking of marrying because he is getting older and wants the companionship. He claims not to be in love with her. I hurt when I don't hear from him regularly. My heart aches when I think about not having him in my life at all. How do I get over him? — EMOTIONALLY INVESTED

DEAR INVESTED: Wake up and accept that if your ex-boyfriend were in love with you, he would have demonstrated it by now. He appears to be very comfortable with the companion he's involved with — regardless of the fact he says he isn't in love with her, either. A surefire way to get over this lingering crush would be to start counting the many blessings you have with your husband of 30 years, and if there is something "missing," begin a dialogue and work to improve it.

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.

Echoes Of The Past: Friday, September 3

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

September 9-13, 1996

25 Years Ago...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

She is a junior at Greenbrier East High School.

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

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

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

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

August 26, 1971

50 Years Ago...

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

She is a former principal and teacher at Rupert School.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

August 29, 1946

75 Years Ago...

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

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

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

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

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

August 27, 1921

100 Years Ago...

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

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

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

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

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

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

Preview: Greenbrier West At Summers County

By by michael goddard | WVDN SEP 03, 2021



Greenbrier West (0-1) at Summers County (1-0)

Friday, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m. at Garten Stadium, Hinton

Radio: WRLB 95.3 (7pm)

Series: Greenbrier West leads 41-13

Last meeting: (9/4/2020) Greenbrier West 34 Summers County 6

Last week: Greenbrier West kicked off their season at Buffalo and fell 21-20 in overtime. The Cavaliers outgained the Bison 324 yards to 201, but five West turnovers doomed their effort. Tied at 14 with seven minutes remaining, West drove from their own 43-yard line to the Bison ten. With just over a minute left in regulation, Cole Vandall tried to connect with Kadin Parker in the corner of the endzone, but the ball ricocheted off the back of a Buffalo defender's helmet and resulted in an interception. In the overtime period, Greenbrier West scored first on a Josh Jones 2-yard run, but the Cavaliers were stopped short on their two-point conversion try. Buffalo answered when Dalton Jones scored from 20 yards out. Taylor Reedy, who had her PAT blocked in the 2nd quarter by the Cavaliers, sealed the victory for the Bison with a successful kick.

Summers County opened their season with a 36-7 home win over Pikeview in the newly christened Battle for the Bluestone. The Bobcats backfield exploded for 446 rushing yards with three players going over the century mark. Andre Merriam-Harshaw led all ball carriers with 199 yards and 2 TDs. Duke Dodson added a TD and 119 yards while first-year player, senior Kalob Black, racked up 108 yards and a TD. The Bobcat defense forced four turnovers in the win.

Greenbrier West will look to get back on track tonight at Garten Stadium. The Cavaliers held the Bobcats to 76

yards rushing last season, and Merriam-Harshaw had only 4 of that total. Limiting his production again will be paramount if the Cavaliers want to avoid an 0-2 start. Turnovers are always a key factor, and both the Cavaliers and Bobcats committed their fair share in week one. Summers County was able to overcome their own miscues by intercepting three passes — one for a score — and recovering a fumble.

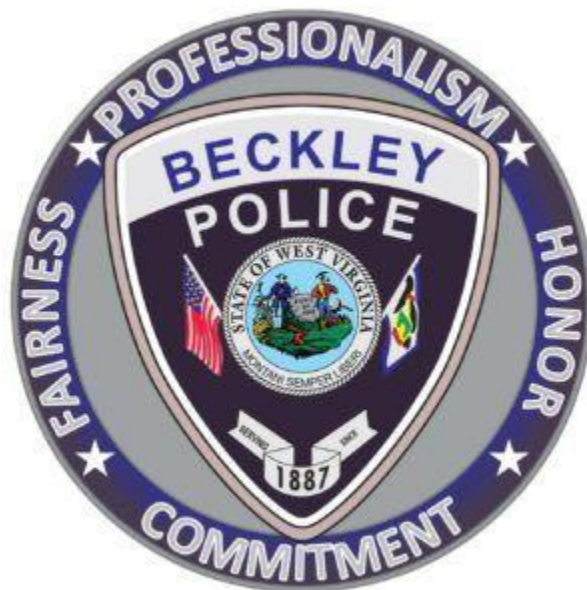
The Cavaliers created four turnovers as well but their inability to capitalize on them and score was the difference in the game. Junior tailback Ty Nickell will be relied on more heavily this week after being limited with cramps in the week one loss. Kadin Parker stepped up at tailback in Nickell's absence and scored both a rushing and receiving touchdown, but the Cavaliers will be without his services tonight. Expect Jaiden Robinson, Josh Jones, and Marcus Adkins to shoulder some of the burden of replacing Parker's output. Sophomore quarterback Cole Vandall must be more efficient throwing the football for the Cavalier offense to have the balance they want.

Defensively, the Cavaliers will be pressured to stifle the Summers County Wing-T attack. First-year head coach Josh Evans brings knowledge and expertise from his playing days at Fayetteville, under head coach Frank Spangler, to the Bobcat offensive attack. Merriam-Harshaw, Dodson, and Black proved to be very effective in that system in the season opener.

If Greenbrier West can limit their yardage on the ground, Summers County may have to rely on sophomore quarterback Brandon Isaac. Isaac went 3-4 for 28 yards vs Pikeview. Versus Buffalo, Greenbrier West was able to register six tackles for loss. Vandall had two sacks for the Cavaliers and Parker had a key interception. Jones, who will be relied on heavily in the absence of Parker, had a pick-six in the scrimmage win over Pendleton County the preceding week.

Beckley Police Department Hiring

By autumn shelton | WVDN SEP 03, 2021



The Beckley Police Department is hiring.

According to Beckley Police Chief Lonnie Christian, applications are being accepted until Oct. 1.

“We encourage anybody to apply who wants to make a positive impact in their community and who wants to have a rewarding career,” said Christian. “It is a stable position. In today’s economy, you never know if the jobs will be there, but in law enforcement, we always have a need.”

“We are looking for a lot of good men and women to help diversify our community,” Christian noted.

Applicants must be between the ages of 18-40, be drug-free, have no criminal background and must pass a written test and a physical agility test, Christian said. For those who may need a little help passing these tests, resources are available.

“Once you send in your application, we have a recruiter who will make contact with you,” Christian continued. Then, the department can provide resources to prepare a person for testing day.

Having visible tattoos is no longer an issue.

“It used to be that law enforcement didn’t allow any visible tattoos, but now we just look at those to make sure that there is nothing that would be obscene or offensive,” Christian stated. “We also allow our officers to grow beards.”

Becoming an officer at the Beckley Police Department provides numerous opportunities for growth, Christian continued. There are many positions within the department that an officer can take including honor guard, mountain bike patrol, motorcycle patrol, road patrol, K-9 unit and Special Response Team.

“Just about anything that you would be interested in from school resource officer to community policing to investigative positions, there are a lot of things that allow a person to grow and move around in that you really can’t do in any other law enforcement position in southern West Virginia,” Christian said.

Beginning officers must become certified through the West Virginia State Police Academy and will undergo comprehensive training before they go out on their own as road patrol officers, Christian explained.

“Once they get a couple of years under their belt, they can advance to our narcotics division, have the potential to get a K-9, or join the detective bureau. Within a year, new officers can join the bike patrol,” Christian said. “We have a lot of different options and a lot of overtime opportunities, so there are many benefits to working for the city.”

Starting wage is \$40,450. Those who already have a law enforcement certification will be eligible for a \$5,000 sign-on bonus.

Applications may be picked up at the Beckley Police Department located at 501 Neville Street, or online at beckley.org/police-department/.

Testing begins on Oct. 6.

Grandview Residents Encouraged To Return Sewer Project Questionnaire, Deadline Extended

By autumn shelton | WVDN SEP 03, 2021

Grandview residents are going to have to turn in their questionnaires before officials can make a decision as to whether or not the community will have public sewer access.

Right now, the Shady Spring Public Service District (PSD) has only received 88 sewer project questionnaires out of the 416 households located in Grandview, said Shady Spring Public Service District General Manager Jerry Smith. Seventy-eight of those questionnaires were yes votes and 10 were no votes.

"We need to have at least 80% participation in a project before we can move on to the design stage," Smith said. "That is what is required."

For this reason, Smith said that residents will be given an extension until Dec. 1 to get those questionnaires in.

"We are supposed to meet with the county commission in the near future as to whether we want to do a door-to-door survey," Smith added. "We are going to have to change our game plan."

Questionnaires were mailed to every home in the Grandview area earlier in the summer, but some residents stated that they didn't receive them, Smith continued.

"We have so many people out there who wants it, and the park service wants it, but we can't get enough signed user agreements to move forward," Smith said. "We are going to meet with the county commission at their second meeting in September. I will have a game plan on the financial situation, on what loans and grants look like, and also determine whether we need to move on with this. We can't just do this forever."

"We get one or two calls a day from people wanting to know what we are doing," Smith added. "They need sewer bad, especially after all these rains. That takes a toll on a septic system. It's hard to explain that we don't have an answer for them yet."

Currently, questionnaires can be picked up at the Shell station in Grandview and at the Shady Spring PSD. All questionnaires can be mailed to the PSD at P.O. Box 235, Beaver, WV, 25813 or dropped off.

"Anybody that hasn't returned [their questionnaire] yet, the county commission and the Shady PSD would sure appreciate it if they would, so we can determine if this project can get kicked off or we can try another area that really needs sewer."

A public meeting regarding the proposed project was conducted on July 21 at the Grandview Christian Church. Commission members, engineers and employees of the Shady Spring PSD were in attendance to answer questions and receive input from citizens.

Those in favor of the project stated that they were tired of both the sewer smells after a hard rain and sewage from a neighbors septic system coming onto their property. Many felt like there would be no better time than now to have a public sewage system installed, especially since the National Park Service will provide a \$12,000,000 grant to fund phase one of the project, and various other federal grant monies could be made available.

Those who spoke against the project were concerned about fees associated with installation of a pumping system, which must be placed at every home, and PSD rate fees. They also expressed concern about future development in the area now that the Grandview State Park has been designated a National Park.

Under the plan, a small diameter wastewater collection system will serve the citizens of Grandview as well as the Grandview park. Due to the amount of rock in the area, a system of this type would cause the least amount of property disturbance, according to information provided at the meeting.

Each homeowner who wants public sewer access will be provided with a grinder pumping system free of charge (complete with a two-year warranty) and they will receive free installation of sewer lines to the home, up to 300 ft. Customers will be responsible for a 220-watt breaker on their electrical panel to power the grinder pump.

If the project is approved, each homeowner, regardless of whether or not they hook up to the system, will be required to pay the minimum existing sewer rate. According to information provided by the PSD, the current minimum rate is \$22.97 per month.

The wastewater will be taken under the interstate and connected to the existing system at Crow Road. The project would take about five years to complete at a total estimated cost of \$28,520,000.

At a recent Raleigh County Commission meeting Myron Amick, an engineer with L.A. Gates Company, and Commission President Dave Tolliver provided clarification on some of the most discussed issues following the July 21 meeting about the Grandview sewer project.

“The project cost is \$28 million dollars,” Amick began. “\$4 million of that is for the treatment plant at Little Beaver State Park property.”

“A lot of people wasn’t aware that you had to build a new plant down on 4-H Lake below the dam there,” Tolliver added. “I wasn’t. I never was told that, and there are two phases to this and I wasn’t aware of it either.”

The new sewer plant construction would be for the extra capacity needed by adding Grandview residents to the treatment plant, County Administrator Jay Quesenberry stated in an interview following the meeting.

Tolliver added that every home will have the underground grinder pumping system tank placed in their yard between their septic tank and the sewer line. The tank holds 80 gallons and the grinder sits on top of the tank.

Any Grandview resident with additional questions or concerns are encouraged to call Smith at 304-255-1565.

Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission To Hold Meeting

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission will hold a public hearing Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. in 942 Washington Street, West. The hearing is also 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 the day of the hearing.

The agenda includes

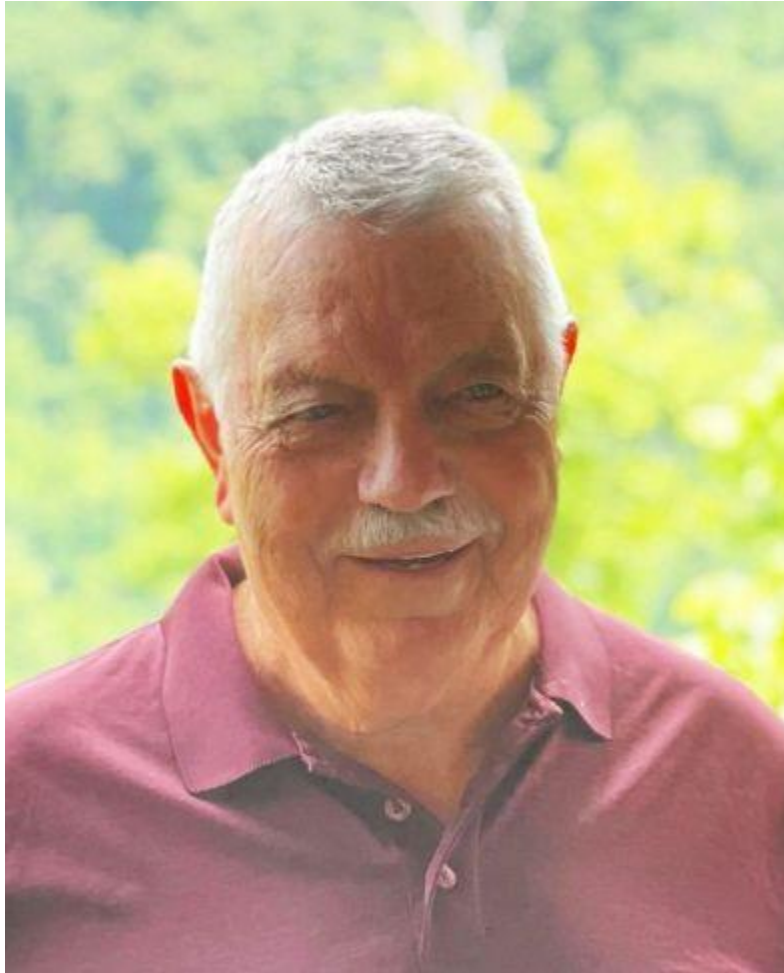
- Call to Order.
- Approval of the Minutes; August 9, 2021.
- Comments from the public.

- Linda Dale, 455 Randolph Street. Install generator on the driveway side of the house concealed with shrubbery and/or lattice work.
- Appalachian Headwaters, 122 Courtney Drive. Install a 3'x2' sign with the company's logo along with their name in text, mounted to wall.
- Lewisburg Surf Shop, 121 Stratton Alley Suite 7. Requesting 1 small branded black metal sign to be affixed to the front door. A nylon flag hanging from the top of the door. A black-lit metal sign with logo printed on front, paint main structure HC-190 Black and HC-27 for trim.
- Paula Thomas, 782 Jefferson Street South. Install z 3'x2' sign on existing bracket.
- Montwell Commons, 990 North Jefferson Street. Install Sun Setter Retractable Awning on the backside of Hill and Holler, 11'8" when open. Color will be natural linen.
- Robert Strickland, 116 Preston Blvd. Install 2 Aluminum gates on existing brick wall in the backyard, painted black. One 12'x8' on the North side of yard and the other 6' single gate on East wall.
- Kristen Cornett, 172 Davis Street. Construct a three-car garage where a previous shed had been on the property.
- Bob Pollard, 471 Church Street. Demolition of garage, replaced by 3 car garage. Replace front porch roof with similar asphalt shingles, replace gutters, install fence in front yard and connect to neighbor's fence (similar) and install backyard fence made of wire, Replace post light with a gas light.
- Comments from the commissioners.
- Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer.
- Adjournment.

The next scheduled meeting for the Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission will be held on Monday, Oct.13 at 5 p.m. with a deadline of Friday, Oct. 1.

Eckels Gary Glover

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GLOVER

Eckels Gary Glover, 71, of Lewisburg, WV passed away Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at his home.

Eckels was born July 6, 1950, in White Sulphur Springs to Irene Robinson Glover.

Eckels worked in the construction industry. He enjoyed his work, spending time with family, and helping others. He was an avid golfer and spent a lot of his time in retirement playing golf.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Irene; and his brothers, James Glover, John Glover, Henry Glover, Phillip (Buzz) Glover, and Albert Glover.

Eckels is survived by his two sons, Anthony Glover (Melinda), Gary Glover (Meredith); three grandchildren, Jennifer Fadare (Samuel III), Mason Glover, Robert Glover; four great-grandchildren, May Meho, Tobias Glover, Josephine Fadare, Samuel Fadare IV; his brother, Nickie Glover; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 4, at the Mapledale Cemetery with Reverend Bobby McClintic officiating.

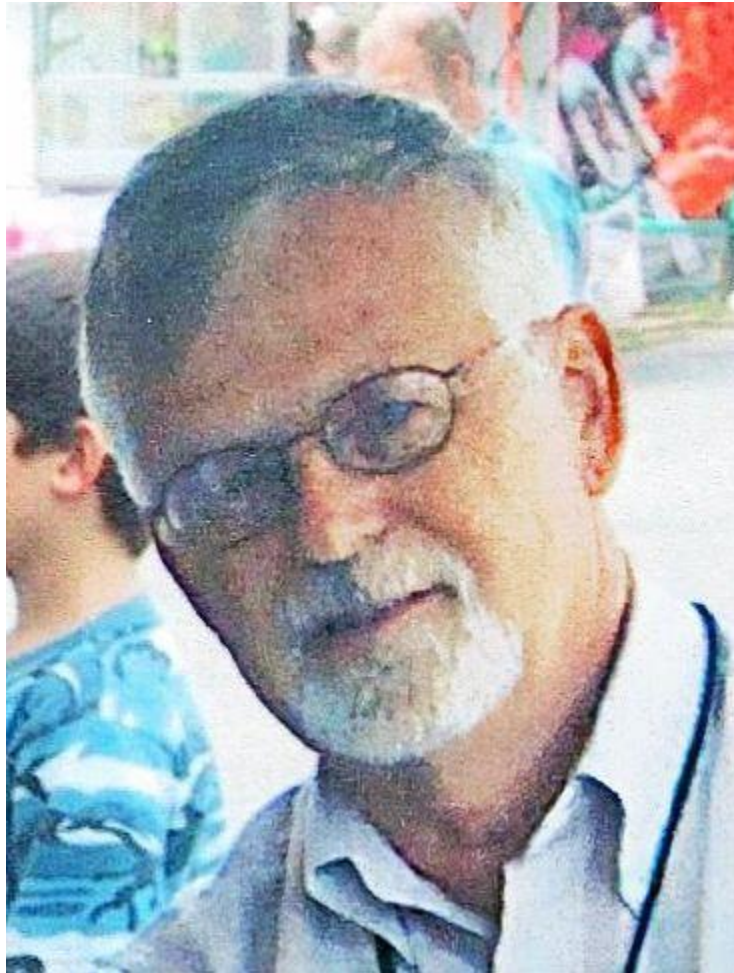
Friends may call from 7-9 p.m. Friday, September 3, at the funeral home.

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

Information submitted by Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs.

Thomas R. Voss

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VOSS

Thomas R. Voss, 76, of Lewisburg, WV, passed away peacefully on August 12, 2021, on the first day of an event that he loved with all his heart, the State Fair of West Virginia.

Tom was born October 30, 1944 in Baltimore, MD, and was a son of Edward A. and Naomi L. Voss. He completed high school in Cincinnati and graduated from the University of Cincinnati.

He had hoped to teach math and science at his own alma mater, Anderson High School in Forestville, OH, but there were no openings. While visiting Lewisburg, friends suggested he check with the Greenbrier County Board of Education. The superintendent asked what he could teach. When Tom answered math and science, the superintendent asked if he could start the next day. He did, and never regretted his choice.

Tom, or as he was known to many, "Mr. Voss," spent 32 years teaching math and science in several county schools in the area - first, Williamsburg; then, Lewisburg Junior High School; and finally, Eastern Greenbrier Middle School. Through the decades, Tom taught multiple generations of citizens of the Lewisburg community to love his chosen subjects as he did and to tackle problems with patience and logic. Many of his students remembered and kept in touch with him long after they left his classroom, and he was proud of the many students who found success in their lives after graduation.

In the summers of all of those decades, Tom was a key “cog” of the State Fair of West Virginia. He started selling tickets and soon rose through the ranks to be a key assistant to manager Ed Rock. Tom meticulously and carefully and precisely did just about all Mr. Rock asked of him and more to help make the Fair what it is today. Perhaps though, most important to Tom were all the relationships he developed with so many directors, employees, vendors, and attendees. In his last years as he battled Alzheimer’s, he often lived in the world of THE FAIR each day.

In addition to his profound impact on his local community, Tom brought joy, laughter, and learning to his nieces, Jennifer and Natalie; his sister, Lori; and sister-in-law, Brenda. He was preceded in death by his parents, to whom he was devoted; and his brother, Edward Charles.

Tom was a long-time beloved member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte. The State Fair honored his passing in their regular church service Sunday, August 15, on the fairgrounds.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte, WV; following proper Covid-19 protocol, masks are requested. Following the service, there will be a reception at the church with light refreshments. After the reception, there will be a private interment of Tom’s ashes for family and close friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Building Fund at Trinity United Methodist Church, 373 Pocahontas Avenue, Ronceverte, WV 24970 or to the State Fair of West Virginia Endowment Fund, PO Drawer 986, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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

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