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Mayor Travis Copenhaver and Lloyd 'Billy' Lightner charged with child neglect, assault, conspiracy, burglary

By Angela McGill

On Sept. 3, Alderson Mayor Travis Copenhaver and Lloyd 'Billy' Lightner were apprehended by State Police. Copenhaver along with Lightner were charged with child neglect, conspiracy, assault and burglary. According to multiple news reports the charges stemmed from an incident that took place at a home located in Alderson in the month of June, 2021.

Copenhaver and Lightner allegedly approached a woman in her vehicle, opened the door and began to touch her. A man that arrived onto the property was approached by Lightner who got up in the man's face. Lightner started screaming and cussing the man as the man stated to Lightner and Copenhaver that they were trespassing. The man allegedly stated Copenhaver began to approach the man and he began to feel uncomfortable and called 911.

Lightner and Copenhaver entered the home on the property and went through private belongings. An extraction of a rifle and compound bow from the home allegedly took place, both rifle and compound bow have since been returned.

It has been reported that both men had a minor with them during these alleged events. Copenhaver and Lightner were allegedly accused of entering the property and home without consent.

An update was made public on Sept. 8. Mayor Travis Copenhaver bonded out and was released on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond. This means a Judge allowed the defendant to be released without any deposit or collateral, but a promise had to be made by Copenhaver to appear in court. Copenhaver, under the terms of the bond documents, was awarded permission to leave the state without court approval.

No further updates or information on Lightner is available at press time.



Mayor Copenhaver



Lloyd 'Billy' Lightner

Chief Justice Jenkins, Justice Hutchison thank court employees

Supreme Court Chief Justice Evan Jenkins and Justice John Hutchison visited court employees in Greenbrier County on Aug. 26 to say "Thank You" for their dedicated service to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Supreme Court is very grateful to all the West Virginia judicial employees who worked so hard throughout the pandemic to fulfill our Constitutional mandate that the courts be open to all. A victim of domestic violence or a child being abused, for example, needed access to the courts, and our dedicated judicial employees were there to help. It was only through their outstanding service that we were able to keep courts operating, even in the face of an unprecedented national emergency," said Chief Justice Jenkins.

The Justices presented a special Certificate of Appreciation to employees from the Supreme Court.



Probation Secretary Kimberly D. Spencer, Probation Officer Adam J. Carr, Chief Probation Officer Tonya Hoover, Chief Justice Evan Jenkins, Justice John Hutchison, Deputy Chief Probation Officer Robert L. Tooze, and Probation Officer Stanley Workman.

Mountain Messenger nets multiple WVPA Awards

The West Virginia Press Association (WVPA) has released the results of their 2020 Newspaper Editorial and Advertising Contest, which they host annually.

Newspapers from across the state compete with other publications in their division in multiple editorial and advertising categories.

This year, the Mountain Messenger scored a total of five awards, including first place overall in the editorial category Best COVID-19 Coverage.

Former Mountain Messenger Journalist Bobby Bordelon scored two awards, including second place in the Best In-Depth or Investigative Reporting category for their pieces "Controversy Around Rainelle Police Department, Mayor Smith, and Recorder Bell Explained" and "Search for Rainelle

Head Editor Sarah Richardson won second place in the Best Legal Affairs Category for her piece, "Local Attorney's Law License Suspended," which was published in April 2020. Richardson also won third place in the Best Business, Economic, or Labor reporting category for her piece, "True Value Announces Closure After Nearly 50 Years," published in September 2020.

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Nature's Way

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Robert Holstein, D.O.

Family medicine physician elected chair of WVSOM Board of Governors

Robert Holstein, D.O., was elected to serve as chair of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) Board of Governors, the body that oversees the financial, business and educational policies under which the school operates.

His term as chair became effective July 1.

Holstein, who has served on the WVSOM Board of Governors since 2016 and previously served as the board's vice chair, practices at MyHealthOnSite, a facility that provides care to employees and dependents

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Justice John Hutchison, Circuit Judge Administrative Assistant Allison Burke, Circuit Judge Law Clerk and Samantha Clarkson, and Chief Justice Evan Jenkins.



Magistrate Tim Stover, Deputy Magistrate Clerk Caroline Ewing, Magistrate Assistant Shana Hamrick, Magistrate Kirby Hanson, Magistrate Court Clerk Jennifer Vance, Justice John Hutchison, Magistrate Assistant Alexa Dotson, Magistrate Kimberly Johnson, Magistrate Assistant Elizabeth Brown, and Chief Justice Evan Jenkins.



Justice John Hutchison, Family Court Judge Secretary/Clerk Patricia Hylton, Family Court Case Coordinator Doris Ramsey, Family Court Judge David Sanders, Chief Justice Evan Jenkins.

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WVPA Awards

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Chief of Police Continues, Sheriff's Deputies and State Police on Patrol," published in October and December 2020. Bordelon also won third place in the Best Governmental Affairs Reporting for a trio of pieces: "Alderson Police Chief Calls for Mayor's Resignation in Explosive Town Council Meeting," "Alderson Town Council Responds to Policing Shortfall and Public Calls for Mayor Copenhaver's Removal," and "Former Ronceverte Police Chief steps into Alderson Police Leadership Role" published in July, August, and September 2020.

For the second year in a row, COVID-19 has forced the WVPA to cancel its in-person convention in Charleston and go with a website-only celebration.

"We are so proud of our newspapers and staff members and thrilled to announce these editorial and advertising honors," WVPA Executive Director Don Smith said. "Unfortunately, the dangers related to COVID-19 forced us to cancel our convention. Back in January, the WVPA Board of Directors voted to go virtual this year. When the numbers dropped in late spring and early summer, we looked at possibly having

a smaller in-person event; however, the Delta Variant's growth made it clear we needed to protect our membership and stay virtual."

"We are together in spirit and purpose. Our theme - The press is a watchdog - outlines the importance of our industry. The WVPA decision to go virtual again this year outlines the importance of the people working in our industry. We want to keep our people safe. We have lost too many coworkers, family members and friends," Smith said. "Our goal is to have a full slate of in-person events in 2022. Let's hope that is possible."

"It's sadly ironic that COVID has forced the cancellation of our convention for two years. Our newspapers did an excellent job with COVID-19 editorial coverage and advertising information. Every community in West Virginia benefitted from the information featured in their local newspaper," Smith said. "Each of our newspapers earned outstanding recognition for its COVID coverage."

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Greenbrier Valley Medical Group welcomes Drs. Losee and Hughart

Greenbrier Valley Medical Group welcomes urologists Dr. John Losee, M.D. and Dr. Christi Hughart, D.O. to the team. Drs. Losee and Hughart join Drs. Fort, Kowalkowski, and Mouchizadeh at Greenbrier Valley Urology.

Dr. Losee is a graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences at Georgetown University and received his medical education at Georgetown University Medical School. Following the completion of his urology residency at Georgetown University Hospital in 1999, Losee joined the medical staff at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC. He is now part of the urology team at Greenbrier Valley Urology. He specializes in kidney stones, urinary incontinence, prostate enlargement (BPH), and bladder and prostate cancer.

Dr. Hughart is a West Virginia University graduate and received her medical degree from WVSOM. She then completed three years of general surgery training at Doctors Hospital/Grant

Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio, urology training at Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine, and was board certified in 2013. She joined Greenbrier Valley Urology in September 2021. Dr. Hughart performs general urologic procedures with a special interest in endourology including stone disease and transurethral prostate and bladder procedures.

Greenbrier Valley Urology has two convenient locations in Ronceverte at 1521 Maplewood Avenue and in Beckley at 302 Carriage Drive. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Losee or Dr. Hughart, call 304-647-5642.

Greenbrier Valley Medical Group is a multi-specialty physician group affiliated with Greenbrier Valley Medical Center. We are here to support you with your surgery, ENT, urology, cardiology, pulmonology, orthopedic, internal medicine, and sleep medicine needs. For more information about the services offered at Greenbrier Valley Medical Group, visit gvmedicalgroup.com.

AG Morrissey leads 20-state push to protect bump stocks

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is urging the U.S. Supreme Court to review a lower court ruling that, if left intact, inappropriately permits federal regulators to outlaw a popular firearm accessory and potentially imprison those who fail to comply with the new mandate.

The Attorney General led a 20-state coalition Friday. Its brief argues the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was afforded too much deference in using the regulatory process to criminalize the possession of bump stocks - a longtime legal accessory for semiautomatic rifles designed for those with limited hand mobility.

The coalition estimates that potentially as many as 520,000 legally purchased bump stocks are in circulation. The new rule would require owners to either surrender or destroy their devices or otherwise face serious fines and imprisonment.

"The lower court ruling raises serious concerns about ATF's power to subject hundreds of thousands of law-abiding gun owners to criminal sanctions," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Such far-reaching consequences underscore the urgent need for further review."

The coalition argues a federal appeals court should have exercised greater judicial independence in weighing ATF's regulation against congressional intent and the Constitution, especially the Second Amendment.

The brief contends the need for independent judicial review grows even stronger in instances where the challenged regulation would impose criminal sanctions. Without further review, the coalition argues the lower court ruling would potentially expose nearly every American to the risk of criminal liability without proper legislative and judicial safeguards.

The West Virginia-led brief received support from attorneys general in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

Holstein

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of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department and the Charlotte County Government in Port Charlotte, FL.

Holstein, a native of Dunbar, WV, is a 1979 graduate of WVSOM and completed an internship at Doctor's Hospital in Georgia. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the West Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association. He is board certified in family medicine and is licensed to practice in West Virginia, Florida and Kentucky.

In 2019, Holstein was named Alumni of the Year by the WVSOM Alumni Association, on whose board he served for 10 years, including six years as president.

Additionally, Thomas Cole and Sharon Hall were appointed as new board members; Peter Ward, Ph.D., was elected as a faculty representative; Marlena Dunbar was elected as a staff representative; and Abdulrahman Al Halak, WVSOM Class of 2023, was elected as a student representative.

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WVSOM members elected to school's Board of Governors

Three West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) members have been elected to the school's board of governors, the body that oversees the financial, business and educational policies under which the school operates. The new board members appointments became effective July 1.

Peter Ward, Ph.D., was elected as a faculty representative; Marlena Dunbar was elected as a staff representative; and Abdulrahman Al Halak, WVSOM Class of 2023, was elected as a student representative.

Ward is an anatomy professor in WVSOM's biomedical sciences department and has been a WVSOM faculty member since 2005. He has served on numerous WVSOM faculty committees, was faculty chair from 2018 to 2020 and operates the school's plastination facility, which produces anatomical specimens for educational use. Ward also has worked with Bone Clones, a company that casts simulated human and animal bones from polyurethane resin, to create commercially distributed models illustrating bone injuries.

Ward spent three years as the association secretary for the American Association of Clinical Anatomists. He is the sole author of Clinical Anatomy Explained: Netter's Musculoskeletal System, an Integrated Anatomical Text, for use at medical schools that, like WVSOM, use an integrated curriculum.

He received a Ph.D. in anatomy education at Purdue University and a Bachelor of Science degree in biology at Carnegie Mellon University.

In addition to serving as WVSOM's staff representative, Marlena Dunbar was also named secretary of the WVSOM Board of Governors. She is a paralegal in WVSOM's Office of General Counsel. Dunbar received an Associate of Science degree in legal studies, a Bachelor of Science degree in business studies/human resources management, and a Master of Business Administration in public administration.

Abdulrahman Al Halak was elected to join the WVSOM Board of Governors as a student representative, replacing Aaron Byczynski, Class of 2022. Al Halak received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and a Master of Health Science from West Virginia University.

Additionally, Robert Holstein, D.O., was named the board's chair and Thomas Cole and Sharon Hall were appointed as new board members by West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice.

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Peter Ward, Ph.D.



Marlena Dunbar

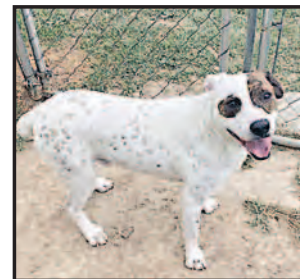


Abdulrahman Al Halak

PICK OF THE LITTER

PATCH

Patch is a male PBT Heeler mix. He's 4 years old and weighs 46 lbs.



GWENDALYN

Gwendalyn is a 1-year-old female DSH.



These and other animals are available at the Greenbrier Humane Society, located at 151 Holiday Lane off of Rt. 60 West in Lewisburg. They are closed Sunday and Monday, and are open from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Their cat adoption fee is \$65 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first kitty vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim and flea treatment.

Their dog adoption fee is \$85 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first dog vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim, flea bath and flea treatment.

They also offer donation-based spay/neuter vouchers, and clinics are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. They use a lot of vets in the area but the clinics fill up fast! Fill out an application to help prevent animal overpopulation! Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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Briefly

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Carnegie Hall Guild

will hold its first meeting of the 2021-2022 year Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 4:30 p.m. Please note that the meeting has been moved up 30 minutes for an earlier start time. Weather permitting we will meet on the Ivy Terrace of Carnegie Hall with social distancing. In the event of rain we will meet in the Board Room on the second floor near the elevator. If the Covid cases rise the meeting will be changed to a zoom call. Please contact Mary Leeb at 304-646-1450 a week prior to the meeting to confirm the location. Our guest speaker will be the new CEO of Carnegie Hall, Cathy Renard. She will update us on the upcoming performances and plans for Carnegie Hall. The public is invited. There will be an opportunity to socialize and meet guests and new members at the beginning of the meeting. Light refreshments will be served. The mission of the Guild is to promote interest in Carnegie Hall and to provide financial and volunteer support.

WV for Life/Greenbrier County

will meet Thursday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Community Church, Caldwell.

Williamsburg Community

Shooting Match

scheduled for Sept. 18 is now cancelled. Due to Health Dept. regulations and the newest outbreaks of Covid we have decided to wait until we are cleared and everyone is healthy for our first shooting match.

Greenbrier Co. Extension Master

Gardener classes

will be held Tuesdays, Sept. 7 through Nov. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the WV State Fairgrounds. Call the Extension Office at 304-647-7408 for details and registration.

Addiction Screenings available

If you or a loved one is struggling with substance abuse, take the first step towards overcoming addiction. Call 1-800-431-1754 for free addiction screenings or referrals. For more information visit <https://www.narcononewliferetreat.org/blog/strange-side-effects-of-covid-19.html>

Public Meetings

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at 804 Industrial Drive, Suite 5, in Maxwelton. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

Rainelle Town Council

meetings are held every second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Rainelle City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Sept. 13, at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street, West. Also available via teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM, contact Marsha Cunningham at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. on Sept. 13. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Aug. 9, 2021
 - Comments from the public
 - Linda Dale, 455 Randolph Street - install generator on driveway side of the house concealed with shrubbery and/or lattice work
 - Appalachian Headwaters, 122 Courtney Drive - install 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 3'x2' sign on existing bracket
 - Montwell Commons, 990 North Jefferson Street - install Sun Setter Retractable Awning on the back side 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 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 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
- The next scheduled meeting for the Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission will be held Monday, Oct. 13, at 5 p.m. with a deadline of Friday, Oct. 1.

Ascend West Virginia announces inaugural class of remote learners

Ascend West Virginia; the nation's premiere talent attraction and retention program, this week announced its inaugural class will soon pack their bags for Morgantown, the program's first host city. Founded by West Virginia native Brad D. Smith and his wife Alys, Ascend will provide these pioneers more than \$20,000 in incentives - and a path to "Almost Heaven."

The program is now accepting applications for its next host city: Lewisburg.

"I'm honored to be the first to welcome this remarkable group to my home state," said Brad D. Smith, co-founder of Wing 2 Wing and executive chairman of Intuit. "Modern technology and changing assumptions about work are finally liberating large numbers of knowledge workers from the office. When workers have geographic freedom, they look for a place that offers quality of life and experiences that make their lives outside of work more meaningful. In other words, they look for West Virginia! This inaugural class is a key first step in establishing West Virginia a top remote-work destination, and it positions us to attract talented, energetic new residents for years to come."

"In the weeks after we announced Ascend, we were thrilled to receive thousands of superb applications from around the globe," said co-founder Alys Smith. "The level of interest in living in West Virginia and working remotely was remarkable, and it allowed us to identify an all-star initial group, one that will thrive personally and professionally while giving back to their new home state. We can't wait to welcome them!"

Even if they weren't selected for the inaugural Morgantown class, all Ascend applicants got some good news this morning: an offer of \$2,500 in mortgage assistance if they move to West Virginia. This offer, provided by Ascend WV in partnership with Rocket Mortgage, is available to all 7,500 people who applied to the program earlier this year.

Ascend's first class has a diverse background and will bring a wide array of talents to their new community. Though their work spans industries ranging from technology and healthcare to management and manufacturing, they all share in a love for the outdoors.

The 53 class members hail from as far away as Berlin, Germany, and from 21 different U.S. states and the District of Columbia. More applicants will be coming from California than any other state, and the average annual income of those selected is approximately \$105,000. Many of the new West Virginians are bringing their families with them; a total of more than 110 people will relocate to the Morgantown area when the inaugural class makes its move.

The Ascend WV Remote Work Program was made possible by a \$25 million gift to West Virginia University's Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative from Intuit executive chairman Brad D. Smith and his wife, Alys. Together with Gov. Justice and his departments of Tourism and Economic Development, the collective team developed the only program in the country that focuses on outdoor-recreation opportunities for talent recruitment and attraction.

To help participants experience West Virginia's extraordinary landscapes, roaring rivers, and vibrant small

WVDEP hosts tire collection events in September

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) will host four free tire collection events in September.

The four events are:

- Barbour County: Sept. 15, Barbour County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.;
- Nicholas County: Sept. 15, Summersville Arena and Conference Center (3 Armory Way) in the lower level parking lot from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
- Jackson County: Sept. 25, Jackson County Fairgrounds in Cottageville from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.;
- Raleigh County: Sept. 29, Beckley Raleigh County Convention Center (200 Armory Drive) in the upper gravel parking lot from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Individuals may dispose of up to 10 tires per person. The tires must be off the rims and only car and light truck tires will be accepted.

To help limit the spread of COVID-19, the WVDEP requests that individuals stay in their vehicles when dropping off tires.

Ongoing tire collection events include:

- Boone County: every Tuesday and Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Boone County Recycling Center
 - Brooke County: every Tuesday, Thursday, and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brooke County Recycling Center
 - Fayette County: third (3rd) Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at New River Health in Oak Hill (Old K-Mart lot)
 - Hancock County: call Hancock County Solid Waste Authority at 304-459-3269 for more information
 - Mason County: call Mason County Recycling Center at 304-675-7855 for more information
 - Mercer County: first (1st) Friday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mercer County Landfill
 - Monroe County: second (2nd) Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Monroe County Recycling Center
 - Pocahontas County: call Pocahontas County Landfill at 304-799-4199 for more information
 - Tucker County: first (1st) Thursday of each month from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tucker County Landfill
 - Wayne County: first (1st) Monday of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wayne County Solid Waste Authority
 - Wyoming County: first (1st) Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wyoming County Landfill
- A list of upcoming tire collection events and updates can be found on the WVDEP website.

towns, the program includes these incentives:

- Cash: \$12,000 cash relocation incentive.
- Free outdoor recreation: One year of free outdoor recreation valued at more than \$2,500. The package encourages a healthy work-life balance filled with hiking, ATV riding, ziplining, rafting, rock climbing, golfing, skiing, and more.
- Free co-working space: Remote workers will have modern facilities to stay connected and access to more than \$1,200 in free outdoor gear rentals.
- Professional advancement: The ability to earn remote work certifications through West Virginia University and access to the John Chambers College of Business and Economics entrepreneurship ecosystem.
- Networking: Access to state business leaders through special events and guided excursions to experience West Virginia's abundant outdoor recreation assets.

"We created this program knowing our offer wasn't a one-size-fits-all approach. Our program is unique and tailored to our greatest strength - outdoor recreation," said Dr. Danny Twilley, assistant dean at the Brad & Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative.

As Ascend West Virginia welcomes remote workers to Morgantown, it is now accepting applications for its next location, Lewisburg.

"Lewisburg is the perfect spot to escape big-city life without sacrificing modern living," said Chelsea Ruby, secretary of the West Virginia Department of Tourism. "It's a picture-perfect small town with a charming downtown, thriving arts scene, and accessible outdoor recreation. For anyone looking to put down roots in a friendly, sophisticated place with superb quality of life, Lewisburg is a dream come true."

Situated in West Virginia's stunning Greenbrier Valley, Lewisburg is only 40 minutes from America's newest national park - the New River Gorge Park and Preserve - and is home to 203 mountain bike trails, 2,280+ climbing routes, and 138 paddling runs.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Dale Roger Ayers, Rainelle, failure to yield to emergency vehicle, NCP, fine \$100

Jason Michael Tucker, Frankford, 1) possession of controlled substance, NCP, jail 90 days credit 60 days served - remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation; 2) obstructing an officer, jail 30 days time served, placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

William Lee Brown III, Ronceverte, 1) no insurance, fine \$200; 2) improper registration, fine \$25

Patricia B. Holler, Rainelle, 1) domestic battery, GP, fine \$100, placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Rashad Marquise Jones, Desoto, TX, speeding, GP, fine \$6

Sherman Andrew Eagle, Smoot, possession of controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100

Christopher G. Pence, Jr., Athens, WV, speeding, GP, fine \$100

Steven John Beery, Lewisburg, public intoxication, NCP, fine \$10

Daniel M. Morales, Salisburg, MD, speeding, GP, fine \$30

Larry Hanna, Nettie, driving suspended, NCP, fine \$100

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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

Keep It To Yourself

I am going to tell you something that will probably make your blood boil. Ready? You can't legally save and swap your garden seeds. Hold it, before you get on the phone and call Aunt Betty! This law is only applied to certain patented seeds.

Try googling "is it legal to swap seeds" in case you want to investigate this law yourself. Then sit down with a full pot of coffee because you will be reading for hours. There are laws called "seed laws." The giant seed companies such as Monsanto and Dow are in the agribusiness and chemical business. When big companies such as these began to study how to create pest and drought resistant plants, they genetically modified their seeds over years in various trials until they came up with seeds that can be both pest and drought resistant. These seeds are owned and patented by the parent companies.

Today, Monsanto, for example, is the world's largest seed company, owning 23% of the global seed market. Big growers and commercial farmers' crops use these seeds which are guaranteed to grow under any condition, even dry soil. Farmers who use these GMO (genetically modified organisms) often sign contracts with their seed companies and agree to certain restrictions including saving seeds. That makes sense since the company who created the seed holds ownership, not the buyer. Many farmers find this a beneficial partnership; some don't. Freedom of choice. Buy what you want from whom you want.

As a backyard gardener, you probably buy seeds in packs from your local store and harvest the crop with the intention of scooping out some tomato seeds or squash seeds. Place the gooey seeds on a paper napkin to dry out and roll it up in a sealed envelope for next year's garden. Next year, you plant the seeds and nothing happens. Or you find a variant of what you planted just a tad different than what you first started with. Maybe squash that were green and round the first year turn out to be yellow and long and don't taste the same as last year's.

This happened to me when I dead headed marigold plants in my garden. The seed heads dropped to the ground in between my tomato plants; the two are good companion plants. Two weeks later, I didn't find low, bushy, leafy marigold plants but a slew of tall, airy, cosmos, sort of, and orange just like the marigolds. I deduced that the seeds were hybrids from the marigold family but could not reproduce the same flower since they were "crossbred." If this sounds all too scientific and slightly frankenstein-ish, it is.

In the golden, olden days, grandma could swap seeds over her garden fence to Mrs. So and So. They'd chat about how great Farmer John's tomatoes were and how much they wanted to get some of those seeds. It was easy to grow your own flowers or veggies as long as you had the seeds. Everybody had their own gardens. Seed saving and swapping was very common amongst gardeners everywhere. Seed companies were plentiful but with privatisation of seeds, smaller companies folded and the giants grew bigger. Think of how much profit there is in controlling the high scale production of food! We ALL have to eat to survive.

As a backyard gardener profit is not my motive; I grow



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heirloom seeds. Heirloom seeds are the old varieties generally dating back to the '40s that haven't been genetically altered. They have been time tested by surviving for decades. They have the flavor we remember as a child when we would run out to granny's backyard garden and eat a ear of corn raw fresh off the stalk or a tomato right off the vine. Colorful names such as mortgage lifter, Brandywine, and Cherokee purples are the varieties I love and continue to grow year after year. I buy the seeds from reputable seed companies and also "put away" some of the dried seeds to start my own plants each year.

Big scale farmers have profits and production on the line. That's totally understandable. So do car dealers, drug companies, technology companies and any business that wants to be successful, (all!). But we backyard gardeners can continue to grow Aunt Sally's old timey apples by keeping her trees alive (don't cut them down), or old man Charlie's green beans - dry the seeds and plant them every year. I'm growing food for taste, nourishment, and fulfillment of my soul! Hand some seeds over your fence to a young neighbor who wants to grow a big garden after admiring yours. Pass it on, just like recipes and canning tips, seeds (and ideas) germinate and reproduce!

(Karen Cohen is a resident of Greenbrier County, an organic gardener, Master Gardener, DJ, and photojournalist.)

Commentary

Group calls on VA to address effect of fall of Kabul on veterans' mental health

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) joined a bipartisan group in sending a letter - led by Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Joni Ernst (R-IA) - calling on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to swiftly develop and conduct outreach to veterans of the Global War on Terrorism - especially those who served in Afghanistan - to provide them with mental health resources. Their call for action comes as reports find calls to veterans' suicide hotlines have increased since the fall of Kabul earlier this month.

In their letter, the senators note that veterans between the age of 18 to 34 have the highest suicide rate among former service members and that many veterans do not use the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) services, which provides many mental health resources geared at preventing suicide among service members.

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Dear Secretary McDonough:

We write in light of the recent events in Afghanistan to encourage the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to quickly develop a comprehensive outreach plan to connect Afghanistan and Global War on Terrorism veterans to VA benefits and services. More than two million veterans served during the Global War on Terrorism, including more than 800,000 in Afghanistan, and these service members deserve and earned the support that they need. We appreciate the VA's commitment to providing mental health services to all veterans and ask, in light of the current situation, that the Department accelerate its efforts to provide resources - to veterans of these recent conflicts.

The VA recently sent out correspondence with digital links to veterans encouraging them to seek help if they are experiencing distress related to their service in Afghanistan or if they need any mental health services. This is a first step, but the VA should go beyond this initial outreach. As you know, veterans age 18 to 34 have the highest suicide rate among former service members.[1] Beyond that, the VA's National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report repeatedly indicates that veterans, including those who served in Afghanistan, do not use Veterans Health Administration services aimed at decreasing suicidal ideation and suicide attempts.

For this reason, we ask that the VA develop a comprehensive outreach plan to connect Afghanistan and Global War on Terrorism veterans to VA benefits and services. This plan must proactively contact veterans in the coming months through means including, but not be limited to: digital correspondence, social media, phone calls, and text messages. Furthermore, VA's outreach should consist of detailed information on clinical mental health services and community-based support systems, such as Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) and VA Vet Centers. For example, the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America is just one of many VSOs that helps connect veterans to services critical to mental health and overall well-being. Emphasis should also be placed on pairing veterans with localized support and resources.

As a country, we must keep the physical and mental wellbeing of our veterans at the forefront of our minds and efforts. Especially given the constant media coverage and disturbing images coming out of Afghanistan, we ask for your commitment to developing a comprehensive outreach plan for our Global War on Terrorism, and specifically our Afghanistan veterans. We must fulfill our obligation to those who served and never forget their sacrifices.

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Commentary

Capito, Cook: 'To improve health outcomes for West Virginians, we must empower patients

In an op-ed for the *Charleston Gazette-Mail*, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Dr. Nakela Cook, executive director of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), discussed the work they have done together to improve health outcomes for West Virginians, the work they hope to accomplish, and the stark disparities in the delivery of health care and health outcomes for patients across our nation's public health infrastructure.

Among these disparities are the health challenges disproportionately affecting those in rural America. A high quality health system is one in which those living in rural areas, including many parts of West Virginia, have the same opportunity to be healthy regardless of where they live. To make that a reality, we must recognize that different people in different settings may need different approaches to care. Too often, our system takes a uniform approach to healthcare delivery. We need answers for the healthcare challenges people in Appalachia and other rural areas face every day.

It all comes down to the need to get more useful and evidence-based health information into the hands of patients and those who care for them. That is why we have both championed important health research that focuses on patients' needs and preferred health outcomes. In Congress, Senator Capito led a bipartisan effort to extend and expand the authority of a critical research funding organization, called the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), which Dr. Cook now leads. PCORI funds studies addressing many complicated questions, but its primary mission is simple: generate evidence so that people can make more informed health care decisions.

PCORI funds what is called comparative clinical effectiveness research, or CER. Such studies look at different approaches to care to see what works best for different people in different circumstances. The goal is more efficient, effective, and patient-centered care that produces better health outcomes while optimizing value.

People in West Virginia stand to benefit greatly from this work. For the past several years, West Virginia has suffered from the highest number of opioid-related overdose deaths in the nation. Recent data from the CDC shows that overdose deaths skyrocketed 49% in West Virginia last year as a result of the pandemic. PCORI is

working to address this devastating crisis by funding 32 studies of how to improve opioid abuse prevention and treatment. For example, some of these studies are looking at alternatives to opioids that patients and doctors can use to ease chronic pain, and solutions to empower families to help themselves and their loved ones to combat opioid addiction.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also exacerbated an already growing demand for services to address sharply rising rates of mental health conditions, and suicide, in addition to substance abuse. PCORI has made stemming this alarming increase a critical focus. One recently funded PCORI study, for example, compares treatment options and settings to lower the risk of suicide among young adolescents and adults and improve treatment outcomes.

PCORI also funds research addressing other serious illnesses with higher risk of death among adults in rural areas of the country, including heart disease, chronic lower respiratory disease, and stroke. The chronic conditions that contribute to these problems - diabetes, hypertension, obesity - are often interconnected and driven by challenges that go beyond health, such as socioeconomic status or simply how far someone lives from a hospital or clinic. PCORI-funded research aims to identify approaches to help patients better manage these conditions and offer strategies for keeping them healthy, hopefully avoiding the need for more involved care.

In addition to finding more effective care options, PCORI is supporting research on telehealth services to inform options for patients to get the care they need more easily. Telehealth will remain an essential tool, even after the pandemic, and it is critical that Congress keep up its work to bridge the digital divide to ensure telehealth services can reach all rural areas.

What makes PCORI's work so important is its focus on putting findings to practice in the real world. Never has that mission been more critical for individuals and families seeking reliable information about a range of pressing healthcare concerns. Our shared goal is to provide answers to make better-informed decisions, because in health care, information truly is power. PCORI's mission is to provide that information, so that, working together, we can improve health outcomes for all people in West Virginia and across America.

CLUB & CHURCH

Shepherd's Center luncheon postponed

Many of you have attended past Community Award Luncheons honoring those who "give back" to their communities throughout the years. Due to unforeseen circumstances, this year will be a little different. On June 2, 2021, Michael McCoy suddenly passed away. Mike was a very special part of our Shepherd's Center family. He was the Gwen's Meals Coordinator for the past 12 years making sure many of the older adults in our communities were served meals every week. Mike had served as the pastor of the Fairview Baptist Church in Forest Hill, WV. He loved serving his church and working especially with the younger children in the church as well as the older adults. He said, "The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person or through the eyes of a child." Mike also served as chaplain at the Sto-

nerise Rainelle Health Care Facility (formerly Meadow Gardens) in Rainelle. He served not only the residents there, but the staff and community as well. During the pandemic, Mike would be there for the team, providing support even when he could not enter the building himself. He was there for everyone and will be greatly missed.

Teresa Bostic, executive director of Shepherd's Center said, "We will be honoring Michael McCoy and telling his story. It is truly amazing the number of lives he touched throughout the local communities." The original date that was set for this event was Sept. 14, at noon at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine at the new Student Center. The luncheon is being postponed. The Shepherd's Center is hopeful that they will be able to host this event later in the year. Further details of a new date and

time for the luncheon will be announced later. Luncheon tickets as well as sponsorships are available for purchase. Lunch tickets are \$75 per ticket and give you access to a wonderful lunch catered by the WVSOM O'Café. A film produced by award-winning BJ Gudmundson and Patchwork Films will be shown at the luncheon telling Mike's story of service. We hope this will be a time of healing for all of those who knew Michael and a wonderful celebration of his life.

If you are unable to attend the luncheon, we hope that you will consider a donation to Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley in Michael's honor and to support the ongoing ministry of Shepherd's Center now and as we move forward. For more information, please contact our office by phone at 304-645-4196 or by email: greenbrier-shepherdscenter@gmail.com

Vintner speaks to Richland Ruritans

At their meeting on Aug. 11, the Richland Ruritan members were treated to an entertaining presentation by David and Lynn Stone from Stone Road Vineyards in Wert County, WV. The Stones explained the process of creating wine and the operation of their vineyard. Stone Road Vineyard had a tasting booth at the West Virginia State Fair this year.

The Stones, former schoolteachers, have operated their vineyard with 17 acres of grapes for 10 years. They make 1,200 cases of wine each year and distribute it throughout Wert, Wood and Jackson Counties. They gave credit to the State Agricultural Commissioner for marketing help and technical support. The West Virginia wine industry is considered a part of the tourism effort in the state. Their vineyard makes seven different varieties of wine.

The club business meeting included the announcement of the recipient of their student scholarship as a welding student at New River Community College from Smoot. The club also voted to donate \$100 to Shepherd's Center.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for 2022. The following officers were elected by acclamation: President, Steve Harris; Vice President, Cliff Gillian; Secretary, Jack Tuckwiller; and Treasurer, Lucy Refsland.

The Richlands Ruritans club meets on the second Wednesday of each month for a dinner meeting at the Calvary Methodist Church on Route 60W. The Ruritan Civic organization is a national network of clubs working together for a stronger America. The Ruritans' focus is to support community services in small towns and rural communities across America. The Ruritans were founded in 1928 in Holland, VA, and celebrated their 93rd year last May. The Richlands Ruritans Club provides scholarships to local college students and 4-H campers and maintains Tuckwiller Park.

OBITUARIES

William Glen Persinger



Popes Creek, MD-William Glen Persinger, 63, passed away Thursday, June 3, 2021, after suffering a severe traumatic brain injury.

Glen was born in Columbus, OH, to Wayne Persinger and Sandy Barr on Nov. 2, 1957. He spent his childhood in Lewisburg, WV. Glen liked to brag that it was the coolest small town in America.

Glen spent many years doing what he loved best which was traveling the country showing cattle. Glen attended Greenbrier East High School where he discovered his passion for golf. He worked for American Cedar and Millwork for 21 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wm. Wayne Persinger and brother Jeff Persinger.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Virginia Turner Persinger; son, Will (wife, Kimberly, Reed 4); daughter, Sally (fiance' Justin Hamilton, Avery 3, Landon 10); mother, Sandy Barr; sister, Becky Heffron; brother, David; and many nephews and nieces.

Glen's passions were his family, Happy hours at Carlyle's house, playing golf, The Washington Nationals and everything West Virginia.

A private funeral service was held in Southern Maryland.

Memorial gifts may be made to the State Fair of West Virginia, PO Box 986, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Mary Carol Elmore



Lewisburg-Mary Carol Elmore, 85, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at Greenbrier Health Care Center, Lewisburg.

Born May 15, 1936, in Hinton, she was the daughter of the late Edward Byers and Ruby Spade Byers.

Mary was a member and Deacon of Clifton Presbyterian Church where she also belonged to the Ladies Circle #1. She attended First Baptist Church of Fairlea. After graduating Hinton High School, Mary married her first husband the late Robert Cales and they moved to Illinois. She attended the Elgen School of Beauty Culture and following graduation was a Beautician for over 35 years. After retiring from Marlene's Hair Care, they moved to Lewisburg. She loved to travel and gardening. She was also a member of the Newcomers and Old Friends ladies' group. Mary volunteered at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

In addition to her parents and first husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Moriarty; sister, Janice Bennett; and brother, James Byers.

Survivors include her husband of 18 years, Richard Elmore; son-in-law, Patrick Moriarty; grandchildren, Ian Patterson (Michelle) of Lexington, VA and Sarah Patterson of Indianapolis, IN; stepsons, Terry Elmore (Dana) of Parkville, MD and Tom Elmore (Ann) of Covington, VA; stepdaughter, Tammy Sauzedde (Josa Mario) of Fern Park,

FL; five great-grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren, several nieces, and nephews; and her furry friend, Peanut.

Visitation will be 2 to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg.

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Dallas Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the Clifton Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Maxwelton, WV.

We will be following COVID-19 suggestions and request guests wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Charles Lee Richmond

Lewisburg-Charles Lee Richmond, 73 of Lewisburg, passed away Friday, Sept. 3, 2021.

Born Dec. 30, 1947, at Crichton, WV, he was a son of the late Charles Wyatt and Melva Marie Smith Richmond.

Charles was a U.S. Marine during the Viet Nam War, a police officer, a coal miner and welder during his working career, and was the author of several books.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Nancy Kay George Richmond; five children, Tammy Workman, Misty Walkup, Charity Richmond, Thor Richmond and Lora Boone; siblings, Curtis Richmond, Trena Lanham, Rusty Loudermilk and Eva Loudermilk; and eight grandchildren.

As per his wishes, Charles will be cremated and no services will be held at this time.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

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132145	2017	MARTIN JOHN H ET UX ET ALS	MARTIN MITCHELL LOUISE & MARTIN CHRISTY LOUISE	1/2 LOT 109, 110 NORTHERN PART MARTIN	ALDERSON CORP
132146	2017	CHARLES W COOK PROPERTIES LLC		ACREAGE .852 RSVY N OF NEOLA W/S OF 92 N OF NEOLA FROM COOK	ANTHONY CREEK
132147	2017	CLAY LENA ESTATE		ACREAGE 1.843 EAST OF WV 12 N OF BLANKERS MILL	BLUE SULPHUR
132148	2017	MIDKIFF LANFORD & GENEVA		.042 AC MIDKIFF S SIDE WV 25	BLUE SULPHUR
132149	2017	MCVEY HOWARD		ACREAGE .12(D)BK=5000 SQ FT NORTH SIDE OF SLS 46 71X71, MUDDY CK MTN	FORT SPRING
132150	2017	SIMMS SANDRA K		1.00 AC MINERALS ONLY RESERVED IN DEED 437/717 LOT 2 TANGELWOOD EST	LEWISBURG
132151	2017	5G US PROPERTY INC		AC .25 OR(LOT 1 OR 11,016 SF(B E OF SLS 1 FROM REO DIST LLC N OF RUPERT ANJEAN RD 69X173	MEADOW BLUFF
132152	2017	BOULDER BLUFF & GBR VLY LAND CO (2017)	BAILES LISA R (2018)	CONS LTS 45, 46 & 47 175X112 FAIRVIEW RD MARFRANCE WV	MEADOW BLUFF
132153	2017	CADE VIRGINIA (2017 & 2018)	CADE NORA (2019)	CONS MAP 23N-30, 31 & 32	MEADOW BLUFF
132154	2017	CHRISTENSON G V		ACREAGE .13 (C) KEENER LOT 159, LESLIE S/D A, LESLIE, WV 70X75X75X90	MEADOW BLUFF
132155	2017	CHRISTENSON G V		LOT 11 MIDDLETOWN ADD RUPERT WV 25X90	MEADOW BLUFF
132156	2017	DEAL LANDON		LOT 12 MIDDLETOWN ADD RUPERT WV 25X90	MEADOW BLUFF
132157	2017	FIRST ALERT SECURITY LLC		AC 0.22 A OR PT LT 43 A RIVERVIEW ADD, MCROSS FROM DEAL	MEADOW BLUFF
132159	2017	HANNA RONALD		.15 AC (D) 236X120X200X79 LOT 78 RIVERSIDE ADD MCROSS FROM MCCLUNG/DEPUTY COMM	MEADOW BLUFF
132160	2016	REDDEN DANNY E ETUX (BT16) JP MORGAN CHASE BANK (2017)	REDDEN DANNY E & DORA SUZANNE (2018)	1.0 A & R/W HANNA	MEADOW BLUFF
132161	2017	MCCORMICK CHARLES W & RUTH E		ACREAGE .27 (C) 60X200 LOT 149 WV 20, RAINELLE WV FROM REDDEN	MEADOW BLUFF
132162	2017	MCCORMICK CHARLES WESLEY		LOT 50 MARFRANCE WV, FAIRVIEW ROAD 50X131X49X130	MEADOW BLUFF
132163	2017	NUTTER WILLIAM P & BRENDA K		LOT 49 MARFRANCE WV, FIARVIEW ROAD 57X112X61X131	MEADOW BLUFF
132164	2017	NUTTER WILLIAM P & BRENDA K		LOT 6 BLOCK 9 NUTTER FIRST ST, CHARMCO WV 50X97X50X91	MEADOW BLUFF
132165	2017	NUTTER WILLIAM P & BRENDA K		LOT 7 BLOCK 9 NUTTER FIRST ST, CHARMCO WV 50X91X50X85	MEADOW BLUFF
132166	2017	NUTTER WILLIAM P & BRENDA K		ACREAGE .11 (C) LOT 8 BLOCK 9 NUTTER 60X85X60X76	MEADOW BLUFF
132167	2017	NUTTER WILLIAM P & BRENDA K		ACREAGE .13 (C) LOT 3 BLOCK 9 NUTTER 50X121X50X113	MEADOW BLUFF
132168	2016	NUTTER WILLIAM P & BRENDA K SHEPPARD JEANNIE & PULO MELISSA		ACREAGE .12 (C) LOT 4 BLOCK 9 NUTTER 50X113X50X105	MEADOW BLUFF
132169	2017	SHEPPARD JEANNIE & PULO MELISSA		AC .60 (D) LOUDERMILK P/O LT 26 AT LTS OF MARGIE 100X260(S) (LOUDERMILK)	MEADOW BLUFF
132170	2017	SHEPPARD JEANNIE & PULO MELISSA		ACREAGE .60 (D) KNAPP P/O LOT 27 AT LOTS OF MARGIE 100X280(S)	MEADOW BLUFF
132171	2017	SHEPPARD JEANNIE & PULO MELISSA		ACREAGE .70 (D) LOUDERMILK P/O LOT 28 AT LOTS OF MARGIE 100X300(S)	MEADOW BLUFF
132172	2017	SHULL LEOLA & RICHARD		ADJOINING LOT 28 AT LOTS OF MARGIE KESSLER R HOYT W OF SLS 1 N OF RUP 40X320 LOUDERMILK	MEADOW BLUFF
132173	2017	TONEY WILLIAM JR & TONEY EDITH ARLENE JR & BOOTHE DANNY JR & MADISON BRENTMOORE LLC (2017)	TONEY WILLIAM JR & TINCHER JOSHUA A	LOT 22 MARFRANCE WV, MARFRANCE ROAD 50X123X50X121 FROM SHULL	MEADOW BLUFF
132174	2016			LOT 207 VALLEY AVE, RAINELLE WV 97.2X200X65X170 (PT LT 207(B)	MEADOW BLUFF
132175	2017			LOT 4 60X91 FROM WALKUP QUINWOOD HTS ADD	QUINWOOD CORP
132176	2017	NUTTER JASON & JESSICA ALLEN LALANNIE BEVERLY ASHLEY JANIE GAJDOS ANDRA SUE		LOT 29 (SURFACE) QUIN HTS FROM PERCOCO 89.9X56.9X55.1X71.2 (17 & 18) LOT 29 (SURFACE) QUIN HTS FROM BRENTMORE 89.9X56.9X55.1X71.2 (2019)	QUINWOOD CORP
132177	2017			ACREAGE .22 (D) REDEEMED WININGS LAND PARRISH QUINWOOD 10TH ST 145X110X140X98 BK .50 AC FROM CITIFINANCIAL	RAINELLE CORP
132178	2017			LT 68 E RAINELLE S/D 8TH ST RAINELLE 50X94 FROM GILBERT	RAINELLE CORP
132179	2017			LT 9 BLK 12 LEVELTON LAND & IMPROVE CO 7TH AVE 30X90 JOHNSON REDEEMED 5/96	RIANELLE CORP
132180	2017	HERNDON ERIC W		LT 1 KANAWHA TURNPIKE RAINELLE 55X109X70X105 FROM DIX	RAINELLE CORP
132181	2017	MORRISON MILTON E ET AL		ACREAGE .11 (D) POPLAR ST LT 111 RAINELLE 50.1X100X50X100 2ND HOME	RAINELLE CORP
132182	2017	REDDEN DANNY & SUSANNE		W SIDE OF 3RD ST 25.3X82X22X825/BK=1939.3 FT	RAINELLE CORP
132183	2017	FIRST ALERT SECURITY LLC		LT 14 HURXTHAL'S ADD 39X100X40X95 FRONT ST FROM JOHNSON/DEPUTY COMM	RONCEVERTE CORP
132184	2017	FIRST ALERT SECURITY LLC		4760 SQ FT JACKSON FROM LANDIS/DEPUTY COMM	RONCEVERTE CORP
132185	2017	LOOMIS ANNABELL (SURV)		LOTS 8 & 9 & 1/2 LTS 24 & 25 50X183 CONS 4 TRCTS JA BURR NORTH AVE MAP 9 PRCLS 140	RONCEVERTE CORP
132186	2017	BENNETT JIMMY LYNN		ACREAGE .17 (D) LOT 48 CALDWELL PLAN OF LOTS, FIRST ST 60X120 S/S 60 CALDWELL	WHITE SULPHUR
132187	2017	HONAKER DANIEL R		0.11 AC OR 12X278 S SIDE OF SLS 36/2	WHITE SULPHUR
132189	2017	BYER JULIAN LEE ESTATE		ACREAGE .22 (D) LT ON GUM ST 112X85 WSS	WHITE SULPHUR CORP
132190	2017	DRY CREEK PROPERTY GROUP LLC		LOT 1 REVISED BLK 1 ADD MILL HILL AVE 55.7X127X107X120 FROM MASSEY	WHITE SULPHUR CORP
132191	1950	WRIGHT R L & MAGGIE G		20X100 RESERVED IN DEED 92/180	RONCEVERTE CORP
132192	1950	HELMS L M		LT 3 BLK 3 2ND ST 100X309X119X224	MEADOW BLUFF
132193	1950	HELMS L M		LT 2 BLK 3 2ND ST ORIENT HILL 100X322X66X309	MEADOW BLUFF
132194	1950	HELMS L M		LOT 1 BLK 3 SECOND ST 77X309X152.7X322	MEADOW BLUFF
132195	2018	GARDNER GEORGE		40X79 GARDNER ST	LEWISBURG CORP
132196	2018	DIXON THOMAS SR & HELEN M		LOT 138 RIVERVIEW ADD #2 49X156 WALNUT AVE, ALDERSON	ALDERSON CORP
132197	2018	DIXON THOMAS WILLIAM		PART LOT 36 LESS R/W 43.5X49 ELMWOOD AVE, ALDERSON	ALDERSON CORP
132198	2018	STRAIGHT KATHLEEN HEIRS		350 X 60 STRIP BETWEEN ALLEY & LOT 148 LEFT OUT OF DEED 583/534 DEED 583/534	ALDERSON CORP
132199	2018	FINLEY RUTH E	JOHNSON BARBARA FORTE	LOTS 31, 32, 33, 34 HILL FROM FINLEY	BLUE SULPHUR
132200	2018	FINLEY RUTH E	JOHNSON BARBARA FORTE	80 P HILL (2018) 80 POLES FROM FINLEY (2019)	BLUE SULPHUR
032201	2018	HAYWORTH ROBERT E		ACREAGE .60 (D) HAYWORTH LOT 20 COLONIAL ACRES S/D GBR R S SIDE RT 63 275X100 GBR R S SIDE RT 63 275X100	FORT SPRING
132202	2018	MCVEY BETTY JANE		LOTS 10, 23 MINERAL TUCK	FORT SPRING
132203	2018	AMANDA REDI MIX LLC		LOT 20 OR 1.27 AC 260X218.60X240.72X228.17 MB 4 PAGE 179 FROM WHITLOCK MB 4 PAGE 179 FROM WHITLOCK	LEWISBURG
132204	2018	LEMONS JANET BOONE		6000 SQ FT NAPIER/LARUE	LEWISBURG
132205	2018	RUDD JOY & ANDREW		ACREAGE 0.17 (D) LOT 12 SEC A BROOKS 44.30X100.31X86.63X 44.30X100.31X86.63X	LEWISBURG
132206	2018	ADKINS OWEN (LIFE ESTATE)		LOT 19 MARFRANCE ROAD ADKINS MARFRANCE SURFACE ONLY	MEADOW BLUFF
132207	2018	ADKINS OWEN II ET ALS		MARFRANCE RD, MARFRANCE WV MARFRANCE RD, MARFRANCE WV AC .12(C) (5250 SF & R/W (B) MCROSS & US RT 60, MCROSS 70X75 FROM WV T LLC 70X75 FROM WV T LLC	MEADOW BLUFF
132208	2018	BRAGG CHELSEY		ACREAGE .20 OR LOT 18 ON WV RT 20 FROM BRAGG RAINELLE 50.1X172.3X50X178.3 RAINELLE 50.1X172.3X50X178.3	MEADOW BLUFF
132209	2018	CADE FRANKLIN D & VIRGINIA L	CADE NORA (2019)	AC .37 (C) (FROM MYERS) LOT 165, LESLIE S/D A, LESLIE WV 70X150X120X190 WV 70X150X120X190	MEADOW BLUFF
132210	2018	DEAL LANDON		PT LOT 43A .41 AC (C) RIVERVIEW ADD FROM DEAL	MEADOW BLUFF
132211	2018	DEAL LANDON (SURV)		ACREAGE .21 (D) RAINELLE REAL LOT 19 & PART OF 20 RIVERVIEW ADD MCROSS RT 60 50X140X70X140 ADD MCROSS RT 60 50X140X70X140	MEADOW BLUFF
132212	2018	HAMPDEN CORPORATION		LOT 25 FLINT	MEADOW BLUFF
132213	2018	KESSLER JOHN O & GERALDINE J		LOT 13 BELLBURN SUBDIV, BELLBURN WV 10X171X111X146 10X171X111X146	MEADOW BLUFF
132214	2018	KESSLER JOHN O & GERALDINE J		LOT 12 BELLBURN SUBDIV, BELLBURN WV 91X190X83X171 91X190X83X171	MEADOW BLUFF
132215	2018	MCCORMICK DEBRA A		ACREAGE .34 (D) TINCHER LOT 37 RIVERSIDE ADD MCROSS 60X250 MCROSS 60X250	MEADOW BLUFF
132216	2018	NUTTER RANDY S ET AL	CLERE TOMY ALLEN (2019)	0.72 A BENNETT	MEADOW BLUFF
132217	2018	SHORTRIDGE ARNOLD PERRY	CLERE TOMY ALLEN (2019)	AC .95 (D) (PERSINGER) LOT 33 DEEGANSVILLE S/D E SIDE OF US RT 60 100X415 SIDE OF US RT 60 100X415	MEDOW BLUFF
132218	2018	SHORTRIDGE ARNOLD PERRY	CLERE TOMY ALLEN (2019)	AC .90 (D) (FUGATE) LOWER HALF OF LOT 34 PERSINGER 113X415X78X384 113X415X78X384	MEADOW BLUFF
132219	2018	SHORTRIDGE ARNOLD PERRY	CLERE TOMY ALLEN (2019)	AC .76 (D) (PERSINGER) UPPER HALF OF LOT 34 DEEGANS 78X415X118X379 78X415X118X379	MEADOW BLUFF
132220	2018	QUINWOOD EMERGENCY AMBULANCE INC		LT 6B BLK K 10X68 FROM B & M MCCLUNG ST QUINWOOD	QUINWOOD CORP
132221	2018	QUINWOOD EMERGENCY AMBULANCE INC		LT 29 BLK E 25X70 FROM B & M CORNER MCCLUNG & LYNN ST	QUINWOOD CORP
132222	2018	QUINWOOD EMERGENCY AMBULANCE INC		LT 28 BLK E 25X70 LYNN ST DEOM B & M	QUINWOOD CORP
132223	2018	QUINWOOD EMERGENCY AMBULANCE INC		LT 27 LYNN ST BLK E 25X70 LYNN ST QUINWOOD FROM B & M	QUINWOOD CORP
132224	2018	QUINWOOD EMERGENCY AMBULANCE INC		LT 26 BLK E LYNN ST 25X70 LYNN ST QUINWOOD FROM B & M	QUINWOOD CORP
132225	2018	COLLINS PHYLLIS		P/L 12 E RAINELLE SUB GBR AVE 3293 SF OR 70X47 RAINELLE	RAINELLE CORP
132226	2018	DRENNEN MARK ET UX		PT LT 1 MAIN ST RAINELLE 50X99 FROM MOSBIE	RAINELLE CORP
132227	2018	DUNWOOD LLC		LT 24 BLK 12 LEVELTON LAND & IMPROVE CO 8TH ST 50X94 RAINELLE FROM NUTTER/DEP COMM FROM NUTTER/DEP COMM	RAINELLE CORP
132228	2018	DUNWOOD LLC		LT 22 BLK 12 MAIN ST RAINELLE 31.3X90 FROM NUTTER/DEP COMM	RAINELLE CORP
132229	2018	DUNWOOD LLC		LT 23 BLK 12 MAIN ST RAINELLE 31.3X90 FROM NUTTER/DEP COMM	RAINELLE CORP
132230	2017	FOLEY ELIZABETH		ACREAGE .13 (D) ARNOLD POPLAR ST LT 114 RAINELLE	RAINELLE CORP
132231	2018	LONGEST CHARLOTTE		1403 HIGHLAND ADD VA AVE RAINELLE	RAINELLE CORP
132232	2018	MILAM DANNY D & DIANNE L		LT 7 BLK 19 LEVELTON LAND & IMPROVE CO 5TH ST 50X92	RAINELLE CORP
132233	2018	MITHCELL JOHN W		RAINELLE FROM MDR INC FROM MDR INC	RAINELLE CORP
132234	2018	STEBBINS TIMOTHY J & RACHEL W	MCKINNEY ASHLEY R & SEAN L (2019)	PT LT 29, 29A & 30 BLK 31 (CONS 4 TRACTS) 94X100 CENTER ST (GUNTER) CENTER ST (GUNTER)	RAINELLE CORP
132235	2018	BAKER ROBERT F		LT 8 BLK 18 LEVELTON LAND & IMP CO 6TH ST 50X94 FROM BANK OF N Y FROM BANK OF N Y	RAINELLE CORP
132236	2018	STONE LAUNIE A & SHANKLIN PERRY N		PT LT 13 KESTER ADD 1/2 INTEREST 15X138 (2018) PT LT 13 KESTER ADD 15X138 RUSH AVE (2019)	RONCEVERTE CORP
				LT 24 RAILWAY AVE 25X100 RONC (1/2 LOT 24 (B)	RONCEVERTE CORP

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The first session of five classes starts Sept. 14. A second session starts Apr. 20. Classes are organized by age with 6 to 9-year-olds in one group and 10- to 14-year-olds in another. Classes are held on Tuesdays

from 1-2:30 p.m.

Cost is \$140 (\$125 for members) per session. Automatic scholarships are available for children and youth 18 and under thanks to a grant from United Way of the Greenbrier Valley. All students pay only \$65. Register early as spaces are limited. These small, socially distanced, in-person classes will fill quickly. All participants are required to wear masks while in Carnegie Hall. To register, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org or call 304-645-7917.

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John Coffey's watercolor class

Dear Recycle Lady,



Dear Recycle Lady,

Last week you mentioned Bees Wraps as an alternative to small plastic bags. What are Bees Wraps and how are they used.

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Dear Like New Products,

According to <https://greenerideal.com>, Bees Wraps are made from 100% organic cotton sheets infused with beeswax, jojoba oil and tree resin. They are washable in cool water and reusable, as well as biodegradable. Bees Wraps feel waxy and are an eco-friendly way to store food in a bowl using the heat of your hands to press the wrap around the bowl. They come in several sizes and can be made into a bag, as well as a cover for a container. I have several wraps that I have used many times and the more I use them, the more pliable they become. Directions say to wash the wraps and dry, then scrunch them up several times. This makes the wraps very pliable and great to use. Caution - do not wash Bees Wraps in hot water as it will melt the wax.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Does Greenbrier Recycling Center recycle old cell phones?

Caller

Dear Caller,

Yes, old cell phones can be recycled at the Recycling Center with electronics. When you are at the Center go to the door for aluminum cans and put the phone in the yellow basket by the aluminum can door. According to www.Earth911.com, for every million cell phones recycled, 3,500 lbs. of copper and 75 lbs. of gold can be recovered and reused. Plus when electronics are recycled not only are valuable resources recycled, but toxic materials are disposed of properly and e-wastes are reduced.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is a Green Hotel? *Traveler,*

Dear Traveler,

Green Hotels are hotels that have achieved a certificate of sustainability. However, some are greener than others. There are LEED-certified buildings that are constructed with sustainability. There are hotels that have made green improvements and hotels that give back by volunteering or making donations. Unfortunately, there are some hotels that use green washing techniques to appear to be green, but are not. Earth911 says that a few major hotel chains have shown a concerted effort to green their operations, including Hilton, Marriott, Hyatt, and Starwood Hotels. There are numerous certification programs available to help travelers choose accommodations, including Green Globe, Green Key Global, Travelife, Earth Check and Green Leaders. Go to www.earth911.com/travel-living/green for more information.

Good News: Kudos to West Virginia and the Appalachian Botanical Company. A former strip mine in Boone County is being reclaimed by the Appalachian Botanical Company by growing lavender and raising bees on the former mining site. The buds and stems of the lavender are converted into essential oils, honey, body lotion, and other products. Not only are they creating jobs in an economically distressed area, but they are also putting 70 acres of former strip mines back to good use and cleaning up the environment.

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A Look Back



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By William "Skip" Deegans

Using a massive fleet of large machines that needs a wide disturbed right-of-way to maneuver, our region's Mountain Valley Pipeline project contrasts sharply with this week's photo of an early installation of a gas pipeline in West Virginia. The photo shows a handmade wooden lever that was used to lift the pipe. One

of the most labor-intensive jobs on a modern pipeline is joining the pipes by skilled welders. As shown in the left corner of the photo, these workers figured a clever way of joining the pipe with minimal labor.

The first natural gas pipeline in North America was 25 kilometers (about 15 miles) and was laid in Quebec, Canada. The world's

longest natural gas pipeline is the West-East Gas Pipeline in China. It is 8,707 kilometers (about 5,410 miles) and connects the Tarim Basin gas fields in Xianjing to Shanghai.

Sources: Canadian Energy Pipeline Assoc., China National Petroleum Corporation.

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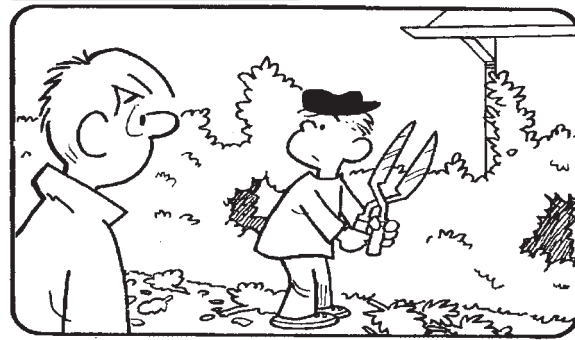
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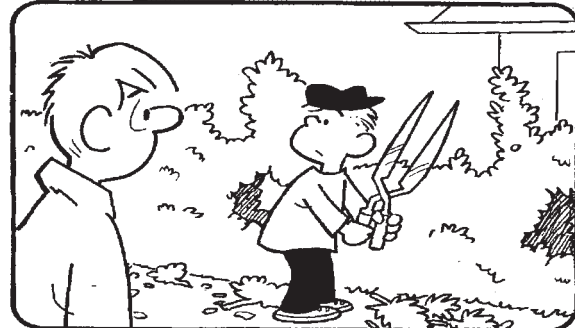
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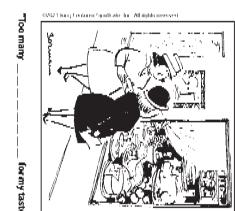
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 - 22 Spacecraft segment
 - 23 Will soon obtain U.K. citizenship?
 - 25 Like Peru's mountains
 - 26 Reversed Fr. nun, maybe
 - 27 Motorist's crime, for short
 - 28 Soccer icon
 - 30 "Phooey!"
 - 31 "That louse just hatched a few hours ago?"
 - 39 Aim at
 - 42 Styling sites
 - 43 Hilarity
 - 44 Book after Song of Solomon
 - 45 "To recap ..."
 - 46 Swiss river
 - 48 Hairy pollinator's darting movement?
 - 56 Hairstyle
 - 57 On — streak (lucky)
 - 58 "Hamilton" composer — -Manuel Miranda
 - 59 Watch over
 - 64 Partial mending of a paper cut?
 - 70 Excited pointer's cry
 - 72 Diner
 - 73 Pink pencil tip
 - 74 Siblings who compose legal orders?
 - 79 Spacek of film
 - 80 Dude's prom duds
 - 81 "Now, Voyager" actress Chase
 - 82 In — (as first placed)
 - 84 "My career as a tailor will start soon?"
 - 95 Tee lead-in
 - 96 Chris of tennis
 - 97 Certain pizza chain logo
 - 98 Depletes
 - 101 Major road
 - 103 4 p.m. social event, maybe
 - 105 Interweave while wearing a lustrous Sir Lancelot costume?
 - 109 Omelet need
 - 110 Get up
 - 111 Hockey hero Bobby
 - 112 Historical unit
 - 115 Headwear for Fred Astaire
 - 117 Occupy a chair to apply Visine drops?
 - 125 Invent
 - 126 Like green bananas
 - 127 Filthy place
 - 128 Closet staple
 - 129 Mini and midi
 - 130 Orthodontic separators
 - 7 Declined the offer
 - 8 "Come —!" ("Get real!")
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 - 10 Blasting stuff
 - 11 Debtor's note
 - 12 Mongrel
 - 13 Get involved
 - 14 Teeny
 - 15 Sweetie pie
 - 16 Tack (on)
 - 17 Very sorry
 - 18 Paige on a stage
 - 19 Backpedal
 - 24 Lookalike
 - 29 High rollers?
 - 31 End-of-workweek cry
 - 32 Make whole
 - 33 Moral tenet
 - 34 Lacks life
 - 35 Kimono belt
 - 36 Swivel
 - 37 Burial locale
 - 38 Ugly fairy-tale figure
 - 39 — for tat
 - 40 Silver-gray
 - 41 "Norma —"
 - 45 Less sure
 - 46 Outranking
 - 47 Fiddles with
 - 49 Talking- (scoldings)
 - 50 With
 - 77-Down, well-drilling structure
 - 51 Egypt and Syr., once
 - 52 Conductance unit, once
 - 53 Hallow
 - 54 German indefinite article
 - 55 See 113-Down
 - 59 Mafioso John
 - 60 "Yep"
 - 61 Siri's Amazon counterpart
 - 62 Ticket info
 - 63 Fishing boats
 - 65 Asian ideal
 - 66 "Addams Family" cousin
 - 67 "Eh, so-so"
 - 68 Determine beforehand
 - 69 — tai (drink)
 - 71 Drying ovens
 - 75 Ruling from a boxing ref
 - 76 Ball swatter
 - 77 See 50-Down
 - 78 Actor Gilliam
 - 83 Allow to flow again
 - 85 Life jacket, e.g.
 - 86 Himalayan humanoid
 - 87 Fifty-fifty
 - 88 Actress Polo
 - 89 — Mawr College
 - 90 Hurly-burly
 - 91 Epps of "House"
 - 92 Fish feature
 - 93 "Ltd." cousin
 - 94 Boot tip
 - 98 Brief outline
 - 99 Longhair cat
 - 100 Filthy place
 - 101 Horse's kin
 - 102 Monkey used in research
 - 103 Fills with black gunk
 - 104 Slip-ups
 - 106 Fuming mad
 - 107 Gunpowder stuff
 - 108 Stabs
 - 112 "Jane —"
 - 113 With
 - 55-Down, back-door access
 - 114 Some cobras
 - 116 Ugly fairy-tale figure
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Remembering 9-11



Area first responders invited to enjoy Salute to Heroes Weekend

The Greenbrier will remember the heroes lost in the rescue efforts on September 11, 2001, and honor those who carry on their legacy with the Salute to Heroes Weekend Sept. 11-13. First responders around the region will have an opportunity to attend portions of the weekend at no charge as a thank you from The Greenbrier for their incredible sacrifices.

The weekend begins with a unique performance in Colonial Hall on Saturday, Sept. 11. "Who's Bad, The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience" was founded by Vamsi Tadepalli in 2003 as a tribute to Michael Jackson's musical legacy. It's an unrivaled homage to pop music's one true King. The performance at The Greenbrier begins at 9 p.m., and first responders are invited to bring one guest and enjoy the performance free of charge. The first 200 to sign up by emailing salutetoheroes@greenbrier.com will have the tickets waiting for them the day of the event. Limited tickets are on sale now for those who aren't first responders for \$50.

On Sunday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m., the Salute to Heroes Dinner will take place inside Colonial Hall. This plated dinner will feature incredible cuisine from the award-winning chefs at America's Resort, as well as an after-dinner performance from Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. and the Voices of Classic Soul. The evening will also include a presentation from the First Responders Children's Foundation, which will provide first-hand accounts of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and

its impact on first responders across the country. Limited tickets are on sale now for this dinner and performance. Individual tickets start at \$175, or tables of eight are available for \$1,200.

The Salute to Heroes Weekend will conclude on Monday, Sept. 13, with The Greenbrier Champions Tennis Classic. Now in its ninth year, the annual event is a tribute to the rich tennis tradition at America's Resort.

This year's tennis showcase will be part of the Champions Series Tennis Tour - a North American tennis circuit for champion tennis players over the age of 30 - with participants playing inside the picturesque Center Court at Creekside Stadium for a \$25,000 first-prize paycheck. The field will feature 2003 U.S. Open champion and former world No. 1 Andy Roddick, former world No. 2 Tommy Haas, former world No. 4 James Blake and 2006 Australian Open runner-up and Champions Series Tennis debutant Marcos Baghdatis.

Haas and Blake will meet in the first semifinal at 2:30 p.m., followed by the second semifinal between Roddick and Baghdatis. The two winners will conclude the action at approximately 4:30 p.m., playing for the \$25,000 prize in an exciting final.

First responders and their immediate families can request complimentary tickets to this star-studded event by emailing salutetoheroes@greenbrier.com. Tickets for others are on sale now and start at \$30. VIP packages, including play-with-the-

pros and backstage opportunities, and upgraded seats are also available.

The First Responders Children's Foundation will be the charitable partner for the Salute to Heroes Weekend. Founded immediately following the September 11 attacks on New York City, First Responders Children's Foundation provides financial support to both children who have lost a parent in the line of duty and families en-

during significant financial hardships due to tragic circumstances. First Responders Children's Foundation also supports, promotes and facilitates educational activities and programs created and operated by law enforcement and fire fighting organizations, whose purpose is to benefit children or the community at large.

For more information, visit Greenbrier.com

Concord University to participate in 9/11 Memorial & Museum's Education Exhibition

Concord University is excited to announce its participation in September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed the World, a downloadable educational exhibition that presents the history of 9/11, its origins, and its ongoing implications through the personal stories of those who witnessed and survived the attacks. Told across 14 posters, this exhibition includes archival photographs and images of artifacts from the Museum's permanent collection. It explores the consequences of terrorism on individual lives and communities at the local, national, and international levels, and encourages critical thinking about the legacies of 9/11.

Twenty years after the attacks, with terrorism still a threat today, the events of 9/11 and its aftermath remind us that we may never be able to prevent all the actions of people intent on harming others, but we do have control over how we respond to such events. Whether by volunteering in our lo-

cal communities, serving our nation in the military, caring for the sick, or through other efforts, all of us can help build the world in which we want to live. As we witness history unfolding in our own time, the ways we choose to respond—both large and small—can demonstrate the best of human nature after even the worst of days.

This 9/11 Memorial & Museum curated exhibition reflects the core pillars of commemoration, education, and inspiration as we prepare to observe the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

"During this 20th anniversary year, it is our privilege to share these lessons with a new generation, teach them about the ongoing repercussions of the 9/11 attacks and inspire them with the idea that, even in the darkest of times, we can come together, support one another and find the strength to renew and rebuild," said 9/11 Memorial & Museum President and CEO Alice M. Greenwald.

Lions tribute to 9/11

On Sept. 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, DC, 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 Lewis-

burg. 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).

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.



John and Doris Burns and Steve Clendenen behind the flag.

Parade of Lights

The annual Parade of Lights is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the midway of the West Virginia State Fairgrounds in Fairlea. Sponsored by the Greenbrier County Fire and Emergency Responder's Association, the event was created to honor those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

Emergency response teams from multiple counties gather in a show of solidarity with emergency

vehicles and equipment, a landing of the HealthNet helicopter, a K-9 demonstration, a fingerprinting trailer courtesy of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department, and the parade beginning at dusk as well as a candlelight vigil.

The parade will leave the fairgrounds on Route 219 passing McDonalds, will go through Fairlea to Lowe's in Lewisburg, circle back through Fairlea, and end at the fairgrounds.

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9/11 Day of Service & Remembrance

9/11 Day was created in 2002 as a nonprofit organization with the support of the 9/11 community and a mission to "rekindle the extraordinary spirit of togetherness and compassion that arose in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy, and to inspire Americans and others to do good deeds that help to create a better and more peaceful world."

On the 20th anniversary of the September 11th attacks, the organization hopes to inspire people in the U.S. and around the world to perform 100 million good deeds "in remembrance and tribute." To learn more or join the effort, visit 911day.org.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed on September 11, 2001.

It was the single largest loss of life resulting from a foreign attack on American soil and the greatest loss of rescue personnel in a single event in American history.

Source: 9/11 Museum & Memorial

IN REMEMBRANCE



September 11, 2011

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

We Shall Keep This Day, The Events, And The Tears In Our Memory, And Our Hearts As We Carry On.

*The City of White Sulphur Springs, WV
WSS Police Department
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Timeline of Tragedy September 11, 2001

8:46 a.m.

Five hijackers crash American Airlines Flight 11 into the World Trade Center North Tower, killing all 76 passengers and 11 crew members, and killing and trapping hundreds more inside the building.

9:03 a.m.

Five hijackers crash United Airlines Flight 175 into the World Trade Center South Tower, killing all 51 passengers and nine crew members, and killing and trapping hundreds more inside the building.

9:37 a.m.

Five hijackers crash American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon, killing all 53 passengers and six crew members, and killing 125 more people on the ground

9:59 a.m.

The World Trade Center South Tower collapses, killing more than 800 people in the building and surrounding area.

10:03 a.m.

Four hijackers crash United Airlines Flight 93 in a field in Pennsylvania after crew and passengers storm the cockpit, killing all 33 passengers and seven crew members.

10:28 a.m.

The World Trade Center North Tower collapses, killing more than 1600 people in the building and surrounding area.

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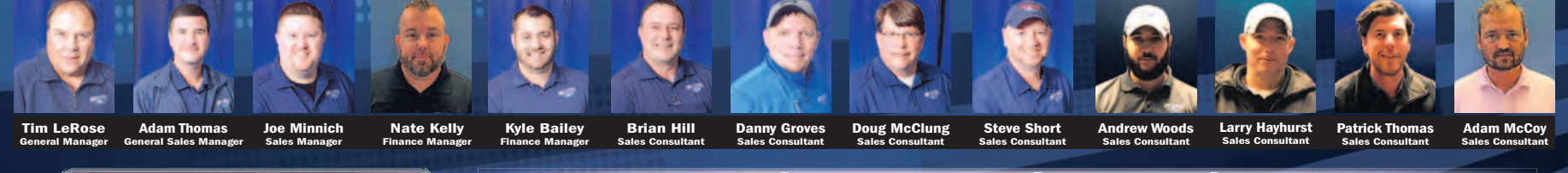
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