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At East River
Soccer, fireworks on tap tonight B-1

100 years later, France marks American's July 4 sacrifice

BELLOY-EN-SANTERRE, France (AP) — In the end, Alan Seeger's bones could no longer be distinguished from those of his Foreign Legion comrades who had fallen alongside him in one of the most brutal battles of World War I.

United across nations, it was the glorious death that he craved.

Seeger — an American poet, romantic and soldier — died on that most American of days, July 4th, a century ago Monday. Barely 28, he was already fighting for a global, common cause that bound dozens of countries together at a time when the United States was still a bystander, reluctant to get involved in a faraway war in Europe.

His premonition, "I have a Rendezvous with Death," was to become his most beloved poem. Half a century later, it was a favorite poem of U.S. President John Kennedy.

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Finding closure for families

Recovered body believed to be missing flood victim

By TINA ALVEY
for the Daily Telegraph

BECKLEY — The confirmed death toll in Greenbrier County from the June 23 flood rose to 14 with the recovery of a woman's body Saturday night near Caldwell, Sheriff Jan Cahill said.

Spotted by kayakers shortly before 6 p.m. near milepost four of the Greenbrier River Trail, the body was secured at around 8:30 p.m. through a joint effort by the Lewisburg Volunteer Fire Department, West Virginia State Police and Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office.

"The preliminary investigation indicates it is likely that the body is that of a woman reported missing during the flood from her home on Leonard-Cordova Road," Cahill said, noting confirmation of her identity will need to come from the state Medical Examiner's Office.

The body was found more than 30 miles from where the missing woman is believed to have fallen victim to the flood, according to the sheriff. He said the woman's home is around 8-1/2 miles up Leonard-Cordova from Renick, making it about 18 miles from the river and another 15 miles to Caldwell, where the body was located.

"That's an extraordinary distance for a body to float," Cahill said.

He said the Saturday recovery of two of the three females who had been declared missing and presumed dead in the wake of the devastating flood was "good for all of the first responders" who have devoted themselves to the search.

"It will give the families some closure, and it makes us more optimistic that we will recover the final body, as well," Cahill said.

The first body recovered on Saturday was found at 10 a.m. in what Cahill termed "a massive debris field" at the edge of Howards Creek on property belonging to The Greenbrier resort.

Staff photo illustration by Eric DiNovo

Watching the fireworks...
Tori Oliver, Scarlet Music and Jazlen Thomas watch a fireworks show in Bluefield over the weekend.

Hope and sorrow

Firefighter shares experience of helping flood victims

By BLAKE STOWERS
Bluefield Daily Telegraph

BLUEFIELD — Bluefield firefighter with roots to Richwood shares his story of sorrow and hope.

Bluefield Firefighter Brian Car recently went to several different areas in West Virginia to help with the flood recovery. "We went to Richwood, to Clay County, West Virginia, and Clendenin," Car said. "We helped out cleaning up roads, helping people get supplies, just the basic necessities that people wouldn't think that people would need. A lot of the elderly people didn't have a way to get to their house."

Car said he has been to the flood damaged areas twice to help with relief efforts. "I went up for 48 hours

Helping, A-5

Officials prepare Hunnicutt Stadium for Fourth of July

By BLAKE STOWERS
Bluefield Daily Telegraph

PRINCETON — Officials prepared for a family Fourth of July Celebration at Anne S. Hunnicutt Stadium in Princeton on Sunday.

Princeton Fourth of July celebration event coordinator Brandon Hicks was on hand helping set things up for the event on Sunday evening.

"It's a celebration to bring our community and really our state together to celebrate the Fourth of July," Hicks said. "We have everything from live entertainment to a kid's corner. Really we have a little bit of everything for every different age group. We really focus on this being a family event. Just a time that

Prepare, A-5

Mercer County Airport receiving $156,755 in federal funding

By GREG JORDAN
Bluefield Daily Telegraph

BLUEFIELD — A new federal grant funding runway repairs and long-term maintenance joins air shows, flying lessons and other new activities and improvements at the Mercer County Airport.

U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) announced Friday that five airports in Mercer, Logan, Grant, Randolph and Mason counties will receive $864,949 in funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The Mercer County Airport is receiving $156,755, Manchin and Capito said. This project will fund crack sealing and seal coating to rehabilitate approximately 4,500 feet of the existing Taxiways A, B, C and D needed to maintain structural integrity of the pavement.

Airport Manager Clint Ransom was at the state Department of Transportation's Aeronautics Commission on Friday to discuss matching funds for the federal grant. Fortunately, the department of transportation was making a five percent match on the federal funds, leaving another five percent on the local level.

"What we're actually doing is resealing the taxiway and doing some repairs," Ransom said, later adding, "It's a repair and maintenance type of thing. We're hoping to do construction sometime in September or late August."

The work should provide 10 to 15 years of good service, Ransom said. The airport authority hopes next year to get a grant to pay for a perimeter fence all around the airport to help keep wildlife and people from coming onto the runways.

"We've actually had people wander onto the airport," he said.

The airport authority has been presenting events designed to bring more of the public to the facility and inspire an interest in aviation.

"A Memorial Day Weekend, we did our third annual car and air show event," Charlie Cole, chairman of the Mercer County Airport Authority said. "We probably gave over 200 airplane and helicopter rides to kids, and in conjunction with that,

Airport, A-5

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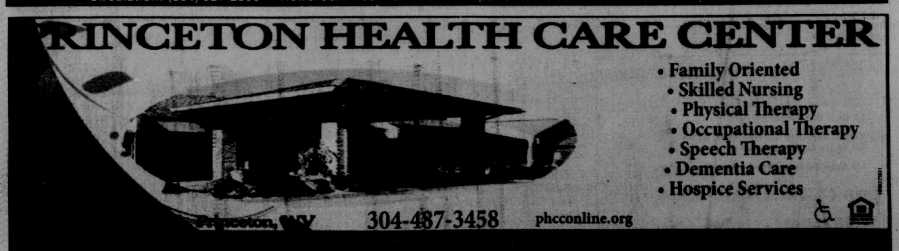

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