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PPD warns about theft

Locals report stolen items from porches and vehicles

Last week, the Petersburg Police Department released information about several reports the department received concerning items and packages being stolen throughout the city. According to the report, the department received numerous complaints about items being stolen from residents’ porches and out of vehicles. “A recent incident involved a UPS package stolen off a resident’s front porch in broad daylight, minutes after the package was delivered,” the release explained. “This is a reminder to residents to make sure you lock and secure or bring inside any items that are subject to theft.”

The release also urged citizens to be “alert and vigilant” about suspicious activity in or around their neighborhoods.

This release comes just a few months after a coalition of local citizens appeared before the Petersburg City Council concerned with the rising suspicious and criminal activity they observed in The Field, a section of Petersburg.

At the time, the group said they hoped to begin a neighborhood watch to combat some of the issues.

That meeting was also attended by Police Chief Darius Stark of the PPD, who issued multiple pieces of advice on what the community members could do to help prevent crime.

Stark explained that he had worked to become more present in that area but, due to manpower limitations, he was unable to maintain the presence he would like in The Field neighborhood.

Overall, both Stark and the council had supported the group’s goal of forming a neighborhood watch, with the council also agreeing to increase the number of street lights in the area.

In last week’s release, the department issued advice for citizens to follow to prevent theft including: adding additional lighting around the house to include a motion detector; having packages delivered to places of employment or to a neighbor who will be home at the time of delivery; scheduling deliveries for times residents will be home to prevent packages from sitting unattended for long periods of time; forming relationships with a neighbor in a “buddy” system; having deliveries require a signature to ensure that packages will not pile up on porches and monitoring front porch thorough security cameras or video doorbells.

The release also echoed some advice previously given to residents, advising everyone that “if you see something, say something.”



WV State Police respond to FedEx accident on Route 42

Last week, West Virginia State Police responded to an accident on Route 42 involving a Maysville resident and a FedEx delivery driver from Cumberland, Md.

The incident occurred on Jan. 15, when West Virginia State Police from the Moorefield/Petersburg Detachment responded to a two vehicle traffic accident along W.Va. Route 42.

According to report released by the department, the accident occurred in the afternoon and was approximately 0.2 miles west of the intersection of W.Va. Route 42 and Buckbee Hollow Road.

During the course of the investigation, Corporal E.V. Vaubel discovered that a 2004 FedEx Chevrolet van, driven by Timothy Hewlin of

Cumberland., had traveled across the center line of Route 42 and struck a 1993 Geo Tracker, driven by Danny Ketterman of Maysville in the west-bound lane. The incident resulted in a head-on collision.

Ketterman was flown to Winchester Medical Center and Hewlin was cited for left of center and failure to maintain control.

Commission reviews historical project near Dolly Sods and National Forest, county business

Earlier this month, the Grant County Commission held their first regularly scheduled meeting of the year. The meeting also marked the first meeting for recently elected commissioner Scotty Miley.

During the meeting, the commission reviewed multiple county items, including an ongoing agreement with Region 8 concerning a shared wood chipper, a request to consider signing their support of an animal welfare bill and received a letter from Troy Waskey, the district ranger with the United States Department of Agriculture, concerning a proposed project taking place at Dolly Sods.

The proposed project may impact hiking in the area and will be centered around the areas historical role in World War II.

The commission received a letter from the USDA requesting input about the Dolly Sods project, located in the Monongahela National Forest, which will examine the historic site for remnants of a potential hazard.

According to Waskey, part of the area was a large training ground used in WWII to prepare for mountain operations in Italy. The area is also known as the West Virginia Maneuver Area and included not only part of Dolly Sods but also Fore Knob/Bear Rocks Firing Range, Brown/Cabin Mountain Firing Ranges and Dailey Infiltration Camp.

“Remnants of these historical activities are still scattered throughout the area, including munitions and explosives of concern from artillery ranges,” Waskey said. “These artillery ranges are located on what is now the Monongahela National Forest, Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge and some private land.”

The goal of the project is to conduct a remedial investigation and feasibility study to assess whether or not the remnants could be hazardous to the environment or pose a human risk.

“Specifically, there is a proposal to run transects across these areas using magnetic sensors,” Waskey explained. “Cutting of small, understory vegetation may be necessary to continue transects through areas of dense vegetation.”

The letter went on to explain that these magnetic sensors detect metal objects in the ground. Under the proposal, metal objects would be investigated and determined if they are munitions of concern.

“A standard protocol will be followed when unexploded ordnance are discovered,” Waskey said. “Trails within approximately one half-mile of the ordnance will be closed, staff will escort visitors out the area and experts will assess and potentially dispose of the ordnance.”

While these events could result in the closing of trails, the letter explains

that such closures are unlikely to last more than six hours.

“I believe this project is essential to health and human safety in our management of these areas,” Waskey said. “However, I recognize that it will be a challenge to implement the project while ensuring that all policies and regulations that govern these lands are followed. Specific to the Forest Service and Monongahela National Forest, it is important that we ensure actions on the National Forest abide by the Forest Plan, do not conflict with preservation of wilderness character or historic and cultural values and do not impair endangered species, individual or habitat. These are just a few of the issues of concern as we begin this process and I am sure other land managing agencies and organizations have similar challenges as well.”

The letter did not give an exact date for the project to begin but Waskey did explain that the project will be “more condensed than projects typical of the Forest Service.”

The commission also updated an agreement held with West Virginia Region 8 agreeing to the usage of a shared wood chipper.

Commissioner Doug Swick explained that the agreement was annual and that both groups did make use of

SBCTC talks return on investment in state pilot program

The South Branch Career and Technical Center in Petersburg was recently one of only three facilities in the state to take part in a financial fact-finding program to determine exactly how much communities get back from the money invested in career centers.

Director of SBCTC Tracy Chenoweth explained the project set out to determine the center’s return on investment (ROI).

“The West Virginia Legislature wanted to do an experiment to see what return the state and communities were seeing from, specifically the money being spent on, career and technical centers,” explained Chenoweth. “The money that is being invested in the tech centers for the equipment and the technical expertise, how is that coming back into the community, or more broadly, the state.”

Chenoweth said to find this out, the school began to track not only money earned by the school in career-based services, such as those from the automotive program from oil changes and from the cosmetology program for haircuts, but also from more abstract services aimed at volunteerism and community betterment.

Chenoweth pointed to programs such as the Education Program students that go to the local elementary school and read to students as part of their hands-on work. She also referenced work done by the carpentry program for the Grant County Parks and Recreation Department and the cosmetology program students who work with the Grant County Commission on Aging to offer beauty services for their elderly clients.

“You can’t really assign a monetary amount to those services but they are tremendous,” Chenoweth said. “In just being able to have the social aspect, to the student’s experience in their field, to the community as a whole. So the ROI takes into account those aspects as well.”

Chenoweth said that just for a little over a semester, SBCTC’s ROI far outweighed their given budget, coming in at more than \$100,000.

“I don’t think people realize the opportunity we have at centers like this to help the community,” Chenoweth said. “That’s different from academics and I don’t mean that in a bad way, but it is another crucial aspect. I want people to understand the impact that having a career and technical center has on the community, who we can help and continue to search for ways to do more.”

“The state invests in us and we teach our students skills and use those skills to directly help our immediate community,” said Shelly Crites, SBCTC assistant director.

Beyond community projects, Crites pointed to the projects done directly at SBCTC, such as the recent installation of new lighting outside the school. Crites explained that the installation was done, not by outside contractors,

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poll question

Do you think Americans should be able to import prescription medication from Canada, which more strictly regulates drug prices?



Last week's responses:
Yes: 97%
No: 3%

this UHS students should be able to play on PHS teams.

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mother, had a coal furnace and there was a natural gas furnace at the farm. So, using a wood burning stove was a learning experience.

We quickly moved on to a barrel stove. Since our stove is in the basement, the barrel stove was perfect and it could really put out the BTUs. The nice thing was it made the upstairs floors warm, and if your feet are warm, the rest of you is also.

There's a knack to adjusting the air flow and you get to know what kind of wood puts out the most heat and not to get excited when there's a downdraft.

I will never be an arsonist, though. I cannot get a fire started in a stove without help from really good kindling along with those little fire starter bricks. And then sometimes I have to keep at it until it catches. I usually used up junk mail, cardboard and old newspapers to help it along.

One day the wood stove was cranking out the heat and I was cleaning up the basement. Occasionally I'd throw scrap paper in, but not too much. And then

I came upon an empty box that had held fire starter bricks. The cardboard had soaked up a lot of the residue from the bricks but I didn't think much of it, until I threw it in the stove.

You know how cardboard has a middle layer of corrugated paper. Well, all those little air pockets act as chimneys that pull the air through, making the cardboard burn at a very fast rate. And boy did it.

After I shut the door to the stove I heard a whooshing sound and then the stove started moving and the little spiral door handle started banging against the door ... "chink, chink, chink, chink" as the stove rocked. It sounded like a missile was about to be launched.

That's when I left the house and stood out in the front yard. No one else was home so I just stood there, waiting for the worst. I was panicked but shortly relieved to find everything back to normal except my heart rate. Lesson learned, almost the hard way.

All in all, I think we've cut, split and unloaded hundreds of pickup loads of wood, and fed that much into the flames. But it was finally time to replace that old barrel stove and frankly, we were both tired of mess-

ing around with wood. But we didn't want to give up that continuous heat and the low cost of wood burning.

We decided to look into pellet stoves and asked around about brands and pellets. We ended up getting a pellet stove and Craig and Ryan installed it in place of our old stove. It's definitely an improvement in the "cleaner house" department, no ash, bark and wood on the floor, plus it's easier to load for me, but I'll have to say it's not as warm in the house as when we had the wood stove, but it's still pretty cozy.

There's always someone on TV ranting about green energy and sustainable living practices, but I wonder if they have a wood stove or even know how to work one? Who knew we were being environmentally conscious? We just wanted to save money and stay warm. Still are, I'm happy to say.

So, in light of all this "green" energy and recycled wood waste (pellets), I decided to look up some "recycled" recipes on how to use leftovers and make a whole new meal, not just the same food heated up.

Maybe with all this money we're saving we'll go on a cruise ... somewhere warm.

GREEN EGGS & HAM FRITTATA

- 8 large eggs
- 1½ teaspoons dried dill
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 leeks, white and light green parts only, diced
- 1 5-ounce bag baby spinach, chopped
- ½ cup diced ham
- ½ cup shredded havarti or Muenster cheese
- Position rack in upper third of oven; preheat to 450°F.
- Whisk eggs, dill, salt and pepper in a medium bowl.

LEFTOVER SPAGHETTI LASAGNA

- Enough leftover spaghetti mixed with sauce to mostly fill a 9x13 pan
- 1 cup small curd cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 12 ounce package shredded mozzarella cheese
- Preheat oven to 400°F.
- Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
- Mix cottage cheese and sour cream in a bowl.
- Spread half the spaghetti with sauce into the prepared baking dish.

Heat oil in a large ovenproof nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add leeks; cook, stirring, until softened, about 4 minutes. Add spinach and ham; cook, stirring, until the spinach is wilted, about 1 minute.

Pour the egg mixture over the vegetables and cook, lifting the edges of the frittata so uncooked egg can flow underneath, until the bottom is light golden, 2 to 3 minutes.

Sprinkle cheese on top, transfer the pan to the oven and bake until the eggs are set, 6 to 8 minutes. Let rest for about 3 minutes before serving. Serve hot or cold.

Spread the cottage cheese mixture evenly over the spaghetti.

Place the remaining spaghetti and sauce in an even layer over the cottage cheese mixture; sprinkle with mozzarella cheese.

Bake in the preheated oven until bubbly and the cheese is browned, 30 to 40 minutes.

You can make smaller quantities of this dish, just adjust the amounts of cottage cheese, sour cream and mozzarella cheese.

By Camille Howard

The hardest part of winter is trying to stay warm when the temperatures drop and the wind blows. Even though the thermometer says the house is warm, I still feel chilly. This is the first year since we built our house that we aren't using a wood burning stove.

We first started out with one of those big square insulated stoves but it just didn't put out enough heat. Neither Craig nor I grew up using wood heat. We always had forced hot air heat fueled by natural gas or fuel oil. My Grandma Heath, my dad's

CREAM OF TURKEY & WILD RICE SOUP

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms, (about 4 ounces)
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- ¼ cup chopped carrots
- ¼ cup chopped shallots
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 4 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup quick-cooking or instant wild rice
- 3 cups shredded cooked chicken, or turkey
- ½ cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

CRISPY MASHED POTATO PANCAKES

- 2 cups cold mashed potatoes
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
- Combine potatoes, eggs, flour and garlic powder in a bowl.

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add mushrooms, celery, carrots and shallots and cook, stirring, until softened, about 5 minutes.

Add flour, salt and pepper and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes more.

Add broth and bring to a boil, scraping up any browned bits. Add rice and reduce heat to a simmer.

Cover and cook until the rice is tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in turkey (or chicken), sour cream and parsley and cook until heated through, about 2 minutes more.

If you can't find quick-cooking rice, just add pre-cooked conventional wild rice when you add the turkey.

Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat; fry potato mixture in skillet, pressing with a spatula to flatten evenly.

Cover and cook until bottom is crispy, about 10 minutes; invert onto serving platter.

You may substitute one teaspoon of finely chopped onion for the chives.

Furloughed federal employees in West Virginia can apply for unemployment benefits

Federal employees affected by the government shutdown in West Virginia may apply for unemployment benefits throughout WorkForce West Virginia.

Affected workers are encouraged to apply by visiting workforcewv.org. Applicants may also visit their local WorkForce Office for additional support and application assistance. WorkForce Outreach Office employees cannot process unemployment claims.

Below are some frequent

questions regarding unemployment benefits for federal employees on furlough:

Q: How do I file for unemployment benefits?

A: You must file online at workforcewv.org.

Q: Do I have to serve a waiting week?

A: Yes. The first week you are eligible for benefits on a claim is a mandatory unpaid waiting period.

Q: How long will it take for me to receive benefits?

A: Applications will be processed as soon as possible. There may be some delays due to wages not being immediately available due to the shutdown.

Q: What documentation will I need?

A: You will need to submit a Notification of Personnel Action (SFSO), or a Notice to Federal Employee About Unemployment Insurance (SF8). In order to expedite your claim process, please upload check stubs when filing the initial claim in case the agency cannot obtain wage information.

Q: Do I have to search for a job while furloughed?

A: Federal employees who are separated as a result of the partial government shutdown are considered job-attached and will not be required to conduct a job search during the furlough.

Q: What if I am working some hours but not getting paid?

A: If you are working but not getting paid, you need to report hours and earnings during this time, for each week you file for benefits.

Q: What happens if I receive back pay after the shutdown has ended?

A: If Congress reaches an agreement that includes back pay for furloughed time, federal workers will be responsible for paying back any unemployment benefits received during that time. If you have already requested payment of unemployment benefits and you then receive payment from your government job you must provide detailed information about the compensation you received, including dates and gross amounts.

For more information on unemployment benefits for federal furloughed employees in West Virginia, visit workforcewv.org/unemployment or call 304-558-2611.

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Community invited to “Meet the Artists” reception at the Landes Arts Center Feb. 2



The public is invited to a “Meet the Artists” reception on Saturday, Feb. 2 from 2-4 p.m., at the Landes Arts Center, 18 Mt. View St. in Petersburg. The

reception is the opening event of the seventh Local Visual Artists’ Exhibit, also at the Landes Arts Center. It is free and open to the public. On display will be sketches, oils, watercolors, mixed media, wood, textiles, basketry, and other media. Many of the artists exhibiting their works will be at the reception to talk with visitors. Refreshments will be served.

The exhibit is sponsored by Grant County Arts Council, Inc. and community underwriters Cheryl L. Bennett, OD., and Patti Wolfe. The curator is Marci

Beyersdorfer.

The exhibit will be open to the public in the month of February, starting Sunday, Feb. 3 from 2-4 p.m. Other days in February will be Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m.; Saturdays noon to 3 p.m., and Sundays 2-4 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is free for GCAC members and students. Non-GCAC members may make a donation.

Each of the previous Exhibits has been bigger than the previous one, attracting more artists, more pieces of art, and more varied media and styles. And each year, more and more visitors come to view the art. While most exhibitors have been from Grant, Hardy and Pendleton counties, some artists from Preston and Hampshire

counties have also shown their works. While most of the artists are adults, both professional and amateur, GCAC has also displayed PHS and UEC students’ works. If you have never tried to do anything in the visual arts, seeing this exhibit is a great way to get the inspiration to get started. If you are an aspiring artist, it is a great way to get ideas to further your efforts.

Contact information on artists who sell their works will be available at the center’s information desk during the exhibit.

For more information call 304-257-4891. Persons requiring accessibility assistance should contact GCAC in advance at P.O. Box 988, Petersburg, or at GCArtsCouncil@gmail.com.

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NOTICE

Per FEMA and WV Homeland Security, the Grant County Commission has approved the newly updated Grant County Floodplain Ordinance. A copy is available in the Grant County Administrator’s Office. For questions, contact Cullen Sherman, Grant County Floodplain Administrator at 304-257-4922.

UEC students advance to county level Math Field Day

The following is a list of Union Educational Complex students who will be participating in the Grant County Math Field Day, Jan. 23, representing grades 4-12.

Fourth grade - 1st Braylon Ward; 2nd Ashley McGowan; 3rd Paizlee Delany; 4th Bladen Oberholzer; and 5th Conner Moreland.

Fifth grade - 1st Kylar Lewis; 2nd Arya Teets; 3rd Brandon Moreland; 4th Gwen Cummings; and 5th Chanda Gaither.

Sixth grade - 1st Jacob Wolfe; 2nd Miranda Martin; 3rd Chanelle Sutton; 4th Chelsea Moorehead; and 5th Lexi Stahl.

Seventh grade - 1st Patience

Moreland; 2nd Bailey Evans; 3rd Katelyn Greaser; 4th Joshua Burdock; and 5th Bradlee Parish.

Eighth grade - 1st Clarissa Chapman; 2nd Alena Droppleman; 3rd Isabella Harvey; 4th Victoria Seabolt; and 5th Kaylee Wolfe.

Ninth grade - 1st Olivia Bomboy; 2nd Willow Cutter; 3rd Bridgett Knapp; 4th Brianna Greaser; and 5th Ryan Bennett.

10th-12th grades - MacKenzi Arnold; 2nd Kaitlin Dawson; 3rd Adam Smith; 4th Kacey Scudder; 5th Tahner Breedan; 6th Chasity Broadwater; 7th Alexia Palmer; and 8th Jonathan Collett.

Bridgewater College dean’s list

The dean’s list for the fall semester at Bridgewater College has been announced by Dr. Leona A. Sevvick, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Students on the dean’s list have attained a 3.4 or better grade point average of a possible 4.0. Any student who earned all.

The following student from this area has excelled academically:

Amaya R. Smith, a first-year student majoring in history and political science, from Petersburg.

Bridgewater College is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Founded in 1880, it was the state’s first private, coeducational college. It is home to nearly 1,900 undergraduate students.

West Liberty University dean’s list

West Liberty University announces its dean’s list for outstanding academic performance during fall semester 2018.

Students must attain a 3.50 grade point academic average and complete a minimum of 12 semester hours to qualify for this honor.

Local students achieving the list are Isaac Cardot, Corey Secrist and Erica VanMeter, all of Petersburg.

Located near Wheeling, West Liberty University, is a four-year public university with five colleges and nearly 70 majors.

WVU president’s and dean’s lists

West Virginia University, Morgantown, has released the names of those students attaining the president’s list and dean’s list for the fall semester 2018.

Those named to the president’s list received a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Those on the dean’s list received a 3.5 GPA or higher. The following are local students on these lists:

President’s list

Raven Allen of Cabins; Ky-

lie Coblentz and Skyler Martin, both of Maysville; Abby Sinddeck of Scherr; and April Kessel, Traci Nelson and Hannah Nesselrodt, all of Petersburg.

Dean’s list

Megan Dayton of Lahmansville; Madison Brake and Tyler Coblentz, both of Maysville; and Samantha Berrett, Brittany Cullers, Nicholas Lomasney, Alexee Mongold, Bret Reel, Lucas Smith and Kelson Thorne, all of Petersburg.

West Virginia Wesleyan College president’s and dean’s lists

West Virginia Wesleyan College, located in Buckhannon, announced names of those students attaining the president’s list and dean’s list for the fall semester 2018.

Those named to the president’s list earned a 4.0 for the semester while completing at least 12 semester hours with no incomplete grades. Those on the dean’s list achieved a grade

point average of 3.5 or above for the semester, while completing a load of at least 12 semester hours with no incomplete grades.

The following are local students on these lists:

President’s list

Traci Hedrick of Petersburg and Shaylee Kile of Maysville.

Dean’s list

Hannah Brewer and Madelyn Brewer, both of Petersburg.

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Every life is important

As the weather worsens and the roads become treacherous, keep in mind there is one thing you can do that may save your life - buckle up.

Looking back on 2018, this county saw too many serious accidents and traffic fatalities. Whether or not passengers in those accidents were wearing seat belts, we do not know. What we do know is that one fatality on the road is one too many.

On West Virginia roads driving is a challenge - we have to navigate narrow roads with steep embankments and deep side ditches, a variety of wildlife including the ever present threat of deer, sharp curves and mountainous roadways and hidden driveways and intersections.

Along with that is the high rate of drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In their yearly analysis, the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles reported 4,700 DUI arrests. No one knows how many impaired drivers made it home without a ticket.

In our daily driving, most of us have a tendency to go beyond the speed limit, especially on the roads we're familiar with. We know where to cut corners and how to steer the graded turns ... all the more reason to buckle up.

Seat belts can be a nuisance, child safety seats an aggravation but regret is a lifelong burden.

Today is the 46th anniversary of Roe v Wade which gave women the right to an abortion by the U.S. Supreme Court.

While we mourn the passing of those who have spent time here with us, we forget to mourn the passing of those who never had the opportunity to take their first breath.

Every life is important at every stage. Each person should have the opportunity to set their course, to rise up or fail, to be loved, to be welcomed home, to be missed when gone.

If you or someone you know is pregnant and in need of help, the James Isaac House in Petersburg offers free, confidential, non-judgmental information concerning the development of a child following conception, along with information regarding abortion and its effects so that a mother is equipped to make a well-informed decision about her unborn child.

You can find them on Facebook at The James Isaac House, online at tjihouse.org or call 800-866-2400 or 304-257-2402.

Speak for those who have no voice, remember those whose voices have been silenced, pray for those who find themselves in a place of difficult decision.

W.Va. editorial roundup

The Charleston Gazette

On a house fire that killed four children in foster care

Four children, the oldest 8, the youngest 18 months, lost their lives in a tragic fire in Clay County over the (last) weekend. They were foster children in the home. The foster parents and one other foster child made it out alive.

So little is known about what happened at this point. According to a joint statement from the DHHR and the state Fire Marshal's Office, the cause of the fire remains undetermined, but it was "most probably accidental."

All anyone can really do is grieve for the lost and those who are still living, who will have to plan funerals and carry this sadness with them long after the last dish of food from sympathetic friends or neighbors is dropped off.

The incident also circles back to an unfortunate reality in West Virginia, that far too many residents die in structure fires.

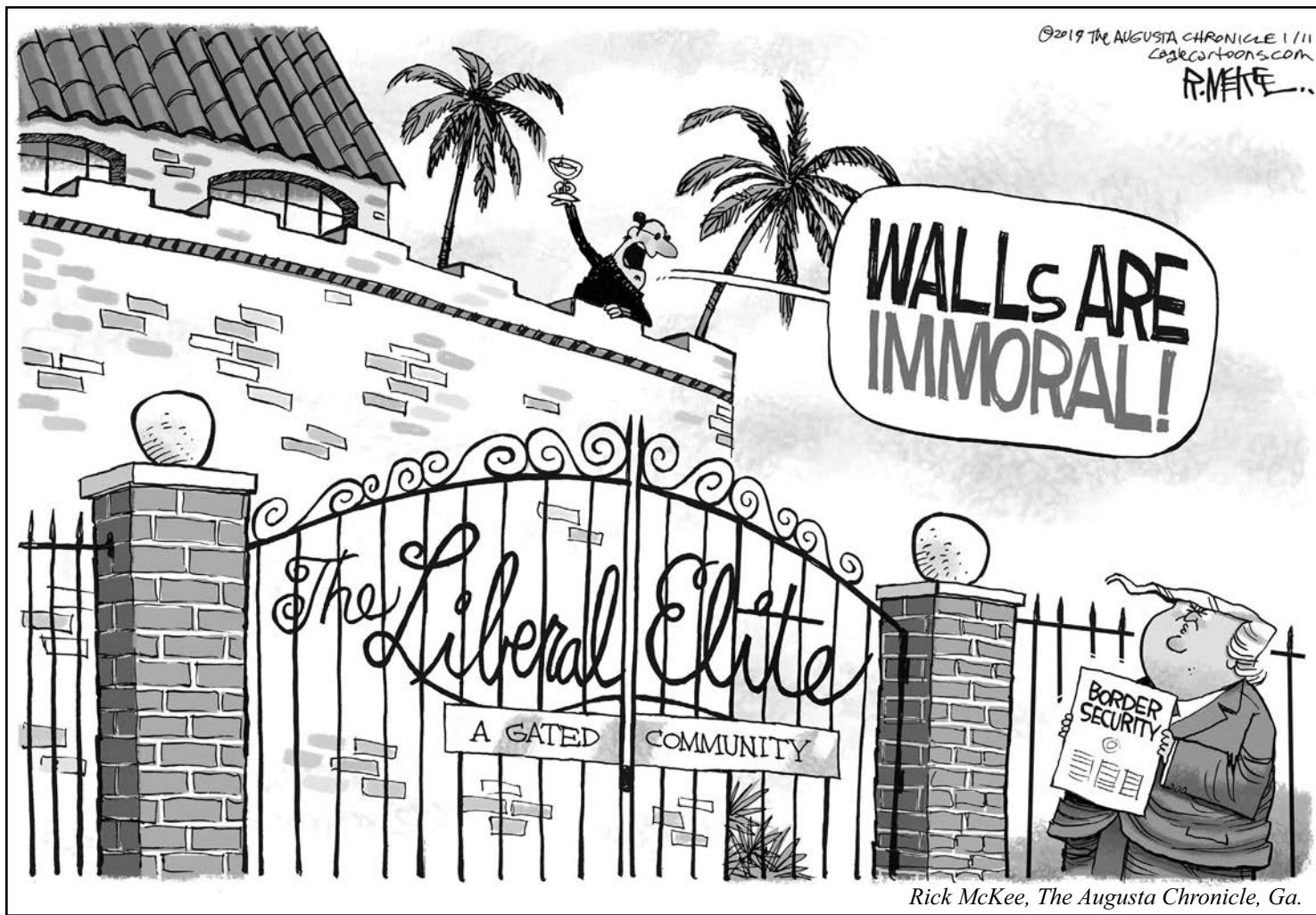
In an editorial published last month discussing funding for volunteer fire departments, we used statistics from the U.S. Fire Administration - part of the Department of Homeland Security - that showed West Virginia had 13.3 deaths from house fires per 1,000 residents in 2016. That is more than double the national average. Volunteer departments cover fire response for more than 90 percent of the state, and the number of stations and volunteers is shrinking. Those volunteer departments are competing with departments across the country to obtain federal grant money for equipment and operating costs, and that funding pool is also dwindling.

Solving all of those problems might not have prevented what happened in Clay County. There are situations where instant response time, an army of firefighters and all the preparation in the world on the part of those in the house wouldn't be enough to stop the loss of life.

But West Virginia cannot continue to be a state where fire death rates are so high. The state should be doing everything it can to make its residents safer. That might mean revisiting the way fire departments are funded at the state level (right now, all VFDs get the same amount of funding, regardless of how large an area they cover) or coming up with a specific revenue source (a proposed increase in the insurance surcharge to go to fire departments was defeated in the Legislature a few years ago).

The DHHR found working smoke detectors in the Clay County

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Rick McKee, The Augusta Chronicle, Ga.

New Year's wish: no more morally superior phonies



By Marilyn M. Singleton, MD, JD

My new year's resolution is to expose the hypocrisy of the morally superior politicians whose election strategy was to pretend they cared about crafting policies in the country's best interest.

Take "the wall" on our southern border. Ignoring the opinion of the border patrol agents (51 percent of whom are Hispanic) that it would "without a doubt" be a helpful tool, Nancy Pelosi and her people claimed it would be ineffective in stopping everybody. That's like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stopping its flu vaccination campaign because the vaccine is only 40-60 percent effective.

And sanctuary state California Senator Kamala Harris was quick to the gun control microphone when some people were shot in a brawl but not a peep out of her when a community is in mourning after its brown-skinned legal immigrant policeman is gunned down at a traffic stop by a twice arrested illegal immigrant.

Expanding on the racist meme, the new talking point is that a wall is "immoral." Where is the morality in enabling 1.5 million pounds of drugs to enter our country through Mexico contributing to the 70,237 drug overdose deaths — over 200 deaths per day—in the U.S. in 2017? Or in turning a blind eye to MS-13 gang members and criminals entering the country? I imagine the Costa Ricans and Panamanians are racist for securing their borders from the flood of illegal immigrants, and the El Salvadorians are immoral for putting razor wire walls around entire neighborhoods.

There is no morality in exploiting the deaths of two children who had endured a trek through an unfriendly landscape to score anti-Trump political points. (Some parents have admitted that their child was

"their passport" to a better chance of getting in the United States.)

It is heartbreaking when any child dies. It is frustrating when there is no obvious cause. The CDC reports that in 2015 in the U.S., 393 children in good health between the ages of 1-18 years died suddenly without a clear cause of death, known as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC). One migrant child reportedly died of sepsis. Sepsis and septic shock can result from an infection anywhere in the body, including an open cut or scrape. In the United States, more than 75,000 children develop severe

Because their lives are so much more precious than ours, the power brokers have their private security and the medical care of their choice. They also have no shame.

sepsis each year. Almost 7,000 of these children from all socioeconomic groups die — this is more than those who die of pediatric cancers. These families also deserve compassion. I didn't see these outraged, compassionate legislators listed as co-sponsors to the bipartisan House Resolution to increase awareness of sepsis.

Where are the tears for the children of Chiraq? At about 24 deaths a year, children in Chicago's deteriorating black neighborhoods are being killed 24 times the rate that Chicago soldiers are being killed in Iraq. From September 2011 to 2016, at least 174 children under the age of 17 have been killed in shootings. I'm still waiting for the Obamas to mention the problem, much less solutions to their hometown tragedy.

Multimillionaire Nancy ("We have to pass the bill to find out what's in it" and if you disagree with me you are sexist) Pelosi is safe in her Napa Wine Country or San Francisco home, far from the drug addicts, dirty needles, feces, gang members and homeless lining the streets of San Francisco.

W.Va. House of Delegates begins work on state's foster care system

The House of Delegates last week began work on comprehensive legislation to help fix two areas of critical need in the state: lack of adequate broadband internet access, and the crisis situation in the state's foster care system.

The House Committee on Senior, Children and Family Issues on Thursday gave initial approval to a bill designed to address

the serious needs in the state's foster care system, which has been pushed to a crisis level due to the ongoing drug epidemic.

House Bill 2010 would significantly restructure the management and function of the state's foster care system, which is struggling to serve nearly 7,000 children.

"We have a state of emergency in our foster care system,"

After scandal, W.Va. Supreme Court submits budget request

The West Virginia Supreme Court has submitted a budget proposal a year after its spending practices triggered an impeachment scandal.

Chief Justice Beth Walker submitted the request Tuesday for \$131.15 million in the 2020 fiscal year, compared with appropriations of \$139.7 million this year.

Several justices were impeached in August, but a temporary panel ruled the efforts were a violation of the separation-of-powers doctrine.

Voters passed a constitutional amendment giving the Legislature greater oversight of judicial branch finances.

Walker was asked again about spending practices last Tuesday. It was revealed a probation officer used a state purchasing card to spend \$64.95 for an "item of clothing" at a Victoria's Secret as a graduation gift for a juvenile drug court participant. Walker says while the purchase was not a policy violation, it "was not what we want to be doing."

said Assistant Majority Leader Kayla Kessinger, R-Fayette. "Our children are falling through the cracks and getting lost in an overregulated bureaucracy. For the sake of the kids, we must act now to put their best interests first and give them the care they deserve."

The bill makes several reforms designed to make the system operate more efficiently while also protecting and promoting the child's welfare. One key reform would be to shift the health care of the foster population to a managed care system, which would better ensure children receive the full continuum of health care services.

Delegate Kessinger, who is lead sponsor of the bill, said many foster care children currently don't receive adequate health care because their records are lost, misplaced or someone loses track of what medical services they've had as they transition between homes. She said the hope is a managed care system would provide more continuity in the child's health care.

The bill also contains reforms

Her voters may be too uninformed or willfully blind to see what she and her ilk have done to this formerly beautiful city. Sadly, the nation will be forced to suffer from her policies that reward scofflaws, patronize the poor, create dependency, and are designed to hustle voters.

Many of the morally superior advocates of government-run healthcare frame the issue as a matter of compassion and social justice for all. The opposite is true. The program will rob every worker of their hard-earned income by doubling their taxes to fully fund Medicare-for-All's \$32 trillion 10-year price tag.

Worse yet, everyone's liberty will be curtailed. With Medicare-for-All, private insurance is prohibited, doctors will still have to prove that their desired treatment is "medically necessary," and patients will have longer wait times for services and still get a 7 minute visit with a "provider." The 63,000 Canadians who left for healthcare in 2017 will have to rely heavily on other medical tourist destinations.

It is highly unlikely that the political elite will be forced to go to the retail clinic at the local drug store or Walmart—certainly not the same southern Virginia Walmart where FBI higher-up Peter Strzok "could SMELL [sic] the Trump support."

Barely a nanosecond had passed after Speaker Pelosi promised less divisiveness when the newest identity politician shouted from the rooftops (in front of her child), that "we're going to go in and impeach the mother f-----!"

Because their lives are so much more precious than ours, the power brokers have their private security and the medical care of their choice. They also have no shame.

Dr. Singleton is a board-certified anesthesiologist. She is president of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS). She attended UC Berkeley Law School, focusing on constitutional law and administrative law. She teaches classes in the recognition of elder abuse and constitutional law for non-lawyers.

designed to make regulation of foster care families easier, with hopes it will make agencies regulating the system more efficient and encourage more adults to become foster parents.

"West Virginians are loving, caring people, but unfortunately many adults don't choose to become foster parents because they're discouraged by the number of hoops they have to jump through or the amount of red tape," Delegate Kessinger said. "We want to eliminate as many frustrations as we can so as many children as possible can get into the loving, caring families they deserve."

The reforms include extending recertification of foster families from an annual to a three-year cycle, like most surrounding states. Delegate Kessinger said that while state safety inspections would continue taking place in the foster home at least once a year, extending the certification to a three-year cycle would reduce the amount of paperwork that

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At the Capitol

By Phil Kabler
For the West Virginia Press Association

While bills to expand broadband Internet access to rural areas, and to provide grants and other incentives to encourage students to attend community and technical colleges advanced during the first full week of the 2019 legislative session, much attention was on a proposal that has virtually no chance of passage.

In something of a publicity stunt, three delegates – Carl Martin, R-Upshur, Patrick Martin, R-Lewis, and Caleb Hanna, R-Webster – announced that they would sponsor a bill to divert \$10 million of state budget surplus to help fund a \$5.7 billion border wall that President Donald Trump is seeking to build.

While the border wall funding is part of a budget impasse that has led to an extended partial federal government shutdown, the delegates’ proposal to donate state funds to the wall mimics legislation introduced in Montana and South Dakota, the Associated Press reported.

While ostensibly an attempt to win favor from Trump supporters in the state, the delegates’ proposal generated a storm of blowback on social media and talk radio, with the consensus being that the \$10 million could be better spent on pressing needs in West Virginia.

The week was also marked by blowback after Sen. Richard Ojeda, D-Logan, resigned from the Senate, effective Monday, to pursue fulltime a presidential run in 2020, then objected when Gov. Jim Justice appointed a longtime legislative lobbyist to fill the vacancy.

“Do I hate the fact the governor appointed somebody in my seat who is a lobbyist who works for the governor? I think that’s absolutely horrible,” said Ojeda, who told the Gazette-Mail he had asked whether it would be possible to rescind his resignation.

His replacement, Paul Hardesty, had been a longtime lobbyist, with a long list of clients including the James C. Justice companies, and The Greenbrier resort, owned by the governor.

Hardesty, who canceled his state Ethics Commission registration as a lobbyist on Thursday, was sworn in as a senator on Friday. Hardesty also resigned as a member of the Logan County Board of Education.

Justice made the appointment within hours of receiving a list of three nominees from the 7th Senatorial District Democratic Executive Committee.

Other nominees were former Sen. Art Kirkendoll, whom Ojeda defeated in the 2016 primary election, and former longtime Delegate Harry Keith White, D-Mingo, who did not run for re-election in 2016, after serving 11 terms in the House.

Also during the first full week of the 60-day legislative session:

The Senate Judiciary Committee advanced without debate or opposition a bill to repeal restrictions against having firearms in vehicles on the state Capitol complex grounds (SB18), but debated at length whether to authorize a state-issued “Choose Life” license plate (SB92).

Similar to legislation passed last year allowing firearms to be stored in vehicles on private property, regardless of any restrictions the property owner might oppose, the bill would allow firearms in vehicles on the state Capitol grounds, so long as the vehicles are locked and the weapons are out of view.

Conversely, there was considerable debate over legislation to authorize a specialty license plate that its sponsor, Sen. Patricia Rucker, R-Jefferson, said is ostensibly intended to promote adoption.

However, the text of the bill designates that the message on the plate is to be “Choose Life,” which, as Sen. Mike Romano, D-Harrison, pointed out, has political connotations as a catch phrase used by anti-abortion advocates.

“I just think that we don’t want to make West Virginia license plates into a forum for political views,” Romano said, after Rucker rejected his request to change the plate’s message to “Adopt First.”

The bill’s fate is uncertain, after Judiciary Chairman Charlie Trump, R-Morgan, abruptly halted the meeting in mid-debate.

Making the first Supreme Court budget presentation to the Legislature since voters in November overwhelmingly approved the Judicial Budget Oversight Amendment to the state Constitution, giving the Legislature authority to set the court’s budget, Chief Justice Beth Walker pledged a new era of transparency and cooperation from the high court.

“There are five justices now on the Supreme Court of Appeals who are working as a team,” she told the Senate Finance Committee. “We’re dedicated to working with you, working to regain your trust, working to regain the public’s trust.”

Walker’s presentation of the court’s \$131.15 million budget proposal for 2019-20 comes after a tumultuous year for the Supreme Court that saw two justices convicted in federal court, and four justices impeached by the House of Delegates.

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has caused delays and frustrations in the system.

Also, the Department of Health and Human Resources would be required to change its rules regulating foster children in a way that would allow parents to treat foster children the same as they would treat their natural children. This would ensure foster children are able to travel and participate in the same activities that other siblings in the family can enjoy.

The bill is currently awaiting further consideration by the House Health and Judiciary committees before it will move to the full House for a vote.

Meanwhile, delegates on Wednesday began their initial review of House Bill 2005, the Broadband Expansion Act of 2019. The bill builds upon earlier legislation passed in 2017 and 2018 to help promote the development and expansion of broadband internet and wireless networks across the state.

“Broadband infrastructure is as vital and transformative to our economy today as the interstate highway system was in the 20th century,” said House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay. “Creating an adequate broadband system in our state is essential to provide quality education and health care systems and a vibrant economy.”

The bill features several reforms designed to reduce capital costs for building out a broadband network, including allowing wireless providers to use existing rights-of-way and utility poles to place next generation wireless and broadband network equipment throughout the state.

It also changes how newly installed broadband equipment is valued for property tax purposes, giving carriers an incentive to invest more in infrastructure across the state.

Delegate Daniel Linville, R-Cabell, the lead sponsor of the bill, said AT&T has already committed to investing \$50 million in the latest wireless internet technology in the state should the bill pass, and said that could lead other wireless carriers to do the same.

“Together, and with every interested party involved, we are working to unleash the entrepreneurial spirit and further the imagination,” Delegate Linville said. “The creativity of our citizens is limitless. In bipartisan fashion, we will work together to give West Virginians the access they deserve and make this an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.”

The bill unanimously passed out of the House Committee on Technology and Infrastructure on Wednesday; the House Judiciary Committee approved the bill on Friday. The bill will now move to the full House for a debate and vote this week.



January 19, 1949

Births at Veach’s Clinic included: Mr. and Mrs. B. Grant Roby Jr. of Petersburg, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whetzel of Upper Tract, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Burl Barb of Moorefield, a daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sions of Moorefield, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Thornton Schell celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary at their home in Medley, Jan. 9.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark Kittleberger of Philadelphia announced the birth of a son, in a Philadelphia hospital.

A Bayard resident, Nelson Renn, discovered the frozen body of Eston Carr, 9, of Tucker County, ending a grim six-day search for the last of three boys lost in the Tucker County mountains in the Beaver Creek section. The body of his brother, Robert Carr, 7, was found earlier and John Helmick, 16, was found alive but nearly frozen. Search was hampered by thick fog and rough terrain. The boys had been traveling from the Helmick home to the Carr home when they became lost.

January 21, 1959

Maryland State Police obtained warrants against three men, charging them with burglary in a wave of thefts from area schools, one of which was Maysville Consolidated School. Other area schools that were burglarized were Oldtown, Ridgeley, Romney, Franklin, Paw Paw and Fort Ashby.

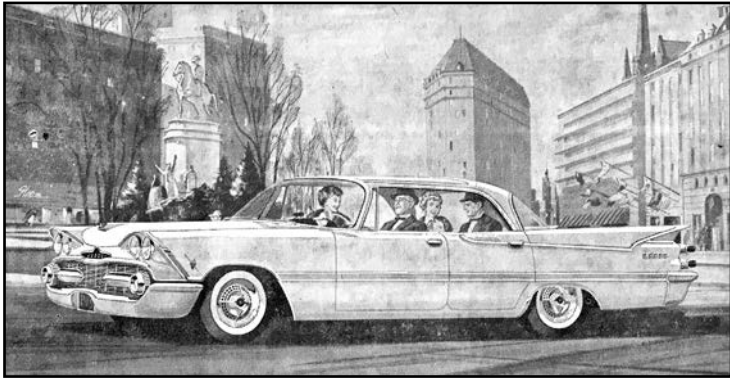
Four county men, James E. Miller and Christopher Scripp, both of Bayard, Donald L. Kuykendall of Petersburg and Charles E. Graham of Cabins, left for Fairmont for induction into the Armed Forces.

Grant Memorial Hospital births included: Mr. and Mrs. Otha Vandevander of Riverton,

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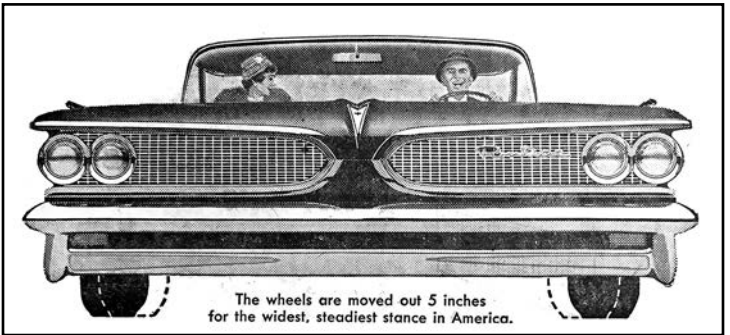
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1959 Wide-Track Pontiac Bonneville sold by Petersburg Motor Co. which featured wonder-touch power steering.

a daughter, Jan. 12; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clark of Maysville, a son, Jan. 14; and Mr. and Mrs. Frances Dorsey of Petersburg, a son, Jan. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Veach of Keyser announced the birth of a daughter, at Memorial Hospital, Cumberland, Md.

January 22, 1969

Peggy Hardy was named stu-

dent of the month at Petersburg High School.

Stony River Builders of Mount Storm was the only bidder for the construction of an addition at the Grant County Courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Berg of Maysville announced the engagement of their daughter, Juanita Mae, to Lester George Kuykendall, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Foreign aid ... adjust and repair



By

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Between 1948 and 2011 the United States gave Egypt \$71.6 billion in bilateral military and economic aid.

Our Senate last August passed a new bill that will give \$38 billion in military aid to Israel over the next 10 years.

For decades we have averaged giving Israel about \$3 billion a year.

We gave Afghanistan almost \$5 billion in 2017. Jordan received over \$1 billion in aid the same year. We give money to almost everybody it seems. The list is long but includes the West Bank/Gaza, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Malawi, Uganda, South Africa, Nigeria, Russia, Iraq, Tanzania, Mexico, Congo, Haiti, Lebanon, Somalia, Zambia, Sudan, Syria and this is not everybody.

The money we give out to other nations normally falls in one of two categories.

We help other nations with economic aid or security aid. For example, we will give Afghanistan approximately \$650 million in economic aid but then we will also provide \$5 billion in security aid. We give Jordan \$635,800,000 in economic aid and Syria about \$540 million. Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Nigeria will all receive over \$400 million each in economic aid. Iraq, Israel, Afghanistan, Egypt, Syria and Jordan will receive about \$11 billion all together in security aid for one year of security.

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home. Residents also need to make sure they have working smoke detectors too, and are aware of potential hazards and have a plan for exiting the house in case of fire.

Tragedies will still occur, but the number of such incidents could be reduced if the issue is taken to heart by everyone who can affect change.

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

On the state attorney general asking legislators to move the jurisdiction of the Medicaid Fraud Unit to his office

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey may have the right idea in asking lawmakers to transfer jurisdiction of the state’s Medicaid Fraud Unit to his office.

Right now, the state’s Department of Health and Human Resources oversees the unit. Morrissey argues his office can do a better job, and spend less money - which means saving taxpayers money.

According to the Government Accountability Office, total improper Medicaid payments cost the U.S. nearly \$29 billion in 2015. And, of course, the percentage of West Virginians reliant on Medicaid - 29 percent - is the highest in the nation. More than 564,000 Mountain State residents working through the system every year

Our landscape has dramatically changed in America. Internationals are filling up our communities and some towns are almost unrecognizable. We must secure our nation. If we can spend \$50 billion a year on foreign aid, then surely our Congress can set aside one or two billion a year for the next few years to secure our southern border. Building a border wall will take some time.

Our federal government should also give some money to Ohio to fix I-71 between Cincinnati and Columbus. Every time I drive that road I need a front end alignment on my car. Sadly, too many roads and bridges in America are in need of repair.

Water is a critical problem in America. From Southwest Florida, to Flint, Mich., Pittsburgh, Brady, Texas and Martin County, Ky. bad drinking water is a constant topic of conversation. The problem is these and many more communities need millions and millions of dollars to replace old leaky water pipes that are often 50 years old and are sadly connected to highly polluted water sources.

I am not opposed to helping others. My question is can we please take a few years and repair America? We must fix our roads, build the southern border wall and take care of some of our problems at home. The answer is we can and we must.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is the author of 12 books. His syndicated column is read in all 50 states.

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leaves plenty of room for fraud.

But Morrissey’s office has a good track record with this sort of thing. Working with the Social Security Administration and the state’s Disability Determination Section, the office has saved the state \$13 million through Social Security benefit fraud detection alone since 2015.

“We really are one of the principal offices in this state that goes after fraud,” Morrissey told the state Senate Finance Committee earlier.

Lawmakers should consider the change. If it saves taxpayer money and takes another step toward ridding the Mountain State of the fraud and waste that has been aided and abetted by the bureaucracy for so long, it is a no-brainer.

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Local and area obituaries

MARY ALICE HEDRICK

Mary Alice Hedrick, 89, of Petersburg, died Jan. 16, at the Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center, Petersburg.

Born on May 29, 1929, in Petersburg, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Ray Crites and Goldie Deerfield (Freed) Crites. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Hedrick Sr. on Jan. 6, 1991; three brothers, Calvin Crites, Bob Crites and Tom Crites; two sisters, Waneda Rogers and an infant sister, Pauline Crites; two granddaughters, Denise (Barger) Lahman and Stephanie (Hedrick) Bible McCausley and one great-granddaughter.

Ms. Hedrick attended Johnson Run and Petersburg Schools. She retired from the Joan Curtis Sewing Factory in Petersburg. She later worked at the South Branch Valley Liquidators, Petersburg. She was a member of the Petersburg Memorial Church of the Brethren and a former member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary #6454.

She is survived by one son, Raymond "Buck" Hedrick Jr. of Petersburg; three daughters, Shirley Simon of Moorefield, Linda Borror and Mary A. Barger, both of Petersburg; one sister, Beulah McCausley of Winchester, Va.; one brother, Donald Crites of Summersville;



five grandchildren, Teresa Shirk, David Simon, Doug Borror, Matt Borror and Jeanette Cosner; 14 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday afternoon at the Basagic Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg, with Pastor Harold Cullers officiating. Interment was at the South Branch Valley Memorial Gardens, Petersburg.

Memorials may be made to the Petersburg High School FFA Chapter. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

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ALMA LEE HUFFMAN

*When can their glory fade?
O the wild charge they made!
All the world wondered.
Honour the charge they made!
"The Charge of the
Light Brigade"
by Lord Alfred Tennyson*

Alma Lee (Ours) Huffman, 85, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

Born on Sept. 18, 1933, in Petersburg, she was the daughter of the late Carl and Louise (Hepner) Ours. She was also preceded in death by husband, Victor Lane Huffman; sisters Joyce Ours, Barbara Bensenhaver, Patricia VanMeter; and brothers John E. Ours and Richard "Dick" Ours.

Alma spent over 40 years in the Grant County School system, working as a kindergarten aide at Petersburg Elementary and Maysville Elementary. Known to many as "Huffy," she dedicated her life to building lasting connections with each student who came into the classroom. She also taught Sunday school at the First Baptist Church, where she was a member her entire life.

She is survived by one son, Timothy Lane Huffman and wife Kathie of Petersburg; one daughter, Tamma (Huffman) Hanlin of Petersburg; two granddaughters, Kari Hanlin of Bowling Green, Ohio and Jennifer Rush and husband Jeff of Old Fields, W.Va.; three sisters, Ruth Pack of Roanoke, Va., Pam De-



tamore of Petersburg and Wanda Judy of Dorcas, W.Va.; numerous nieces and nephews, and the countless students whose lives she touched.

A celebration of life will be held today (Tuesday), at 1 p.m. at the Petersburg First Baptist Church with Pastor Rick Bergdoll officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Petersburg First Baptist Church, 112 Virginia Ave., Petersburg, WV 26847, St. Jude's Children Hospital or Maysville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), 7 Elementary School Dr., Maysville, WV 26833.

Arrangements are by the Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com.

(1-22-19)

Percy Adolphus Redman Sr., known as "Tomahawk," 84, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019, at E.A. Hawse Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Baker, W.Va.

Born June 25, 1934, in Petersburg, he was the son of the late Percy McGuire Redman and Lillian Rosetta Redman.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Percy Adolphus Redman Jr.; two brothers, Ronald Redman and Kenneth Redman; and one sister, Celestine Redman.

Mr. Redman was a truck driver and retired from Mullenax Trucking, Petersburg.

He is survived by one daughter, Lillian Russel (Redman) Bruce and husband Mark of Keyser, W.Va.; one son, Brian Redman and wife April of Piedmont, W.Va.; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; three sisters, Naomi Redman, Gretchen Bruce and Karen Wright and husband Conway Wright all of Petersburg; three brothers, Leroy Redman of Staunton, Va., Gary Redman Sr. of Petersburg and Ricky Redman Sr. and wife Debra of



Staunton; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Thursday afternoon at the Schaeffer Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg, with Pastor P.J. Landis officiating. Interment followed in Maple Hill Cemetery, Petersburg.

Memorial donations may be made to the Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg, WV 26847. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com. (1-22-19)

IRENE E. RIGGLEMAN

Irene Elizabeth (Iman) Riggelman, 77, of Evans, W.Va. and formerly of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, in Eldercare Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Ripley, W.Va., following a brief illness.

Born Nov. 23, 1941, in Fort Ashby, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late William and Clara (Bosley) Iman. She was also preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Availen A. Riggelman; and two brothers, Bruce Bosley and William Iman Jr.

Mrs. Riggelman was a licensed minister and pastor's wife with the Church of God and Assemblies of God. She was a former clerk for Heck's, a switchboard operator and seamstress in a sewing factory. She was a member of the Evans Church of God.

She is survived by two sons, Andrew A. (Tina) Riggelman of Manson, N.C. and the Rev. Benjamin F. (Barbara) Riggelman of Evans; one daughter, Victoria F. (James) Ferguson of Fort Gay, W.Va.; one brother, Samuel (Frances) Iman of Moorefield, W.Va.; six grandchildren, Ashley, Brittany, Mitchell, Nicholas, Lee, Dustin and Christopher; and two great-grandchildren, Jesse J. and Samuel L.

A prayer service was held at the Evans Church of God Friday evening, officiated by the Rev. Benjamin Riggelman.

Funeral services were Saturday morning at the Schaeffer Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg,

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More than four decades after a tragic fire in Petersburg a family still seeks answers

“I know there is information out there, I know there is someone who can help us get answers... I just know it.”

In March 1973, a tragic fire left a then recent Petersburg High School graduate dead and two other family member severely injured. The fire made the front page of the Press on April 4, mourning the loss of 20 year old Jimmy Price III.

The blaze started early Friday morning and was reported by Jimmy’s older brother, Vaughn, who went to a neighbor for assistance, then returned home and aroused the boys’ mother, Margaret Price. The two then made their escape from the burning house. Unfortunately, flames prevented Vaughn from returning to the house and helping Jimmy, who was later found near the window of the second floor of the dwelling, from where it is believed he had hoped to escape. Both Vaughn and Margaret were later transport-

ed to Grant Memorial Hospital, with the state of Vaughn’s burns leaving him hospitalized for days.

Firefighters who responded to the call reported adequate water supply but by the time 30 to 35 firemen arrived at the scene with two pumpers, flames were coming out of the door. Firemen used smoke ejectors after entering the burning structure with breathing devices.

At the time, the fire was still under investigation and a looming question came to the forefront - how did the fire start?

While the incident was never officially ruled arson, Jimmy’s sister, Donna Price, and multiple other family members, have battled with the mysterious case for more than 40 years.

Decades after the loss of her brother, Donna and her family have continued their search and are now reaching

out to the community for information.

“It would mean so much to my family if this mystery was finally solved,” Donna said. “We are sure the fire was not accidental. We just want to know how the fire started and possibly any information that would solve the mystery. There were many rumors at the time of the fire and for many years afterwards. I even heard of a story about two ladies in Petersburg who were talking about the fire in one of the local hair salons in town.”

At the core of her search, Donna said she is motivated by the love she still holds for her brother and the need to know what really happened all those years ago.

“I miss him so much and often wonder what kind of life he would have had if he lived,” Donna said. “I imagine him getting married and having children. He died so young.”

While most of the Price

family do not live in Grant County any longer, the family is seeking answers from the community that they grew up in.

“My mom and dad, Margaret and James Price, lived in Petersburg and raised all six of their children there,” Donna explained. “When Jimmy died it destroyed my mother. She had several strokes and became very withdrawn and finally died in the Grant County Nursing Home. My dad died in a car crash right on Main Street in Petersburg.”

Donna said that she and her sister, Leslie, are the only two remaining children of the Price family.

“The reason this is so urgent for Leslie and I is that we are both in our 70s and know we don’t have many years



An image that ran in the Grant County Press on April 4, 1973 of the Price home following the fatal fire.

left,” Donna said. “I do not want to pass away before the mystery is solved.”

Anyone who has any information about the 1973 fire can contact Donna at donnaprice@yahoo.com or by telephone at 919-471-4294.

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but by students in the school’s programs.

Crites said the center is always looking for additional community programs that

would not only have a positive impact on the community, but also offer students real-life experience and instill the importance of volunteerism and community giving.

“We welcome anyone calling us and inquiring about

products or services we can offer to give the students more experience,” Crites said. “We are glad to give tours, to talk about what we can offer in our carpentry, electrical, automotive, cosmetology and or other programs.”

Chenoweth echoed Crites words, explaining that one project the carpentry program recently assisted with was to help an older member of the community by resetting blocks on his home.

“No project is too small and

no project is unworthy; it’s all hands on and the more we have for our students to do, the better. They really enjoy getting out in the field and experiencing their trade first-hand. You see them light up when they are given that opportunity. At the

end of the day, for example, our carpentry students would rather get out in the community and help people than make picnic tables to sell. And that goes for all of the programs. We have great students led by great, experienced educators.”

Petersburg Elementary teacher gets creative with flexible seating initiative

One teacher at Petersburg Elementary School is offering a unique opportunity to help students stay active, maintain focus and overall combat the age-old issue of helping students who struggle to sit still during class.

Heather White, a sixth grade teacher at PES has introduced Flexible Seating into a portion of her instruction time. White was inspired by presenter Tal Tall Thompson who encourages the use of wobble stools, balance balls,

bar stools, couches and similar seating options to keep students engaged.

“We are trying to keep the environment safe and comfortable for the students,” White said.

The program has been funded through community donations and has become a part of the students weekly routine.

“We use it primarily on their computer days just because it is more conducive to that activity and they get so

much more done,” White said. “I have done these math units for three different years and this class has gotten the most done as part of this program.”

White also said she has seen a significant decrease in behavior issues.

“It seems to really help with behavior and is something to keep their body moving while they work,” White said.

White explained that students have an option in seating and can choose how they work during each session, with some students enjoying movement seating, such as the wobble stools and the exercise balls, with others preferring the more static seating options. However, the wobble stool has become the class favorite.

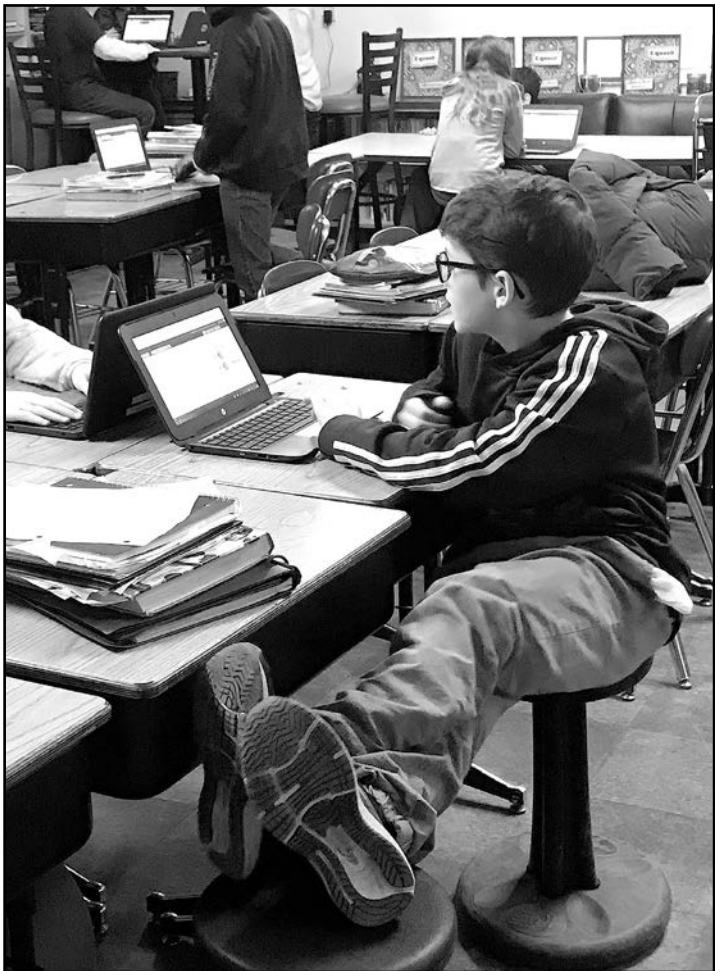
White said she has seen an increase in focus and comfort while doing their work and has made a significant impact on helping students who struggle to sit still during class.

White also said she was moved by the amount of community support for the program. The program has been funded primarily through donations throughout the community, in-

cluding from local businesses as well as individuals.

“I really appreciate what the community has given to this project,” White said. “It has made a difference and I am so appreciative for that. It is just nice that we have a community that does come together like this.”

White mentioned multiple local businesses and citizens who have given to the project, including Yokum’s Paint & Body Works, A.L.L. Construction, Melissa Kitzmiller, Brian and Lisa Vance, Mary Cay and Icky Hyre, Huffman Logging, Barb and George Halterman, RCS Transport LLC plus Anonymous donations.



Commission

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the item.

Also during the meeting, the commissioners discussed Winston’s Bill, a proposal on the state level that would enforce harsher penalties in ani-

mal cruelty cases.

After some discussion, the commission agreed not to send their letter of support without being able to see the actual language used in the bill.

The commission then appointed Corey Moyers to the Development Authority before

paying the county’s bills.

The bills included one to the West Virginia Department of Corrections for \$29,094 to house 29 inmates.

The next Grant County Commission meeting is scheduled for today at 3:30 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse.

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PHS students of the month announced for first semester



PHS PRIDE OF THE VIKINGS students for the month of September were: 7th grade Sara Vance, 8th grade Madison Kirby, 9th grade Thomas Ours, 10th grade Jessica Canoy, 11th grade Tanisha Henry and 12th grade Kayla Hedrick.



PHS PRIDE OF THE VIKINGS students for the month of November were: 7th grade Madelyn Evans, 8th grade John Redman, 9th grade Madison Hawk, 10th grade Jacob Landis, 11th grade Sierra Sites and 12th grade Kaitlyn Kimble.



PHS PRIDE OF THE VIKINGS students for the month of December were: 7th grade Carissa Heavener, 8th grade William VanMeter, 9th grade Jacob Jones, 10th grade Amber Goldizen, 11th grade Levi Huffman and 12th grade Devren Musser.

Petersburg High School in partnership with South Branch Cinema 6 of Moorefield, South Branch Potomac Lanes of Moorefield, and the Old Fields Country Store announce the first semester Pride of the Vikings students for each grade.

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Basketball



Boys' games and results for last week

Jan. 16
PHS vs. Pendleton County
Win - 77 - 57

Jan. 19
PHS vs. Berkeley Springs
Loss - 61 - 57

Season record: 8-4



Girls' games and results for last week

Jan. 15
PHS vs. Philip Barbour
Win - 61-48

Jan. 18
PHS vs. Moorefield
Loss - 49-47

Season record: 7-7



Viking wrestlers travel to Huntington for WSAZ tournament, prepare for Viking SMASH

In one the largest tournaments of the season, the Petersburg High School Viking wrestling team traveled across the state to Huntington this past weekend to participate in the WSAZ Tournament.

The tournament is full of tough competition and skilled athletes from large schools, but Petersburg pulled off a ninth place finish as a team for AA. In total, 69 teams competed in the tournament with the Vikings finishing 22nd overall.

This is an accomplishment for the smaller team who generally give-up several weight places, putting them at a point disadvantage from the start of the event.

Senior Doug Morral finished the weekend in third place in the 220 lb weight class and senior Alec Burgess finished with fifth place in the 195 lb weight class. Another PHS winner, freshman Thomas Ours, finished the weekend with a seventh place finish in the 126 lb weigh class. Competing in the heavyweight position beside some of the toughest competition of the event was senior Nick Crews. Crews competed in the 285 lb weight class.

In total the team traveled with 10 wrestlers.

The event showcased a lot of underclassmen talent for the Vikings, including multiple match wins for PHS sophomores.

Sophomore Ethan VanMeter competed in the 106 lb weight class and went on to wrestle in the second day of the event but fell just short of a placing position. He went 3-2 for the weekend. Another sophomore who made a strong showing was Eli Nazelrodt, who competed in the 113 lb weight class and also went on to wrestle the second day and went 2-2 for the weekend. Sophomores Jacob Landis, went 2-2 for the weekend in the 132 lb weight class and Jacob Cruz-Perez also went

2-2 in the 145 lb weight class. The final sophomore wrestler was Aeden Lott, who wrestled in the 220 lb weight class.

Freshman James Wolford went 1-2 for the weekend in the 138 lb class.

The annual **Viking SMASH**, the PHS home tournament which features the Vikings as well as many other notable wrestling teams throughout the state, will be this weekend.

Wrestling will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday in the recently ren-

ovated PHS gym.

This is largest home event the wrestling team hosts and offers community members who are unable to travel with the team the opportunity to come out and support their local wrestlers, some of which are state championship competitors.



Viking wrestler position winners: Doug Morral, Thomas Ours and Alec Burgess.

Featured athlete: PHS' Casey Watts



This month's Petersburg High School featured athlete is Casey Watts, a four-year basketball veteran who has also made her mark on the PHS volleyball team. Watts, a senior, was the team's leading scorer last year averaging nearly 10 points a game and rebounder, averaging nine rebounds a game. That offensive skill has continued this year and she has proven herself an asset on both sides of the court.

PHS girls' basketball coach Jon Webster, praised Watts' skill and dedication, saying she has proven herself a leader for the younger players.

"She has been a standout athlete due to her work ethic and natural ability, Webster said.

To see Watts and the rest of the PHS team on the court, upcoming matches include a game against East Hardy High School in Baker on Thursday and against Keyser High School in Keyser next Tues-



WVU streak ends with loss at No. 2 Baylor

By: Ashley Bailey
WVU

The West Virginia University women's basketball team's three-game Big 12 win streak came to an end on Sunday with a 79-47 loss to No. 2/3 Baylor at the Ferrell Center in Waco, Texas.

The Mountaineers (12-5, 3-3) shot 30.9 percent from the field in the loss, hitting six 3-pointers while shooting just over 50 percent at the free-throw line.

Redshirt junior guard Tynice Martin hit four 3-pointers on her way to a team-high 18 points. Senior forward Naomi Davenport also finished in double figures, adding 10 points and six rebounds, while freshman guard Madisen Smith added 11 points and five assists.

West Virginia had 13 turnovers to Baylor's eight and was outrebounded 51-28.

A pair of 3-pointers by Martin put the Mountaineers up 6-5 early on. A free throw

by Davenport and a fast-break layup from Smith pushed the WVU advantage to four at 9-5 with just under six to play in the first. Back-to-back Baylor buckets then tied the game at 9-9 before a Martin jumper put WVU on top, 11-9, midway through the first.

A 7-0 Baylor run put the Lady Bears in front, 16-11, with 90 seconds to play in the opening frame. Davenport added a jumper to break the WVU drought, but Baylor added another bucket as the Mountaineers trailed 18-13 heading into the second.

Davenport opened the second quarter with a 3-pointer to cut the WVU deficit to three at 18-16. The Lady Bears responded with a trey of their own that started a 7-0 scoring run, putting Baylor ahead 25-16 three minutes into play. Smith hit a jumper to stop the streak, but the Lady Bears countered by scoring 12 straight as the Mountaineers

found themselves down 20 at 38-18 with just under three to play in the half.

Martin added a jumper, as did Davenport, but it wasn't enough to stop the bleeding as the Mountaineers trailed 45-22 at the half.

Davenport again started the scoring with a jumper in the third, but Baylor followed with an 8-0 run for a 53-24 lead with 6:35 to play in the frame. Back-to-back treys from Martin and junior guard Lucky Rudd cut into the deficit, while Smith added another fast-break layup. Rudd got the bucket and the foul, sinking the free throw to cut Baylor's lead to 18 as WVU trailed 53-35 midway through the quarter.

Smith added yet another layup on the fast break, but Baylor countered with a jumper. Neither team scored across the final 2:25 of the quarter as West Virginia trailed 59-37

through three quarters of play.

The Lady Bears picked up a pair at the free-throw line and added a layup to start the fourth. Freshman forward Kari Niblack hit the free-throw line and came away with a point, which was followed by a 3-pointer from Martin as WVU trailed 63-41 two minutes into the final stanza.

Martin added a layup, but the Mountaineers wouldn't hit another shot from the field. They went 4-of-8 from the free-throw line to close out the game as Baylor scored eight more to claim the 79-47 victory.

Kalani Brown had a team-high 17 points for the Lady Bears, who move to 15-1 overall and 5-0 in league play.

West Virginia returns home to welcome Texas Tech to Morgantown on Wednesday. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. at the WVU Coliseum with the game to air on AT&T SportsNet Pittsburgh and FSN.

Men's basketball takes 5-0 C-USA record into road contest at Western Kentucky University

By: E.A. Diddle
Marshall University

Marshall men's basketball looked to stay perfect as it prepared for a road game at Western Kentucky on Monday (Jan. 21). The game was broadcasted on CBS Sports Network.

HAVE YOU HERD
Jon Elmore now has 288 3-pointers, which is five behind Austin Loop for the Marshall school record.

C.J. Burks is coming off a pair of 30-point games against FAU and FIU.

Since entering the starting lineup, Taevion Kinsey is averaging a team-high 6.8 rebounds and is third in points with 15.2.

Elmore needs 10 assists to reach 702 for his career and pass Greg White for most in program history.

Marshall extended its win

streak against Conference USA competition to nine games with the 105-97 victory on Saturday over FIU.

The Herd has won 30 consecutive games when leading at the half.

Saturday's game against FIU saw Marshall have five players in double-figure scoring for the second time this season.

SCOUTING THE HILLTOPPERS

Western Kentucky went into the Jan. 20 meeting with a 9-9 record and a comeback victory on Saturday against FAU.

The Hilltoppers defeated two top-25 teams this season, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

WKU averages 72.6 points per game, while giving up 71.7 to its opponents.

The Hilltoppers out rebound their opponents by two

boards per contest, and hold opponents to 35.0 percent shooting from beyond the arc.

WKU is second in the conference in shooting percentage from the field at 46.3 percent.

WHO TO KNOW

Taveion Hollingsworth leads the Hilltoppers with 16.2 points per game and is tied in average minutes played at 36.5. He has also taken (231) and made (104) the most shots on the team and is second on WKU with 48 assists.

Charles Bassey averages 14.1 points per game for the Hilltoppers and has a conference leading 45 blocked shots. He leads the team in rebounds with 161. Bassey has won four C-USA Freshman of the Week awards and is projected as a lottery pick in the 2019 NBA

Draft is he chooses to leave school.

Jared Savage is third on WKU in points with 13.4 per game and is the team's leading three-point shooter at 47.5 percent from beyond the arc. He also leads the Hilltoppers in free-throw percentage at 87.3.

SERIES HISTORY

Western Kentucky owns the all-time series 15-12 with Marshall taking the last two meetings, including one on Jan. 12 at the Henderson Center this season.



PHS junior varsity basketball team

The Petersburg High School junior varsity basketball team competed last week prior to the Pendleton County and Petersburg varsity Viking game.

The team beat the Pendleton County junior varsity team 50-45, setting up the varsity team on a strong note to pick up another win for the Vikings.



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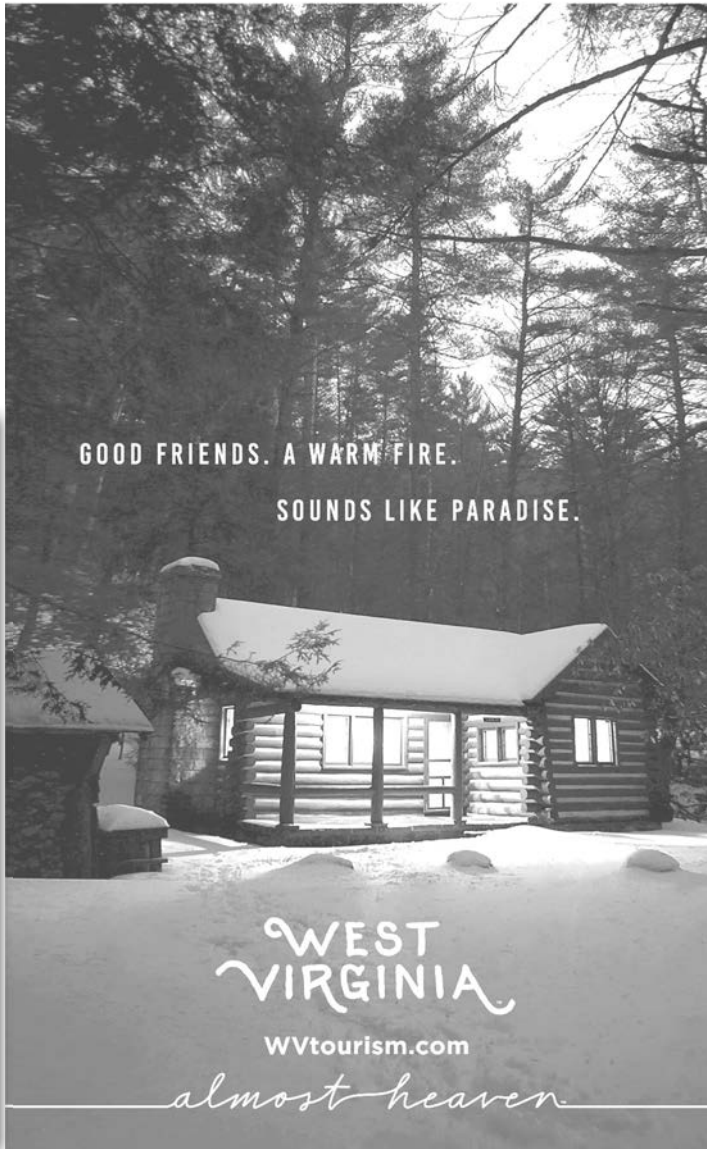
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Statewide trout stocking underway for 2019 season in West Virginia

West Virginia’s trout stocking season is now underway, giving anglers and their families several opportunities to enjoy this exciting outdoor pastime. During the season, which runs through May 31, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will stock lakes and streams around the state each week.

A list of stocked waters and the frequency of stocking may be found in the new Fishing Regulations Summary, which also lists regulation changes for this year. Copies are now available at license agents, DNR district offices and online at www.wvdnr.gov.

Anglers can call the fishing hotline at 304-558-3399 or visit DNR’s website to find out which streams and lakes have been stocked each day.

Before casting their line, anglers must have a 2019 fishing license, which can be purchased online at www.wvfish.com, by calling the licensing unit at 304-558-2758 or at license agents around the state.

Beginning in March, the stocking schedule will shift to Tuesday through Saturday, said DNR Fisheries Supervisor Jim Hedrick. Currently, the stocking schedule is Monday through

Friday.

“The Saturday stockings we tried during last year’s Gold Rush were very popular, so we’re going to do it again with regular stockings once the weather warms up,” Hedrick said. “Some of the Saturday stockings will be announced in advance, and we think this will encourage more people to get outside to fish.”

Hedrick says the Gold Rush will return April 1-6. During that week, DNR will stock only golden rainbow trout in 55 lakes and streams across the state, including 12 state parks. To ensure

families have plenty of opportunities to participate in the event, DNR is planning a big release on Saturday, April 6, which is the last day of the event. More details about Gold Rush can be found at www.wvgoldrush.com.

Anglers are encouraged to access DNR’s online interactive map which provides valuable information about fishing adventures in the Mountain State. The map contains information about which streams and lakes are stocked, special fishing regulation areas and driving directions to those waters. The interactive map has been upgraded

to include information about lake depths, real-time stream flows and allows for maps to be downloaded for offline use or for printing.

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Former PHS wrestler making waves in collegiate career

WLU mat squad picks up three dual wins

By: West Liberty University

The West Liberty University wrestling team rolled to three lopsided wins here Saturday as Coach Mitch Smith’s Hilltoppers dominated a quadrangular hosted by Penn State-Behrend.

After being credited with a 54-3 win against Alfred State, WLU handed Washington & Jefferson a 43-7 setback before closing out the afternoon with a 40-6 romp past the host Lions.

The Alfred State match was a brief affair as the New York squad forfeited nine of the 10 weight classes, pulling out a decision at 285 in the only bout that actually hit the mat.

Several Hilltopper grapplers impressed in the wins against Washington & Jefferson and Penn State-Behrend.

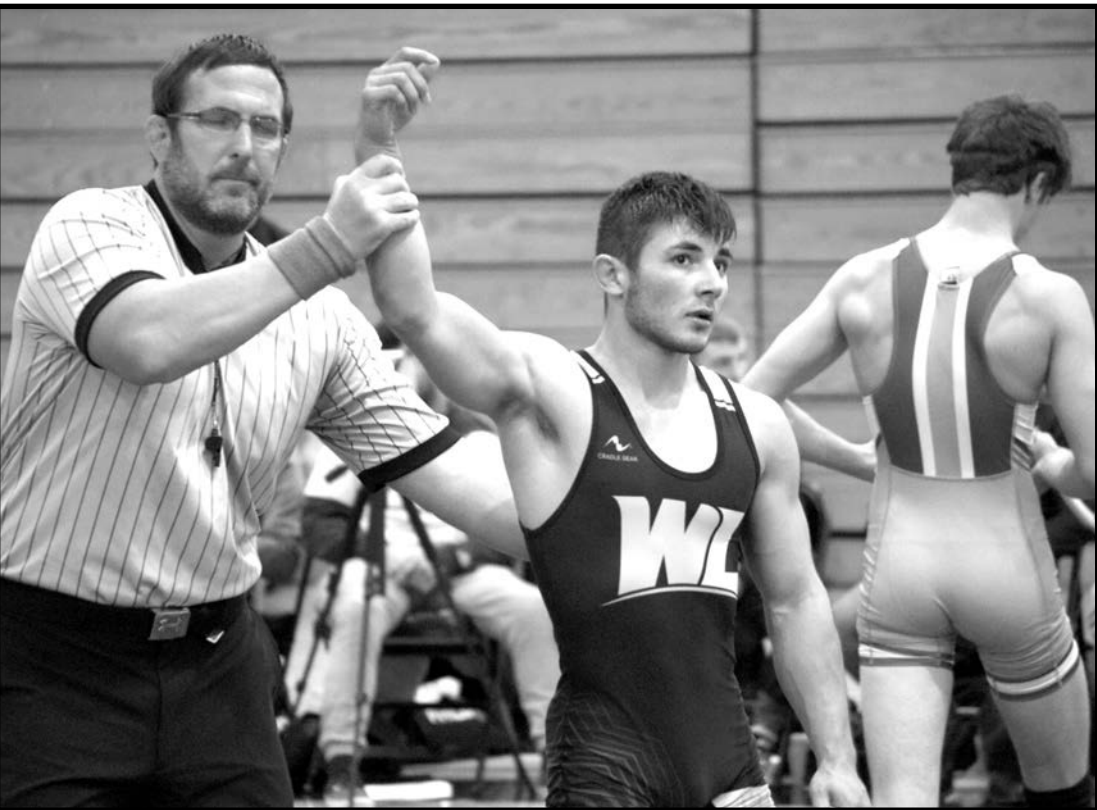
DeAndre Reed won both of his 141-pound matches with first-period falls, stopping W&J’s Mike Nagy at 2:27 of their bout and scoring a 17-second flash pin against the hosts’ Seth Cowan.

Corey Secrist (125) and Josh Cornell (157) each collected a fall and a major decision while Chance Morgan contributed a pair of wins by technical fall and decision.

Steven Slack (133) and Austin Loew (197) also had pins during the Washington & Jefferson match while 149-pounder Miles Mazik added a technical fall against PSU-Behrend.

The Hilltoppers return home to host nationally-ranked Notre Dame (Ohio) on Friday. First match is set for 6 p.m. at the ASRC.

WRESTLING
West Liberty 54, Alfred State 3
125: Corey Secrist (WL) won by forfeit
133: Steven Slack (WL) won



Corey Secrist

photo from hilltoppersports.com

	by forfeit	Mike Nagy, 2:27	
141: DeAndre Reed (WL) won	by forfeit	149: Micheal Heinl (WJ) d.	
	by forfeit	Miles Mazik, 12-10	
149: Miles Mazik (WL) won	by forfeit	157: Josh Cornell (WLU) p.	
	by forfeit	Zach Schrott, 2:20	
157: Josh Cornell (WL) won	by forfeit	165: Jared Walker (WJ) md.	
	by forfeit	Owen Zeiders, 19-8	
165: Owen Zeiders (WL) won	by forfeit	174: Chance Morgan (WLU) d.	
	by forfeit	Alex Miller, 8-3	
174: Chance Morgan (WL) won	by forfeit	184: Isaiah Myers (WLU) md.	
	by forfeit	Marty Schulik, n/a	
184: Isaiah Myers (WL) won	by forfeit	197: Austin Loew (WLU) p.	
	by forfeit	Will Kitsch, :33	
197: Austin Loew (WL) won	by forfeit	285: Francesco Borsellino (WLU) p.	
	by forfeit	Jake Walker, 1:52	
285: Kyle Fitzgerald (ASC) d.	Ronnie D’Amico		
		West Liberty 40, Penn State-Behrend 6	
West Liberty 43, Washington & Jefferson 7		125: Corey Secrist (WL) md.	
		Michael Binni (PSB), 12-1	
125: Corey Secrist (WLU) p.	Manny Dovshek, 5:58	133: Steven Slack (WL) won	
		by forfeit (10-0)	
133: Steven Slack (WLU) p.	Daniel Florentino, 7:21	141: DeAndre Reed (WL) p.	
		Seth Cowan (PSB), :17	
141: DeAndre Reed (WLU) p.		149: Miles Mazik (WL) tf.	

Willis 258, Alec Hendrickson 255, Richie Burgess 254.

High series (Scratch): Larry Walp 691, Eddie Baldwin 644, Richie Burgess 638, Troy McGreevy 621, Logan Willis 598; (Handicap): Larry Walp 706, Richie Burgess and Eddie Baldwin 701, Logan Willis 700, Chris Kesner 681.

High average: Larry Walp 195.30, Larry Ware 190.39, Troy McGreevy 189.09, Bradley Vetter 183.50, Gary Leatherman 180.36. 1/10

SBVW
High game: Linda Fletcher, 192, Kay Leslie and DeeAnna McDonald, 190 and Kathy Vance, 171.
High series: DeeAnna McDonald, 500, Kay Leslie, 479 and Kathy Vance, 463.
High average: DeeAnna McDonald, 162, Tracy Wood, 154 and Kay Leslie, 148. 1/7

Thursday Night Men’s League
Team standings: Vetter’s Mini Mart 52 – 24, Golden Lanes 50 – 26, Pepsi Cola 48.5 – 27.5, Country Cars & Trucks 41 – 35, Builders Center 37 – 39, Reed Insurance 32.5 – 43.5, J & K Pest Control 30 – 46.
High game (Scratch): Larry Walp 255, Eddie Baldwin 244, Richie Burgess 233, Josh Arbaugh and Alec Hendrickson 226; (Handicap): Eddie Baldwin 263, Larry Walp 260, Logan



Golden Lanes bowling news

Odd Couples Mixed League

Team standings: Vetter’s Guns & Ammo 51 – 21, Misfits 46.5 – 25.5, The Gutter Gang 42.5 – 29.5, Pepsi Kids 42.5 – 29.5, Terminators 41.5 – 30.5, Strike Force 38 – 34, WELD 34 – 38, Traitors 31 – 41, Yokum’s 27 – 45.

Men’s high game (Scratch): Jerry Propst 223, Richie Burgess 213, Bill Kenyon 213; (Handicap): Jerry Propst 266, Bill Kenyon 242, Richie Burgess 232.

Men’s high series (Scratch): Larry Ware 560, Roger Earle 551, Kevin McDonald 549; (Handicap): Kevin McDonald 657, Roger Earle 635, Donald Burgess 634.

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN):
Larry Ware 189.57, Larry Walp 188.20, Troy McGreevy 187.63.

Women’s high game (Scratch): Dee Anna McDonald 216, Sue Earle 195, Rosie Sampsell 181, (Handicap): Sue

SBVW
High game: Kay Leslie, 177, Tina Bible 172 and Marcie Yokum, 169.
High series: Tracy Wood, 461, DeeAnna McDonald, 451 and Kay Leslie and Sandra Durst, 449.
High average: DeeAnna McDonald, 162, Tracy Wood, 154 and Kay Leslie, 148. 1/14

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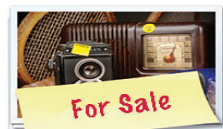
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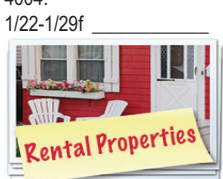
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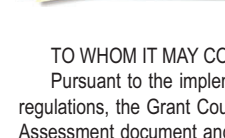
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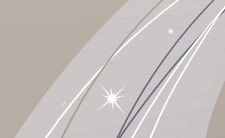
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CASE NO.: 19-A-1 and 19-A-2
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To: Roy Carr and Brandon Foshee and to any and all other unknown fathers of the minor children, Bentley Wayne Smith and Karson Allen

Smith: THE OBJECT OF THIS ACTION WILL BE TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS to the minor children and to approve the adoption of the minor children by Kimberly Paula Blankenship and Edward Eric Blankenship. It appearing that Roy Carr and Brandon Foshee and any and all other unknown fathers addresses are unknown, it is hereby ordered that Roy Carr and Brandon Foshee, and any and all other unknown fathers that believe that they may be the father of the minor children, shall serve upon Jonie E. Nelson, Attorney At Law, whose address is P.O. Box 458, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847, an answer including any

related counterclaim or defense you may have to the petition filed in this action on or before February 14, 2019. If you fail to do so, at any time thereafter judgment be default, upon proper hearing and trial may be taken against you that will terminate your parental rights. This hearing will take place in the Circuit Court of Grant County, West Virginia, at 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847 on the 15th day of April 2019, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard.
Entered on the 9th day of January, 2019.
ANGELA B. VAN METER
CLERK OF GRANT COUNTY
1/15-1/22

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL CALENDAR
At their next two regularly scheduled meetings the Grant County Board of Education will hear interested parties wishing to discuss the 2019-2020 school calendar. In the interest of time and efficiency, oral statements will be limited to 3 minutes each and may be supplemented with written comments. The meeting information is as follows:

January 22, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.
at the Board's Central Office Conference Room

February 12, 2019 - 5:30 p.m. at

Petersburg High School
1/15-1/22
ACCEPTING BIDS
Grant County Commission is taking sealed bids for 2006 Ford F-250 XLT Super Duty, V-8, automatic, loaded, 202,000 miles, has issues. Please call James Reel at 304-668-5453 for more information.
Send sealed bids to Grant County Parks and Recreation, 5 Highland Ave., Petersburg, WV 26847 or bring to the office by 4 p.m., Friday, February 8, 2019. The County has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
1/22-1/29

PUBLIC NOTICE
State Water Quality Certification, as required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), is being revised by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) for:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Federal Register Vol. 82 No. 4, pg 1860-2008,
announcing new Section 404 Nationwide Permits for West Virginia (Name of Project)
Department of the Army, Huntington District, Corps of Engineers
502 Eighth Street; Huntington, WV 25701-2070 (Name and address of Applicant)

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION: Pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, the State may either certify, certify with conditions, deny, or waive certification that the proposed activity will comply with State law. When issuing certification, the WVDEP may consider the proposed activity's impact on water resources, fish and wildlife, recreation, critical habitats, wetlands and other natural resources under its jurisdiction. Rules regarding West Virginia's 401 Water Quality Certification are contained within 47 CSR 5A.
DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY: On April 13, 2017 WVDEP issued a 401 Water Quality Certification for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Nationwide Permits (NWP), which specified certain standard and special conditions to allow the NWPs to be consistent with the State's water quality standards to authorize the discharge of dredged or fill materials into waters of the State. With this notice, WVDEP is modifying this certification and requesting public comment. The proposed modifications subject to this notice replace the proposed modifications to this certification that were previously noticed for public comment on August 9, 2018. The modifications being made are as follows: Standard Condition 22 is being added to allow the waiver of any Standard or Special Conditions of 401 Water Quality Certifications applicable to Nationwide Permits. Nationwide Permit 12 Special Condition A is being amended to reserve WVDEP's right to require an individual water quality certification for facilities or impacts applicable under Special Condition A. Nationwide Permit 12 Special Condition C is being amended to clarify that wet or open-cut stream crossing methods must be completed within 72 hours, and that stream crossings using dry ditch methods are exempt from the 72-hour requirement. Construction and access bridges and crossings on Section 10 rivers are also exempt from the 72-hour requirement. Finally, Nationwide Permit 12 Special Condition L is being amended to clarify that only permanent structures are prohibited from preventing fish movements upstream or downstream.
PROJECT LOCATION: Nationwide permits are available for use statewide.
INFORMATION AVAILABLE: To view the proposed WQC special and standard conditions, please visit: <https://dep.wv.gov/WWE/Programs/Pages/401Certification.aspx>
COMMENTS: Any interested person may submit written comments on the Nationwide Permits WQC special and standard conditions by addressing such to Nancy Dickson of the 401 Water Quality Certification Program during the comment period, which begins with this notice and ends on March 4, 2019. Comments or requests should be emailed to: WQSComments@wv.gov or by mail addressed to:
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION / TO CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES
Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Grant County Clerk's Office at 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3.
Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.
Publication Date: January 22, 2019
Claim Deadline Date: March 23, 2019

ESTATE NUMBER:	6313
ESTATE NAME:	Oneita O. Haslacker
EXECUTRIX:	Pamela A. Bennett 94 Bennett Drive Maysville, WV 26833
ESTATE NUMBER:	6316
ESTATE NAME:	Charles Albert Overton Jr.
ADMINISTRATRIX:	Trudy Gaither P.O. Box 249 Bayard, WV 26707
ESTATE NUMBER:	6324
ESTATE NAME:	Burlin Shirk
ADMINISTRATRIX:	Belinda Shirk 2889 Smoke Hole Road Cabins, WV 26855
ESTATE NUMBER:	6319
ESTATE NAME:	Ruby Sites
EXECUTOR:	Boyd Sites 20 Ours Street Petersburg, WV 26847
ATTORNEY:	Duke A. McDaniel P.O. Box 417 Petersburg, WV 26847

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 17th day of January, 2019
Seymour V. Fisher,
Clerk of the Grant County Commission
1/22-1/29

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Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the surface mining application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until February 28, 2019, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until February 28, 2019, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP regional office located at the address above AND in the Grant County Clerk's Office during normal business hours.
DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219

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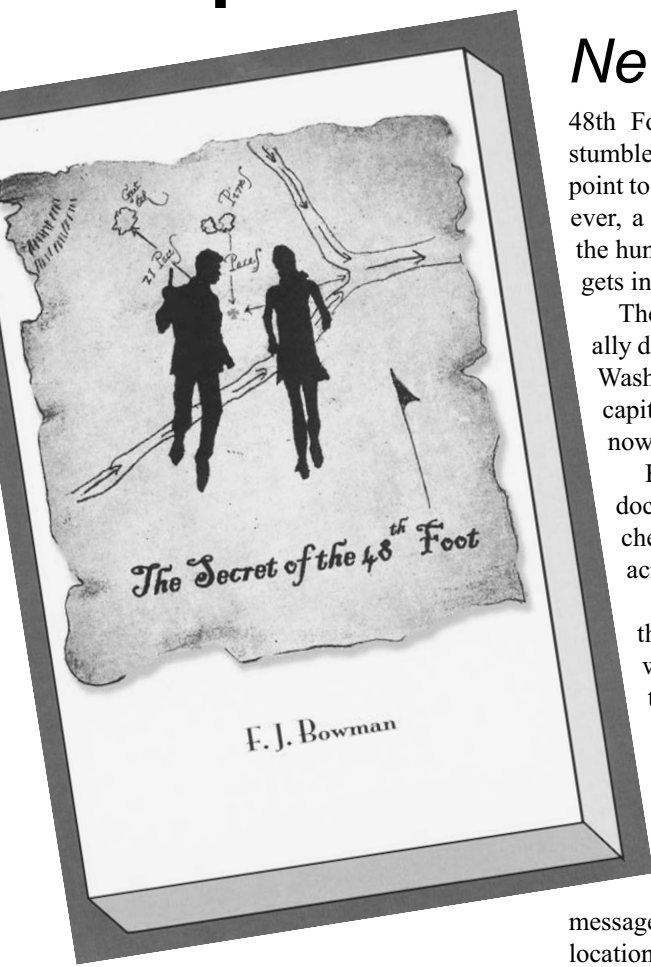
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WVU professor's novel seeks answers to historical mystery

New release by Petersburg native, Forest "Jack" Bowman



Retired West Virginia University law professor and Petersburg native Forest "Jack" Bowman has published a novel of intrigue and suspense set in West Virginia and based on the hunt for the chest of gold and silver coins that General Edward Braddock intended to use to pay his troops after they captured Fort Duquesne in the French and Indian War, but which was lost following the ambush and defeat of Braddock's army south of Pittsburgh on July 9, 1755.

In Bowman's novel, titled "The Secret of the

48th Foot," two modern-day WVU professors stumble into coded messages that purportedly point to the location of the missing treasure. However, a band of fanatical militiamen are also on the hunt, and have threatened to kill anyone who gets in their way.

The money chest featured in the novel actually did exist. Braddock's Colonial aide, George Washington, carried the chest from Virginia's capital in Williamsburg to Fort Cumberland, now Cumberland, Md.

But the chest disappeared following Braddock's defeat. The French didn't find the chest (they would have crowed about it all across Europe if they had).

English archives very clearly reveal that the money chest was never recovered. So what happened to the money? The characters in Bowman's novel are after the answer to that very question.

Careening between Morgantown, Charleston and points in between, as well as into the mountains of western Maryland and eastern West Virginia, the story is full of struggles to break coded messages and 250-year-old hints to the treasure's location while fashioning bold and gutsy escapes and experiencing narrow misses.

"The Secret of the 48th Foot" is available in paperback at Amazon.com, BarnesNoble.com and other fine booksellers. It is also available as Amazon Kindle, Barnes and Noble Nook and Apple iTunes (iPad) Ebooks.

The back cover lures you into reading the story and promises a good read.

"What if you knew of the existence of a chest of gold and silver coins from the French and Indian War and had some inside knowledge of where it might be found?

"But what if you were also aware that a nasty band of cutthroat militiamen were deep into the hunt for the treasure as well - and that they had threatened to kill anyone who got in their way?"

"That's where Ben Tourini and Julia Parker, professors at West Virginia University and former lovers, find themselves after a cryptic letter from one of Julia's students shows up in the mail two

days after the student was murdered."

In a letter to the Press from Bowman, he states, "I suspect many of my friends and relatives in Grant County will be interested. Incidentally, the novel ends within 'spitting distance' of Grant County's border and some of its more exciting developments take place in the county."

EWCTC opens 10th anniversary art contest to area residents

It has been 10 years since Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College began serving students in Mineral, Hardy, Hampshire, Grant, Pendleton and Tucker counties. Through personal attention and individual educational support, Eastern has been afforded the opportunity to assist both degree and non-degree-seeking students in attaining their career goals.

To celebrate and honor Eastern's decade of degrees and certificates, the college invites students and residents of its six-county service area to submit their ideas and artwork for the 2019 commencement program cover.

The 2019 Commencement Cover Art Contest winner will have their artwork featured this spring, receive a brief bio on the program's cover and a prize package of Eastern gear. Sub-

missions will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Friday, March 1.

Eligible participants are invited to submit their original graphic art, photography, painting or drawing to Lacey Koontz, lacey.koontz@easternwv.edu.

Artwork must have a maximum resolution of 72dpi, maximum width of 1200 pixels and maximum height of 900 pixels. Files should not exceed 1mb and can be submitted in JPG, GIF or PNG formats.

Images should be saved as: FirstName_LastName_Program_Year, include the entrant's name, address, email address, phone number and school information, if applicable, and only one submission is allowed per participant.

Winners will be chosen based on originality, creativity and overall quality by Eastern's faculty, staff, students and the community. The winner will be

notified by email on March 22 and the winning entry will be posted on the Commencement Program Design Contest webpage and Eastern's Facebook page.

Eastern provides equal opportunities to all prospective and current members of the student body, faculty, and staff on the basis of individual qualifications and merit without regard to race, color, sex, religion, age, handicap, national origin, veteran status or sexual orientation. However, images deemed offensive will be disqualified and Eastern reserves the right to void entries it deems to have been associated with electronic or non-electronic tampering.

For additional information and a complete list of requirements, visit easternwv.edu/current-students/design-cover-contest.

Discover Potomac State Day set for Feb. 18

If you're thinking about your college journey, or just want some information about the college experience, then you'll want to attend West Virginia University Potomac State College's upcoming Discover Potomac State Day event being held on Monday, Feb. 18.

Individuals attending a Discover Potomac State Day event are encouraged to ask questions of helpful faculty and staff, chat with current students, tour the campus, and find their niche while getting a glimpse of college life on WVU's Keyser campus, located in the scenic Potomac Highlands of West Virginia.

According to Beth Little, dean of Enrollment Management and University Relations, "Education past high school is more important in today's economy than ever before. Discover Potomac State Day allows potential students and their families to explore the possibilities that WVU's campus in Keyser offers."

The day will kick off with registration and refreshments from 9-9:30 a.m. in the Church-McKee Arts Center. The program begins at 9:30 a.m. with a welcome from the president. Students and parents then move onto a Discovery Fair and Information Stations which are located around campus and include: the Academic Success Center, library services, classroom demonstrations, and recre-

ational center activities, among others.

Participants will learn more about our academic majors, student life activities including athletics, clubs, and more, as well as enjoy a complimentary lunch in the cafeteria. Optional tours of agriculture facilities and traditional residence halls will also be available.

Application reviews along with on-the-spot admission decisions will be made, so visitors are encouraged to bring their high school or college transcripts with them. Participating students who have already applied for admission and those students who apply during the event will be entered into a \$500 tuition scholarship drawing.

Additionally, all student participants will have the opportunity to win a \$500 book scholarship.

No matter where you are in your college exploration process, Potomac State will help you explore your options and discover your focus.

Although prior registration is not required, advance registration is encouraged by visiting <http://go.wvu.edu/discoverPSC>. For additional information regarding the event, contact the office of enrollment Services at 304.788.6820 or at go2psc@mail.wvu.edu. Potomac State College is part of the WVU System located on the Keyser campus.

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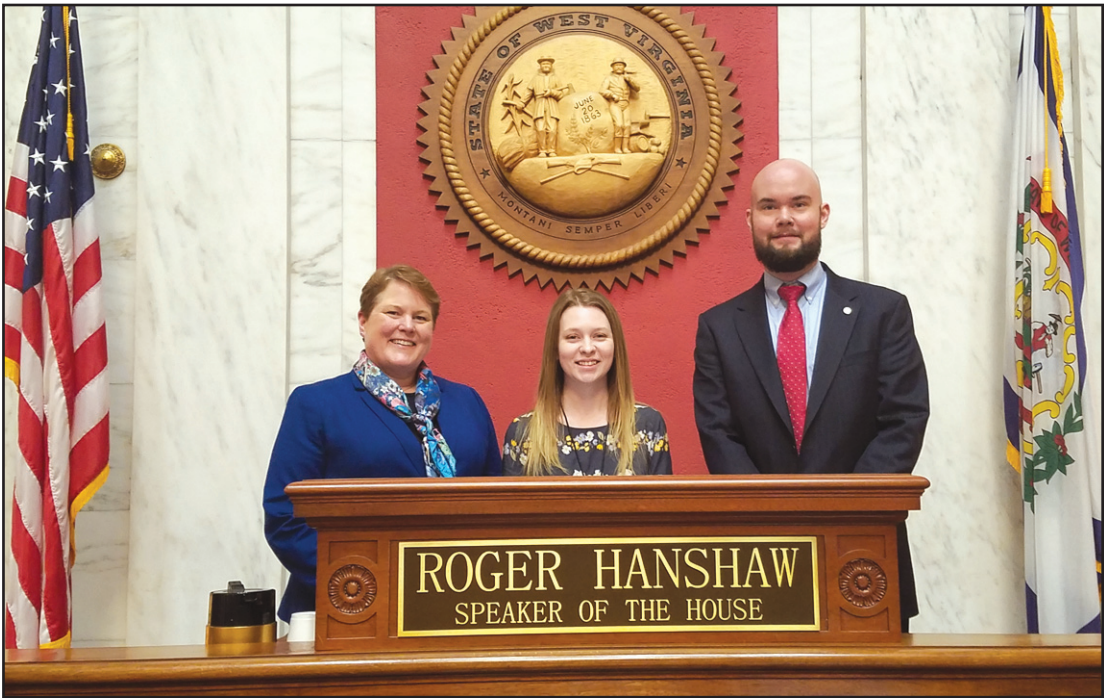
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Olivia Canoy awarded legislative fellowship



Criminal Justice Major Olivia Canoy (center) is pictured at the State Capitol with West Virginia University Potomac State College President Jennifer Orlikoff, and Delegate Danny Hamrick, for whom she will be interning this semester during the WV Legislative session.

Olivia Canoy, a senior criminal justice major at West Virginia University Potomac State College, was recently awarded the prestigious Judith A. Herndon Legislative Fellowship.

Canoy is spending the 2019 spring semester in Charleston, interning for Delegate Danny Hamrick during the West Virginia Legislative session. Only 10 students in the state were chosen to receive the award.

“I’m so thrilled to have been chosen for this esteemed fellowship, and for the privilege of obtaining a front-row learning experience about our legislative system and how it works,” said Canoy.

While interning for Del. Hamrick, Canoy will learn the legislative process and practical applications while developing an understanding of the role and function of legislative committees, constitutional restraints, and constituent services, as well

as executive/legislative liaison and relationships. She will also develop a broad understanding of the budgetary process with an emphasis on the legislative role in budget enactment and oversight functions pertaining to the operation of the executive branch.

Since Del. Hamrick is chair of the House Education Committee, Canoy stated that she’s excited to be researching, drafting and editing upcoming bills being presented by that committee.

“Sitting-in on floor sessions and committee meetings is like watching history being made,” stated Canoy, who will also have the opportunity to work with a specific department during the final month of her internship.

“I’m confident that the knowledge I’ve obtained from my professors at Potomac State has prepared me for this internship and what I’ve accomplished

so far,” acknowledged Canoy.

“From the in-depth classes and availability of my professors, to their support and encouragement when things got tough, I’ve been able to achieve academically and reach goals that I never thought possible.”

The Judith A. Herndon Legislative fellowships are very competitive statewide. After being nominated, applicants must complete an application which is then forwarded to the Legislative Intern Committee.

Only the most outstanding applicants are selected for an interview with the Intern Committee, and only a small number are selected each year.

Canoy is a graduate of Petersburg High School. She is the daughter of Donica Coblenz Canoy of Petersburg and Chadwick and Patsy Canoy and the granddaughter of Chuck and Donna Coblenz of Maysville.

Dorcas news and notes

By Delores Alt Propst
Birthday wishes to Julia Kerns, Jill Smith, Frances Park, Michael Kessel, Jason Redman, Janet Hinkle, Jeff Barger, Kevin Clark and Kenny Kettermann.

Wedding anniversary wishes to Buzz and Janet Hinkle, Lysle III and Becca Sites, Randall and Linda Turner, Vernon and Irene Webster and Steve and Ruth Sites.

HARMANI GOFF TURNS THREE

Harmani Goff, daughter of Valerie and Rusty Goff, turned three years old and was honored with a birthday dinner by her parents.



Harmani Goff

parents for the celebration were Pop Reel, Carolyn Crites, Eddie Reel, Judy Reel, Jonathan McDonald, Dylan Alt, Levi Alt, Laila Spitzer, Graice Goff, Delores Alt Propst, Delphia Reel, Tommy Wratchford and others.

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