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Five face drug distribution charges in federal court

A federal grand jury in Elkins indicted four Petersburg residents and one Moorefield resident on June 18 for distributing fentanyl, heroin, and methamphetamine.

The charges claim the group distributed the drugs throughout the region, including Jefferson, Berkeley, Grant and Hardy counties.

Melanie Lyn Outen, 47, of Petersburg, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute fentanyl, and one count of aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute fentanyl.

Outen is accused of distributing more than 40 grams of fentanyl and a detectable amount of methamphetamine in Jefferson County in April.

Ted Alexander Voss, 29, of Petersburg, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to

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Man's attempt to flee ends in his arrest

Gary Wayne Shanholtz, 46, was charged with possessing methamphetamine and Oxycodone, a schedule II controlled substance.

The charges stem from an incident on June 20, when Grant County Sheriff B.W. Ours and West Virginia State Trooper Rohrbaugh traveled to a residence in Oak Haven Farms subdivision to execute a federal arrest warrant on a resident of the area.

When arriving at the residence, Shanholtz observed the officers and attempted to flee due to having several outstanding state felony warrants.

After conducting a search of the area where he attempted to flee, Shanholtz was located. Also found was a bag containing 15 Oxycodone pills and methamphetamine.



Road damage at the intersection of Keplinger Road and Klines Gap Road.

photo courtesy of Steven Neel of the Petersburg fire department via the grant county oem and 911

High water impacts the region, flooding includes Bayard and Seneca areas

After an estimated seven inches of rain, multiple locations in Grant County saw flooding over the weekend.

One area heavily affected by this was Bayard, where some residents

were evacuated and water rescues were performed. Many Bayard residents were asked to go to the Bayard Fire Station during the flood and the county's Nixle alert system was activated.

"When Nixle activates your cell phone or your landline phone, listen to the message and acknowledge it," advised the Grant County

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Local Belle represents Grant County and continues family tradition

Tomasenia Ours represented Grant County as this year's Belle at the 70th West Virginia Folk Festival last month in Glenville.

Each county is represented by one West Virginian over the age of 70 who characterizes mountain heritage and stands out in her community.

Grant County has participated in the festival since 1976, with Ours being the 55th Belle to represent the area.

Ours comes from a long line of county Belles, with her mother, Nida Brotherton, representing Grant County in 1980 and her two aunts, Valerica Brotherton-Powers and Regina Brotherton-Skeens representing Jackson County in the past.

Ours was elected and sponsored by the Grant County Community Education Outreach Services (CEOS).

A longtime Grant County resident, Ours attended her first three and a half years of school at the one-room school house in Jordan Run before the opening of Maysville Consolidated Elementary School. She is a 1959 graduate of Petersburg High School.

Now retired, she and her husband of 59 years, Hollis Ours, raise Angus beef cattle on their farm in Jordan Run with their cat, Miss Kitty.

She is a member of the Jordan Run Baptist Church and has been a member of CEOS for 44 years and enjoys traveling throughout the

United States.



Tomasenia Ours



Grant County bus drivers Logan Willis, Randall Riggleman and Roger McAvoy with director of transportation Mike VanMeter in front of a Grant County school bus following their recent victory at the West Virginia State Bus Rodeo.

Drivers place in top spot at WV Bus Rodeo

Three Grant County bus drivers, Logan Willis, Randall Riggleman and Roger McAvoy represented Grant County at the annual West Virginia State Bus Rodeo. The event was held in Ranson and was the first time Grant County drivers competed in the event.

The competition encompasses many aspects of student transportation, such as bus safety, including everything from picking up and dropping off students to preparing buses for trips, as well as driving skills, such as parking and backing up.

The Grant County team finished in the top three of

more than 60 competitors from all over the state.

"They did really well for us," said Mike VanMeter, the county's director of transportation. "They represented us really well and we are proud of them."

VanMeter said the competition allows the county to focus on important issues, such as student safety on the bus, and shows the community the talent at work in the school system.

"It is a great thing for drivers to test their skills," VanMeter said. "Our number one concern is our kids."

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Commission talks river work and wind turbines

The ongoing improvements and maintenance to the local levee system was one of the major topics discussed during last week's meeting of the Grant County Commission.

The commission is tasked with the operation and maintenance of the Petersburg Flood Protection System, more commonly referred to as the "flood levees."

Mark Geary of Geary Associates in Petersburg presented multiple updates on the efforts, including information on work being performed by Scott Excavating to remove sediment and rock from the river near the Petersburg Town Park.

Geary said that he has received questions on the work and wanted to ensure the community knew what was being done in the area.

These recent efforts include the removal of sediment and river rock in the South Branch of the Potomac River and immediately upstream of the Petersburg bridge. Grant County began the continual process of conducting maintenance work on the levee system shortly after the construction was completed and, due to excessive amount of rain seen last year, it has become necessary to remove sediments and river rock accumulated near the bridge.

"The sediments need removed in order to maintain the required water depth necessary for the levees to contain a 100-year Flood," Geary explained. "The sediment removal near the bridge will help provide better flow conditions so major flood events can safely pass under the bridge."

He clarified that the county will periodically conduct sediment and rock removal operations to help maintain an unrestricted flow path under the bridge to accommodate high water and flood events.

"The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and FEMA mandate that Grant County complete certain required maintenance activities to assure the safe and reliable performance of the levee system," Geary explained. "Over the years, the USACE has approved permits for the county to conduct such activities and work in the river channel and flood plain to allow removal of the sediments. The community is fortunate that we are able to partner with Scott Excavating, to load and haul the sediments out of the flood plain, at no cost to the county. Best Management Practices for sediment removal are planned, so there is negligible environmental impact."

Geary explained that a large berm of river rock has been piled up (known as a coffer dam) on the north side of the river (the side towards the Petersburg Town Park). This berm provides a clean flow channel to route the river around the work area. Sediments can then be safely loaded and hauled from the work area south of the large berm, and then the berm itself will be removed.

He also updated the commission on the levee recertification efforts. Last year the county submitted their recertification report and, after a year of review, it was returned with update and correction requests. Geary said their requests were being handled and included updates to the county's flood maps.

The requirement of levee recertification was introduced by the federal government following Hurricane Katrina and approximately 60 percent of the 1,500 levee sys-

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poll question

Judging from the recent debates, do you think any of the Democratic presidential contenders will be able to unseat President Trump in the 2020 election?



Last week's responses:

Yes: 2%
No: 98%

support the slave reparations discussion.

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Weekly Forecast

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School clothing allowance applications accepted through July 21 at DHHR

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Division of Family Assistance is now accepting school clothing allowance applications for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools.

“Starting a new school year is stressful enough as it is for our children and their parents, the last thing that they should be worried about is whether or not they’ll have a new outfit to wear,” Gov. Jim Justice said. “Our school clothing allowance program is so very important because it allows many of our students to get new clothes that fit so they can be comfortable and can focus on excelling in the classroom.”

Families with school-aged children enrolled in the WV WORKS program will automatically receive school clothing allowance vouchers for each

school-age child in the home by mid-July. Children receiving foster care will be issued a check.

Families who received school clothing allowance vouchers in 2018 and currently receive Medicaid or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits from DHHR should have received an application by mail in June. Mailing address updates can be made online at wvinroads.org or by calling DHHR’s Customer Services Center at 1-877-716-1212 to ensure prompt delivery of vouchers.

Others may be eligible for school clothing allowance vouchers, but the monthly income for a family of four may not exceed \$2,146.

Each eligible child will receive a \$200 voucher that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or

piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children. Vouchers must be used by Oct. 31.

“In 2018, more than 98,000 West Virginia children were assisted by the school clothing allowance program,” said Linda Watts, Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Children and Families. “This program fills an important need for children and families in back to

school preparations.” To learn more about eligibility guidelines or to apply, contact your local DHHR office, apply online at wvinroads.org or call 1-877-716-1212.

Verification of income for the month of July must be submitted with the application.

Applications must be received in the local DHHR office by July 31.

WVU announces spring dean’s and president’s lists

West Virginia University announces the students who have been named to the dean’s and president’s lists at WVU for the spring 2019 semester. To see other students who earned honors you can visit <http://lists.wvu.edu/>.

Dean’s List

Raven Allen of Cabins majoring in Biology, Samantha Berrett of Petersburg majoring in Communication Studies, Britany Cullers of Petersburg majoring in Exercise Physiology, Megan Dayton of Lahmansville majoring in Human Nutrition & Foods, Zachary Halterman of New Creek majoring in Aerospace Engineering, Evan Harman of Lahmansville majoring in Agribusiness Management, Nicholas Lomasney of Petersburg majoring in Social Studies/Secondary Education, Shannon McGuinness of New Creek majoring in Nursing, Ashleigh Simmons of Petersburg majoring in

Management, Lucas Smith of Petersburg majoring in Wood Science and Technology, Halie Swick of Petersburg majoring in Nursing - RN, Zane Thompson of Petersburg majoring in Pre-Education, and Catherine VanMeter of Cabins majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

President’s List

Kylie Coblentz of Maysville majoring in Design Studies, April Kessel of Petersburg majoring in Medical Laboratory Science, Skylar Martin of Maysville majoring in Environmental & Energy Resources Management, Traci Nelson of Petersburg majoring in Speech Pathology and Audiology, Hannah Nesselrodt of Petersburg majoring in Biology, Bret Reel of Petersburg majoring in Finance, Abby Sindledecker of Scherr majoring in Pre-Speech Pathology & Audiology, and Kelson Thorne of Petersburg majoring in Painting.

Health department and food school schedules

2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Immunization Clinic: 1:00-3:30 p.m. every Tuesday – Walk-ins for shots, blood pressure screenings, family planning supplies and flu vaccines: New patients please bring your immunization records. *All patients need to bring ALL insurance card information with you on every visit.* Free or minimal charge for vaccines and family planning supplies. STATE LAW: Eleven-year-olds are required by state law to receive Tdap booster and Meningococcal-Meningitis/MCV4. A second meningitis (booster) is recommended for 16-18-year-olds if only one dose of Meningitis was given between the ages of 11-15. We encourage all 11-year-olds to get Gardasil/HPV/Human Papillomavirus Vaccine, Varicella/chickenpox booster and Meningococcal-Meningitis Vaccine/MenB (new vaccine) for 16-year-olds through age 23. *PCV13/Prevnar, Shingles/Shingrix can be given if your insurance does not cover it to eligible adults.

12 & 19 Women’s Health Clinics: (Family Planning Program and BCCSP/Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program) – Free or reduced rates on pap smears, and breast exams with Alicia VanMeter, FNP-BC by appointment only.

11, 17, 23 & 25 Food School Class - \$10 fee or take the class online at www.statefoodsafety.com \$17 fee or our website at www.grantcountyhealthdepartment.com. Evening classes offered. Call direct at 304-257-9768.

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Patients are asked to bring in their insurance card(s) information for all visits.

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. but closed 12 - 12:30 p.m.

View the website www.grantcountyhealthdepartment.com for clean air regulations, food inspection reports and clinic schedule.

Grant County Food Service Workers’ Training Classes July 2019

Location	Date	Times
Grant County Health Dept.	Thurs., July 11	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Grant County Health Dept.	Wed., July 17	9:30-11:30 a.m.
Grant County Health Dept.	Thurs., July 25	1:30-3:30 p.m.
Mt. Top Community Center	Tues., July 23	1:30-3:30 p.m.
Mt. Top Community Center	Tues., July 23	6-8 p.m.

All individuals must contact the Health Department at 304-257-9768 and register for a class unless otherwise noted. Please show at least 15 minutes early for registration process to be completed. For classes held at the Health Department, maximum class number is 30 due to limited classroom space. Late arrivals will not be allowed in and must make another appointment.

Grant County food service workers permit is \$10 for 1 year card; \$20 for 2 year card; and \$30 for 3 year card.

Statewide food service workers permit is \$20 for 1 year card; \$30 for 2 year card; and \$40 for 3 year card.

No charge for a Grant County volunteer food service workers permit and will be good for 1 year.

Only online food handlers course accepted is available at www.grantcountyhealthdepartment.com or www.statefoodsafety.com. Cost is \$17 for Grant County card; and \$27 for statewide card.

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Floods and fireworks

By Camille Howard

To our neighbors in the Bayard area, as well in other parts of Grant County and surrounding counties, we are deeply sorry that flood waters have invaded your school, homes and property and have sympathy for your loss as well as hope for your recovery efforts.

Those words don't mean too much when facing the task of cleanup and funding of these efforts, but recovery is possible and probable with hard work and the help of friends. Having gone through the same many years ago, we know this to be true.

Thank you to all the first responders who showed great courage when faced with the task of water rescues of trapped campers, boaters, etc. and evacuation of part of the town of Bayard. We are more than blessed to have men and women willing to work together in times of peril — many who are volunteers.

Most significantly, though, no lives were lost. Natural disasters put things into perspective: life, above all else.

Mentioning the 4th of July festivities here seems in stark contrast to the devastating effects of the past weekend's high waters, yet a day set aside in celebration of our great nation and the freedom it affords us is always in order.

The Grant County Parks and Recreation Department has once again planned a fun-fill day of entertainment, food, contests, music and a huge fireworks show for the whole family.

You can travel to a bigger town or city to watch their fireworks but there's nothing like sitting on the PHS football field with family and friends and having a "front row" view of the spectacular explosions. You won't be disappointed.

W.Va. shared editorial

Burned too many times

The Charleston Gazette-Mail

On a proposed Chinese investment in West Virginia

Two years ago, then-West Virginia Commerce secretary Woody Thrasher made a trip to China with officials from the Trump administration, including the president himself.

Out of that came the announcement that a Chinese energy company would be making an \$84 billion investment in West Virginia. A memorandum of understanding had been signed. Some state officials promoted the deal as the salvation of the Mountain State's economy. A new investment in projects over a period of 20 years would bring tens, if not hundreds of thousands of jobs.

The Gazette-Mail and other news organizations had some questions, though. The main one being, what was in the memorandum? Obviously, a memorandum of understanding isn't a contract, but any details would have been nice.

Two years later, the picture isn't any clearer. The public hasn't seen the memorandum. Thrasher and Gov. Jim Justice said the state would see projects underway within a year. That hasn't happened. Thrasher is no longer commerce secretary, resigning from that post after a scandal over flood recovery efforts. He's now trying to beat Justice in the Republican primary for governor in 2020.

CNBC released a news report Friday on the state of the supposed deal between China and West Virginia. Thrasher told CNBC reporters that the \$83.7 billion figure that was released to the public was the work of hasty math on "the back of a napkin."

"The temptation was too great not to sort of announce that deal," Thrasher said.

Indeed, when has reality ever stood in the way of scoring political points with an almost unbelievable promise of unheard-of economic prosperity on the horizon?

So what happened? West Virginians might not know for a while. The presidential administration engaging in a trade war with the country that was on the other side of the table is probably a factor, and the deal was probably never as big or as certain as promised. There's also likely some warranted concern over a country like China having intimate knowledge of energy infrastructure operations in the United States.

Justice's current commerce secretary, Ed Gaunch, recently told West Virginia MetroNews that there are seven projects in the works with China, and that one of those is close to becoming a reality. As CNBC noted, Gaunch didn't provide any specifics.

Gov. Justice's administration should have been more forthright and cautious from the outset. Most West Virginians are tired of promises of prosperity just around the corner that are announced with a bang but never materialize. It's unfair to West Virginians to get their hopes up in such a manner. They've all been burned too many times, and no one at this stage could blame them for viewing this entire project with a healthy dose of skepticism. It's nearly the only thing they have left.



West Virginia Senate passes GOP charter school bill

By Anthony Izaguirre
Associated Press

The West Virginia Senate passed a sweeping GOP education bill (last) Monday that would allow the state's first charter schools, a move that has drawn heavy protests from teachers.

Lawmakers in the Republican-controlled chamber approved the bill 18-16. It moved to the office of Gov. Jim Justice, who signed it on Friday.

The wide-ranging proposal would allow for a staggered implementation of charter schools, limiting the state to three charters until 2023 then letting three more go up every three years after that. It also contains a pay raise for teachers.

Debate over the creation of charters has consumed the legislature since a similar bill launched a two-day teacher strike in February, paralyzing the school system.

Democrats and union leaders have opposed efforts to install charters as a move driven by outside interests that will steer money away from public schools. It's been called a "Frankenstein bill" during hours-long legislative slogs. Scores of educators have returned to the Capitol for the special legislative session, filling the halls with booming chants and songs.

On Monday, debate was short but came with the threat of a lawsuit.

"I believe that the majority party is under a misapprehension that when this bill is challenged in court that the newly elected and appointed members of the Supreme Court will see favorably the constitutional fragrance of this bill," said Democratic Sen. Michael Woelfel, who said "the bill contemplates multiple objects, which conflicts with the West Virginia Constitution."

Republican Senate President Mitch Carmichael, who has led the push for charters in the state, has consistently pointed to poor test scores as reason to change the education system. He batted down the notion that the bill is unconstitutional.

"We do comprehensive bills around here all the time, omnibus bills all the time. That's a red herring," he said, adding that such a legal challenge "would stand no chance in court."

Union leaders have said that the summer timing of the special session was a move to undercut the impact of another strike but maintain that they have other plays to make.

"The next option we're going to go is the 2020 elections. We want to make sure we elect people who are going to listen to West Virginians to the House and Senate,

not the outside interest groups," said Dale Lee, president of the West Virginia Education Association.

The House of Delegates passed the bill.

The Republican governor has tweeted in support for the bill, calling it a "major step toward building new opportunities for our children." After the vote (last) Monday, Justice tweeted, "I applaud the (at)wvsenate for passing the education bill tonight. This is the correct resolution that aids our teachers, students, and all those in the education community and I look forward to signing it."

He called the special legislative session after lawmakers failed to agree on education measures following a teacher strike during the regular session. That proposal eventually died in the House after educators packed the state Capitol and argued it was retaliation for last year's nine-day strike over raises and health insurance, which helped inspire similar movements in multiple states.

Justice had asked lawmakers to go out and seek input from the public before returning. Public forums on education were held statewide, at the end of which the Department of Education released a report saying 88 percent of people who answered a comment card at the meetings opposed the creation of charters.

Opinion: A new era for West Virginia education

By Mitch Carmichael
W.Va. Senate President

Last week, something happened in your state Capitol that many people predicted never would: Our Legislature passed a comprehensive education reform bill, including measures that provide educational choice in our state.

Governor Jim Justice signed the bill on Friday.

For decades, many have proposed and tried to pass legislation enabling public charter schools in West Virginia. Thanks to the leadership and perseverance of our Senate Republican caucus, we've finally joined the vast majority of our fellow states in reaching that goal.

Those invested in the status quo have finally been defeated by those insisting on progress and opportunity for our students.

We heard throughout this debate that West Virginia's abysmal education statistics are the fault of things our schools can't control: poverty, opioid abuse, families in crisis.

But the hard truth is that we can't put all the blame on outside factors. The liberal Urban Institute released a report in 2015 that compared each state's students to similar students across state lines, taking into account a whole range of demographic variables including race, income, English proficiency, and family structure.

[Urban Institute study: https://www.urban.org/research/publication/breaking-curve-promises-and-pitfalls-using-naep-data-assess-state-role-student-achievement/view_full_report]

identify the states that are doing the best job at educating the most disadvantaged students. If poverty and family breakdown were really to blame for our poor performance, this report would have shown it. But once again, West Virginia was at the bottom.

According to left-leaning website Vox, the report represented "very bad news for West Virginia, whose poor scores can't be explained by student demographics alone, and which aren't rising."

[Vox: <https://www.vox.com/2015/10/26/9617514/test-scores-naep-2013>]

By virtually every measure of student success, West Virginia ranks at or near the bottom. Maybe that's acceptable to the people running our education bureaucracy. It's not acceptable to me.

Yes, many of our students come from difficult circumstances. And our bill provides millions of new dollars for counselors, nurses, and other support personnel to help students deal with the challenges they face at home. We've also changed our school funding formula to help our rural counties that have been hard-hit by economic changes and population loss.

But our kids are also being failed by the system — and it's the system that needs to change. Thousands of teachers across our state pour their time and energy into their jobs, but they've

been restricted by a bureaucracy that centralizes money and decision-making authority in Charleston and views innovation as a threat.

Our teachers have been underpaid, and that's why the core of this legislation is a 5 percent pay raise for teachers and support personnel — the second 5 percent pay raise in two years.

We've also given local school boards more flexibility in how they hire and compensate staff, particularly in hard-to-fill positions like science and math. And

"This isn't the end of our hard work in improving education in our state. There's more to do. But it's the end of the era of burying our heads in the sand and pretending nothing needs to change."

we've updated scholarship and loan-repayment programs for teachers in high-demand fields.

We didn't stop there. Our bill also provides a sales-tax holiday to help parents buy school supplies, open enrollment across counties, and a \$500 bonus for teachers who take fewer than four days of leave.

It is astonishing to me that Democrats would vote against all these things simply because their union allies feel threatened by a tiny number of (potential) charter schools.

Throughout this debate I have been amazed by the amount of hyperbole, obfuscation, and outright dishonesty about what public charters are and who they benefit.

Forty-four states and the District of Columbia already have charter school legislation. Tens of thousands of families across the country love their charter

schools because they've seen first-hand how innovation and new ideas have helped students — all kinds of students — flourish.

The bill we've passed allows for three charter schools by 2023, with up to three additional schools per three years after that. I hope and believe that a decade from now, even the naysayers will acknowledge that these new options have improved our educational system.

Today, I could not be prouder of the 17 other Republican members of the Senate who joined me to take this historic step for our students, parents, and teachers.

I wish the road that led to this bill had been smoother and less littered with vitriol and ad-hominem attacks. But in the end, I'm proud of what our democratic process produced. I will happily weather any amount of name-calling from union bosses if it means better educational options for West Virginia kids.

This isn't the end of our hard work in improving education in our state. There's more to do. But it's the end of the era of burying our heads in the sand and pretending nothing needs to change.

I am firmly convinced that West Virginia students, teachers, and parents are as gifted as any in America. With these long-awaited reforms, we've put power in the hands of our local communities, schools, parents, and teachers. I'm excited to watch what they do with it.

Senate President Mitch Carmichael, R-Jackson, represents the Fourth Senatorial District: Jackson and Mason counties, and parts of Putnam and Roane counties.

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W.Va.'s new public education effort addresses foreign interference in American elections via social media

The West Virginia Secretary of State's office is releasing a new video, as well as audience-specific PowerPoint presentations, to educate citizens on foreign interference in U.S. elections.

The public education video produced by the W.Va. Secretary of State's office focuses on election cybersecurity — specifically foreign and Russian interference in the 2016 and 2018 American elections. The two-minute version of the video can be found on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvfSj5Xcb3U>.

"Educating our citizens on how to recognize disinformation and misinformation is a top priority," Secretary Mac Warner said. "Foreign entities know the best way to break down trust between citizens and citizens and their government is through division. We can't allow that to happen."

Because of West Virginia's leading efforts in the election cybersecurity arena, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has invited Warner to showcase the video and slide presentation at the NASS 2019 Summer Conference this weekend in Santa Fe, NM. Warner will present to state and local elections officials from all over the United States.

"We have entered a new age — the age of Big Data — and our culture is being driven by algorithms, artificial intelligence, bots, blockchain, machine learning, micro-targeting and social media," Warner said. "Unfortunately, Russia and other bad actors have weaponized these tools, and like judo experts, are using these against us. They know elections are the heart of democracy, so elections are the center of gravity for their disinformation operations."

Warner encourages social, civic and military organizations to show a six-minute version of the video as a program for their memberships. The video highlights the effort made by foreign entities to circulate misinformation via social media. The full-length video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ryMIF-C4oTQ&t=8s>.

In addition to the video, Warner and his Elections Division team have developed PowerPoint presentations that are audience and age specific. Working with WV Superintendent of Schools Dr. Steven Paine, Warner developed one presentation for high school civics, government and history teachers. Teachers may use the video and PowerPoint combination to educate students on the impact social media has on elections.

West Virginia has become a leader in election cybersecurity due to foreign threats in the 2016 election. West Virginia was the first state in the nation to hire a National Guard asset to monitor election security. The Mountain State was also the first to offer a mobile voting option for military and overseas voters. West Virginia also conducted the first statewide county clerk training conference using Harvard's Belfer Center Election Security Playbook, and used Congress-approved HAVA funds to upgrade election equipment and security.

Such efforts brought West Virginia to the attention of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Collaborating with DHS, West Virginia has assembled this new video and accompanying slide presentation to educate U.S. citizens on foreign interference, mainly using social media as the vector of attack.

A reservoir of additional slides are available for a more in-depth PowerPoint presentation, and can be tailored to the audience. Local election officials, legislators and political party leaders are encouraged to build their own slide presentation to educate the general public on attempts to influence American elections through social media. The extended version presentation can be found on the WV Secretary of State's website at: <https://sos.wv.gov/elections/Documents/ForeignInfluenceUSElections.pdf>.

Through both the video and PowerPoint, Secretary Warner emphasized that not one vote was changed in the 2016 and 2018 elections. The ultimate goal of foreign election meddling was to create distrust and division among the American people by encouraging unsuspecting citizens to share disinformation on social media.

Secretary Warner will be attending the NASS national conference starting on June 30.



Remember When



June 29, 1949

State Road Commission estimated that around 40,000 tourists had traveled the flood ravished areas of the South Branch Valley to view the damage.

At the peak after the flood, about 300 people received three meals daily at the Red Cross kitchen, set up in the grade school building.

Lt. Cdr. Roy Kessel received his master of arts in education.

Approximately 85,000 trout were lost in the muddy waters of the Petersburg flood area.

July 1, 1959

There were 77 4-Hers from 13-18 years old enrolled at Old-er 4-H camp.

Jerry Cowherd won Spirit of Camp award at Younger 4-H camp. Other 4-H awards included: David Cuppett — Head H; William Halterman — Heart H; Tom Boor — Hand H and Renee Blewitt — Health H.

Grant Memorial Hospital

births included: Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ours of Rig, a son, June 23; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hartman of Keyser, a son, June 23; Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson of Kline, a son, June 23; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ours of Petersburg, a son, June 26; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillon of Moorefield, a daughter, June 28; Mr. and Mrs. David Upstead of Moorefield, a daughter, June 27; and Mr. and Mrs. Whitacre of Martin, a son, June 29.

Mrs. Burl Kisamore had an eighth birthday party for her daughter, Mary Francis, at her home, June 23.

Cadet Jack Bowman, a senior at West Virginia University, was assigned to the U.S. Army ROTC summer camp, for a six week field training course. After graduating from WVU, he was eligible for a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

July 2, 1969

Sheriff Lowell Alt announced the resignation of HB Lynch as his deputy, July 1. Replacing him was Mrs. Helen Sites.

SP/4 Roger Mongold returned from a 13-month tour in Vietnam.

Births at Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker of Moorefield, a son, June 23; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Raines of Moorefield, a daughter, June 23; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Southerly of Moorefield, a son, June 26; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Vance of Mouth of Seneca, a son, June 26; Mr. and Mrs. William Boyers of Old Fields, a daughter, June 27; Mr. and Mrs. Phares Bennett of Brandywine, a son, June 27; and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Moreland of Scherr, a son, June 28.

Fort Hill Drive-In movies included: July 6-8 — Walt Disney's "Swiss Family Robinson" and July 9-10 — The Beatles "Yellow

Submarine."

Ebert's 5 & 10 July Top Values included: permanent press pant dress (size 4-6x) - \$1.97; pin-up lamp - \$2.66; cotton crew socks (three pairs) - \$1; and 100 paper plates - 77 cents.

July 3, 1979

Marion Johnson opened up The Little Place, Petersburg's first day care and learning center. It was located at the corner of Pierpont Street and Central Avenue.

Skip Thompson was named Rotary Student of the Year from Petersburg High School.

The Potomac Highlands Mental Health Guild, under the direction of Dr. George Lilly, took over responsibility for providing mental health services to residents of Grant, Pendleton, Hardy, Mineral and Hampshire counties.

Construction of Petersburg High School's new gymnasium was to start in September.



Petersburg, July 4, 1912 looking east on Virginia Avenue



July 4th and the American Spirit

By Glenn Mollette

The Fourth of July is here and all Americans hopefully will embrace the day without fear, total liberation and the American

overcoming fear. Lijana suffered from multiple injuries from another high wire act where her family fell, that has been replayed on television numerous times. Her brother Nik worried if she would ever be able to try another high wire effort again. Before the world she overcame her fear, proclaimed her faith in God and did what most no one else could ever imagine even trying.

Most of us cannot imagine what was going through the minds of 56 men on July 4, 1776, when they met in Philadelphia to pass a resolution declaring their independence from England. There was fear of what lay ahead and what they did that day would cost them greatly in the years to come. However, they overcame their fear, moved forward and their new way of thinking about government would change the course of human history.

Visit almost any cemetery in America and you'll find grave markers of American soldiers who faced cruel enemies on battlefields around the world. Heroically they embraced and put aside their fear to fight and die for you and me. They are the true American heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and embodied the American Spirit.

This July 4th let's be encouraged by the Wallendas. We live in a free country where we have the freedom to try and even do the impossible. If fear is holding you back it's part of the normal process of living and try-

ing. Our forefathers paved the way, and millions of brave Americans have maintained the real spirit of America.

Glenn Mollette is a syndicated columnist and author and is read in all 50 states.

Fireworks prohibited on Mon Nat'l Forest

The Fourth of July holiday is a wonderful time to get outdoors and have fun with friends and family on Monongahela National Forest. Remember to bring your camera, but please leave fireworks at home. Possessing, igniting, discharging or using any kind of fireworks is prohibited on National Forest System lands.

"Setting off fireworks in the forest is not only illegal, it is also a hazardous activity that can lead to injury and wildfires," said Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran. "We encourage forest visitors to enjoy public fireworks displays in one of the many communities in and around Monongahela National Forest."

Law enforcement personnel will be watchful again this year. The use or possession of fireworks on public lands is subject to confiscation and fines of up to \$5,000 for an individual, \$10,000 for an organization and/or up to six months in jail. In addition, anyone found responsible for starting a wildfire can be held civilly and criminally liable.



West Virginia education reform bill becomes law

Gov. Jim Justice called a special legislative session to consider comprehensive education reform. The House of Delegates

offered HB206, which the Senate passed on June 24. The governor signed the legislation June 28. The bill became effective upon passage. Here are some numbers about the financial aspects of the legislation:

Gross "cost" of HB206: **\$130,863,293**

\$63,122,345 + **\$67,740,948**

Total new expenditures*

School personnel pay raises (Included in FY2020 Budget Act)

*Some of the new expenditures:

- Math and special education teachers salary increase
- An increase of \$200 to teachers' allotment for instructional supplies
- \$500 bonus for county board employees who use four or fewer leave days
- Changes in student support staff
- A financial assist to counties with net enrollment less than 1,400 students
- Local share determination reduced to 85% (currently 90% of the regular levy rates for the year)
- Increases current expenses funding by 1%
- Teachers' Retirement System contribution

Total FY2020 education budget

\$1,844,083,470

\$1,904,849,098

Current appropriation FY 2020

New appropriation including HB 206

Read the regular Senate Committee on Finance Budget Bulletin: www.wvlegislature.gov/committees/senate/SenateCommittee.cfm?Chart=fin

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PETERSBURG 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 4

- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Display by Grant County Historical Society at the old Grant County Courthouse on Virginia Ave.
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Car Show (free dash plaques)
- 10:15 a.m. Parade lineup (Tri-County Fairgrounds)
- 11 a.m. Parade (from fairgrounds, down Virginia Ave. to Main St., to City Park)
- Noon. Flag Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial (City Park) by VFW Post 6454
- Noon. Inflatible playground equipment, including water slide and others
- 12:25 p.m. Alan Yokum, WELD
- 12:30 p.m. Pony Rides
- 12:30 p.m. "RYAN CAIN AND THE ABLES" (rockabilly) City Park Stage -FREE CONCERT
- 12:45 p.m. Horseshoe Contest (single and doubles)

- 1 p.m. Free Swimming at the City Pool - ALL DAY (Big Splash and Diving Contests with first, second and third place prizes)
- 2 p.m. "RYAN CAIN AND THE ABLES" - City Park Stage - 2nd FREE CONCERT
- 4 - 6 p.m. PHS Homecoming Social (at the old post office, downtown Petersburg, free drinks. All former PHS students welcome. (Free T-shirts plus prizes)
- 8 p.m. "RICOCHET" (country music) - PHS Football Field - FREE CONCERT
- 9:45 p.m. Huge FIREWORKS DISPLAY following the show

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Commission

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tems in the country have already submitted initial reports, including Grant County. Of those, only 30 percent have received recertification.

“Our levee is in excellent shape,” Geary said. “It will do what it needs to do and could pass a 100 year flood, I can say that with confidence. Our levee works.”

He went on to say that the levee in Petersburg is often referenced by the Army Corps of Engineers as being a well maintained system with dedicated oversight. Geary pointed to local levee superintendent, John Lewis, for his hard work on ensuring the levee remains in such good shape.

Another major topic discussed in the meeting was the signing of the Black Rock Wind Farm Decommissioning Agreement.

The decommissioning agreement is a contract designed to protect landowners on whose property wind turbines have been constructed. These contracts agree that, if a

wind company leaves the project for any reason, the turbines will be removed from their property and the land restored to its previous state. Reasons a company could leave range from bankruptcy to simply discovering the project is not profitable and pulling out of the region prior to the end of the project’s lifetime.

To ensure the landowners are properly satisfied, the company places a specified amount of money into an escrow account which is meant to cover these expenses if the project is abandoned.

The company also enters into an agreement with the local commission stating that the county will also be liable if the company fails to meet their contractual obligations.

However, Grant County prosecuting attorney, John Ours expressed concern with the actual cost of removing the turbines, saying he, nor the commission, had no clue if the funds in the escrow were enough to undertake such a effort, leaving the county potentially on the hook for an unknown amount of money.

“I am confident that no one

in this room has any idea how much it would cost to disassemble one of those things,” Ours said. “What it would cost to disassemble those huge concrete pads. Not to mention, the problems we might have to access where they are and who has the ability to find someone who knows how to even do that.”

Ours explained that these agreements were standard and the Mineral County Commission had already entered into the agreement with Black Rock.

“The Grant County Commission is not now, nor will it ever be, able to decommission wind-farms,” Ours said. “This is a gaff in the law where in order to do it, they are trying to hook responsibility and liability with a trusted agency because nobody knows these outfits. My personal ad-

vice is that, if there is any way the commission could not do this, that would be my advice.”

The commissioners agreed with Ours’ concern, however, saying if they did not sign the agreement the county would lose the company’s business and any potential jobs that come with that business.

Ours said he understood that sentiment, saying he did not believe the project could continue without the agreement being signed.

“It’s a rock and a hard spot,” Swick said. “I understand exactly what you are saying. I take your advice very well and I appreciate that. In the same thing, I don’t want to shortchange the county either by not letting this company move forward.”

Swick also said the county had already entered into these

agreements with other companies, including the turbines in the New Creek area.

After further conversation, Commissioner Scotty Miley said that while he shared Ours’ concerns, he felt the right thing to do for the county was to move forward with the project.

“I do believe these projects provide benefit to the community - jobs, tax revenue,” Miley said. “And I do make a motion we move forward and enter into the decommissioning agreement with Black Rock.”

The motion was passed unanimously and the decommissioning agreement was signed.

Also during the meeting, the commission met with representatives of the Grant County Development Authority to sign paperwork for the grant funding recently awarded to the county to conduct a broadband feasibility study. This study could open the door to expanding wireless internet options around the county.

“I appreciate all the hard work you have done on this,” commissioner Doug Swick said. “I know these grant applications are not easy. They take

a lot of work and time. But I think this could catapult Grant County forward when it comes to broadband.”

Tammy Kitzmiller of the GCDA agreed, saying it was her hope that this study could lay the groundwork for future funding towards ensuring every household in Grant County has access to high speed, reliable internet.

Following this, the commission approved the designation of depositories for the county. This included the deposit of approximately \$7,038,000 into an account at Grant County Bank and the deposit of \$3,045,000 into an account at Summit Community Bank.

Commissioner Scotty Miley, an employee at Grant County Bank, abstained from voting on either of these deposit approvals.

The final item reviewed by the commission was the approval of Jim Wilson to Deputy Sheriff’s Civil Service Commission.

The next meeting of the Grant County Commission on July 9 at 9 a.m. at the Grant County Courthouse.

Jury

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possess with the intent to distribute fentanyl, one count of aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and one count of aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Voss is accused of distributing more than 40 grams of fentanyl in April in Jefferson

County and distributing methamphetamine in May in Berkeley County.

Dennis James Miller, 43, of Moorefield, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute fentanyl, one count of distribution of methamphetamine, two counts of distribution of heroin and one count of aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Miller is accused of distrib-

uting more than 40 grams of fentanyl in April in Jefferson County, distributing methamphetamine in April and May in Grant and Berkeley counties, and distributing heroin in April and May in Grant County.

Michael Dean Smith, 49, of Petersburg, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute fentanyl and one count of aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Smith is accused of distributing more than 40 grams of fentanyl in April in Jefferson County and distributing methamphetamine in May in Berkeley County.

Jared Judy, 29, of Petersburg, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute fentanyl and one count of aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Judy is accused of distrib-

uting more than 40 grams of fentanyl in April in Jefferson County and distributing methamphetamine in May in Berkeley County.

Each defendant faces at least five years and up to 40 years incarceration and a fine of up to \$5 million for the conspiracy count.

Outen and Voss also face at least five years and up to 40 years incarceration for the aiding and abetting count. Miller, Smith, and Judy face up to 20

years incarceration and a fine of up to \$1 million for each distribution count.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy D. Helman is prosecuting the case on behalf of the government. The West Virginia State Police and the Charles Town Police Department investigated.

Water

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Office of Emergency Management in a release. “Do not call 911. If you call the number back that you are getting the call from you are calling the 911 center on a business line. Do not call that number, they

are extremely busy. In the future, when you receive a call like this acknowledge it, do what you were instructed to do, hang up, and do not call back and less you have an emergency.”

The office also released advisements about driving through flooded roads, stressing the danger that can occur

when driving over water.

“Do not, I repeat, do not go near or try to cross with the vehicle any moving water any water at all,” wrote a representative of the Grant County OEM. “Keep in mind that you could have fast-moving deadly water in areas that you have never seen it before, where maybe, there was only a small

ditch.”

The flooding also impacted the work being done on the removal of sediment and rock in the county.

“This type of work must be conducted during lower river flows,” said Mark Geary of Geary Associates. “The un-

expected high water event this past weekend will cause a small setback of the sediment removal.”

For more information on the flood levees and their maintenance, see “Commission talks river work and wind turbines” on the front of this week’s edi-

tion of the Grant County Press.

The Grant County OEM and 911 is currently requesting that anyone in the county who has property that was damaged due to the recent flooding, contact OEM director, Peggy Bobo-Alt at 304-257-2140 or by email at grantcooes@citlink.net

Bus

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Our goal is to always make sure they get to school and home safely. We are grateful to our superintendent, Doug Lambert,

and the board of education for letting us compete and we are excited to do it again in the future.”

Animal tests positive for rabies in Petersburg city limits

A deer in the Petersburg City limits has tested positive for rabies. Just a reminder; do not handle wild animals or pets that come in contact with wild animals without wearing gloves.

Rabies is a virus that affects any warm-blooded animals i.e., wild animals (like raccoons, skunks, coyotes, foxes and bats), domestic animals (like pets and livestock), and humans.

It is most commonly transmitted from one animal to another through bites. The disease can also be transmitted through saliva if it comes in contact with open wounds, skin breaks and mucous membranes (layers of tissue that line the eyes, nose, mouth, etc.) or if you are scratched by an infected animal. Therefore, do not handle wild or stray animals.

The virus infects the brain and nerves which cause the animal to act differently but animals in the early stage of rabies may not have any signs of the disease, but you can still be infected if you are bitten or scratched.

Wild animals may move slowly or act tame. Other warning signs include daytime activity in animals normally active at night; staggering or weakness; inability to eat or drink; drooling; frothing at the mouth. Pets that are usually friendly may snap or bite at you or become shy and hide.

When a human is exposed

or bitten by a suspected rabid animal, the hands and the area of broken skin should be immediately washed thoroughly with soap and water. Seek medical attention from a physician if skin has been broken to determine the need for rabies vaccine.

Some of the factors considered in whether a patient needs rabies vaccine [post exposure prophylaxis (PEP)] is based upon the type of exposure, type of animal, as well as laboratory and surveillance information of the area.

Rabies can be deadly, and any decisions made must be made without delay.

To prevent rabies—vaccinate your pets. State Code 19-20A-2 requires that “any person who owns, obtains, or possesses a dog or cat within the State of West Virginia shall have the dog or cat properly vaccinated against rabies with a vaccine capable of producing immunity for three years, boosters one year after initial vaccination and every third year thereafter. Dogs and cats need not be vaccinated before the age of three months but must be vaccinated by the age of six months, [and] dogs and cats over six months of age entering the State of West Virginia must have been vaccinated as set forth above.”

Keep your records updated. 20A- 6 “Whoever owns, keeps, or harbors a dog or cat fails to have such dog or cat vacci-

nated or revaccinated against rabies can be fined or sentenced to jail.”

If your pet comes in contact with a suspected rabid animal—do not handle the pet with your bare hands. Saliva from the suspect animal may be on the pet’s fur—use rubber gloves for contact or examination. Quarantine the pet away from contact of other people and pets until the status of the suspected animal is determined.

If an animal that you suspect may have rabies has been in contact with a human or pet has been killed, do not damage the head as the brain is necessary for examination. Do not handle the animal with your bare hands—use rubber gloves. Occasionally, rabies can be transmitted if the saliva of an infected animal gets into a fresh scratch, break in the skin, or contact with mucous membranes (eyes, mouth, nose).

If the animal cannot be examined immediately, the animal must be refrigerated – not frozen. Place the animal in a cardboard box or cooler with ice. Contact the Grant County Health Department immediately at 304-257-4922 or if after hours, call 911 and they will contact the health department.

If a suspected animal is killed but has not had contact with a human or pet, cover it with lime and bury it.

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Grant County Energy Express offers summer opportunities

On June 16, Energy Express, a program that offers several weeks of educational and social opportunities for students, started again in Grant County.

The program is sponsored by the West Virginia University Extension Service and sees more than 3,000 children statewide attend. Grant County has 38 participants this year with opportunities to join still available.

The all-morning program includes two meals a day as well as social, educational and physical activity.

"This program really helps to benefit so many people, in many different ways," said program director Derek Hinkle. "It helps the kids by giving them a fun environment that they can come in and be themselves. They can socialize and learn, which many kids may not get over summer break. This environment gives them that opportunity as well as providing two meals, which they may not otherwise get without school being in session. It helps our volunteers

by giving them something to do and allows them to give back in a sincere way. Some of our younger volunteers get the opportunity to be productive during the summer and ensure they have a good way to spend several weeks of their summer. It helps the families in the community by helping fill a need that can often be really difficult for working parents in the summer. Sometimes finding a safe place for their kids to go and know they will have food. That alone can be a big economical benefit for some families."

Hinkle also pointed to the role summertime education programs can play in preventing the "summer slide" in which students fail to retain a portion of their previous year's education through the summer months.

According to West Virginia University, the Energy Express helps children gain or maintain reading levels through creative, colorful and captivating uses of art, drama and vocabulary.

Hinkle said Energy Ex-

press creates an education environment that ensures students stay mentally active and creative, which can make the transition back to the school year much easier.

One important focus in the program is literacy, with ample opportunities for students to read and for volunteers to read to them.

"I would love to see us have more kids participate," Hinkle said. "We have openings still available. If a parent would contact me now, I would never turn anyone away. We are here for the students and their families."

Currently, there are 10 volunteers helping in the local program.

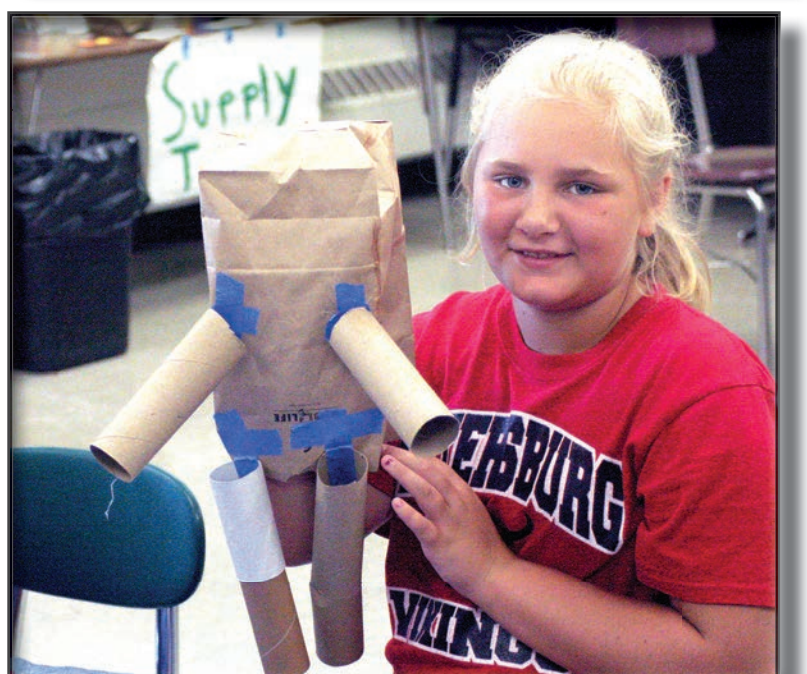
Beyond the daily work with the students, Grant County's Energy Express will be

holding an open house, including a dinner and small performances by the students, later this month.

The program is also helping to sponsor a blood drive on July 5.

Grant County's Energy Express runs until July 26.

For more information on Energy Express or how to participate, contact the Grant County West Virginia University Extension Service at 304-257-4688.



2019 Grant County Energy Express volunteers

West Virginia University sports: Mountaineers ranked in final top-25 polls

By: Charlie Healy
West Virginia University

For the first time since 1982, the West Virginia University baseball team is ranked in the final top-25, as WVU appears in each major national poll released on Thursday.

The Mountaineers finish the season as high as No. 19 in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) poll. WVU is No. 20 in the Baseball America top-25, No. 21 in the final D1 Baseball rankings, No. 25 by Perfect Game and No. 27 in the Collegiate Baseball poll.

The final rankings mark the eighth consecutive week WVU has appeared in the national polls, a program record. West Virginia has been ranked in at least one top-25 poll every week since April 15, and came in as high as No. 13 in the final regular-season rankings.

West Virginia's No. 13 ranking was its highest since at least 1982, when the Mountaineers finished the season No. 16 in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll. The 1982 season also was the last time WVU appeared in the final season rankings.

WVU was ranked for more than two weeks in a season for the first time in seventh-year coach Randy Mazey's tenure.

The Mountaineers' appearance in this week's polls is the 11th time they have been ranked since 1982, with all 11

appearances, eight times in 2019, twice in 2017 and once in 2018, coming under Mazey.

WVU is one of four Big 12 Conference teams ranked in at least one final national poll.

In the final national statistical rankings, the Mountaineer pitching staff ranked among the best in the country. WVU was No. 4 in the NCAA in hits allowed per nine innings (7.19), No. 8 in strikeouts per nine innings (10.1), No. 11 in shutouts (6), No. 18 in WHIP (1.27) and No. 24 in ERA (3.70), while West Virginia was second in the Big 12 in strikeout-to-walk ratio (2.40). Offensively, the Mountaineers were No. 25 nationally in stolen bases (98) and No. 27 in doubles (119) and third in the Big 12 in sacrifice flies (30).

Individually, junior right-hander Alek Manoah's 144 strikeouts, a school record, ranked No. 6 in the country. He was No. 12 in WHIP (0.90), No. 22 in hits allowed per nine innings (5.90), No. 27 in starts (16), No. 28 in ERA (2.08), No. 29 in strikeouts per nine innings (11.96), No. 33 in wins (9), No. 34 in strikeout-to-walk ratio (5.33) and No. 37 in complete games (2).

Junior left-hander Nick Snyder was No. 6 in the NCAA in strikeouts per nine innings (13.63), No. 12 in hits allowed per nine innings (5.56) and No. 33 in wins (9), while he was third in the Big 12 in ERA (2.65).

Senior right fielder Darius Hill ranked No. 4 in the country with 25 doubles, and sophomore second baseman Tyler Doanes was No. 31 with 21. Junior center fielder Brandon White finished No. 37 nationally in stolen bases (26) and third in the conference in sacrifice bunts per game (0.16). Doanes also finished third in the Big 12 in stolen bases (20) and sacrifice flies (6), while junior righty Sam Kessler was No. 3 in saves (8).

The Mountaineers went 38-22 in 2019 and made the NCAA Championship for the 13th time in program history and the second time in three seasons. WVU hosted an NCAA regional for the second time in team history and first since 1955.

West Virginia's 38 wins were its second-most in program history and two shy of the record, while its 60 games played are third-most. The Mountaineer pitching staff broke the school record for saves (15) and strikeouts (595) and was second in innings pitched (528.1) and fourth in strikeouts per nine innings (10.10). Offensively, WVU tied the program record for walks (257) and was third in stolen bases (98) and sacrifice flies (30). The defense had 1,585 putouts, second-most all-time.

Individually, Manoah broke the single-season record for strikeouts, with 144, tied the record for starts (16), was No. 3

in innings pitched (108.1) and strikeout-to-walk ratio (5.33), No. 6 in shutouts (2) and wins (9) and No. 9 in strikeouts per nine innings (11.96). Snyder was No. 5 in strikeouts per nine innings (13.63), No. 6 in wins (9), No. 7 in winning percentage (.900) and No. 10 in strikeouts (103). Kessler was tied for No. 2 in saves (8) and tied for No. 6 in both appearances and relief appearances (24).

Offensively, Hill finished tied for No. 4 in doubles (25) and was No. 8 in extra-base hits (34) and at-bats (238). Doanes tied for No. 4 in sacrifice flies (6), freshman shortstop Tevin Tucker was No. 5 in walks (39) and White was No. 6 in stolen bases (26). Additionally, Hill, Tucker and senior catcher Ivan Gonzalez tied for No. 6 in both games played and starts, with 60, while Doanes was No. 9 in starts and No. 10 in games played, with 59.

Hill's 1,000 fielding percentage tied a program record, and Gonzalez broke the school record for chances (566) and putouts (511) in a season.

West Virginia resort's ski operations up for sale

Court filings show a West Virginia resort's owners plan to sell its ski operations.

The Charleston Gazette-Mail reports a petition filed in federal bankruptcy court shows Timberline Four Seasons Resort Management Co. Inc. is seeking approval to sell snow-making towers and other equipment it owns back

to its manufacturer.

Timberline bankruptcy attorney David Siedman says in the filing the equipment isn't needed because the ski resort operations are up for sale. Siedman says the owners believe "a new buyer will install new equipment."

The state Public Service Commission placed the resort's

water and sewer system in receivership in March. The Canaan Valley Public Service District now operates the system.

Timberline filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in April, listing assets of \$1.19 million and more than \$2.8 million in debt to nearly 50 creditors.

WVDA warns of boxwood blight

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has detected boxwood blight at several residential and commercial landscapes throughout West Virginia. Boxwood blight, caused by the fungal pathogen *Calonectria pseudonaviculata*, is the most devastating pest of boxwoods. Boxwood blight was first diagnosed in West Virginia on plants shipped from out of state nurseries in July of 2015.

"Gardeners and landscapers need to stay vigilant for the presence of this damaging disease. Enacting best management practices is your best option to keep your landscape disease free," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "If you have questions, please reach out to the department."

Boxwood blight was first reported in the United States in 2011. The exact origin of the disease is not known but has likely spread to North America from Europe where it has been widespread since the 1990s.

"As with any plant disease, sanitation is a crucial step in dealing with boxwood blight. Purchase shrubs from reputable nurseries that are legally licensed and inspected by the WVDA and only purchase plants that appear healthy. Never work or prune your boxwoods when the foliage is wet or when the weatherman is calling for rain later in the day," said WVDA Plant Industries Director Tim Brown.

The WVDA suggests citizens sanitize gardening tools like pruners between different plantings of boxwoods. Tools can be sanitized either with flame, 70 percent alcohol/10 percent bleach solution, Lysol or other commercially available sanitiz-

ers. Dead boxwood plant material should never be composted. Once boxwood blight has been confirmed, the infested shrubs should be removed. Those plants be can destroyed by burning or by double bagging to be sent to a landfill.

"The first symptom of boxwood blight is dark brown to black lesions on otherwise green leaves. The dark lesions will coalesce, turning entire leaves brown to straw colored and de-

foliating rapidly. Black, angular to elliptical shaped cankers form on the twigs and branches," Brown said. "Symptoms commonly begin low on shrubs and spread upwards."

Potentially infected boxwoods can be confirmed by sending a sample to the WVDA Pest Identification Lab. Pictures of symptomatic plants can also be emailed to bugbusters@wvda.us.

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Team members were (front) Leah Carr, Kylie Lahman and Olivia Bible and (back) Cody Mitchell and Bryce Berg.

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