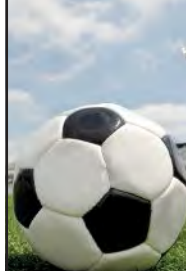




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# Council passes code changes

## Volunteer commission would investigate discrimination claims

**MORGANTOWN CITY COUNCIL**

**BY BEN CONLEY**  
The Dominion Post

The largest crowd in recent memory packed into Morgantown City Hall on Tuesday as city council passed on first reading changes to city code that will

provide anti-discrimination protections based on sexual orientation, gender identity and veteran status.

The meeting opened with Morgantown Fire Chief Mark Caravasos splitting up the overwhelming crowd in order to

maintain a safe, clear passage to the building's main entrance and exit. Many spectators were left standing in the building's lobby, watching the proceedings on a television.

Often referred to as a non-discrimination law, the changes are actually a rewriting of laws surrounding Morgantown's Human Rights Commission (HRC).

Passage would set the volunteer commission up as a body with the ability to investigate claims of discrimination, issue orders and render financial judgments in order to offset legal expenses or provide "any other legal or equitable relief as the commission deems appropriate."

It was explained that setting

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## Homecoming happenings



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University High School's homecoming parade Tuesday evening, on High Street, in Morgantown.

## UHS shows spirit during parade

**BY WILLIAM DEAN**  
The Dominion Post

High Street was filled with the sounds of cheering, marching bands and music as University High School held its annual homecoming parade Tuesday night.

Phil Caskey, parade coordinator and social studies teacher at UHS, said there were about 30 entries in the parade this year including UHS athletic teams, the homecoming court and the Westwood Middle School band.

"The parade is a chance to show off our school spirit and University High School pride," Caskey said.

Clay Bailey, 17, a senior on the UHS football team, said that participating was special to him because it's his last homecoming parade and it means a lot to the community.

The parade route ran from the intersection of High Street and Willey Street to just past Pleasant Street.



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Members of the UHS cross-country team throw candy to the crowd.

Among the crowd that lined both sides of High Street were many supportive parents.

Shannon Reed, of Morgantown, was there to see her son, who is on the cross-country team.

She said that this was her first time coming to a parade in

Morgantown and that traffic wasn't as bad as she expected.

"It's great, it's nice and laid-back," Reed said of the parade.

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## Miners' pension act introduced

**BY DAVID BEARD**  
The Dominion Post

Members of West Virginia's Congressional delegation joined with colleagues of both parties Tuesday morning to resume their efforts to save coal miners' pensions.

Together, they announced the introduction of the American Miners Protection (AMP) Act during a press conference at the U.S. Capitol.

United Mine Workers of America President Cecil Roberts said miners were facing a two-pronged problem: The looming insolvency of the UMWA 1993 Benefit Plan, which would end health care coverage for 22,000 retired miners and widows, and the insolvency of the UMWA 1974 Pension Plan, which would end existing pensions for 87,000 retirees and for more than 20,000 approaching retirement.

A plan to deal with both at once fizzled, so coal country

lawmakers teamed with others to fix them separately. In May, the Miners Protection Act, to fund the health care plan, was incorporated into the 2017 fiscal year spending bill and passed.

Now, pensions are next. The individual pensions are modest, Roberts said, averaging \$586 per month.

But "they're very important to the people that receive them," he said. Among them is his 98-year-old mother.

"If you don't get this done, I can't ever go back to her house again," he joked.

The problem isn't the miners' creation, Roberts said. The plan stems from a 1946 bill signed into law by President Harry Truman in the presence of then-miners' leader John L. Lewis. The plan was to be funded from a percentage of the proceeds of the coal mined.

In 2007, the plan was 90 percent funded and approaching full funding, but the recession,

the coal-industry bust and bankruptcies wiped out much of the funding.

The recession drained \$2 billion, and during the past two years, contributions dropped by more than \$100 million, leaving less than \$25 million per year coming in.

By 2022-'23, the fund will be drained. If the plan collapses, beneficiaries and their dependents will be moved into the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corp. (PBGC), which would destroy that program and shift the money burden from the coal companies to the taxpayers, according to the UMWA.

Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., are sponsors of the Senate version of the AMP Act. Rep. David McKinley, R-W.Va., is sponsoring the House version.

"Miners helped make us the superpower of the world," Manchin said. They're not ask-

**SEE PENSION, 2-A**

## Crime lab gets \$1M in funding

Morrissey: Backlog must be addressed

**BY ALEX LANG**  
The Dominion Post

In an effort to help reduce a nearly year-long backlog in drug testing, West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced nearly \$1 million in additional funding for the state's crime lab.

Morrissey made the announcement Tuesday, during a press conference, in Charleston.

The current drug testing process takes about 260 days, said Sherri Lemons, director of the West Virginia State Police Crime Lab. The additional money will allow the lab to hire more staff.

The hope is that by reducing this backlog, processes in other areas can also be sped up.

The lab has six sections, including DNA and fingerprints.

The state's crime lab is in south Charleston and is the only facility in the state, meaning it serves police in all 55 counties.

The Dominion Post previously reported on funding and staffing issues, as well as lengthy waits in some sections for evidence to aid the criminal justice process.

Morrissey said the money comes on top of \$1 million set aside for the lab for the same purpose last year. The funds are from settlement money and other areas.

"We have to make sure we end this terrible backlog," Morrissey said.

The backlog can impact not only the ability to prosecute people, but to exonerate them, Morrissey said.

While the money is not a permanent fix, Morrissey said it's going to go a "long way" to help address the issue.

Attorneys — both for the state and defendants — have long noted waiting for crime lab results as a reason to ask courts to delay hearing cases.

Delays for information from the lab create difficulties, Monongalia County Prosecuting Attor-

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## China seeks production of electric cars

**READ more on Page 9-A.**

Associated Press

BEIJING — China has stepped up pressure on automakers to accelerate development of electric cars.

China has the world's most aggressive government plans to promote electric cars. Communist leadership sees them as a way to clean up China.

## Lawmakers grill former Equifax chairman

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans and Democrats on Tuesday grilled Equifax's former chief executive over the massive data hack of the personal information of 145 million Americans, calling the company's response inadequate as consumers struggle to deal with the breach.

Former Equifax CEO Richard Smith apologized for the compromise of such information as names, addresses, birth dates and Social Security numbers. Smith was the lone witness at the first of several Capitol Hill hearings this week. No current Equifax official testified.

"The criminal hack happened on my watch, and as CEO, I am ultimately responsible, and I take full responsibility," Smith said. "I am here today to say to each and every person affected by this breach, I am

truly and deeply sorry for what happened."

Democrats favor legislation that they say would establish strong data security standards and prompt notification and relief for consumers when their information is hacked. But Republicans tamped down expectations for any congressional action as this year, the GOP-led Congress rolled back several Obama-era rules affecting businesses and the financial sector.

"Equifax deserves to be shamed in this hearing, but we should also ask what Congress has done, or failed to do, to stop data breaches from occurring," Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., said.

Rep. Bob Latta, R-Ohio, the chairman of the subcommittee examining the breach, said there are already laws on the books that require companies to secure sensitive consumer

data. He said hearings before four House and Senate panels this week should run their course before lawmakers make a decision about what to do next.

Separately, Equifax signed a \$7.25 million contract last month with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to verify taxpayer identities. The no-bid contract, first reported by Politico, is for Equifax to provide the IRS taxpayer and personal identity verification services.

The contract stated that Equifax was the only company capable of providing these services to the IRS, and it was deemed a "critical" service that couldn't lapse.

Smith offered a timeline of what went wrong, saying the Department of Homeland Security warned the company on March 8 about the need to patch a particular vulnerability in software used by Equifax and other businesses.

## Student aid form revamped

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — "Spoiler alert: College is really expensive," the Education Department warns in a blog post as it invites students to apply for federal student aid.

Most students need some form of financial aid to pay for college, which can cost tens of thousands of dollars a year, but the process of applying for aid became more difficult earlier this year when an online tool for retrieving tax data was taken down because of security concerns. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has now fixed the glitch, and on Tuesday the Education Department launched a revamped version of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form.

As part of the FAFSA launch, the government reinstated the useful on-

line IRS data retrieval tool that students can use to automatically link their tax information to their application. The tool was shut down this spring due to concerns that it could be used to steal personal information and then to file fraudulent tax returns.

In September 2016, a Louisiana man unsuccessfully tried to obtain Donald Trump's tax information using the tool, according to an Education Department watchdog. The upgraded version of the tool is meant to protect against fraud.

The 2017 FAFSA, which went live on Sunday, will cover the 2018-'19 school year. And while it may look like there is still a lot of time left, the Education Department suggests that students start planning and applying early.

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### LOTTERY

#### WEST VIRGINIA

**Daily 3: 0-9-8**  
**Daily 4: 1-9-8-3**  
**Cash 25:**  
**3-9-13-15-19-20**

#### MARYLAND (afternoon)

**Pick 3: 8-9-7**  
**Pick 4: 6-2-2-0 (evening)**  
**Pick 3: 9-6-3**  
**Pick 4: 4-3-9-9**  
**Bonus Match 5: 8-9-12-17-20**  
**Bonus: 25**  
**5 Card Cash: AH-9C-10C-9S-10S**

#### PENNSYLVANIA (afternoon)

**Pick 2: 0-0**  
**Pick 3: 0-9-0**  
**Pick 4: 5-5-9-8**  
**Pick 5: 2-0-7-5-0 (evening)**  
**Pick 2: 9-0**  
**Pick 3: 7-8-9**  
**Pick 4: 5-8-1-1**  
**Pick 5: 6-5-1-5-0**  
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### BRIDGE

North 10-04-17  
 ♠ A 9 2  
 ♥ A 6 2  
 ♦ A 9 7 6 5 3  
 ♣ 5

West East  
 ♠ 7 4 ♠ K 8 6 5 3  
 ♥ Q J 10 8 5 ♥ 9 7  
 ♦ 10 ♦ 2  
 ♣ Q 8 7 6 3 ♣ J 10 9 4 2

South  
 ♠ Q J 10  
 ♥ K 4 3  
 ♦ K Q J 8 4  
 ♣ A K

Dealer: South  
 Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

## Balanced hands have eternal losers

By Phillip Alder

Fran Lebowitz said, "Food is an important part of a balanced diet." As mentioned yesterday, it usually pays to be circumspect when you are thinking about a slam with a balanced hand. Your losers tend to hang around. With two balanced hands, go with the combined point-count guidelines: 33 for a small slam and 37 for grand (if the three missing points are not a king). With an unbalanced hand opposite a balanced collection, it can be difficult to judge unless the unbalanced hand holder can count winners.

This deal was played 15 times at Bridge Base Online. Nine of the North-South pairs reached seven diamonds. In this auction, which was popular, North's four-club response was a splinter bid, showing a big diamond fit, game-going values or better and at most one club. South immediately launched Roman Key Card Blackwood, taking the reasonable gamble that North had a spade control. When North showed the three missing aces, South invited seven. After North denied a side-suit king, South should have passed, but went on to seven diamonds.

Yes, seven diamonds had play, being all on the spade finesse. Here it lost — luckily or unluckily, depending on where one was sitting.

Five pairs were in six diamonds, three of them after suffering interference from West. One pair stopped in four no-trump after South opened two no-trump, and North raised to four no-trump. (Presumably this partnership had no way to describe North's hand. Do you?)

This is the key rule: Only bid a slam on a finesse when that finesse is working!

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### COUNCIL

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up the commission as a sort of quasi-legal entity would allow victims of discrimination in Morgantown a venue to initiate recourse that is otherwise not provided for in state and federal law. However, a decision by the commission would not prevent further legal recourse or review.

Nearly 30 attendees took the opportunity to speak unanimously in favor of the changes. The commentary ranged from humorous to highly emotional as members of the city's LGBT community spoke about why they feel such policy changes are needed.

"The current human rights protections offered by our state and federal laws don't protect all people. As a member of the LGBT community, I'm one of the people that's not protected," Human Rights Commissioner Dave Seville said, noting, "All means all."

In other city news, City Manager Paul Brake said work to fix Forest Avenue has fallen behind schedule.

Brake said steel reinforcements are being placed into the hillside, which is slipping in various locations. The road has been closed to traffic since April.

This initial phase was originally supposed to be done by Oct. 4, when the



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Attendees fill City Hall during the meeting.

project was to be handed over to the Morgantown Utility Board (MUB) for stormwater improvements.

Brake said the reinforcements should be in place by Oct. 18 and MUB should

have their work completed in early January.

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### LAB

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ney Perri Jo DeChristopher said.

Defense attorney Lance Rollo said it can typically take several months for drug results to come back from the lab. He

said neither defense attorneys nor the state have control over waiting for the information.

There is a cost for the delays, as someone could sit in jail for months, Rollo said. That also becomes a cost for counties, which have to foot the bill for hous-

ing inmates awaiting trial.

Also on Tuesday, Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., and Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., announced \$1 million in federal funding to help law enforcement groups. Nearly half the money will go to helping the

crime lab with analyzing DNA samples. That money comes from the DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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### PENSION

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ing for a government handout or benefit, but just to recoup what they worked for and were promised.

"We've got to fix this, and we've got to take care of the people that paid for it," he said.

McKinley talked about the need to keep the promise made to the miners long ago, while Capito said the effort must be bipartisan like the Miners Protection Act.

Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt., recently came to Morgantown with McKinley to visit a coal mine and teamed up with him on the AMP Act.

In Vermont, he said,

"We don't have coal, but we do have electricity. ... Coal miners and people from coal country are stand-up Americans. The question now is whether America will stand up for them."

#### The AMP Act

As with the Miners Protection Act, AMP would allow transfers of excess Abandoned Mine Land funds — money not spent on reclamation — to the 1974 UMWA Pension Plan.

It would also call on the Treasury Department to lend the pension plan money to prevent insolvency — up to \$600 million per year at 1 percent interest.

The plan would pay only interest on the debt for

10 years, then pay back the principal plus interest over 30 years.

The UMWA notes that actuarial analyses indicate that the plan would need to take loans for as little as four years.

The lawmakers said the pension problem isn't unique to the mining industry, but the federal agreement to fund the miners' health care and pensions is — which is why they're tackling this first.

The UMWA pointed out that the PBGC faces insolvency. Discussions about troubled multi-employer pension plans have focused on developing an emergency loan program for them, such as the one in the AMP Act.

During a question-and-

answer session, it was noted that mine-heavy Wyoming puts a lot of money into the AML fund and may not be thrilled to have excess go to coal states. The UMWA asked if Wyoming was on board.

Capito said, "The short answer is no. The long answer is this is the beginning." From here, negotiations begin and may involve some financial concessions for Wyoming.

The ultimate shape of the bill is also unknown, McKinley said. It may pass as a standalone or be wrapped into another bill, as the Miners Protection Act was.

Rep. Evan Jenkins, R-W.Va., is a co-sponsor but did not attend the press conference.

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## BRIEFS

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### Racial inequality rally to be held this afternoon

A group of concerned residents will hold a peaceful rally to raise awareness for racial inequality in front of the WVU Mountainlair, at 3:30 p.m. today. The rally was first planned in response to President Donald Trump's visit to Morgantown, which was canceled. However, the group opted to continue with the event.

Speakers at the rally will include black community and business leaders and representatives from Black Lives Matter and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Following the speakers, participants will take a knee for a moment of silence and prayer.

The rally will end in a march to 123 Pleasant Street, where Mountaineers for Progress is hosting a fundraiser for Puerto Rico disaster relief.

Info: Alissa Ponzurick, at 304-777-8771 or alissa.ponzurick@gmail.com.

### Town seeking residents to join committees

Granville is seeking two people interested in representing the town on the Monongalia County Development Authority and the Morgantown Area Economic Partnership.

Interested individuals must be residents of the town of Granville and submit a letter of interest to Town of Granville, P.O. Box 119, Granville, WV 26534, Attn: Mayor Patricia Lewis and Municipal Administrator Ron Snyder.

Info: 304-599-5080.

### Man threatens witness with social media, emoji

KINGWOOD — A Morgantown man is charged with trying to intimidate a witness by threatening him with a video, comments and knife emojis.

Bond was set at \$5,000 for Tyler Scott Smith, 19.

According to the criminal complaint by Preston Sheriff's Sgt. J.G. Rodeheaver: Smith is accused of petit larceny. His posts on Facebook threatened a witness for the prosecution, making him fearful of testifying. The posts consisted of a music video in which murder is discussed, statements about "un-leashing" hurt on the witness, along with knife emojis directed toward the witness.

### Homeward Bound will hold painting fundraiser

Homeward Bound WV will host an "I wish I may, I wish I might" iPaint Party fundraiser, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, at Atria's, 1188 Pineview Drive, Morgantown. The fee is \$45 and includes canvas, paints and brushes.

Register, info: ipaintparties.com.

### Advisor to host coffee club Thursday morning

Kurt Skasik, an Edward Jones financial advisor, will host a coffee club at 8 a.m. Thursday at his office, at 935 Cheat Road.

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company, provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada.

## MEETINGS

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### Today

**MONONGALIA COUNTY COMMISSION**, 10 a.m., Monongalia County Courthouse, High Street. Info: 304-291-7257.

**MORGANTOWN TRAFFIC COMMISSION**, 6:30 p.m., Morgantown City Hall, Council Chambers. Info: 304-284-7412.

### Thursday

**MONONGALIA COUNTY ABANDONED AND DILAPIDATED PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**, 10 a.m., commission chambers, Monongalia County Courthouse.

**MORGANTOWN BICYCLE BOARD**, 6:30 p.m., conference room, Morgantown Public Safety Building, Spruce Street.

# Final day for early voting

## Saturday will be election day for proposed bond

### UPDATE

BY DAVID BEARD  
The Dominion Post

Today is the last day of early voting for the special election on the road bond amendment.

Election Day is Saturday.

Turnout so far has been light,

as state officials predicted. Statewide, as of Tuesday morning, 24,864 voters had cast ballots — only 2.06 percent of the state's 1,222,562 registered voters, according to the secretary of state's office.

Turnout was a little better in Monongalia County. As of Tuesday morning, 2,390 had voted — 3.6 percent of the county's 66,547 voters, according to the Mon County clerk's office.

Turnout in Mon County has

been highest among the 65-74 age group, with 832 voting early. Turnout has been lowest among those 18-24, with only 32 voting.

In Mon County, early voting runs from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. today, at election headquarters in the Mountaineer Mall, off Green Bag Road. On Saturday, hours will be from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at regular polling places around the county.

Last week, during a trip to Morgantown to promote the bond, Gov. Jim Justice predicted

a possible 15 percent overall turnout. With those low numbers, he said, a vocal minority "spewing out venom" could sway the vote disproportionately and kill the bond.

The constitutional amendment, if approved, would allow the Legislature to issue a series of road bonds totaling \$1.6 billion to fund a list of projects around the state.

The bond is part of Justice's \$2.6 billion Roads to Prosperity

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## Stone artists



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**WVU's Collegiate 4-H Club members** Sarah Cokeley (left) and Jerrod Hildreth take part in the rock painting party, in the Mountainlair's Monongahela Room.

## 4-H Club hosts rock painting party

BY WILLIAM DEAN  
The Dominion Post

The WVU Collegiate 4-H Club spent Tuesday evening painting rocks hoping to promote tourism and 4-H in the state.

"This is our first year doing it," said Becca Fint-Clark, WVU and Monongalia County 4-H extension agent.

Fint-Clark said that rock painting is currently trendy. After the rocks get painted, they are hidden in locations with lots of traffic, such as Blackwater Falls.

Amy Bennett, WVU 4-H president, said that it's a form of geocaching, where items are hidden and participants find the cache before adding a small item to it.

The hope is that users will post picture of the rocks they find on social media before hiding it again themselves, Fint-Clark said.

"You can watch your rock travel around the state," Fint-Clark said.

Each rock painted had WVU 4-H written somewhere on it, allowing it to be identified.

Other groups of 4-H marked their rocks by county, Fint-Clark said.

Bennett said she recently discovered some painted rocks in Pittsburgh and that some people paint the rocks to represent their town or city.

"I'm interested to see how this works," Ryder Deem, WVU senior and 4-H member, said.

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**Hildreth (above) uses a sponge brush** to paint a rock gold. WVU's Collegiate 4-H Club member Becca Franklin (left) paints the 4-H symbol on her rock.



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## Man indicted for first-degree murder

BY ALEX LANG  
The Dominion Post

A man was indicted on murder charges for a crash in which an elderly couple died in Marion County in 2016.

This week, the October term of the Marion County Grand Jury released indictments of more than 25 people.

The grand jury indicted Ryan Ashley Hubbs, 35, for two counts of first-degree murder. He faces life in prison if convicted.

According to media reports: In October 2016, Hubbs was driving a stolen vehicle when it collided with another vehicle

carrying an elderly couple near the Middletown Mall. The couple died at the scene.

In Lewis County, Hubbs was previously charged with first-degree robbery and grand larceny.

Two people also face a host of charges related to an August robbery. Terrall Raynard Parker and Patrick Ernest-McNeal Davis face charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, conspiracy, assault during the commission of a felony, conspiracy and first-degree robbery.

For the robbery case, police said, the two men took a woman

out of a vehicle with intent to rob her. The incident occurred on Chamberlain Avenue.

Parker hit the woman in the forehead with a firearm, which resulted in a cut.

The two took the woman's purse and ran.

First-degree robbery is punishable by a minimum of 10 years in prison. Assault during the commission of a felony can be punished by two to 10 years in prison and conspiracy by one to five years incarceration.

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## WESTOVER CITY COUNCIL

### City considers penalties for violating code

\$500 fine for each day building issue remains

BY RACHEL HAWKINS  
For The Dominion Post

Disobeying provisions of the Westover City Building and Housing Code may soon come with specific penalties.

Westover Mayor Dave Johnson said the city encountered problems when attempting to penalize property owners, contractors, businesses and others who violate sections of the building and housing codes because the penalties were too generic.

"A lot of our codes just have a general penalty phrase," Johnson said. "It doesn't really apply to anything specifically. So we ran into this problem where we wrote some tickets and had some citations for properties that hadn't been taken care of. When it came time to assess a value on the fine, there was nothing specifically in that part of the housing code."

During Westover City Council's Monday meeting, members voted unanimously to introduce an additional law outlining specific penalties for parties in violation of the building and housing codes.

Council member-at-large Al Yocum was not present for the meeting.

The law provides for a fine up to \$500 per day of violation for anyone who "erects, constructs, adds to or alters, moves or demolishes" in violation of a submitted plan or without the proper permit.

It also provides a finable offense for anyone, including "an architect, engineer, builder, contractor, agent person or corporation employed in connection therewith" that assists in the violation of the codes.

The law also provides for additional action necessary by the city attorney to stop the violation of the codes.

Johnson said residents should note that the fine is per day of violation.

"If we give you a fine for not doing something and you don't do it, we can come back tomorrow and give you another one," he said. "But if we come back tomorrow and you are making an effort to improve, we will work with everyone. We will work with you, but we aren't going to be made fools of."

He said the most important action residents and businesses could take would be to make sure they get proper permits and understand what is included.

"They just need to listen to what we tell them," he said. "They have to come to us to get permits to do these specific things so they'll know the procedure. Now, if we catch them doing things without permits, then they have a lot of problems."

The second reading of this ordinance and final approval vote will be at the next city council meeting, at 6 p.m. Oct. 16, at the Westover City Building.

In other business: Police Chief Richard Panico reiterated the purpose of phantom checkpoints. While unmanned, he said the purpose of the checkpoints was to have drivers be aware of what they are doing and change their behaviors

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## Judge maintains ruling in abuse case

BY KATHY PLUM  
The Dominion Post

KINGWOOD — A circuit judge upheld a magistrate court ruling that gave the county Florance Ann Miller's Husky dog because she mistreated it.

Preston Humane Officer Deputy D. M. Lilly testified Tuesday that he seized the dog in August after receiving a complaint that it was being abused.

When he saw the dog at Grape Thicket Road, "it appeared somebody had hurt that dog," Lilly said. "My assessment was that somebody had abused it." The dog had missing hair, blood stippling on its back, scratches, cuts and half circles on its sides, he said.

Miller, who appeared in court without an attorney, does not live at the location where the dog was kept. Her husband, Anthony Sanmiguel, testified that the husky was "spoiled rotten" and either he or his wife went daily to check on it.

Kelly Reel, of the Preston Animal Shelter, said the veterinarian found maggots in the dog's flesh when he peeled back a strip of hide between the dog's shoulders. She cleaned the wound twice daily.

"The dog was chewing at its sides. It couldn't reach the wound," Reel said. "It would have taken a long time to get that bad without medical treatment."

Sanmiguel said they

took the dog to the vet two or three days before it was seized, but didn't have the \$1,000 he said was required for treatment. The vet offered to euthanize the dog for free, he said.

"This is not a condition that happened all at once," Prosecutor Melvin C. Snyder III said.

Circuit Judge Lawrence Miller Jr. found the dog had been neglected and deprived of medical care. He made Miller liable for all costs associated with his care since the county seizure. A hearing will be set to determine those costs.

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## Study highlights state's struggles, challenges

Associated Press

Study after study has spelled out the challenges facing West Virginia, ranging from poor health, low incomes, low educational attainment, a lagging economy and so on.

Now, we learn, West Virginia is among the most dis-

tressed states in the nation, according to a study by Economic Innovation Group, a policy organization based in Washington, D.C.

Slightly more than a third of its population lives in distressed communities, the study said, the third highest number after Mississippi and Alabama. Con-

versely, West Virginia has the nation's lowest percentage of its population living in prosperous communities, at just 3.1 percent.

Another breakdown in the study showed that the 3rd Congressional District, ranked sixth among the most distressed congressional districts.

## Judge requires woman to report to rehab

BY KATHY PLUM  
The Dominion Post

KINGWOOD — Lisa Born will go to long-term treatment for her drug and alcohol addiction instead of prison, a judge ruled Tuesday.

But if Born, 43, of Kingwood, does not report to the rehab facility today, she may go to jail, Preston Circuit Judge Lawrence Miller Jr. warned her.

Born pleaded guilty in August to unlawful assault and second-offense shoplifting. She was originally charged with mali-

cious wounding and third-offense shoplifting.

The wounding charge relates to a 2016 incident, when Born argued with another woman and attacked her with a knife. The woman was not seriously injured. The shoplifting charge was for taking bologna and cheese from a grocery store.

Born told Miller, "I want to get help" for her addiction. Her attorney said a facility in Charleston would accept her.

Miller sentenced Born to one to five years in prison,

plus paying court costs and restitution for the assault charge. On the shoplifting charge, he sentenced her to six months in jail, a \$100 fine and restitution. He suspended the sentence and put her on three years probation if she goes immediately to treatment.

The judge warned Born that if she did not go to treatment today, the prosecutor could ask for the prison time to be imposed.

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### MEETINGS, CONTINUED

**Thursday**  
**MONONGALIA COUNTY FARM BUREAU**, 7 p.m., Extension Office in

Westover Plaza.  
**REEDSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, 7:30 p.m. at Reedsville Volunteer

Fire Department.  
**MARION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**, 6 p.m., Central Office.

### TODAY

**SUBMIT** items to Today, The Dominion Post, 1251 Earl Core Road, Morgantown, WV 26505 or newsroom@dominionpost.com. Info: 304-291-9435. Meetings in Morgantown unless listed otherwise.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS:** Noon, O, D, NS, WA, Manchin Health Care Education Center, 401 Guffey St., Fairmont; 7 p.m., O, D, NS, WA, Christ Episcopal Church, 405 9th St., Fairmont; 7:30 p.m., O, LS, NS, WA, Chestnut Ridge Hospital, Room 101, 930 Chestnut Ridge Road. (O, open; D, discussion; LS, literature study; NS, no smoking; WA, wheelchair accessible). Info: 1-800-766-4442; mrsca.org.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** Noon, O, D, 17 Club, No. 1 Brookstone Plaza, Green Bag Road; 6 p.m., O, W, NS, WC, Womens New Way of Life Group, Club 17, No. 1 Brookstone Plaza, Green Bag Road; 7 p.m., C, 12&12, NS (last Wednesday, OS), Jones UMC, 333 Green St.; 8:30 p.m., O, BB, NS, First Presbyterian Church, 456 Spruce St.

Room 3. (O, open; C, closed; NS, no smoking; A, accessible). Info: 304-291-7918; aawv.org.

**VETERANS OF IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN GROUP:** 6:30 p.m., Morgantown Vet Center. Info: Vet Center, 304-291-4303.

**ORPHANS FRIEND ENCAMPMENT 14:** 7:30 p.m., IOOF building, corner of High and Walnut streets.

**MONONGAHELA CANTON 3:** after the 7:30 p.m. encampment meeting, IOOF building, corner of High and Walnut streets.

**AHWAZ 276,** Ancient Mystic Order of Samaritans: after the 7:30 p.m. encampment meeting, IOOF building, corner of High and Walnut streets.

**DIVORCE CARE:** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Chestnut Ridge Church, 2223 Cheat Road. A faith based support group for those dealing with separation or divorce. Info: 304-594-0548.

**AL-ANON:** 7:30 p.m., Evansdale Residential Annex behind 396 Oakland St., Morgantown. For those affected by someone else's alcohol

or drug use. Info: 888-425-2666; al-anon.org.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS:** for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., 1299 Pineview Drive, Suite 3, third floor, White Birch Towers (front entrance). Free. Info: 304-599-1159, www.alz.org.wv.

**WVU STROKE SUPPORT GROUP:** 5:30 p.m., Conference Room 3A/3B, 4th floor, Ruby Memorial Hospital. Info, directions: schaffera@wvuhealthcare.com, 304-598-6395. MEETS: April-Dec.

**LOOK GOOD/FEEL BETTER:** 6 p.m., for women who have or will undergo cancer treatment. Location, info: Patricia Policchio, 304-598-4563.

**CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Noon, Golden Corral Buffet, Star City. Info: 304-276-1360.

**DEPRESSION AND BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE (DBSA):** 6:30 p.m., Chestnut Ridge Hospital, Morgantown. For those who deal with mood disorders. Meetings are free. Info: Diana 304-472-1947, or dianathompson222@hotmail.com.

## COUNCIL

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if necessary.

"If you see a sign that says a checkpoint, you should basically start looking around and see what you are doing," he said. "It's a nudge that says, 'Be aware. We are out here.'"

"We might have someone here to stop you, but even if we don't, you should be aware. We want you to pay attention to what you are doing."

■ Panico reported a successful first firearms class for residents, with all four participants passing the course at the city gun range.

■ City Clerk Sandra Weis said the city's website will be updated soon and will include a new map of recent annexations.

■ Johnson provided an

update on improvements to the city gun range, including built-up lanes and fresh mulch on the road leading to the range. He said there is now a gate for the range and a small outbuilding will be placed to store material.

■ Johnson said the parks and recreation committee recommended expanding the tee-ball field at Westover City Park, which would require the removal of the rear pavilion.

■ In old business, the council voted unanimously to approve the granting of a franchise agreement to Lumos Networks, allowing it to offer fiber optic internet service.

■ Council unanimously approved the second and final reading of an amendment to city code on garbage. The only change was to replace a specific garbage col-

lector — Republic Services — with more general language, so that no supplier is named. All rates and discounts remain the same.

■ Council unanimously approved the second and final reading of a code amendment that provides more specific guidelines for property owners on "improved areas," including paved, non-permeable surfaces; permeable surfaces (gravel, pellets); and mixed surfaces (stones, pavers). The law says that non-permeable surfaces must stay in place and that continuous washouts are not acceptable.

■ Council unanimously approved trick-or-treat hours to coincide with those in Morgantown, from 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 31.

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## BOND

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Highway Program, with projects in all 55 counties. Among the bond projects are 37 for Monongalia County, 19 for Preston and one combined Mon-Preston project. Marion County has 17.

Legislation passed during the 2017 session provides four funding buckets

for the bond's debt service. The privilege tax — a sales tax on vehicles — was increased from 5 percent to 6 percent; the wholesale gasoline tax and DMV fees were also increased.

All told, they are expected to generate about \$130 million per year.

Increases in turnpike tolls would go to separate bonds for turnpike-related projects.

The bond includes no money for routine maintenance. Officials and legislators explained that devoting bond money to the listed projects frees up additional regular Road Fund money to pick up the pace on grading, ditching, mowing and patching potholes.

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# EARLY VOTING

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SEPT. 22 THRU OCT. 4, 2017

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No entrance from inside Mall

## ATTENTION VOTERS

There have been several temporary precinct location changes for the special Saturday Election on October 7, 2017. If you are registered in any of the precincts listed below, you must appear at the correct precinct location on Election Day.

- 2A - Morgantown High School - room change to Auditorium along Wilson Ave.
- 2B - Morgantown High School - room change to Auditorium along Wilson Ave.
- 23 - was St. Mary's Catholic Church - moved to STAR CITY TOWN HALL
- 25 - was St. Mary's Catholic Church - moved to STAR CITY TOWN HALL
- 44 - was Restoration Church International- moved to THE FIREHOUSE EVENT CENTER IN OSAGE
- 48 - was Restoration Church International- moved to THE FIREHOUSE EVENT CENTER IN OSAGE
- 52 - was Mason Dixon Park - moved to CORE COMMUNITY CENTER
- 59 - was Smithtown School - moved to ELECTION CENTER AT MOUNTAINEER MALL
- 79 - was Cheat Lake VFD - moved to CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- 82 - was Cheat Lake VFD - moved to CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- 81 - University High School - room change to the front hallway of building
- 83 - University High School - room change to the front hallway of building



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Dr. Raju and his staff are looking forward to seeing you at this new location!

## Pumpkin squares are scrumptious for Halloween

BY SARA MOULTON  
Associated Press

Here's a scrumptious treat for Halloween. It happens to be too delicate to give away to the trick-or-treaters, but it's just right for you and your family and friends at a Halloween party or dinner.

If you've ever dug into a pumpkin pie or dessert and wondered where the flavor went, I can pinpoint the problem: Pumpkin puree is terribly watery whether it's fresh or canned. It occurred to me that draining it would concentrate the flavor, and here's how to do it: First, wrap it in a layer of cheesecloth, then tie the cheesecloth like a hobo's sack to a chopstick, skewer, or dinner knife, and finally hang the sack over a deep bowl. Let it drip, drip, drip for eight hours or overnight. Afterward, there will be a fair amount of water at the bottom of the bowl — and even more in the cheesecloth. Squeeze the cheesecloth gently to remove the additional water. When you're done, you will have captured and eliminated anywhere from 1/2 cup to 3/4 cup water from the puree.

### PUMPKIN COCONUT SQUARES

Start to finish: 11 hours, 20 minutes (30 active). Servings: Makes 36 squares.

**One 15-ounce can pumpkin puree (not pie filling)**

**6 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided, plus extra for buttering the pan**

**1 1/2 cups finely ground gingersnap crumbs (about 35 2-inch cookies)**

**2 large eggs**

**3/4 cup well-stirred**

**unsweetened coconut milk (stir the coconut cream at the top of the tin down into the rest of the milk to incorporate it before measuring)**

**2/3 cup packed dark brown sugar**

**1 3/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon, divided**

**1 3/4 teaspoons vanilla extract, divided**

**1/2 teaspoon ground ginger**

**1/4 teaspoon table salt**

**6 ounces cream cheese, softened**

**3/4 cup confectioners' sugar**

**1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons toasted sweetened coconut flakes**

Cut out a square of cheesecloth large enough to wrap around the puree with about a 4-inch border on all sides. Spoon the puree into the cheesecloth, tie the ends of the cheesecloth together to form a bag (like what we used to call a hobo sack) and thread a chopstick, skewer or dinner knife through the opening at the top. Place the chopstick over the top of a deep bowl and let the bag hang over the bowl. Chill for at least 8 hours or overnight. After the draining period, squeeze the cheesecloth gently to extract even more water, discard all the liquid at the bottom of the bowl and set the puree aside.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Butter a 9-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan. Melt 1 1/2 tablespoons of the butter.

In a medium bowl, stir together the gingersnap crumbs and the melted butter and pat the crumbs evenly into the bottom of the pan. Bake on the middle shelf of the oven until the crumbs begin to darken, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove from the oven.

Meanwhile, in the same bowl you mixed the crumb mixture, whisk the eggs until they are beaten lightly, add the coconut milk, brown sugar, 1 teaspoon of the cinnamon, 1 teaspoon of the vanilla, ginger and salt, and whisk until smooth. Stir in the drained pumpkin puree and spread evenly over the crumbs.

Bake on the middle shelf of the oven, until the center has set, about 25 minutes. Remove and let cool completely on a rack. In a medium bowl combine the cream cheese, the remaining 4 1/2 tablespoons butter, confectioners' sugar, remaining 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon and 3/4 teaspoon vanilla; beat until very smooth. Spread the mixture evenly over the top of the cooled pumpkin filling and sprinkle the coconut on top of the cream cheese frosting, pressing it down lightly. Chill until firm, about 2 hours. Cut into 36 squares and serve.

# Send a taste of home

## Care package treats for your college kids



Treats and gift ideas boxed for your student away from home. From top right: Homemade granola bars, Cheerios peanut butter cereal bars, salted peanut bars and homemade caramel corn.

BY DANIEL NEMAN  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (TNS)

School is back, which means that many parents (and grandparents) have a child (or children) in college.

How can you show them that you love them? How can you make their day? And, if you do it right, how can you embarrass them just a little?

Send a care package. One of the great joys of living in a dorm is receiving a box full of your favorite treats from home. And another joy of dorm life is living down the hall from a guy who gets a box full of his favorite treats from home.

So it's a win-win. And it's not just college students who need and deserve care packages. Think how happy a loved one in the military will be to receive food from home.

All it takes to send a successful care package is a little common sense. Don't send ice cream, unless you pack it in a cooler with dry ice — and even then the student will have to have a freezer to put it in. Don't send raw meat. Don't send vegetables.

Do send baked goods, particularly baked goods that are fairly sturdy and can stand up to the rigors of shipping. Try to

avoid things that will soon turn into crumbs. And make sure they won't go stale anytime soon, too.

For my hypothetical child at college — what they heck, let's say he's at Harvard on full scholarship — I made a care package with four items I know he would love and crave, if he existed.

Granola bars, for instance. While any college kid can hop down to the bookstore and buy a granola bar (or soldier to the PX), homemade granola bars are a whole other story.

As proof, I offer my own experience. I do not like granola bars, or I did not like them until I first made my own. Now I like granola bars, but only the homemade ones.

I think the difference is the freshness and the way the combination of ingredients has not been homogenized by countless focus groups. And you can make them to order. Once you have the base down, you can add your own combination of add-ins. I used chopped dates and coconut, but you can use whatever you want — dried cherries, M&Ms, chocolate chips. Whatever sounds good.

You can always pretend that granola bars are healthy, but there is no such excuse for Cheerio Peanut Butter Cereal

Bars. They're just good. No, they're just great. Amazing, even.

Everybody knows Rice Krispies Treats. For my care package, I wanted that same idea, only with my favorite cereal, Cheerios. I have nothing against Rice Krispies (they're in my top five), but Cheerios are like manna from heaven, only better. They are the ultimate expression of breakfast foods, the Platonic ideal of cereal.

And Cheerios Peanut Butter Cereal Bars are kind of the Platonic Ideal of snack foods in general and care-package foods in particular. They're light in texture, though perhaps not in calories, and are somehow both chewy and a little crunchy at the same time.

The recipe comes straight from Cheerios, and who would know better what to do with their cereal than they? The original recipe calls for Chocolate Cheerios, and while I don't think they are necessarily a complete abomination I also have no need to ever try them. I am a purist. I used regular Cheerios, and I am not ashamed.

Another recipe caught my eye because it reminded me of one of my favorite candy bars.

Salted Peanut Bars are sort of like Payday bars, with some

significant differences. First and foremost, they have a simple crust on the bottom so it is a bar as in a lemon bar: A Payday bar bar.

Also, it is not really a nougat, as in a Payday bar; it is more of a cross between a nougat and peanut brittle, with an extra dash of butterscotch.

It's familiar but unique. It's superb. I may like it as much as the Cheerios thing.

I finished off my care package with something that, as far as I can tell, is beloved by everyone in the world. Who wouldn't want to open a package from home and find a big batch of homemade caramel popcorn?

I made the popcorn the relatively old-fashioned way, on top of a stove in a pot. I didn't want any of the extra flavors that you get when you pop it in a bag in a microwave (and yes, when I was growing up we used to pop it in a basket over a fire, but that adds another unwanted flavor).

The hard part of making caramel corn is usually making the caramel itself. Caramel can be tricky, but the recipe I found from Kitchn was easy.

But was it good? It was caramel. It was pop-

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## Tired of plain old vegetables? Spice 'em up with some flavor

The Culinary Institute of America

### MEATLESS ON THE MENU

Pepper is the world's most traded spice and, centuries ago, the spice trade defined the routes of sea explorers. Don't forget that Christopher Columbus was searching for India — and its wealth of spices — when he bumped into North America.

Despite its ubiquitous use, pepper is just one of

hundreds of spices used across the globe to season food. Some cultures are more well-known for their use of spice, like curries in India and southeast Asia, and Cajun and Creole seasonings in the southern United States (which, of

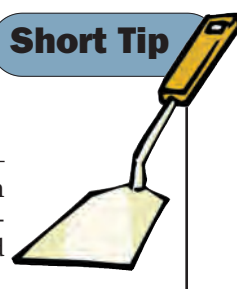
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### Short Tip

#### Try when you fry

FoodNetwork.com

To know whether your oil is hot enough for frying, stick a wooden skewer or wooden spoon in the oil. If bubbles form around the wood, then your oil is ready to use.



### RECIPE BOX

#### MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN

**3/4 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast**  
**4 tablespoons Herbes de Provence**  
**2 teaspoons olive oil**  
**Salt and freshly ground black pepper**

Remove visible fat from chicken breasts and rub with Herbes de Provence making sure to coat both sides. Heat olive oil in a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Saute 4 minutes. Turn and saute 4 minutes. Remove from heat, cover with a lid and let sit 10 minutes. A meat thermometer should read 165 degrees.

Slice chicken into strips and arrange on salad. Spoon pan juices over chicken. Serve with salad (recipe below).

#### SPINACH, ROASTED PEPPER AND CHICKPEA SALAD

**6 cups washed, ready-to eat baby spinach**  
**1/2 cup drained, sliced roasted red pepper**  
**1 1/2-cups reduced-sodium, drained and rinsed canned chickpeas**  
**4 tablespoons reduced-fat oil and vinegar dressing**

Divide spinach leaves between 2 dinner plates. Add the roasted red pepper slices and chickpeas to the spinach. Sprinkle the dressing on top.

— Recipes by Linda Gassenheimer

**SPICE**  
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course, come from the Caribbean and African influences of the region).

This recipe for Spiced Roasted Vegetables with Mixed Grains uses a blend of familiar spices to make two simple dinner preparations just a little bit more exciting. Nutmeg, cardamom and cumin are known as warming spices, and whether they do it literally or not, they certainly have a knack for giving you that cozy feeling. They suit each other very naturally and, paired with turmeric (popular as an antioxidant and for its vibrant color) and zesty paprika, create a mixture that's mild and flavorful — spiced, but not spicy.

Buying spices doesn't have to be a major investment, either. Many grocery stores (especially those of the "natural" variety) sell spices in bulk bins, so you can buy a few teaspoons for less than 50 cents. This gives you the freedom to experiment with new flavors and combinations. After all, explorers wandered the globe so you could have access to peppercorns and cardamom — now it's your turn to explore unchart-

ed territories.

**SPICED ROASTED VEGETABLES WITH MIXED GRAINS**

*Servings: 6  
Start to finish: 1 hour, 10 minutes (Active time: 10 minutes)*

- 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric**
- 1 teaspoon paprika**
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg**
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cardamom**
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin**
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper**
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt**
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon vegetable oil, divided use**
- 3 carrots, peeled and quartered lengthwise**
- 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into wedges**
- 1 head cauliflower, cut into florets**
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into thick slices**
- 5 cloves garlic, thinly sliced**
- 1 cup brown basmati rice, rinsed**
- 1/2 cup bulgur wheat**
- 1/4 cup golden raisins**
- 1 quart vegetable broth or water**

**1/2 cup fresh parsley leaves**

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. In a small bowl, combine turmeric, paprika, nutmeg, cardamom, cumin, pepper, and salt. Stir to combine. Transfer 1 teaspoon of the spice mix to a medium saucepan, and set aside. Mix the remaining spice mix with 2 tablespoons of the vegetable oil and stir to make a paste.

In a large bowl, combine the carrots, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, bell pepper, and garlic, and add the spice paste. Toss until the vegetables are well-coated. Spread on a foil-lined baking sheet and roast until the vegetables are tender and lightly browned around the edges, about 1 hour.

Meanwhile, place the rice, wheat, and raisins in the pot with the reserved spice mixture. Stir to coat. Add broth and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover, and simmer until the liquid is absorbed and the rice is tender, about 50 minutes. Remove from the heat and let stand, covered, for about 5 minutes before serving.

Serve vegetables alongside rice. Garnish with parsley leaves.

# Meal Ticket

**SATURDAY**

■ 11 a.m.-5 p.m., ham dinner, Mountain Heights Community Building, 1683 Summers School Road. Menu: Ham, choice of three sides (mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, macaroni salad, hobo beans), drinks and dessert. Additional sides, \$1. Hot dogs, \$1. There will also be a basket auction and tickets sold for Michael Kors purses. This is the fall fundraiser to raise money for future maintenance of the cemetery.

**OCT. 22**

■ 11 a.m. until sold out,

baked steak dinner, Core Community Center/Senior Center. Menu: Baked steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, apple sauce or cole slaw, variety of cakes for dessert. Drinks: Lemonade, coffee, sweetened and unsweetened tea and water. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5-10. Take-out available. Proceeds go toward the upkeep of the center. Info: Mary Ann, 304-879-5452 or 304-879-5656.

■ Noon-6 p.m., Annual Fall Ox Roast for the Mountaineer Area Council of the Boy Scout of America, Camp Mountaineer, 187

Camp Mountaineer Road. Advance tickets available at the scout office in Fairmont, by phone at 304-366-3940 or check with a local scout. Advance prices: Adults, \$12; children under 10, \$5 (\$3 more at the door).

**NOV. 11**

■ Noon until sold out, annual holupki (cabbage rolls) dinner, St. Mary's Orthodox Church. Menu: Two cabbage rolls, kielbasa, pierogies, green beans, desserts and beverages. Adults, \$10; children, \$5. The church is located at 3 West Park Ave., Westover. Info: 304-692-4777.

## Hill & Hollow hosts German beer dinner

Submitted to The Dominion Post

Hill & Hollow will host Autumn Craft Beer Pairing: A Five-Course Traditional Bavarian Feast paired with German-style Beers, Thursday-Saturday.

Reservations are recommended but not required. Cost for the German beer-pairing dinner is \$50 with beer, \$35 without beer.

Menu:  
■ First course: Speckbrotchen und Lauwarmer

Kartoffelsalat (smoked ham bread and warm potato salad), paired with Escutcheon Brewing Grouler Kolsch

■ Second course: Knodel und Gehacktem Schweinen (hand-rolled egg noodles and chopped pork roast), paired with Short Story Brewing Cloudwatcher Kristallweizen-style Wheat

■ Third course: Weiswurst und Reiberdatschi (poached veal sausage with potato-apple pan-

cake), paired with Big Timber Brewing Marzen-style Oktoberfest

■ Fourth course: Geschmortes Huhn und Rahmspinat Saurkraut (chicken stewed in beer and creamed sauerkraut), pairing to be announced

■ Fifth Course: Kaiserschmarrn (caramelized pancake with plum compote), paired with Bridge Brew Works Black Diamond Schwarzbier-style Black Lager

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**CARE**  
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corn. It was superb.

**GRANOLA BARS**

*Yield: 18 servings*  
**2 1/2 cups old-fashioned oats**  
**1/2 cup coarsely chopped almonds**  
**1/2 stick (1/4 cup) butter**  
**1/4 cup brown sugar**  
**1/4 teaspoon kosher salt**

- 1 teaspoon vanilla**
- 1/4 cup honey**
- 3/4 cup mixed add-ins such as chocolate chips, raisins, M&Ms, etc. (I used 1/2 cup chopped dates and 1/4 cup shredded coconut)**
- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-by-9-inch baking pan with foil, and coat with nonstick spray.
- 2. Spread oats and almonds on a baking sheet and toast 8 to 10 minutes.
- 3. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan over medium heat, combine butter, brown sugar, salt, vanilla and honey, and stir until thoroughly melted together and the sugar is dissolved.
- 4. In a large bowl, stir

together the oat mixture and the butter-sugar mixture. Stir in the add-ins. Pour into the prepared baking pan, smooth the top and refrigerate at least 2 hours before cutting into bars.

— Recipe from [blessthismiss.com](http://blessthismiss.com)

**CHEERIOS PEANUT BUTTER CEREAL BARS**

*Yield: 24 servings*  
**5 cups Cheerios cereal**  
**3/4 cup raisins**  
**3/4 cup salted peanuts**  
**1 cup corn syrup**  
**1/2 cup packed brown sugar**  
**1/2 cup granulated sugar**  
**1 cup creamy peanut butter**  
**1/2 cup milk chocolate chips**

- 1. Spray a 13-by-9-inch pan with cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine cereal, raisins and peanuts; set aside.
- 2. In a 2-quart saucepan, combine corn syrup and sugars. Heat to boiling over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter.
- 3. Pour peanut butter mixture over cereal mixture; mix until thoroughly coated. Spread evenly in pan.
- 4. Melt chocolate chips in a double boiler or microwave for about 1 minute, stirring every 15 seconds, until melted and smooth. Drizzle over bars. Refrigerate 15 minutes or until chocolate is set.

— Adapted from a recipe by Cheerios.

**SALTED PEANUT BARS**

*Yield: 24 servings*  
**1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour**  
**3/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter, melted**  
**2 cups lightly salted peanuts**  
**1/2 cup light corn syrup**  
**1 tablespoon water**  
**2 tablespoons butter (not melted)**

- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and place a rack in the center. Line a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with nonstick foil, or line it with regular foil and spray the foil with flour-added baking spray.
- 2. Mix the flour, brown sugar and salt together in a large mixing bowl. Stir in the melted butter. Press into the bottom of the prepared pan and bake 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and sprinkle the peanuts over the crust, pressing down slightly. Keep the oven on.
- 3. In a small saucepan, combine the corn syrup, water and unmelted butter and heat over medium heat until very hot. Add the butterscotch chips and continue heating until the mixture boils. Boil gently for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour the butterscotch mixture over the peanuts. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool completely in the pan, then lift

from the pan, set on a cutting board and cut into 24 bars.

— Recipe from "The Daily Cook-  
ie" by Anna Ginsberg

**CARAMEL POPCORN**

*Yield: 10 to 12 cups*  
**1/2 cup unpopped popcorn kernels**  
**1 tablespoon vegetable oil**  
**1 1/2 sticks (3/4 cup) unsalted butter**  
**1 cup packed brown sugar**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla extract**  
**1/2 teaspoon kosher salt**  
**1/4 teaspoon baking soda**

- 1. Arrange racks in the top and bottom third of the oven, and preheat to 250 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
- 2. Warm 3 corn kernels and the oil in a large lidded pot over medium heat (this will make about 10 cups of popcorn; do it in two batches if your pot is not large enough). When the kernels pop, add the rest of the kernels to the pot, shake to coat with oil, and cover. Pop the corn, shaking the pot occasionally, until the popping slows. Transfer immediately to a heat-proof bowl or another large pot.
- 3. Melt the butter in a 2-quart saucepan over medium heat. Mix in the sugar until it is completely moistened. Increase the heat to medium high and bring the mixture to a boil. Once boiling, boil for 3 to 4 minutes, continuously stirring and scraping the bottom of the pan (if using an electric stove, boil for 2 to 3 minutes).
- 4. Take the pan off the heat and add the vanilla, salt and baking soda, and stir until combined. Be careful: the hot sugar mixture will bubble up violently when you add the vanilla. Continue stirring until you form a thick, glossy sauce.
- 5. Slowly pour the caramel sauce over the popcorn while stirring the popcorn. Stir until all the kernels are coated.
- 6. Divide the popcorn between the prepared baking sheets, spreading it out into an even layer. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes and breaking up any clumps. Let the popcorn cool completely on the baking sheets. It may be stored for up to 1 week in an airtight container.

— Recipe from  
Kitchn.com

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## EDITORIAL

### Staged event did not play to public

Sigh of relief that city funds, resources won't subsidize FOX News interview with Trump

We still believe not everything is political. But dare speak truth to power and you won't escape unlabeled.

It's uncertain how our position that it's a relief President Trump's visit today was cancelled will sound, but our reasons are not political.

No, it's the way this entire proposed presidential visit was handled that was wrong.

First of all, spending who knows how much in public funds to stage an invitation-only, basically private event is simply wrong.

If anything, this was a staged event for FOX News, that would feature a taped interview by a presidential crony of Trump to be aired later in prime time.

Benefiting FOX News and the president, not only was this interview to be staged and taped as an exclusive for one broadcaster, it was not even open to other media.

Never mind, either, the public needed to apply for tickets Saturday night — the same day this newspaper became aware of the interview.

And in case anyone didn't notice, FOX News' interview with the president was scheduled at 5 p.m. today, at the Metropolitan Theatre.

Think about that — the certain delays, inconvenience and mayhem this would cause downtown. Even during the summer, when WVU is by and large empty, traffic at midday during the work week is tenuous.

Obviously, much of High Street would probably be sealed off, not to mention the roads the president's motorcade would take before and after the interview.

It's possible, too, that protesters would be hanging from the rafters to greet the president, adding to the overall confusion and costs for security.

If all that were for a public speech at the Coliseum or even open-air at a football field or at Woodburn Circle, that's all right. Then, it's a public event, and the public should be prepared to accept the cost, the traffic, the protests and the inconvenience.

But for a taped interview with a major private broadcaster to be aired later, that hardly seems fair.

Let's be clear: We want to be the first to welcome President Trump back to Morgantown in the future.

But to a public forum — a true town hall meeting — that the general public is aware of well in advance and that's open to the press.

Honestly, we're sort of glad that this staged interview with the president never took place.

Needless to say, we're terribly sad that it took the slaughter of dozens of people to cause it to be cancelled.

Although we do have political views — and publish them here on occasion — all truth is not political.

Some presidential visits should be welcome; others should not.

### Justice's promises on roads ring hollow

In a national contest for clownish behavior among governors, West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice would be a top contender.

From a press conference punctuated by a plate of cow manure to numerous verbal outrages against nearly everyone, Justice comes across as unhinged and out of control.

He ran as a Democrat for political expediency, then became a Republican for the same reason. Justice further showed himself as an opportunist with no core values or real direction when he campaigned as a conservative, but sharply turned left when elected.

Today, this erratic politician is promoting a state road bond that would take out a \$1.6 billion loan in the name of West Virginia's taxpayers.

The presentations by the governor and supporters of the bond are full of half-truths, exaggerations and outright lies. They make snake-oil-like promises of jobs, building or repairing roads and bridges in every area of the state that ring hollow.

The granddaddy of all lies, however, is the point at which they promise, no new taxes to repay this monstrosity.

The undeniable fact is that taxes absolutely will rise to service this loan, most likely every year. They promise tax increases in gasoline, tolls, DMV fees and sales with which the governor and Legislature saddled us last session, will pay the interest and principal on billions of borrowed dollars.

The last thing we need in a state with hundreds of millions of dollars in deficits is another loan costing \$billions to pay back, and untold millions in new taxes our children and grandchildren will repay.

Demand the dismantling of the bloated, inefficient and corrupt bureaucracies that stifle growth and cause the hundreds of millions in deficits. Remember the 40 percent rip-off by the Division of Highways and paving companies? Vote no on the road bond.

**Jim Mullen**  
**Parkersburg**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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### Lot of good reasons to OK road bond proposal

The Morgantown Area Chamber of Commerce supports the Roads to Prosperity Amendment. The most important issue to the continued success of our county and region is our sufficient and quality infrastructure. The voters of the State of West Virginia have a significant opportunity to make major progress with the passing of the road bond referendum Saturday.

There is no denying the need to improve the road conditions in West Virginia. This is particularly true in Monongalia County. In fact, the increased cost to maintain a vehicle in

Monongalia County (\$1,439) is the highest in the state with road conditions in West Virginia being the worst in the country.

Another important factor we need to consider is the impact the bond will have on creating jobs and future opportunities for our state. While West Virginia was once a booming coal state and jobs were plentiful, times are changing and in order to stay competitive, we need to change our way of thinking. West Virginia was ranked last in CNBC's "Top States for Business." The second-most important factor in that ranking system was infrastructure.

However, even more importantly, the state will benefit greatly by making it more attractive to creating new businesses. Our geographic location is already attractive, but we must also provide an effective infrastructure and good road conditions to help attract new businesses.

Another big misconception is the cost of the bonds. Many people believe that if the bond passes, their taxes will increase. That's not true. The bonds will be paid for with the increase in gas tax, higher DMV fees and higher tolls already in place.

There is no issue more important to our future and the success of our region and our state. I urge you to vote "yes" for the road bond to give ourselves an opportunity to create a bright future for ourselves, our children and grandchildren.

**Chad Prather**  
**Morgantown Area**  
**Chamber of Commerce**  
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## Taxing dollars already taxed by states won't happen

**NICE TRY, REPUBLICANS.** You'd like to end the federal deduction for state and local taxes.

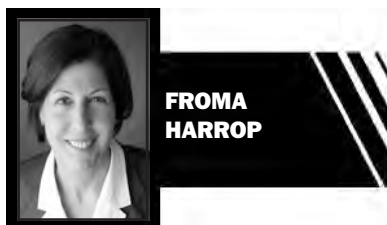
That would stick the expensive-to-live-in blue states with more of the nation's bills. It would amount to taxing income that has already gone to taxes.

It's not gonna happen.

Not gonna happen because of politics. But let's not ignore your honking hypocrisy. You talk a big game on federalism — the belief that power should flow from Washington to the states — and then propose making it harder for state and local governments to raise revenues for schools, roads, police, health care and myriad other services they provide.

And spare us the lectures about blue state taxes being too high. That may or may not be true, but how much or how little a state taxes its people should be no business of meddlers in Washington.

As for the politics part, that's easy. States hit hardest by killing this deduction would be the high-income ones, such as California



**FROMA HARROP**

and New York. Though considered generally liberal, these big population centers are hardly Democratic monopolies.

California sends 14 Republicans to the House, as many as Alabama, Idaho, Kentucky and Wyoming put together. New York contributes nine Republicans, matching the combined total from Mississippi, West Virginia, Alaska and both Dakotas.

Nine plus 14 equals 23. Democrats need to win 24 Republican-held seats to take back the House. And don't forget the 13 Republicans representing districts in the high-income blue states of New Jersey, Illinois and Maryland.

This is not the sort of thing

your Republican voters would shrug off. They tend to be middle- and upper-middle-class. Many supported Trump in the hope he would ease their tax burdens. Erasing the federal deduction for state and local taxes would, for many, do the opposite.

"It is clear people on Long Island would definitely lose under this tax reform," Rep. Peter King, a New York Republican, noted with accuracy.

Fans of ending the deduction have called it a "blue state subsidy." That conveniently ignores the reality that the income tax, as it now stands, is a red state subsidy. King's voters are already paying higher taxes because of higher incomes reflecting higher costs of living.

It is not unusual for a teacher-couple on Long Island to be earning \$150,000 a year.

A couple living in Babylon, Long Island, would have to make \$111,000 a year to live as well as a couple making \$90,000 in Wheeling, W.Va. But all else being equal, the Babylon couple would pay

higher taxes as "richer" people.

Want to end the subsidies? Start by indexing the tax rates to the cost of living.

Voters living well but decidedly less than large would not be amused at being asked to pay higher taxes to offset a windfall for the super rich. Zillionaires tend to regard their property tax deductions as small change.

Under the Republicans' tax reform plan, those making more than \$730,000 a year would enjoy an average tax cut of about \$129,000. About 50 percent of that savings would go to them.

In a flash of honesty, U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin was on the Sunday talk shows explaining that he can't guarantee tax cuts for everyone in the middle class. (Suck it in, will ya?)

White House budget director Mick Mulvaney was on television, too, saying that for the president, "this really is about the middle class and the corporate tax rate." If you wish to argue that President Trump has not factored in the potential for vastly enriching himself, knock yourselves out.

Perhaps I'm wrong.

Perhaps Trump will persuade people to believe him and not their tax returns. They elected him, didn't they?

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### Mervin Knotts

Mervin Knotts, 80 of West Jefferson Street, Westover, passed away Monday, Oct. 2, 2017, at Mapleshire Nursing Home, after complications following a massive stroke.

Friends may call at McCulla Funeral Home, 770 Fairmont Road, Westover, from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, and from 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, until the 11 a.m. funeral service with the Rev. Kevin Cain officiating. Burial will follow at Beverly Hills Cemetery with full military honors conferred by Westover VFW 9916 and the WVANG Military Honors, Camp Dawson.

Condolences: [mcculla.com](http://mcculla.com)

### Iva Mae Martin

Iva Mae (Helmick) Martin, 89, originally of Morgantown, passed away Friday, Sept. 29, 2017, at Trinity Ridge in Hickory, N.C.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend who was born Nov. 20, 1927, in Morgantown, to the late Charles Helmick and Myrtle Mae Sines Helmick Simpkins.

Iva spent more than 20 years as a volunteer EMT for Valley Ambulance Service, in Masontown. Prior and during this time, she worked at Ramada Inn, the Morgantown Glass Company as a glass design etcher and mixed baby-formula for the University Hospital, in Morgantown. She was also a seamstress for the Shirt Factory, in Terra Alta, along with other positions.

In addition to working as an EMT, she loved dancing, gardening, baking pies, canning goods, sewing, quilting, making rugs and being with her family. She was an active member of a square dancing team that performed throughout Monongalia and Preston counties at nursing homes. Over the years, she had made many beautiful quilts that have won blue ribbons in both West Virginia and North Carolina fairs.

She was a Sunday School teacher for the First Presbyterian Church in Arthurdale, The Shack in Pursglove, and the Kingwood Pike Methodist Church, in Reedsville.

She resided for over 79 years in West Virginia in Morgantown, Reedsville and Granville and grew up in Star City. She spent two years in Mims, Fla., and the last eight years in Granite Falls, Lenoir and Hickory, all in North Carolina.

She is survived by her two daughters, Joyce Martin Dumire Jeager and spouse, Richard Jeager, of Lenoir; and Carolyn Martin Mansberger and spouse, Randy Mansberger, of Morgantown; one brother, Delbert Wayne Helmick, of Morgantown; grandchildren, Jeffrey S. Dumire, of Norton, Ohio, Christopher L. Dumire, of Lenoir, Steven J. Mansberger, of Corona, Calif., and Stephanie A. Mansberger, of Fort Myers, Fla.; and great-granddaughter, Sarah Dumire, of Lenoir.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, Thomas Lee Martin; and granddaughter, Pamela L. Dumire.

Friends and family will be received at the Mt. Union Methodist Church of Morgantown, located on the Point Marion Road, from 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. Pastor Lynda Masters will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association, at [alz.org](http://alz.org).

Condolences: [greer-mcelveefuneralhome.com](http://greer-mcelveefuneralhome.com).

### Junior Casseday

Junior "Hoppy" Roy Casseday, 90, of Mason-town, passed away Monday, Oct. 2, 2017, at home with loving family by his side.



He was born in Burke on Jan. 17, 1927, a son of the late Roy D. Casseday and Josephine (Molisee) Casseday.

Junior served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a lifetime member of the Masontown VFW Post 1589. At the early age of 15, he began working at the glass factory in Morgantown and later worked at Pittsburgh Valve (Sterling Faucet), in Reedsville. He then worked in several union mines in the area and retired from CONSOL Blacksville No. 1 Mine. He was a member of the Masontown Church of the Nazarene and loved to hunt and fish, especially when he took his son, Larry, and grandchildren, Adam and Julie. He and his wife, Betty, regularly visited nursing homes and hospitals to pray with the patients.

Junior is survived by his loving wife, Betty C. (Emerson) Casseday, whom he married May 22, 1948; a son and spouse, Larry Casseday and Terry, of Elkins; a grandson and spouse, Adam Casseday and Kadra, of Elkins; a granddaughter and spouse, Julie Stutler and Bret, of Winfield; two great-grandsons, Vernon and Norman Casseday, of Elkins; two great-granddaughters, Ruby and Annie Stutler, of Winfield; two sisters, Eva Shaffer, of Masontown, and Doyle Davis, of Morgantown; six brothers and spouses, Lynn Casseday and Kathleen, of Jasper, Tenn., Richard Casseday and Carolyn, of Morgantown, Fred Casseday and Iva, Philip Casseday and Robert Casseday, all of Chattanooga, Tenn., and James Casseday and Diane, of Jasper; a sister-in-law and spouse, Helen Southall and Ethel, of Ripley; and a brother-in-law, Donald Emerson, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

He was preceded in death by infant twin brothers, Dale and Daniel Casseday; a sister, Arlene Molisee; three brothers-in-law, David Molisee, Albert Shaffer and Robert Davis; and a sister-in-law, Linda Emerson.

Friends may call at Field Funeral Home, in Masontown, from 5-8 p.m. Thursday. Vistation will continue at the Masontown Church of the Nazarene from 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, until the 11 a.m. service with the Rev. Tim Heaney, Chaplain Craig Falkens-tine and the Rev. Lynn Casseday officiating. Burial will follow at Masontown Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Chaplain Craig Falkens-tine, the staff of Amedisys Hospice, especially Toni, Kristen, Rochelle, April and Laura, Preston County Senior Center, especially Debbie, cousin Donna Eddy and neighbor Julie Livengood.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Masontown Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences: [fieldfuneralhome.com](http://fieldfuneralhome.com)



### Francis F. Orchard

Francis F. "Butch" Orchard Jr., 62, of Morgantown, died Friday, Sept. 29, 2017, at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System.

Family will receive friends at the Fred L. Jenkins Funeral Home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, and again from 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, until time of services at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Father Walt Jagala officiating. Butch will be laid to rest at the WV National Cemetery, with full honors conducted by the Taylor County Honor Guard and WVANG.

### Dan F. Matthews

Dan F. Matthews, 85, of Grafton Road, Brown's Chapel community, died Monday, Oct. 2, 2017, at Mon Health Medical Center.

He was born March 26, 1932, in Hyannis, Neb., a son of the late Henry Therwell Matthews and Tina O'Keffe Matthews.

Dan was a member of the Blueville Church of Christ, was a United States Army veteran and was a retired over the road truck driver. During his driving career, he drove for Sterling Faucet Company, Owens-Illinois and retired from Over-Nite Transportation Company. He was proud of driving over 4.2 million accident-free miles, delivering in the contiguous United States, Canada and Mexico. Following his retirement, Dan became the owner and operator of Matthews Auto Sales.

Dan is survived by his wife of 12 years, Bonnie Belcher Matthews; two sons, Franklin L. (Deborah) Matthews and John Mark (Lilly) Matthews, both of Morgantown; one daughter Joyce K. (Chuck) Hampton, of Ranson; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving are Bonnie's children, James (Renee) Cody and Steve (Edna) Cody, both of Marie, Bill (Suzanna) Barr, Jason (Misty) Barr, both of Man-nington; daughter-in-law, Tammy Cody, of Blacks-ville; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Dan was preceded in death by his brother, Donald T. Matthews; and Bonnie's daughter, Shelby McDonald.

The family requests that donations be made to the Halleck Cemetery Association, Rt. 1 Box 296, Independence, WV 26374.

Friends may call at the McCulla Funeral Home, 770 Fairmont Road, Westover, from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, and from 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, until the 11 a.m. funeral service with Evangelist Dan Plum officiating. Burial will follow at Halleck Cemetery.

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### Linda L. Underhill

Linda L. Underhill, 73, of Kingwood, passed away peacefully Monday, Oct. 2, 2017, with family by her side.

She was born July 12, 1944, in Kingwood, a daughter of the late Harold F. Hollis and Sadie Slaubaugh Hollis.

She loved her family and was a light to so many elderly. She made special friends everywhere she went. She found strength and peace in her faith. Linda loved Easter and the meaning it held. For many years, she would get up early in the morning and hide Easter eggs, filled with toys and special treats for her grandchildren. It was always as much fun for her as it was for the children.

She left her beloved hills to become a mother to her stepfamily; son, Robert "Bob" and Tammy Underhill; daughters, Cathy (Xavier) Garcia and Debbie Mauricio; grandchildren, Nancy, Heather, Erica, Bridget, Manuel, Miguel, Selena, Crystal, Nick and Jabob; great-grandchildren, Eli, Ricky, Wade, Noah, Promyse, Tyler and Carter.

Linda is survived by her sister, Barbara Bauer and Paul, of Virginia; brother, Harold "Bud" Hollis and Marie; numerous nieces and nephews, many beloved cousins and her special dog, Willie.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Gary Underhill; a stepdaughter, Nancy; and a stepson, Nicholas, as well as great-grandson Brayden.

An informal gathering of family and friends will be held at the Kingwood Baptist Church, Kingwood, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the local Cancer Society, Humane Society or charity of your choice.

Condolences: [browningfuneralhome.net](http://browningfuneralhome.net)

### Harlan Ray Pratt

Harlan Ray "Tootie" Pratt, 87, of Bobtown, Pa., passed away Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, at home.



Harlan Pratt and Dorothy (Kelly) Pratt.

He attended Point Marion High School and honorably served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. Tootie was a member of the United Methodist Church, Polish Club and the Rod and Gun Club, all in Bobtown, and the American Legion, Post 499, in Point Marion. For many years, he was employed as the superintendent of the Rego Park Gardens, an eight-building apartment complex in Queens, N.Y.

Surviving are three children, Harlan Pratt Jr., of Manhattan, Debbie Schatz, of Lake Lynn, and Sheila Kovalcheck, of Bobtown; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; a sister, Shirley Barone, of New-town, Dilliner, Pa.; two brothers, Jay Pratt, of Limerick, Pa., and George "Bill" Pratt, of Bobtown; and his many friends.

His wife, Norma (Skidmore) Pratt, passed away in 1973. Also deceased is a son, David Scott Pratt; a son-in-law, George Schatz; a grandson, Ryan Schatz; a sister, Betty Spanovich; and a brother, Roger Pratt.

Friends will be received at the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, in Point Marion, Pa., from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, and from 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, until the 11 a.m. service with the Rev. Ed Hanley officiating. Interment will follow at Wolf's Cemetery, in Dilliner, with military honors accorded at the gravesite by the Point Marion Veterans Posts.

Condolences: [herod-rishel.com](http://herod-rishel.com)

### DAILY REPORT

#### Morgantown Police Department

##### Arrest

**KRAMER**, Zachary Aaron, 19, of Morgantown, obstructing an officer and possession of a controlled substance, Sept. 30; Officer Gleisberg.

#### Monongalia County Sheriff's Department

##### Arrests

**HERB**, Benjamin III, 49, of University, Pa., escape, Sept. 30; Deputy Ruscello.  
**CHISLER**, Christopher A., 30, of Core, falsely reporting an emergency, Oct. 3; Deputy Kuretza.

#### West Virginia State Police

##### Arrests

**HUNTER**, Heaven Leigh, 24, of Charleston, domestic battery, Oct. 2; Trooper Mucciola.  
**MYERS**, Sierra Dawn, 26, of Elkview, domestic battery, Oct. 2; Trooper Mucciola.

#### Preston County Sheriff's Department

##### Arrest

**MOYERS**, Denzil Eugene, 45, of Bruceton Mills, domestic battery and second-offense driving on suspended or revoked license non-DUI, Sept. 30; Deputy T.E. Mitter.

#### West Virginia State Police at Kingwood

##### Arrest

**WHITE**, Brian Keith, 46, of Kingwood, violation of protective order, Sept. 28; Trooper Wood.

#### DUI-related incidents

**ELAM**, Levon O., 24, of Oak Hill, DUI and driving on a license suspended or revoked non-DUI, Sept. 30; Deputy Mongold.

**FALOR**, Tyler, 22, of Waynesburg, Pa., DUI, Oct. 1; Officer Kohler.

**WHITTEN**, Michael D., 41, of Fairmont, DUI, Oct. 1; Deputy Kuretza

**ORLOSKY**, Tyler D., 23, of Morgantown, DUI, Sept. 30; Deputy Thomas.

**HIGHTOWER**, Elizabeth A., 30, of Morgantown, DUI, Sept. 30; Deputy Mongold.

**JACOBS**, Austin Gregory, 20, of Wheeling, DUI, Oct. 3; Officer Bradford.

**LASURE**, Brian Nathaniel, 21, DUI, Sept. 29; Officer Bradford.

**NICHOLS**, Thomas Edward, 21, DUI, Oct. 1; Officer Bridge.

**SMITTE**, Christa Marie, 23, DUI, Oct. 1; Officer Bradford.

**WILSON**, Jerry Ryan, 26, DUI, Sept. 30; Officer Bradford.

**YEAGER**, Gary Edward, 42, DUI, Sept. 29; Officer Bradford.

#### Alcohol-related incidents

**KENNEDY**, Jacob E., 19, of Weirton, underage consumption and public intoxication, Sept. 29; Officer Compton.

**SIMMONS**, Michael John, 18, of Monaca, Pa., underage consumption and fleeing from an officer, Oct. 1; Officer Einreinhofer.

**BATTEN**, Fletcher Michael, 23, obstructing an officer and public intoxication, Sept. 29; Officer Holder.

### Trail crash

**A tow truck makes** its way down the section of rail trail near Beechurst Avenue's intersection with Campus Drive early Tuesday evening after a motorist lost control and came to a stop on the bank next to the trail. Morgantown Police and Fire responded to the scene. There were no injuries.



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### RELIGION BRIEFS

Submitted to The Dominion Post

#### Group to host open house 1-4 p.m. Sunday

Venture Crew 440 will host an open house from 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Venture Crew 440 is a youth-led group through the Boy Scouts of America for young women and men ages 14-21. Meet the crew, play games and eat free hot dogs. Rain or shine.

#### Blood donation site set for Thursday

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will visit Spruce Street United Methodist Church's Seekers Hall from 2-6:30 p.m. Thursday. Donors can request temporary parking passes upon arrival at the back parking lot door. Qualifications and other information are online, at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), or 800-RED-CROSS.

#### Festival, 5K slated for noon Saturday

The Harvest Church of God, Covenant EMC and Covenant Christian School will host The Fest from noon-3 p.m. Saturday, at Covenant EMC, 802 Green Bag Road. There will be bounce houses, games, face painting, food trucks and a

CCS Fest 5k Run. The run will be held from 10 a.m.-noon. There will also be a free concert from 1:30-3 p.m. by Render the Hearts. Info, register: [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

#### Symposium to be hosted Sunday

The Greater Morgantown Interfaith Association is holding an "Adam and Eve: In Three Faith Traditions and Science, Too!" Coexist Symposium from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, at First Presbyterian Church, Spruce Street, in Morgantown, as a way to compare how different traditions interpret the same story.

The Symposium will see four primary lectures: Three from the faith traditions of Islam, Christianity and Judaism, and one from science.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy a diverse cuisine potluck.

Information can be found on their Facebook page, Greater Morgantown WV Interfaith Association.

#### Adult clinic set to teach at church

Clinic teachers Monique Godfrey, of North Carolina, and Lisa Moberg, of Arizona, will teach at Simpson Creek Baptist Church, in

Bridgeport, from 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, until 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. All meals are included. They teach "Hope for Kids." This is an adult clinic.

Register at [usa.eehopeforkids.org](http://usa.eehopeforkids.org). Cost is \$125, but scholarships are available by contacting Joyce Wickland, at 304-842-5905.

#### UU Fellowship to discuss quote

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Morgantown will discuss the implications of the famous quote originated by Rev. Theodore Parker and used by Martin Luther King Jr. and former president Barack Obama: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice," at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Info: 304-906-1014.

#### Pastor set to lead worship service

Pastor David Fryson will lead the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service at the First Presbyterian Church, Spruce Street and Forest Avenue, in Morgantown.

Noted throughout West Virginia for his humanitarian advocacy and dynamic ministry, Pastor Fryson is vice president for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at WVU.



WORLD BRIEFS

Associated Press

**Denmark: Stab wounds found on journalist**

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Fifteen stab wounds were found on the headless and dismembered torso of a Swedish journalist last seen with a Danish inventor in his home-made submarine, a prosecutor said Tuesday. Police also found videos on the man's computer showing women being tortured and murdered.

Inventor Peter Madsen, 46, is being held on preliminary charges of manslaughter and indecent handling of a corpse. Madsen says Kim Wall died after being accidentally hit by 155-pound hatch in the submarine's tower and he buried her at sea.

Wall's torso was found off Copenhagen Aug. 21, 10 days after Madsen's arrest.

**IS claims attack, capture of soldiers**

BEIRUT — On Tuesday, the Islamic State group claimed a pair of suicide bombings in Damascus that killed 17 civilians and policemen. It released a video purporting to show two Russian soldiers the extremists claim to have captured in fighting in eastern Syria.

In the IS video, circulated on social media, one of the prisoners identifies himself and says he and his colleague, who appears badly beaten, were captured near al-Shula during an IS counteroffensive. The speaker does not say when they were captured.

**Azerbaijan denies targeting allegations**

BAKU, Azerbaijan — Authorities in Azerbaijan are rejecting accusations of a crackdown on gay and transgender people in the ex-Soviet nation.

The Interior Ministry and the Prosecutor General's office said in a joint statement Tuesday that raids in the capital, Baku, targeted those accused of offering unsolicited sexual services, violating public order and spreading infectious diseases.

They said that all 83 people detained from Sept. 15-30 were freed from custody, but 32 diagnosed with having sexually transmitted diseases were sent for medical treatment. They said that 12 of them were diagnosed with HIV, of whom six had developed AIDS.

**U.N.: storm recovery could cost \$1 billion**

UNITED NATIONS — The recovery of eastern Caribbean islands hardest hit by recent hurricanes, including Dominica, Barbuda, Turks and Caicos, the British Virgin Islands and Anguilla, could cost up to \$1 billion, a senior U.N. official said Tuesday.

"It's going to be a large-scale rebuilding effort that will take time," Stephen O'Malley, the U.N. resident coordinator for Barbados and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, said, "and it will be important to do that right."

He told U.N. correspondents in a phone briefing from Dominica that "we don't have exact figures yet," but for the worst-affected islands the recovery bill will be "half a billion to a billion dollars."

**Opposition figure faces charges**

KIGALI, Rwanda — Rwandan prosecutors on Tuesday charged a prominent critic of the long-time president with forgery and inciting insurrection against the state.

Diane Rwigara faces up to 15 years in jail if she is convicted of the more serious offense of inciting insurrection.

Rwigara and some members of her family have been in detention since Sept. 23.

**Acts of heroism emerge in chaos of Las Vegas shooting**

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Rob Ledbetter's battlefield instincts kicked in quickly as bullets rained overhead.

The 42-year-old U.S. Army veteran who served as a sniper in Iraq immediately began tending to the wounded, one of several heroes to emerge from the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Amid the massacre in Las Vegas, which left 59 people dead and more than 500 injured, there were acts of compassion and countless heroics that officials said saved many lives.

There was a man one survivor knows only as Zach who herded people to a safe place. There was a registered nurse from Tennessee who died shielding his wife.

Like many people in the crowd of some 22,000 country music fans Sunday night, Ledbetter heard the pop-pop-popping noise and figured it was fireworks.

Then he saw people dropping to the ground. When more booms echoed in the night air, he recognized the sound of automatic weapons fire.

The gunman, identified as Stephen Craig Paddock, a 64-year-old retired accountant from Mesquite, Nev., created his own sniper's perch inside the 32nd floor room, at the Mandalay Bay casino hotel, across from the concert grounds. He appeared to fire unhindered for more than 10 minutes, according to radio traffic, then killed himself before officers stormed in and found 23 firearms.

"The echo, it sounded like it was coming from everywhere, and you didn't know which way to run," said Ledbetter, who was at the concert with seven people including his brother, who was shot and injured, and his wife. They found cover in a VIP area of the concert. Once out of



Natalynn Rivis, a student at University of Nevada Las Vegas, right, takes part in a vigil Monday, in Las Vegas.

harm's way, he turned to injured strangers.

Thanks to a man who took the flannel shirt off his back, Ledbetter said he put a makeshift tourniquet on a wounded teenage girl, whose face was covered with blood.

"Some random guy, I said,

'I need your shirt,' " said Ledbetter, who is a mortgage broker and a resident of Las Vegas. "He just gave me the flannel off his back."

Ledbetter said he compressed someone else's shoulder wound, and he fashioned a bandage for a man whose leg was shot

If you live in the North Central West Virginia area and were in Las Vegas when the mass shooting occurred, feel free to contact The Dominion Post to share your story. Reporter Alex Lang can be reached at 304-291-9446.

through by a bullet.

"There was a guy that looked like he had a through and through on his leg that we just put a T-shirt around and just did a bandanna tie," said Ledbetter, who was outside University Medical Center on Monday, where his brother was being treated for a gunshot that went through his arm and into his chest. He is expected to survive.

Ledbetter said he would have helped more people but couldn't clear the barrage of gunfire.

**Scientists share Nobel Prize in physics for new discoveries**

Associated Press

Three scientists who envisioned and built twin machines that discovered gravitational waves, predicted by Albert Einstein more than a century ago, won the Nobel Prize in physics.

Kip Thorne and Barry Barish, of Caltech, together split half of the \$1.1 million prize, and Rainer Weiss, of MIT, received the other half. The three were instrumental in the creation of LIGO (the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory) a project some four decades in the making.

Thorne, who was awakened by the Nobel committee around 2:15 a.m., had to groggily navigate a flight of stairs to the phone ringing in his wife's office.

"My phone never rings around that time of the morning, so I was pretty sure what the call was,"

Thorne said.

Barish said he set an alarm in anticipation of a call from Nobel officials — though when it came at 2:41 a.m., it beat his alarm by 4 minutes.

He said he and his colleagues knew there was a good chance they would be recognized by the Nobel team.

"There was some anticipation," he said. "But the Swedish Academy is so secretive."

The waves were first predicted by Einstein a century ago, but Einstein was convinced they could never be measured. Barish said Tuesday's announcement was "a win for Einstein, and a very big one."

Gravitational waves are ripples in the fabric of space-time, caused as objects change speed. Einstein predicted these waves as part of his General Theory of Relativity.

**Women march a year after 'black protest'**

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Thousands of Poles marched through Warsaw and other Polish cities Tuesday to demand greater reproductive rights and protest what they see as discrimination by the conservative government.

The demonstrations came on the first anniversary of a massive so-called "black protest" by women dressed in black that stopped a plan in parliament for a total ban on abortion.

Participants said that despite last year's victory, their battle isn't over, noting that abortion remains illegal in almost all cases in Poland. They accused the government of Prime Minister Beata Szydlo of taking other steps that they say are bad for women, including a new regulation that requires women to have a doctor's pre-



A protester shouts slogans as people march Tuesday through the streets in protest, in Warsaw, Poland.

scription to buy morning-after pills, no longer allowing them to be sold over the counter.

"Beata, women will overthrow your government," they shouted, using a phrase that rhymes in Polish.

They also protested efforts by the pro-Catholic

government to oppose in-vitro fertilization.

"They are taking away more and more of our rights," said Krystyna Cichecka, a 52-year-old protester in Warsaw. "My state is turning into a religious state, and I don't want that."

**China raises quotas on cars**

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China stepped up pressure on automakers to accelerate development of electric cars by raising the first-year target for a planned system of production quotas but delayed its rollout from next year until 2019.

China has the world's most aggressive government plans to promote electric cars. Communist leaders see them as a way to clean up China's smog-choked cities, as well as a promising industry.

Electricians will have to make up at least 10 percent of each automaker's output, up from 8 percent in an earlier proposal. Those that fail to meet their targets can buy credits from competitors that do, under regulations released late last week by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. The minimum rises



to 12 percent in 2020 and the ministry will announce annual targets after that date.

The launch was postponed from next year until 2019 following warnings few automakers can get enough vehicles to market so early.

"The final rule reflects a triumph for pragmatism over dogma," because few brands "will have a serious fleet of EV offerings on sale until closer to 2019-2020," analysts said in a report.

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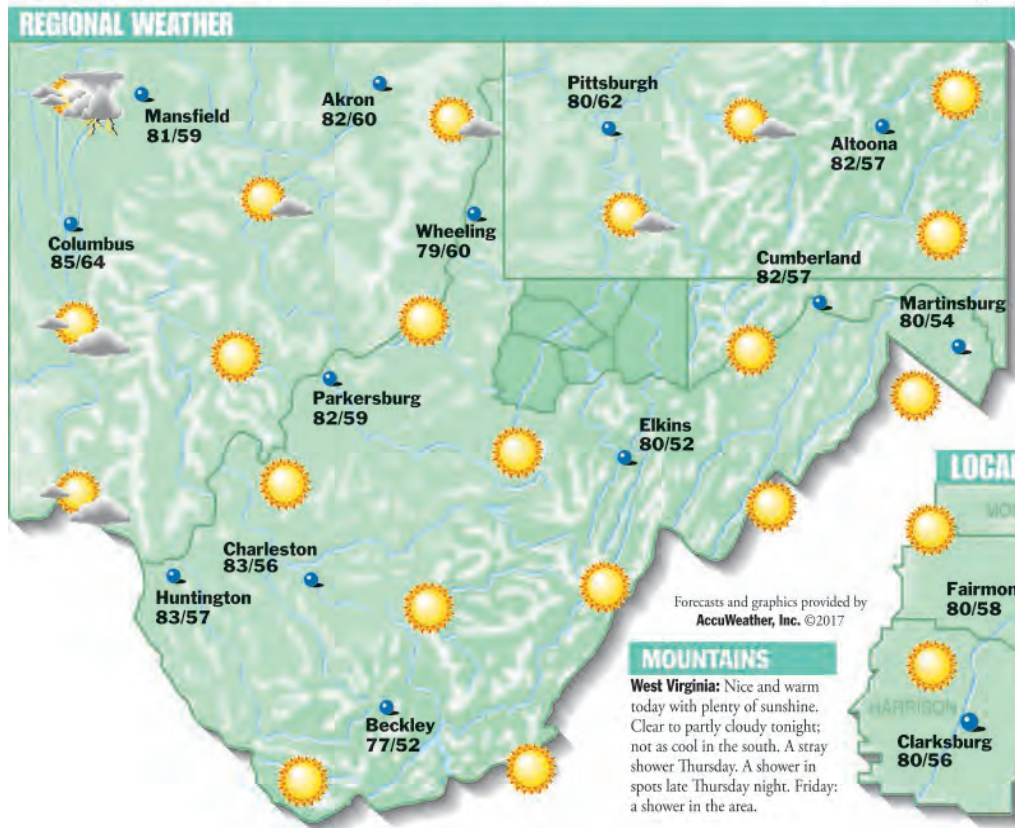
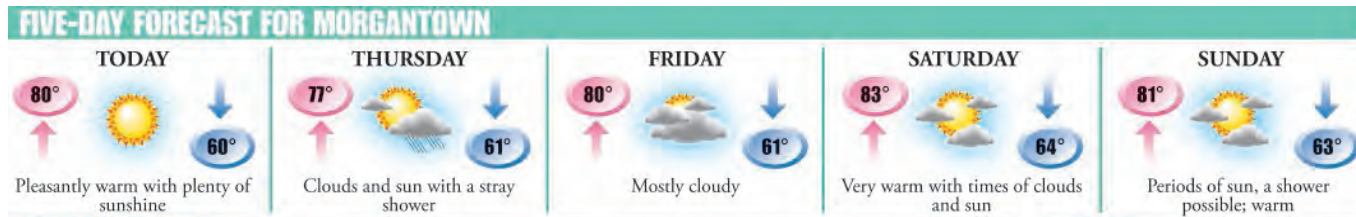
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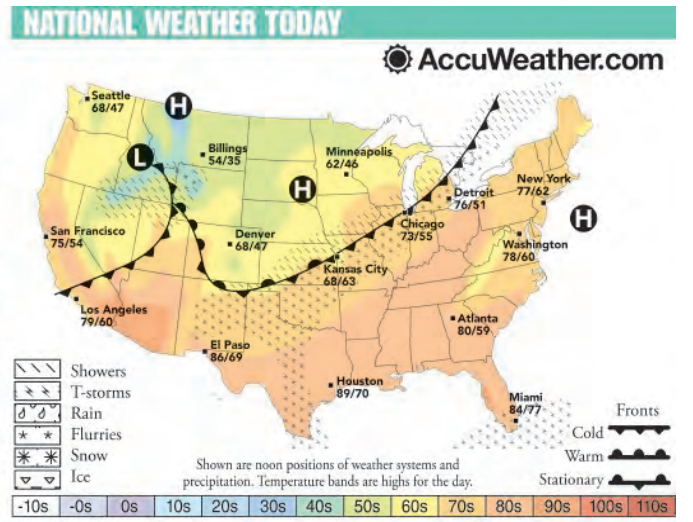
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**ALMANAC**  
Morgantown through 4 p.m. Tuesday  
Temperature High/low: 80°/46°  
Normal high/low: 70°/48°  
Record high: 93° in 1898  
Record low: 27° in 1908  
Precipitation 24 hrs ending 4 p.m. Tuesday: 0.00"  
Month to date: 0.00"  
Year to date: 40.46"

**SUN AND MOON**  
Sunrise today: 7:19 a.m.  
Sunset tonight: 6:57 p.m.  
Moonrise today: 6:42 p.m.  
Moonset today: 5:50 a.m.

**LOCAL WEATHER**  
Morgantown 80/60  
Fairmont 80/58  
Kingwood 81/58  
Grafton 79/58  
Clarksburg 80/56



**POLLEN**  
Grasses: Absent Weeds: Low  
Trees: Absent Molds: Moderate  
Source: WV University

**UV INDEX**  
Highest today: 4 moderate  
The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	Wed. HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Beckley, WV	77/52/s	75/53/s
Charleston, WV	83/56/s	79/56/s
Columbus, OH	85/64/pc	78/62/c
Cumberland, MD	82/57/s	82/60/pc
Fairmont, WV	80/58/s	76/59/pc
Grafton, WV	79/58/s	75/59/pc
Huntington, WV	83/57/s	79/56/pc
Kingwood, WV	81/58/s	74/59/pc
Pittsburgh, PA	80/62/s	77/60/pc
Wheeling, WV	79/60/s	75/59/pc

**LAKES AND RIVERS**

Lake	7 a.m. Yest.	24-hour Change
Cheat Lake	868.96	+0.01
Deep Creek, MD	2458.49	-0.04
Jennings Randolph	1447.94	-0.48
Stonewall Jackson	1070.39	-0.06
Tygart	1071.60	-0.89
Youghiogheny	1424.34	-0.60

**ALMANAC**

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 4, the 277th day of 2017. There are 88 days left in the year.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**  
**IN 1957**, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite, into orbit. The family sitcom "Leave It to Beaver" premiered on CBS.

**ON THIS DATE:**  
**IN 1931**, the comic strip "Dick Tracy," created by Chester Gould, made its debut.

**IN 1959**, the Soviet Union launched Luna 3, a space probe which transmitted images of the far side of the moon.

**IN 1970**, rock singer Janis Joplin, 27, was found dead in her Hollywood hotel room.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Actress Felicia Farr is 85. Pro and College Football Hall-of-Famer Sam Huff is 83. Author Roy Blount Jr. is 76. Author Anne Rice is 76. Actress Susan Sarandon is 71. Actor Armand Assante is 68. Actor Christoph Waltz is 61. Actress Kyra Schon (Film: "Night of the Living Dead") is 60. Actress-singer Wendy Makkena is 59. Musician Chris Lowe (The Pet Shop Boys) is 58. Actor-comedian Jerry Minor is 50. Actor Liev Schreiber is 50. Singer-guitarist M. Ward (She & Him) is 44. Actress Alicia Silverstone is 41. Rock singer-musician Marc Roberge (O.A.R.) is 39. Actress Rachael Leigh Cook is 38. Actress Dakota Johnson is 28. Actor Ryan Scott Lee is 21.

Wife opposes husband's plan to donate sperm to a friend

**DEAR ABBY:** Two years ago, I married a kind, hard-working man I'll call Travis. These two years have been the best of my life, and I couldn't imagine a better husband. However, I just got some news I feel is threatening our marriage.

Travis' friend from childhood, "Bethany," wants to start a family with her wife. Travis informed me that he agreed to donate his sperm to Bethany. I feel betrayed. My husband will be starting a family with his friend before we have kids. I know it may seem irrational, but I feel like he's cheating on me.

When I told him how I felt, he said I was being selfish and it was his decision. Does Travis really have the right to donate his sperm without my consent? — FUMING IN THE MIDWEST

**DEAR FUMING:** Your husband may be the nicest, most generous man on the planet, but there are contingencies that need to be taken into consideration before Bethany becomes pregnant. Please suppress your anger long enough to convince Travis that he shouldn't rush into this agreement without legal counsel. He may thank you for it later.



**JEANNE PHILLIPS**

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband asked my dad before proposing to me. Dad was delighted for him to be included into our family. Had I asked my mother-in-law for permission to marry her son, she would have opposed.

Now, three rocky years later, she's still accusing me of taking her son away from her. She tells him he's more than welcome to come back home to Mommy.

Had I asked, I would have known up front that she hated me. Would I still have married him? I think I would have, but I would have been prepared for the treacherous days ahead. — UNPREPARED FOR THE TREACHERY

**DEAR UNPREPARED:** You have my sympathy. Your situation illustrates why it's important to get to know the family of the intended before taking that trip to the altar.

**JEANNE PHILLIPS** writes "Dear Abby" under the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

**TV LISTINGS**

Time	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
<b>BROADCAST CHANNELS</b>	(2) KDKA	(4) WTAE	(5) WDTV	(7) WTRF	(9) WTOV	(11) WPXI	(12) WBOY	(13) WOED	(22) WCWB	(24) WNPB	(46) WVFX	(53) WPGH
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>	5. Wars	5. Wars	5. Wars	5. Wars	5. Wars	5. Wars	5. Wars	5. Wars	5. Wars	5. Wars	5. Wars	5. Wars
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## UHS XC teams in good place for postseason

### OVAC tourney is on Saturday

BY CARLY CONTRAGUERRO  
The Dominion Post

The University High boys' and girls' cross-country teams are rounding out the end of the season, and head coach Ed Frohnapfel is highly impressed with the continued work ethic he sees from varsity to junior varsity.

Both teams entered the season already ready to train hard in workouts.

"Coach Ed isn't going to give them a chance to get in shape once the season starts, so they



TaShala Turner

better already be or they will suffer if they don't," he said.

Though Frohnapfel said you can't live off history, the girls are certainly creating opportunity to find themselves at the highest

point of the podium come the end of October.

TaShala Turner returned as the 2016 Gatorade Runner of the Year ready to up her game. While many girls are most likely targeting Turner as the girl to catch

up with, Turner has her sights set on a runner as well — Ripley's Tori Starcher.

Though Starcher did not run cross-country last year, she out ran Turner in track and is now running cross-country this season.

"It is amazing to me because (Turner) worked so hard last year and she bumped up 50 percent harder this year," Frohnapfel said.

"She does more mileage, and I'm throwing her in with the boys' team in her workouts. She is the whole package."

The team also features freshman Caroline Kirby. Kirby excelled in middle school cross-country but that does now always translate to varsity and how

Frohnapfel runs his team.

However, Kirby has proved she can compete on varsity.

"She's been in the top four or five on the team since the day she showed up," Frohnapfel said. "She never backs away from a hard workout and is definitely our biggest, most pleasant surprise."

What was it like for Kirby to come onto a three-time state championship team and make a statement?

"From the first day everyone was very supportive and welcoming like I had been on the team since forever," Kirby said.

"The mileage we run has doubled and tripled from middle school. But I am running with

state champion runners and everyone is supportive and challenges me to keep up with them."

On Sept. 30, UHS competed in the Carlisle Invitational, where Kirby broke 19 minutes with a time of 18:41. Her next goal is to get down to the 18-minute mark or beat it.

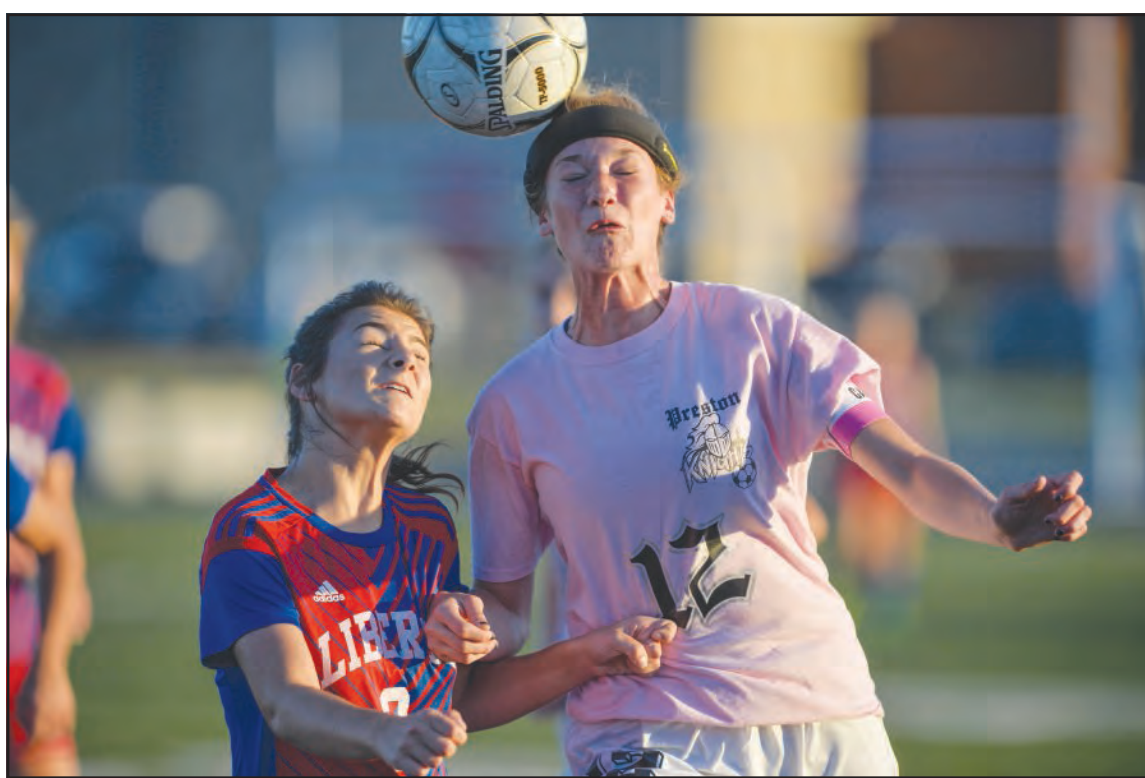
This placed her 15th overall out of more than 130 runners and a third-best time for the Hawks, who took first place as a team.

The boys' team is ranked second and has a few freshmen already making an impact while also creating depth for the future.

The group includes Jordan Thomas, who is consistently in

SEE UHS, 4-B

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER



William Wotring/The Dominion Post

Preston High's Kendra Bolinger heads the ball in Tuesday's match against Liberty, in Kingwood.

## PHS battles in a 2-2 deadlock

### Liberty can't convert late shot attempt

BY JOSEPH SMITH  
The Dominion Post

KINGWOOD — The second half turned into the Makatlyn Tucker show Tuesday night at Preston High.

The Liberty senior forward gave an outstanding effort on the pitch, with two goals, but that was not enough to lead her team to victory.

The Mountaineers battled to a 2-2 draw with the Preston Knights in a Big 10 Conference girls' soccer contest.

Preston began the game with possession and was met with tough defense from the opening whistle. Liberty defender Grace Rock anchored the defense, making multiple plays early on to stop the Preston attack.

The first half continued as a back-and-forth battle in the



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Preston High's Olivia Liston protects the ball from Liberty's Kamryn Caroli.

midfield, with both teams struggling to advance the ball into their opponent's territory.

Liberty found a gap in the

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Kenny Hill



Jake Spavital

## Spavital's ties to TCU QB Hill run deep

WVU assistant helped recruit him to Texas A&M

### WVU FOOTBALL

BY SEAN MANNING  
The Dominion Post

WVU offensive coordinator Jake Spavital remembers sitting in the living room of the Hill residence in Southlake, Texas.

Ken Hill Sr., a former Major League Baseball player with a host of teams, had already made a name for himself, but Spavital wasn't there to get an autograph. He was there to visit with Ken's son, Ken Jr.

The younger Ken, or "Kenny," was one of the most highly sought after high school quarterbacks in the nation.

A 4-star recruit by most recruiting services, Hill made his commitment to Texas A&M while Johnny Manziel had turned the Aggies program into must-see TV.

During Manziel's Heisman campaign, his offensive coordinator was Kliff Kingsbury, but Kingsbury left after that year to return to his alma mater, Texas Tech, to become the head coach.

Enter Spavital, who was leaving WVU, to be the new offensive coordinator at Texas A&M. Along with coaching and calling the plays, Spavital was tasked with

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KEENAN CUMMINGS

## Butler C.C. linebacker is WVU-bound

It's SOMETIMES SAID that waiting is the hardest part.

Well, the wait is over for WVU. It had been over a month, 37 days to be exact, since the football program last received a verbal commitment on the recruiting trail. Consider that no more.

The Mountaineers received a pledge at a position of need from El Dorado (Kan.) Butler Community College outside linebacker Charlie Benton after the coaching staff paid him a visit during the bye week. Benton is a converted high school safety who has grown into the position at the junior-college level, leading his team in tackles while displaying an impressive ability to run sideline to sideline.

The Alabama native failed to qualify out of high school and redshirted last season at Butler but has added height and weight to his frame, settling in at 6-foot-3, 215 pounds.

WVU was the first power five program, second overall behind Bowling Green, to offer Benton, and the coaching staff prioritized the athletic linebacker because of his fit in the Mountaineers' scheme. Assistant Mark Scott visited Benton during the bye week, and it was that trip along with the way that the program had recruited him from start to finish that led to his decision.

That bond proved so important that Benton chose the Mountaineers without ever taking a visit to campus, although he does plan to do that officially in mid-November.

"It feels good to be a Mountaineer," Benton said.

The Rivals.com three-star prospect's pledge comes at the right time as the Mountaineers will have to replace three linebackers next season, and Benton is expected to enroll in January to get a head start on his college career. Because he has already redshirted at Butler, he will have three years to play three when he arrives here.

Iowa State also extended a scholarship offer, while others such as Kansas State were sniffing around but for now Benton considers his recruitment a closed book.

Benton becomes the 17th overall pledge for WVU and surprisingly the first to come from the junior college ranks this cycle, although there are a number of others being targeted. He also represents the second linebacker in the class behind Canton (Ohio) athlete Josh Chandler.

And more decisions could be coming as top prospects such as North Versailles (Pa.) East Allegheny athlete T.J. Banks makes his college choice Oct. 18, and the Mountaineers are in a good spot. Aliquippa (Pa.) four-star safety Kwantel Raines is another who will decide in October and is reportedly down to Backyard Brawl rivals WVU and Pittsburgh. The waiting might not be as hard next time.

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## Trinity eighth at state golf tourney

### PREP ROUNDUP

The Dominion Post

WHEELING — Trinity shot a 314 and is in eighth place in the eight-team Class A field at the state golf championship, on Tuesday, at Oglebay Resort's Jones Course.

Trinity's Caleb Jenkins shot a 100. He was followed by Mark Spruill (103), Blake Wolfe (111) and Briston Bennett (118).

Ravenswood leads the Class A field, with a 253, followed by Madonna (258), Wheeling Cen-

tral (259), Charleston Catholic (261), St. Joseph (276), Summers County (287) and Tucker County (297).

Preston's Jake Livengood carded a 97. He is in 37th place in the Class AAA field.

### Boys' soccer

#### Preston 3, Liberty 2

Monty Rebelo scored three goals in the Knights' victory Tuesday. Andy Forman, Clayton Collins and Josh Land had assists.

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## WVU spikers host No. 11 Jayhawks in Big 12 contest

### WVU ROUNDUP

Submitted to The Dominion Post

The WVU volleyball team hosts No. 11 Kansas at 6 p.m. today, in a Big 12 Conference match, at the Coliseum.

The No. 11-ranked Jayhawks (14-2, 3-0 Big 12) are WVU's fourth ranked foe of the season.

Three of WVU's (12-4, 1-2) four losses have come against top-six teams in No. 6 Penn State, No. 2 Minnesota and No. 6 Texas.

"Kansas is a great team," WVU coach Reed Sunahara said. "Ray Bechard has done a nice job there. We have to keep working. We



Reed Sunahara

want to be like Kansas. We want to be a top team. We just have to make sure we are doing the right things in practice and make sure that those things carry over into the match."

WVU is 0-12 against the Jayhawks. The Mountaineers took then-No. 4 Kansas to five sets last season, suffering a 3-2 home loss.

The Mountaineers fell, 3-1, at

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SPORTS

# College hoops ref files suit

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — A college basketball referee filed a federal lawsuit against a Kentucky media company on Tuesday, accusing it of creating conditions that led to the harassment of him and his family after he worked an NCAA tournament game between Ken-

tucky and North Carolina in March.

In his suit, John Higgins blamed Kentucky Sports Radio for helping incite death threats that frightened him and his family and defamatory messages on social media and in phone messages that disrupted his roofing business in subur-

ban Omaha.

The suit alleges intentional infliction of emotional distress, invasion of privacy, tortious interference with a business and civil conspiracy.

Higgins, who is seeking at least \$75,000, did not return a message seeking comment.

## WVU

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Texas Tech, in their last match, on Sept. 27, hitting .242, with 18 errors and 10 team blocks.

Tonight's match is Dollar Night, with all tickets and select concessions \$1. The first 125 maniacs receive a free WVU water bottle.

### Women's soccer

WVU moved up one spot to No. 8 in this week's United Soccer Coaches Poll.

The Mountaineers' (9-3, 2-1) upward swing follows a 1-0 victory at Kansas State, on Sept. 29. The squad is 5-1 in its last six matches.

The top five remains unchanged. UCLA (10-0-1, 3-0 Pac-12) continues to rank No. 1, and Stanford (10-1, 3-0 Pac-12) and South Carolina (10-1, 4-0 SEC) follow at No. 2 and No. 3, respectively. Duke (11-1, 4-0 ACC) sits at No. 4, and North Carolina (8-2, 4-0 ACC) ranks No. 5.

USC (8-1-1, 2-0-1 Pac-12) and Texas (11-0-1, 3-0-1) precede the Mountaineers at No. 6 and No. 7, respectively. Florida (9-2, 3-1 SEC) ranks No. 9, and UCF (7-1-1, 3-0-1 AAC) is No. 10.

Oklahoma State (10-1-2, 3-0), the Mountaineers' on Friday night, checks in at No. 25.

The Mountaineers also moved up to a season-high No. 7 in this week's NCAA RPI. South Carolina continues to own the No. 1 spot.

Stanford ranks No. 2, North Carolina is No. 3, Duke is No. 4 and UCF is No. 5. Princeton (9-1, 2-0 Ivy) sits at No. 6, and Texas follows WVU at No. 8. UCLA and Tennessee (10-1-1, 2-1-1 SEC) round out the top 10.

WVU also ranks No. 9 in this week's TopDrawerSoc-

cer.com Women's Division I Top 25 National Rankings and No. 11 in the Soccer America Women's Top 25.

The Cowgirls rank as high as No. 19 in the TDS.com Rankings. OSU also ranks No. 21 in the Soccer America Top 25.

The Mountaineers play the Cowgirls at 7 p.m. Friday, at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium. Oklahoma visits at 2 p.m. Sunday for the annual Pink match in support of breast cancer awareness. It is also dollar day.

### Women's basketball

The remaining home tipoff times were announced Tuesday.

The Mountaineers open the season on Oct. 29, hosting West Virginia Wesleyan in a 4 p.m. exhibition game, at the Coliseum.

WVU opens the season with three straight home games: Central Connecticut State (Nov. 10), Sacramento State (Nov. 14) and North Florida (Nov. 19). The first two games tip at 7 p.m. The North Florida contest starts at 5 p.m.

After returning from Paradise Jam and the Big 12/SEC Challenge, WVU resumes its rivalry with Pitt at 7 p.m., on Dec. 7. WVU hosts Coppin State at 2 p.m., on Dec. 10.

The Mountaineers entertain Radford at 4 p.m. Dec. 16, at the Charleston Civic Center.

WVU returns to the Coliseum for back-to-back games, hosting Morgan State, on Dec. 18, and Morehead State, on Dec. 21. Both games are at 7 p.m.

WVU starts the new year at home with conference play, hosting Kansas State at 7 p.m. on Jan. 3. The game airs on Nexstar Broadcasting on its

statewide TV affiliates.

WVU then hosts Iowa State at 2 p.m. Jan. 7, on AT&T SportsNet Pittsburgh.

As previously announced, the TCU game on Jan. 13 tips at 5 p.m., on AT&T SportsNet Pittsburgh and FOX Sports Net affiliates.

The Mountaineers host Texas Tech at 7 p.m., on Jan. 24, on Nexstar Broadcasting. As previously announced, the Big 12 tournament title game rematch between WVU and Baylor is at 3 p.m. Jan. 28, and airs on FS1.

Texas travels to Morgantown for a 7 p.m. Feb. 5 contest, on FS1. Kansas follows on Feb. 14, for a 7 p.m. tip, while Oklahoma visits Feb. 17, in a 3 p.m. game, on AT&T SportsNet Pittsburgh.

WVU caps its home slate on Feb. 24, with a 1 p.m. tilt against Oklahoma State.

### Cross-country

WVU is ranked No. 29 in the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) National Coaches' Poll, announced Tuesday.

The Mountaineers enter the poll for the first time this season following an eighth-place finish at the Greater Louisville Classic, on Sept. 30.

It's the first time the Mountaineers have appeared in the national rankings since Nov. 1, 2016.

WVU, which received votes in all four previous polls this season, is one of three Big 12 programs ranked this week, along with No. 18 Iowa State and No. 26 Oklahoma State.

WVU returns to action Oct. 13, at the Penn State National Open, in University Park, Pa.

## SPAVITAL

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keeping some recruits on board, including Hill.

"As soon as I took the job, I went straight into a home visit that weekend," Spavital said Tuesday. "I went into his house and got to meet the whole family and we've had a pretty good relationship ever since."

Spavital hopes to meet up with the Hill family Saturday, but under completely different circumstances than five years ago. Spavital is back in Morgantown with the Mountaineers and Hill will be the starting quarterback for TCU.

Hill signed with the Aggies and redshirted his first year while watching Manziel. The following season, Hill took the country by storm and bolted into the spotlight as an early Heisman contender. A&M started 5-0 under Hill, but began to falter down the stretch and Hill was replaced by true freshman Kyle Allen. Allen helped the Aggies beat WVU in the Liberty Bowl.

"Kenny had a bunch of highs and lows throughout his career at Texas A&M

and battled through a lot of adversity," Spavital said.

At the beginning of that season, Hill went from the self-proclaimed "Kenny Trill" — a combination of real and true — to losing his job. That led him to transfer from the SEC to the Big 12, joining TCU.

After sitting out the 2015 season, Hill was named the starter for the Horned Frogs heading into 2016. Again, he had his ups and downs, helping TCU to a 6-7 record while throwing for 3,208 yards and 17 touchdowns, as well as 609 yards and 10 touchdowns on the ground. The problem is, he threw 13 interceptions.

Now, in his final go-around, Hill has the Horned Frogs sitting pretty at 4-0 and No. 8 in the AP poll. He has thrown nine touchdowns to just three interceptions, and while the "Trill" may not be back, he's finally playing at the ability Spavital saw in him early at Texas A&M.

"He had a clean slate and was able to start all over again and has actually had some success getting TCU as a top 10 team," Spavital said. "He's doing a great job with that offense."

The only communication between Spavital and Hill has been through text messages with a little trash talk thrown in.

"I talk to the kid all of the time; I've always thought he was a good kid, so I like to know how he's doing," Spavital said. "I've just been texting him pictures of random emojis all week."

But don't expect Spavital to give an advice on how to defend Hill to defensive coordinator Tony Gibson.

"He's learned as a man and grown as a player. I think Gibby knows what to expect, so I don't think they'll ask me to try and get inside the head of Kenny Hill or anything like that."

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**PREPS**  
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Peyton Fazenbaker made six saves for PHS (5-10-2).

**Girls' soccer**

**UHS 4, Fairmont Senior 1**

The No. 7 Hawks needed a strong second-half comeback to beat No. 6 Fairmont Senior, on Tuesday, at Mylan Pharmaceuticals Stadium.

After yielding a goal in the first half, he Hawks (12-1-3) dominated. Leah Marsh tied the score on a long shot over the keeper's head, and Ari Christiansen gave UHS the lead with a well-placed header off of a Marsh cross into the box.

Braden Pickett extended the lead to 3-1 with a powerful penalty kick, and Maddy Hinkle finished the scoring by tapping in a rebound. UHS hosts No. 2 Winfield, at noon Saturday.

**Volleyball**

**C-B 2, Notre Dame 0  
Doddridge County 2  
C-B 0**

WEST UNION — The Cee-Bees (9-9) beat Notre Dame, 25-9, 25-15, and lost to Doddridge County, 23-25, 17-25, on Tuesday. C-B's McKayli Naper finished with 11 points, 11 kills and 23 digs. Maddie Pennington contributed 14 kills and 10 blocks. Alexis Pride registered nine points, while Hailey Carreon had eight.

**John Marshall 3, UHS 0**

GLEN DALE — The Hawks dropped a road contest by scores of 21-25, 10-25 and 13-25. Lauren Huggins led UHS with 21 assists. Ashton Boggs tallied 11 kills. Anna Tretheway added eight kills.

**Freshman volleyball**

**UHS 2, John Marshall 0:** The Hawks (10-4) closed out their season with a 25-17, 25-13 road victory.



**Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown** carries the ball during the first half of Sunday's game, at Baltimore.

# Tomlin urges Brown to control outbursts

## Coach: They 'can work against us'

**PRO FOOTBALL**

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Mike Tomlin understands Antonio Brown's competitiveness is what helps make Brown one of the best wide receivers in the NFL.

The Pittsburgh Steelers coach just wishes his star would do a better job of channeling it properly when things don't go Brown's way.

Tomlin mildly chastised Brown for a brief sideline eruption during last Sunday's 26-9 victory over Baltimore.

Brown took his frustrations out on a water cooler after quarterback Ben Roethlisberger failed to see Brown running free down the sideline in the second quarter. Roethlis-

berger instead threw an incomplete pass intended for Le'Veon Bell.

Tomlin didn't see Brown's initial outburst and while he gets Brown's anger, he'd prefer Brown find more productive ways to work through it.

"AB is a competitor," Tomlin said Tuesday. "He has to control it. If he doesn't it can work against him and it can work against us. .. It doesn't need to happen. It shouldn't happen."

Brown finished with a season-low four receptions for 34 yards and ranks second in the NFL in both catches (30) and yards receiving (388) through four games for the first-place Steelers (3-1), putting him well on pace to eclipse 100 receptions for a fifth straight season.

Brown's work ethic helps set him apart, but on a roster that features several receivers in the early stages of their respective careers, Tomlin doesn't want Brown setting the wrong kind of example.

"We all make mistakes; he made a mistake," Tomlin said. "There's also a lesson to be learned and a lesson to be taught."

The Steelers signed Brown to a contract in the offseason that made him the highest-paid receiver in the league, with an average value of \$18 million.

Yet he's no stranger to drawing unwanted attention. He received a strong rebuke from Tomlin in January when he livestreamed scenes from a raucous Steelers locker room after a playoff victory over Kansas City.

**BATTLES**  
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Preston defense in the 23rd minute as Tucker nabbed a through ball and pulled opposing keeper Rylee Colebank out of net. Tucker attempted a chip shot but couldn't connect.

The change in possession resulted in a quick attack by the Knights and a foul on the opposite end earned Preston a corner kick in the 24th minute.

The corner connected with junior midfielder Kendra Bolinger, who booted in a goal to give the Knights a 1-0 advantage. The Knights held off the Mountaineers through the next 16 minutes, giving them a 1-0 advantage at the halfway mark.

In the face of a flat first-half performance riddled with missed opportunities, the Mountaineers responded with a fast-paced, high energy attack to open the final 40 minutes.

The Mountaineers earned a shot at redemption in the 52nd minute, as Preston cleared the ball from the box with too much power, allowing Tucker to come down with the ball at the opposite end and place a goal in the corner of the net, equaling the score at 1-1.

Preston had trouble throughout the second half keeping the ball off its side of the field, as Tucker pummeled Colebank with a barrage of shots and the Mountaineers consistently outthrustled the Knights.

Tucker earned her second goal of the evening in the 60th minute, placing a curving shot over Colebank's head and into the net from the 30-yard line. Tucker recorded three more shots in the half, including a penalty kick in the 73rd, but she could not convert on any.

Liberty kept the momentum on its side heading into the final 10 minutes,

but Preston, led by senior captain and school-record holder Olivia Liston, kept fighting through the end. A counter attack by the Knights led to a corner kick in the 78th minute.

Liston booted the corner in, but her teammates couldn't land a shot. As both teams raced for possession, Rock and Liston collided inside the box, earning Liston a penalty kick and chance to even the score.

"I was a little nervous they weren't going to call it honestly," said Liston after the game of the foul. "The ref was a little hesitant, and whenever he finally called it I was relieved."

Liston converted the kick, giving the Knights the game-tying goal with under two minutes to go.

"I was actually going to go to the opposite side, but at the last minute she shuffled and I was able to go to the left side and place it in," Liston said of the goal.

Liberty responded with a final attack, and opened up room for a shot attempt in the 79th, but it fell off target. Colebank then held the ball in goal as the final seconds ran off the scoreboard.

"I knew it was going to be a pretty close matchup," Liberty head coach Donnie Shanholtz said. "We started a little flat early, but in the second half I thought we picked up the intensity."

Preston head coach Rodney Liston was proud of his team's effort after falling behind and attributes that to earning the draw.

"It was a test for us," Liston said of Liberty's performance. "Any time you're down and can come back, that is a testament to character."

The draw moves Preston to 6-6-2 overall, 3-5-1 in the Big 10.

**UHS**

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the top five, Aidan Palmer as the seventh runner and Sam Frasch, who is on the border of cracking into the varsity lineup.

Last year's boys' Gatorade Runner of the Year, senior Philip White, continues to be a team leader, putting much work and focus into the sport.

"His hard work really pays off," Frohnapfel said.

"He works really hard, but it's not to say others don't. Many guys run just as hard as him. Philip just has that physical talent as well.

There are three seniors on the team, including White, Michael Gharib and

Nick Summerlin. Nathaniel Edwards is a junior who goes back and forth with Summerlin as the third and fourth runners.

Edwards believes there is a winning culture within the Hawks team and he sees

that carrying over into future seasons.

"If I was on another team I probably wouldn't be as good as I am today," Edwards said. "Being on this team is a lot of fun and we have a high level of tal-

ent that always pushes each other.

"We all came in this year for summer workouts hoping to win states. The people on the team before us built that winning culture in us and the freshmen and eighth graders coming up next year are helping us get that depth back."

Edwards was one of three Hawks who finished in the top three at the Carlisle Invitational, where the boys' team also took first place.

White came in first overall, Gharib second and Edwards ninth.

UHS competes in the OVAC tournament, on Saturday.



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### Hearing history

**Assistant Director Lori Hostuttler** talks about some of WVU's first African-American graduates Tuesday, at the West Virginia and Regional History Center. Hostuttler provided an overview of the objects on display, a brief description of their historical context and their significance to the university.

### MON COUNTY PROPERTY TRANSFERS

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**CAMPBELL**, Arlie, and Tammy Campbell to Jonathan Postma, Grant, \$20,000.

## Tax complaint heard

**BY KATHY PLUM**  
 The Dominion Post

KINGWOOD — Preston Commissioners heard a tax complaint from a business owner Monday.

Commissioners Craig Jennings, Dave Price and Don Smith began the Monday night meeting with a moment of silence for those killed and injured in a week-end shooting in Las Vegas.

Commissioners rejected Reedsville business owner Kevin Mayor's request to lower taxes on the Valley Professional Plaza and to move a van from his personal property tax to a business's personal property tax.

Jennings said the prosecutor told commissioners that according to the secretary of state's website, BPM Specialty Services LLC has not been licensed since November 2013, so the van couldn't be taxed under it. Mayor disputed that and said he will check with the state.

A spokesman for the secretary of state's office Tuesday told The Dominion Post that the license was revoked in 2013 for failure to file an annual report.

Mayor also asked for relief on real estate taxes paid on the Valley Professional Plaza and former BB&T building.

### PRESTON COUNTY COMMISSION

The assessor's office set the market value at \$173,000 for the plaza and \$107,000 for the bank. Taxes are based on 60 percent of that value, or \$103,800 and \$64,200.

"My value is zero when I can't rent it," Mayor said. He said the plaza is 40 years old and needs a roof, and no one is interested in renting the bank building. BB&T closed its Reedsville branch earlier this year.

Mayor also complained about Reedsville's business and occupation tax.

Jennings said the building should be paid for, given its age, and Valley District is the fastest growing area of the county. Mayor said they are not paid off and asked what the growth comments was based upon. Price said, "The appraisal is a hardship, but it is fair."

In other business, commissioners declared October to be Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Oct. 1-7 to be 4-H Week.

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### Raise your voice

**The Uganda Thunder Children's Choir** performs for guests Tuesday, at Shoney's, in Sabraton. The choir stopped in for lunch and performed a few songs. The group is traveling around the Morgantown area to perform for churches.

## Deferred adjudication agreement is rejected

**BY JENIFFER GRAHAM**  
 For The Dominion Post

KINGWOOD — Preston Circuit Judge Lawrance Miller Jr. rejected a deferred adjudication agreement for Reedsville resident Jessica Nicole Fisher.

Fisher, 31, was indicted last year on one count of child neglect with injury and one count of DUI with injury.

Under the deferred adjudication agreement presented to the court in August, Fisher agreed to plead guilty to child neglect resulting in bodily injury, which is a felony.

Miller ordered a pre-sentence report, but said Tuesday that due to Fisher failing to report to probation, he could not accept the deferred adjudication. "I have no pre-sentence report. She's not reporting to probation and not doing drug testing," Miller said. "The court has no information on her mental and physical health. Due to her lack of cooperation, I cannot accept the adjudication agreement."

He set a November trial date.

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## Man sent to prison for domestic battery charge

**BY JENIFFER GRAHAM**  
 For The Dominion Post

KINGWOOD — A domestic battery charge resulted in a Newburg man being sent to prison for up to five years.

On Aug. 12, Ernest Earl Stonebraker Sr., 57, pleaded guilty to domestic battery under a plea agreement.

In a complaint filed in 2016, the victim said Stonebraker choked her at least eight times, causing her to fear for her life; pulled her hair out; scratched her face; and pushed her against a stove, burning her left arm.

Preston Assistant Prosecutor Megan Allender said both the victim and police approved the plea agreement. The victim told Judge Lawrance Miller Jr. during the hearing Tuesday that she would be satisfied with probation.

The judge sentenced Stonebraker to one to five years in prison.

Stonebraker's attorney, Kristen Antolini, requested alternative sentencing. She said Stonebraker has adequate housing and was a "proper candidate" for probation. "He is going to try to quit his use of alcohol. He

is also willing to do home confinement. He assists his 80-year-old mother, who lives alone. The victim has a desire to be in contact with Mr. Stonebraker," Antolini said.

Miller said Stonebraker has appeared in court for multiple domestic batteries and assaults. "This is a very serious felony charge," Miller said. "This court suspects all your recent convictions flow from your drinking alcohol. You are ambivalent to recognizing if you have a problem with alcohol or not."

Miller said Stonebraker told the probation officer once his case was over that he would start drinking again, but later told the officer he was trying to quit.

"You told the probation officer this case was 'a big crock,'" Miller said. "This shows the court you don't understand the seriousness of this case or that the root of the problem is your alcoholism, or that there is a need for treatment. This shows a lack of responsibility," Miller said.

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## 3 charged with neglect

**BY ALEX LANG**  
 The Dominion Post

Children lived among animal feces, insects crawling across floors and ammonia odors throughout a home. Now, three adults face felony charges because of the conditions.

The Fairmont Police Department charged Amber Nicole Stevens, 27, Tracie Michelle Carson, 40, and Jesse Benton Conaway-Riggle, 27, all of Fairmont, with child neglect creating the risk of injury. They were arraigned in Marion County Magistrate Court on Monday, with bail set at roughly \$25,000 for each.

According to their criminal complaints: Police went with Department of Health and Human Resources workers to help in an investigation at a Rhea Terrace residence.

The three suspects

share the same Rhea Terrace address.

When police arrived, two children — aged 8 and 9 years old — were present. A third child was not home at the time.

Inside, the residence investigators found animal feces in the living room, dining room, kitchen and children's rooms. There were also insects crawling across the floors and dirty dishes.

The bathroom walls and ceilings had mold and insects.

The entire home smelled of ammonia from both animal and human feces. Child Protective Services took the two children who were present from the home.

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# Aluminum and Alzheimer's connection not definitive

**DEAR DOCTOR:** My husband and I were reading about a possible connection between aluminum and Alzheimer's disease. Is there a connection between aluminum and Alzheimer's?

Dear Reader: The human body absorbs aluminum from compounds in water, food, aluminum-based utensils, deodorants and drugs. But at toxic levels, aluminum can damage neurons in the brain, as well as DNA within neurons. In fact, aluminum chloride in combination with the sugar D-galactose injected in rats and mice induces many of the brain changes and behavioral changes seen in Alzheimer's disease.

In one important study, researchers studied the postmortem brains of 12 people with familial Alzheimer's disease, in England. They found elevated aluminum content in all but one of the brain samples. The researchers also found aluminum concentrated near neurofibrillary tangles and amyloid deposits, which have been linked to Alzheimer's. They couldn't conclude that aluminum was the cause of the dementia; it may be that degenerative

brain diseases concentrate and retain aluminum within the brain. Still, a connection seems clear.

The findings are alarming. Aluminum is more ubiquitous today than ever before.

A 15-year study in France assessed the aluminum levels in drinking water and the rate of Alzheimer's disease in multiple areas of southern France. Of the 1,677 people over the age of 65 who completed the study, 461 were diagnosed with dementia.

All of that said, neither I nor medical science overall can provide a hard and fast answer to your question about the risk of aluminum exposure. It is heartening, however, to know that water boards measure the amount of aluminum in drinking water at a time when the correlation between human exposure to high levels of aluminum and dementia is still largely unknown.

**DR. ROBERT ASHLEY** is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles. Elizabeth Ko is an internist and primary care physician at UCLA Health. Dr. Eve Glazier, MBA, is an internist and an assistant professor of internal medicine at UCLA Health.

# Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017

Equality should be your aim this year. Don't fear change or wait for someone else to make the first move. Do whatever will make you feel happy.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23)** — Focus on getting things done. Make your home more comfortable and your personal life less stressful.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)** — Express your feelings. Make your self clear regarding what you are willing to do to pitch in and help.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)** — How you treat people or let them treat you will make a difference. Assess your personal situation honestly.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)** — An emotional issue will develop if you let someone from your past re-enter your life. Don't be fooled.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 19)** — Keep your emotions out of the workplace. Outsmart your foes using intelligence, facts and foresight.

**PISCES (FEB. 20-MARCH 20)** — The less time you take to argue a point, the more you will



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get done. Aim to finish what you start.

**ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)** — Emotions will flare up, causing problems with a colleague. Honesty will be your best option.

**TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)** — Don't let changes cause you to fret. Look at your options to discover a way to combat any challenge.

**GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)** — Casual conversations will lead to all sorts of opportunities. Express your thoughts, ideas and plans.

**CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)** — Refuse to get into an emotional battle that will be impossible to win. Agree to disagree and move along.

**LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)** — Consider what you need to do to reach your goal. Pick up new skills or update your qualifications.

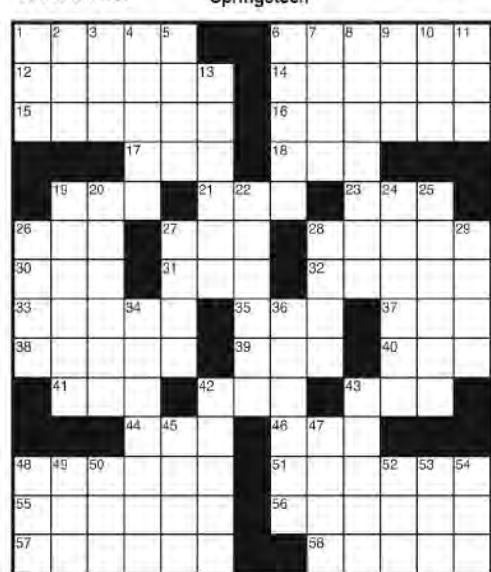
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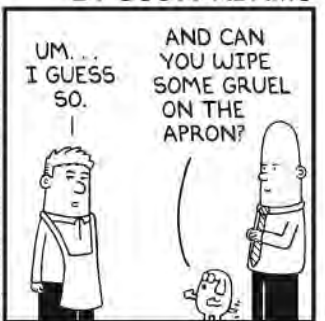


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## DILBERT



## BY SCOTT ADAMS



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## BY BILL SCHORR



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## BEETLE BAILEY



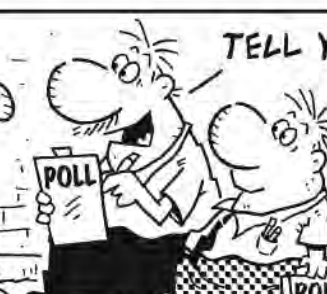
## BY MORT, GREG & BRIAN WALKER



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## BY BOB THAVES



## BORN LOSER



## BY ART & CHIP SANSON



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## BY DIK BROWNE



## MARMADUKE BY BRAD & PAUL ANDERSON



"I knew it was a mistake to let him watch that scary movie with us."

### SCRABBLE GRAMS

Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" spaces as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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PAR SCORE 145-155  
BEST SCORE 227

FOUR RACK TOTAL  
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" spaces as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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## FAMILY CIRCUS BY BIL KEANE



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# VOTE YES ON ROAD BOND!

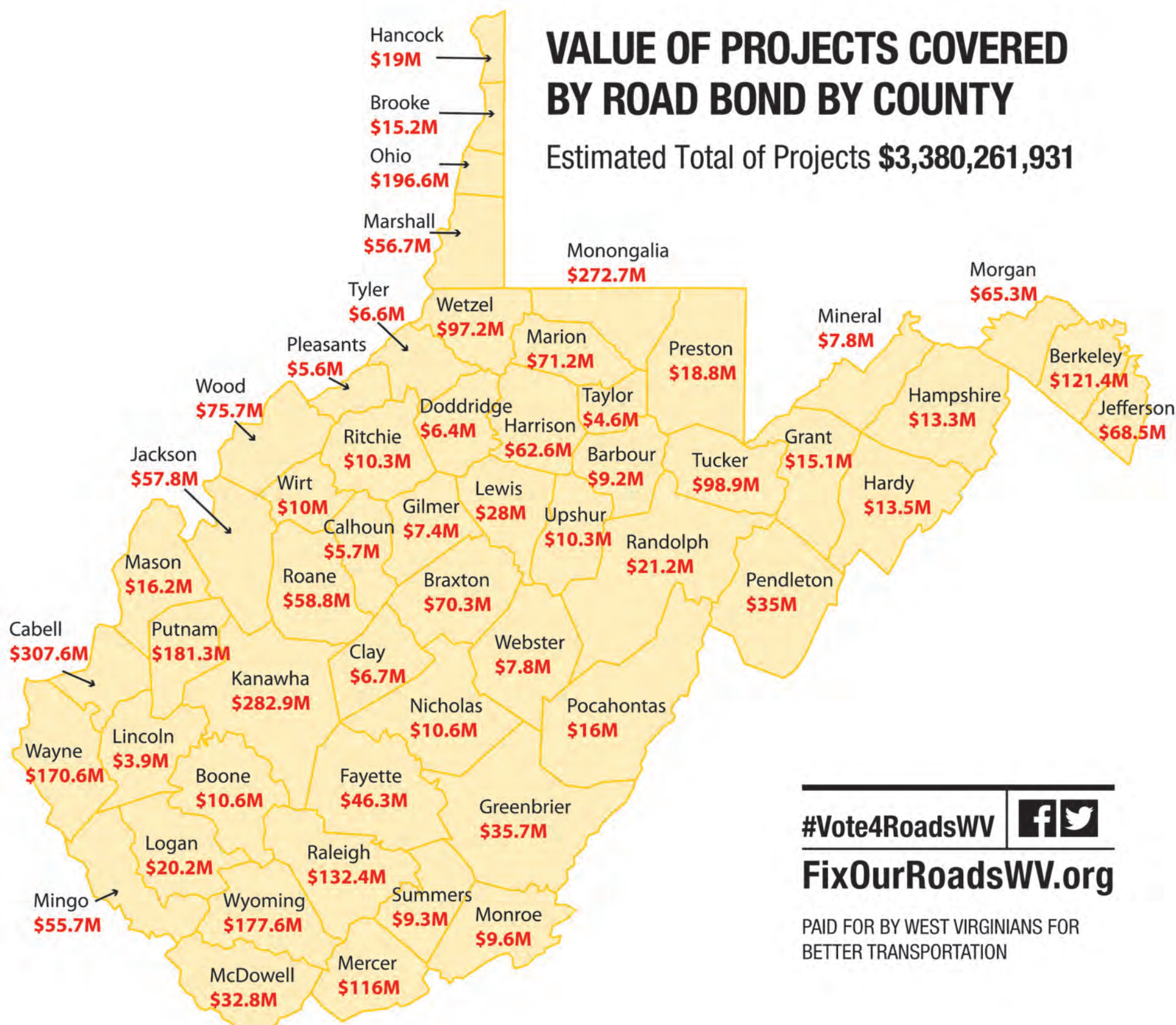
## Vote YES on October 7<sup>th</sup>

***Are you tired of driving on our horrible roads and beat up bridges?***

It's time somebody did something about it. And now you can. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, vote YES on the Road Bond. Voting yes will create thousands of jobs for West Virginians, and it won't cost you a dime of additional taxes. Put West Virginia roads, jobs, and safety first. Vote YES on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### VALUE OF PROJECTS COVERED BY ROAD BOND BY COUNTY

Estimated Total of Projects **\$3,380,261,931**



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