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MONONGALIA

State looking at regional map, funding model for county health departments

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Monongalia County Health Officer Dr. Lee Smith said there are foundational changes in the works for how West Virginia organizes and allocates funding for county health departments.

During the January meeting of Monongalia County Health Department Board of Health, Smith explained the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health is mulling over a map that would divide the state into public health regions.

According to Smith, there are multiple reasons for doing so — one is efficiency.

"If you're in the DHHR, you've got 20 maps. You've got the EMS map. You've got the hospital map. You've got a homeland security map. Everybody and their brother has got a different map and they're wanting to consolidate these maps into a particular easy format," Smith said. "Unfortunately, there's no easy way to divide the state."

There are six regions in the proposed map's current iteration. Monongalia County would be the lead county for Region 4, which would also include: Bar-

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ELECTION

Blankenship registers to run as a Democrat for U.S. Senate

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Don Blankenship, political lightning rod and former coal titan who spent a year in jail on a mine safety conspiracy conviction, is running as a Democrat for U.S. Senate.

This is the seat that Senator Joe Manchin, an independent-minded mainstay of West Virginia Democratic politics, has chosen to bow out of competing to retain. Most pundits believe the seat is likely to flip to a Republican, and the top candidates on that side are incumbent Gov. Jim Justice and Congressman Alex Mooney.

Blankenship has been involved with Republican politics in West Virginia for many years, first as an activist and financial backer just before the GOP swung to dominance and then in 2018 with a competitive race in the Republican Primary for U.S. Senate.

The West Virginia Democratic Party did not welcome his candidacy.

"Blankenship, or as he'll forever be known, federal prisoner 12393-088, lost a previous race for U.S. Senate when he ran as a Republican. He followed that up with a failed race for President running on the Constitution Party ticket," said state Democratic Party Chairman Mike Pushkin in a statement released by the party.

"He'll officially join the three-time loser club when he's rejected by voters, yet again, in the 2024 West Virginia Democratic primary."

Blankenship registered to run Friday at the Secretary of State's Office at the Capitol. He said he's regularly lived in West Virginia, but acknowledged splitting his time elsewhere, including Nevada. He said realistically and legally what matters is being embraced by West Virginia voters.

He is the former Massey Energy chief who was tried in 2015 on three federal charges of conspiracy, securities fraud and

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West Virginia Botanic Garden reflects on 2023

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A look at the new West Virginia Botanic Garden Visitor Center.

And prepares for its 2024 endeavors

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The West Virginia Botanic Garden (WVBG) saw a range of updates and new additions to in 2023, from boardwalks to marvels of stonemasonry, and looks ahead to a new year of exciting plans.

The WVBG is a nonprofit 82-acre botanic garden located at Tibbs Run Preserve, the former site of the Tibbs Run Reservoir. The site consists of weaving hiking trails and waterways, and gardens developed in tune with the surrounding woodland. The garden is always aiming to provide refreshing amenities and activities for visitors, and in 2023 that included new and expanded gardens, renovations to increase accessibility and creative installations.

A popular area in the botanic garden, the Children's Adventure Garden, was expanded in 2023, now featuring a trail connection to the Labyrinth. Updates to the Children's Adventure Garden will continue in 2024 with interactive stations along the connection trail intended to encourage a relationship between children and nature. Completion of the interactive stations is expected this spring.

West Virginia Botanic Garden entrance.

In 2020, the WVBG began plans for a garden to showcase fossils of West Virginia, and in the fall of last year the Prehistoric Garden was installed. The exhibit is made up of pieces collected from across West Virginia and overseen by experts. Some fossils are part of Executive Director Philip Smith's personal collection, while others were donations by community members who wanted to support the project. The Prehistoric Garden furthers the WVBG's mission to tell West Virginia's botanical story by illustrating what the mountain state's fauna looked like millions of years ago.

Through an award from the Greater Morgantown Organizational Arts Grant Program, the WVBG commissioned local artist Michael Loop to create a trailhead marker for the Pixie Cup Trail. Loop's sculpture depicts pixie cup and British soldier lichens, highlighting details of unique micro habitats that might go overlooked.

"We named the trail after the pixie cup lichen, which is a

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GOVERNMENT

Absentee ballot bill gives House Judiciary some headaches

HB4016 sent back for more work

BY DAVID BEARD
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A bill aimed at preventing abuse of absentee ballots is giving the House Judiciary Committee some mild headaches. A revised version of the bill designed to fix some problems in the introduced version still raised too many questions in committee on Friday and was referred to a subcommittee for further adjustment.

The introduced version of HB 4016 would have made it illegal "for any person, including any election official, to mail or deliver an application for an absentee ballot to any voter except when specifically requested by that voter."

That was found to be too restrictive so what was laid before members on Friday said a voter's immediate family member or caregiver could request and receive an absentee ballot on behalf of the voter.

It carried two tiers of misdemeanor penalties, patterned after a similar bill, HB 4293, that passed the House 72-22 in 2022 but died in the Senate.

The first tier applied to any election official who knowingly and intentionally delivered an absentee ballot application without the voter's request. The second tier applied to any member of the public who knowingly and intentionally delivered 10 or more applications to a group of people without their request.

Patti Hamilton, speaking for the West Virginia County Clerks Association, provided some background on how absentee ballots work. Nobody gets a ballot unless they apply and the application is signed, she said. The application contains a list of reasons for being unable to vote in person during early voting or on election day.

A voter, such as a snowbird who is going to be out of town, she said, would have the ballot mailed to the address where they are, not their home address.

Except for 2020 when the absentee ballot rules were tem-

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Top U.N. court orders Israel to prevent genocide in Gaza but stops short of ordering cease-fire

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The United Nations' top court on Friday ordered Israel to do all it can to prevent death, destruction and any acts of genocide in Gaza, but the panel stopped short of ordering Jerusalem to end the military offensive that has laid waste to the Palestinian enclave.

In a ruling that will keep Israel under the legal lens for years to come, the court offered little other comfort to Israeli leaders in a genocide case brought by South Africa that goes to the core of one of the world's most intractable conflicts. The court's half-dozen orders will be difficult to achieve without some sort of cease-fire or pause in the fighting.

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bour, Harrison, Marion, Randolph, Upshur, Preston, Taylor, Tucker, Lewis, Doddridge and Gilmer counties.

By moving to a regional model, the state could work directly with six lead counties instead of 48 individual health departments. Those lead counties would then be responsible for their respective regions.

Smith said a regional footprint would also open grant opportunities that are not available to individual counties due to population requirements.

Lastly, he said the regional setup would allow others within the region to provide guidance or even peer pressure if departments are under-performing.

"Presuming, as we move forward, if there's a county that's not performing or if there's some issues with funding, you look to the lead county to try to help with any issues that may arise," he said.

This leads to another significant change in the works for county health departments — performance-based funding.

Currently, health departments are funded using a formula that considers a wide range of factors, including population, poverty levels and the various programs the department provides, among other things.

Smith said the state is rolling out new performance standards this year and looking at where the state's departments stand.

"Then, in 2025, the state intends on actually measuring performance of each of the health departments' so they can then give you a ranking," he said, explaining it's not yet clear how below-standard performance will impact funding allocations.

In the event the regional model is adopted, performance-based funding would make the role of the lead county even more critical to ensure adequate funds are coming to the region.

And more expensive.

Taking on the responsibility to handle the accounting, track the money, ensure deliverables are met in a timely manner and grant policies and procedures are being implemented across a 12-county region would be an additional strain on the MCHD.

"We understand the state has agreed those additional responsibilities are going to require some additional funding," Smith said. "So, there should be some additional dollars coming towards that."

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making false statements. He was not tried for directly causing the 2010 explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine that killed 29 workers, but the charges were prompted by the disaster.

Blankenship was found guilty of conspiring to willfully violate safety standards, a misdemeanor. He spent a year in jail and then announced a 2018 candidacy for U.S. Senate, running in a competitive Republican primary that included state Attorney General Patrick Morrisey and then-Congressman Evan Jenkins.

During that race, he clashed with Sen. Mitch McConnell, then the majority leader, and started calling him "Cocaine Mitch," a nickname that stuck.

Now, "if Democrats do not choose me as their candidate it is 100% certain that West Virginia will send another McConnell bought and paid for Republican to the U.S. Senate," Blankenship said on a one-page statement handed out to reporters. "A Democrat vote for me is a vote against McConnell and his pro China, anti America, anti West Virginia agenda."

Blankenship said Friday he registered as a Democrat, although he expressed significant policy differences with the party, particularly on affirmative action issues, how to handle the U.S. border and transgender rights.

"I think the Democratic Party needs some leadership. You know, you look at what they're doing the policies they have are crazy. They're never going to participate in the things that are needed to correct the country, so I'm going to try to pull them out of that doldrum and get the them to think about real issues," he said.

He does not anticipate support from the Democratic Party. "I would expect them to be very upset that I'm even in the race," he said.

And when asked whether, if he were to win, he would caucus with Senate Democrats, Blankenship said he would act independently and called both major parties dishonest power brokers.

"I will probably form my own caucus if I win called the America First caucus because neither the Republicans under McConnell nor the Democrats under Schumer are going to make the country better," Blankenship said.

"The two political parties are basically criminal organizations and the Supreme Court has allowed them to act as political action committees. People think of them as part of the government, but basically they are given powers of a political action committee, they raise money by selling legislation and they raise money by selling foreign policy and they shouldn't be allowed to do that."

Blankenship offered some criticism of Justice and Mooney.

"Obviously Jim has done real well as far as governor. You would expect a businessman to do that. I think I made that possible over the last 20 years, since 2004 when we first elected a Republican to the Supreme Court in West Virginia for the first time in years, the right to work law, the tax reductions, the less litigious business climate, have allowed businesspeople to get elected in West Virginia and make a difference.

"I think Jim has done that. I don't know Mr. Mooney very well, but I assume he's done a pretty good job as well compared to what we used to have. So the state's gotten a lot better, but I'm concerned that I see signs that the party is not recognizing the seriousness of the drug epidemic and not understanding that the poor people of the state are going to have to be helped along with the business community."

He added, "I think I've helped the business community. I'm going to turn to the poor people now."

Blankenship did not address the campaigns of Democratic candidates Glenn Elliott, who is mayor of Wheeling, or former Marine Zach Shrewsbury. He said he would be glad to debate.

"I think anybody that wants to debate any time about anything," he said, "I'll be prepared to debate."

HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE SUPPORT FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. "I WOULD EXPECT THEM TO BE VERY UPSET THAT I'M EVEN IN THE RACE," HE SAID.

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porarily broadened for COVID, she said, absentee voting is seldom used and makes up only a small portion of all ballots cast.

Delegate Evan Hansen, D-Monongalia, asked Hamilton if it would be illegal for him to make 15 copies of an absentee ballot application and drop them on a table at his father's senior home.

Hamilton said yes, though nursing home directors often request batches of applications, and under this bill they would qualify as caregivers.

"County clerks are fond of saying they do what the law tells them to do. If more [applications] are submitted, they will process them."

Delegate Joey Garcia, D-Marion, pointed out that absentee ballot applications are public documents and asked committee counsel if it is illegal to make and deliver copies of other public documents without someone's request. Counsel said he was not aware of any instances.

The possibility of turning someone with good intentions into a criminal for delivering too many ballot applications was the chief source of the troubles during the discussion. So, committee chair Tom Fast, R-Fayette, designated a three-person subcommittee to rework the bill. He told them to meet at soon as possible so they can get the bill back on the full committee agenda.

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common lichen species that you'll find around the state but it's something that's often overlooked," said Smith. "Michael Loop made a larger than life copy of this lichen species so that people can really identify what they're in store for whenever they come out and start looking for these lichen on the trail."

Aiming to create a scenic point for photography and an intriguing garden element, stonemason Wes Boddy constructed the new Moon Gate in the Secret Garden, a unique structure crafted from artfully placed stones. An Awen symbol is carved into the arch, representing inspiration and balance in life — concepts that are commonplace in the botanic garden. WVU Director of Art and Design Alison Helm also contributed an abstract sculpture that now acts as a focal point along The Long Walk trail.

Although The Terrace at Tibbs Run event venue opened in summer 2022, last year was its first full year of operation — and it was certainly a busy year. From concerts to dinners to dozens of weddings, The Terrace saw many happy guests pass through its doors, and with nearly every weekend booked in 2024, it looks ahead to another year of creative ways for the WVBG to use The Terrace's space for the community to enjoy.

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The Terrace at the West Virginia Botanic Garden.

The botanic garden also received many beautification and accessibility updates in 2023, with newly paved roads and parking lots, new signage and blazes along trails and new boardwalks across Tibbs Run on the Far Side Trail and the Forest Loop Trail to allow easier crossing of wet areas. These updates are part of a greater mission of the WVBG to improve accessibility to the garden and ensuring all visitors can enjoy what the garden has to offer.

"We're constantly thinking about accessibility and reducing any barriers that people may have to enjoying nature and being inspired and learning from it," said Smith.

Perhaps the most highly anticipated project for 2024 is the new Equitrans Midstream Visitors Center. Although the botanic garden has informational kiosks for guests, the visitors center will provide a location to speak directly with a representative of the WVBG and learn more about the garden's history, programs, plants or receive advice on navigating the garden. The visitors center will also feature a gift shop, and eventually a cafe area. The visitors center's opening is expected this year, while the cafe addition is to be determined. This center will not only enhance the botanic garden experience for visitors, but will also further establish the WVBG as a state tourism destination and advance the organization's missions.

"It really will elevate the garden as a tourism asset," said Smith. "Part of our mission is inspiring people about plants and nature and sometimes that takes a personal interaction to encourage people to look at a certain thing that may be in bloom during a certain time of year."

Throughout 2024, the garden also anticipates its typical cultivation of thousands of new plants, as well as a project enhancing the entrance experience to the botanic garden with unique hardscaping and revamped gardens. The WVBG will also have its regular diverse schedule of programs and activities for people of all ages and interests to enjoy.

Each year, the WVBG considers how its visitor experience can be further elevated, whether it be for locals who visit the garden every weekend or tourists who may only experience it once. This is furthered by the non-profit's strategy of implementing upgrades in phases, as well as the natural changes the area experiences throughout the seasons — the botanic garden experiences metamorphosis in symmetry with the natural world it highlights.

"Whether someone's never been here or whether it's been a few years, I think people will find it's quite a beautiful place and they will see how we've grown in a very organic and community-centric way. We've really leveraged volunteers and the passions of the community to enhance these gardens and landscapes in a way that's in harmony with nature," said Smith. "I encourage people to come out and give it a try, look at upcoming programs. There's a lot of different ways you can interact with the garden in addition to walking the trails."

The WVBG is free and open to the public 365 days a year from dawn to dusk, and is located at 1061 Tyrone Road, Morgantown. Visit WVBG.org for more information on the botanic garden and its programs.

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EDITORIAL

Rainbow House a welcome addition

This month, Rainbow House celebrated its grand opening. As Monongalia County's first LGBTQ+ shelter, it's a welcome addition to our community.

Historically, emergency — and even long-term — shelters have not been LGBTQ+ friendly. Sometimes because the shelter was hosted by a religious group that does not accept LGBTQ+ people or lifestyles. Sometimes because the rules governing the shelter were designed for heterosexual, gender-conforming individuals and didn't have the flexibility to comfortably accommodate LGBTQ+ people. And sometimes because the other people in the shelter did not make it a welcoming or safe place for LGBTQ+ people to be.

As much as things have changed, and gay and lesbian people have become more generally accepted, sometimes traditional shelters still feel inaccessible to LGBTQ+ individuals, especially those who are transgender or gender-nonconforming.

That's what makes Rainbow House so important.

A 2020 survey from the UCLA School of Law Williams Institute found that 17% of "sexual minority adults" reported experiencing homelessness at some point in their life; 8% of transgender adults experienced homelessness in the past year compared to 3% of cisgender (gender-conforming) and genderqueer (gender-nonconforming) sexual minority adults and only 1% of straight, cisgender adults.

According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, up to 40% of homeless youth identify as being LGBTQ+ — a quarter of those reported being forced out of their homes solely because of their gender identity or sexual orientation. In general, LGBTQ+ kids are more likely to experience homelessness than their peers. And of those who do find themselves on the street, LGBTQ+ kids are more likely to be sexually victimized than those who are straight.

It's hard enough to be without stable housing and everything that goes with it; it's even harder for LGBTQ+ people. We're glad there will be a place here that can offer them a variety of LGBTQ+ friendly programs and resources and the sense of security and acceptance they might struggle to find elsewhere.

Nancy Walker leaves behind big shoes to fill

After 28 years of service on the Monongalia County Board of Education, Nancy Walker has announced her decision not to seek reelection.

Walker has always been known for her engagement — even before she was on the BOE, she was on her kids' school's PTA and improvement council, plus she did Read Aloud. She brought that same energy (and maybe more) to her role on the county's board of education.

Walker takes with her almost three decades of institutional knowledge that will be sorely missed. She's overseen countless changes from bonds and levies to superintendents to opening and closing schools and a million less-grand accomplishments that impact the everyday world of Mon County's education. (Moving parent-teacher conferences to after school was her brainchild, back in the day.) Whoever wins her seat will have big shoes to fill.

We wish Walker the best as she closes this chapter and begins a new one. We hope she knows just how dearly she will be missed.

Promising findings in the quest for treating people with long COVID

A NEW STUDY PUBLISHED LAST WEEK IN SCIENCE MAKES A COMPELLING CASE THAT PEOPLE WITH LONG COVID HAVE A CHRONIC IMBALANCE IN THEIR IMMUNE RESPONSE. The findings don't explain why that immune response is out of whack, and needs confirming in larger studies. Still, this is important new piece to the vexing puzzle that is long COVID.

One of the challenges with diagnosing and treating long COVID is the dozens of ways it can manifest: brain fog, extreme fatigue, shortness of breath, heart palpitations and headaches, to name just a few. Finding a common biomarker across people experiencing such different symptoms suggests a path to a diagnostic test. The work even could lead to new treatment strategies.

A sharp focus on tests and treatments for long COVID has never been more critical. Hospitalizations and deaths in the U.S. have been ticking up since early November, and wastewater data suggest the country is experiencing the biggest peak in cases in more than a year.

Each wave risks adding to the already massive number of people experiencing long-term effects of their infection. The most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data showed that 8.8 million people in the U.S. were living with long COVID in 2022. Meanwhile, new preliminary data, reported in Medscape, show that nearly 1,500 people died from long COVID last year. Some health experts expect long COVID to account for an increasing portion of overall COVID deaths.

This latest research is a good step in explaining what might be going wrong in the immune systems of people with lingering symptoms. Scientists at the University of Zurich followed 113 people with COVID over the course of a year to understand on a molecular level the differences between those that did and did not develop long COVID. Using sophisticated technologies to analyze more than 6,500 proteins in each blood sample, they found a distinct signal: People with long COVID had elevated levels of proteins involved in the "complement" system, a part of our immune response that tags foreign microbes for disposal.

Typically, the complement system revs up when we're exposed to a virus or bacteria and then relaxes when the threat is eliminated. During that resting state, it plays a key role in sweeping away dead or damaged cells.

But when that part of our immune response is constantly triggered, it can cause inflammation and cell and tissue damage, and even causes increased blood clotting — all symptoms found in people with long COVID, explains Onur Boyman, the immunologist who led the study.

The work doesn't explain why this arm of the immune system continues to be on high alert in some people, while others recover — only that it seems to be a common feature of long COVID. But it does nicely intersect with some of the leading hypotheses about the root causes of the condition.

Akiko Iwasaki, a professor of immunobiology at Yale School of Medicine who has been a leader in long COVID research in the U.S., called the work "a very important piece of the puzzle." This study, along with others looking at this arm of the immune system, "are collectively saying that there's something going on inside the blood," she says.

The question for long COVID patients, of course, is how and when this work could help improve their lives. The next step will be confirming the findings in a larger patient group — and Iwasaki and others seem confident they will be validated. From there, a diagnostic company needs to develop a test for the proteins implicated in a dysregulated complement system.

And then there's treatments. The good news is that drugs that try to calm down an overactive complement system are already on the market and in development for other conditions. Some of those were tested to treat acute, severe COVID infections, with mixed results. But as evidence accumulates that the complement system contributes to long COVID, those treatments should be tested in clinical studies for this population.

Long COVID patients need these next steps to happen fast and with the full backing of government funding agencies. At a Senate hearing on long COVID last week, Rachel Beale, a long COVID advocate, told lawmakers that she has been frustrated with the lack of progress in finding tests and treatments and made a plea for continued resources to push the science forward.

Three years into her condition, Beale has resigned herself to making peace with her situation, she said. "It makes me sad to think about my future. This may be as healthy as I get."

Let's hope this latest finding is a step forward in improving Beale's life and the lives of the millions who share her condition.

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What 2024 in America has in common with Norway in 1940

I WAS SITTING IN OUR APARTMENT IN GLENDALE, CALIF., BUT I MAY AS WELL HAVE BEEN ON ANOTHER PLANET THAT DAY IN 1993.

My grandmother, helping me with a sixth-grade report, was vividly recalling the depredations of the Nazi occupation of Norway during World War II: the rationed bread filled with sawdust, the teachers disappeared from their classrooms, the tantrum she threw on a train to thwart her older sister's arrest by a German officer. Decades after the war, these details came to her with riveting clarity, even though she was barely a teenager when the occupation ended in May 1945.

I recall plenty from that interview with my mor mor (Norwegian for "mother's mother"), including harrowing tales of resistance. But in 2024, with American democracy frayed and misinformation running rampant, what haunts me more than anything she said is the story of her family's utter disbelief when the Nazis invaded Norway in April 1940.

Her story makes me wonder how we'll react if America should tip into authoritarianism. Will we be able to recognize it?

Asking my grandmother about that moment when her country was attacked, I expected to hear tales of parachuting troops and explosions. What she told me instead was a story of confusion, denial — and, yes, hiking.

The day of the invasion, she said, radio broadcasts reported the Nazi attack. Vidkun Quisling, the leader of a marginal fascist party that had never won a seat in Norway's parliament, tried to stage a coup over the radio, but few took him seriously. The king and his government fled Oslo, the capital, without surrendering, but their grip on power was tenuous.

All of this unfolded quickly. My grandmother said confusion spread in her family and in her fjord-side community. So, she and her father hiked up a mountain.

Their village, Stamnes, was about a day's boat ride from Bergen, Norway's second-largest city. From the clifftops over the fjord, they could glance toward Bergen to see if anything was amiss. The view would be like standing on a hill in La Cañada Flintridge to see Long Beach.

What they saw, my grandmother said, shook them: Planes flew over Bergen, an exceedingly rare sight at the time. The city, a lifeline to rural western Norway, was being attacked.

Even then, with the truth plainly in the distance for them to see, they couldn't believe what was happening. Norway had maintained neutrality up to that point, but its people expected Britain to fend off Nazi aggression if it came to that. The recently deceased Norwegian queen was King George VI's aunt, after all.

Their disbelief did not defeat reality. Norway, a vibrant democracy that granted women suffrage before the U.S. and even elected its king, wouldn't be rescued from fascism until the end of World War II.

Quisling, Norway's Hitler mini-me (he even called himself the "fører"), would go on to rule an illegitimate puppet government. Though Norway didn't suffer the same destruction as, say, Poland, the country's small Jewish population was rounded up for mass murder. Concentration camps opened, and civilians endured fierce Nazi reprisals for acts of resistance.

Of course, our situation in 2024 and the Norwegian situation in 1940 are vastly different — but those differences might not reassure us. We have no external force threatening to topple our democracy. The Norwegians never elected Quisling nor anyone in his party into power.

But what I find in common is the human bias toward normalcy and the refusal to recognize unfolding threats to democracy — in my grandmother's case, from above a fjord; in ours today, from our screens.

Every time an elected leader bound by the Constitution exalts the Jan. 6 attackers, every time a lawyer argues in court that a president may be able to order a political rival murdered, I find myself on that mountain in western Norway with my mor mor, wondering if what I see is actually happening.

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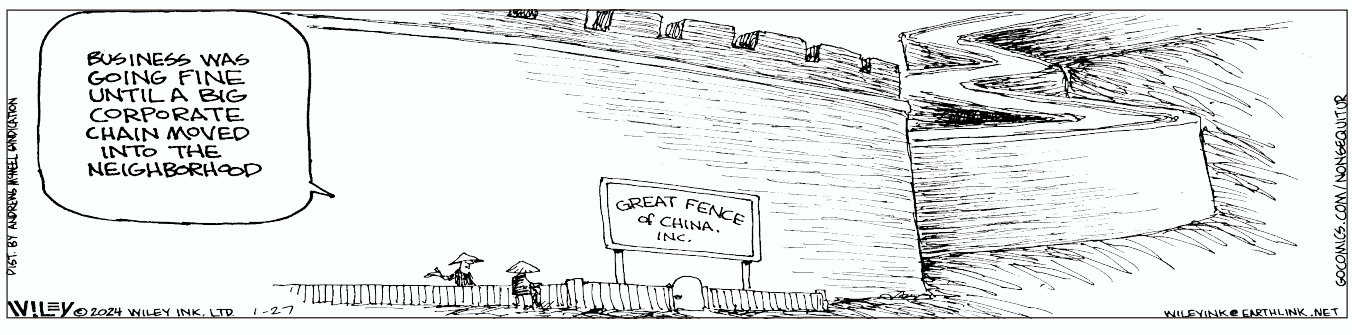

EDUCATION

Pierpont's PRIDE plans open house

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FAIRMONT — Since 2022, the PRIDE Academy of Pierpont Community and Technical College has been helping young students with developmental disabilities.

PRIDE, which stands for Pierpont Rapid Intellectual Disabilities Education, was launched with a $150,000 grant from the Benedum Foundation. It's housed in Pierpont's Gaston Caperton Center.

The academy will hold an open house from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the center, which is located at 501 W. Main St., Clarksburg. The open house is for Fall 2024 registration.

"It's a college experience," PRIDE director Darin Walker said. "Our students cook and clean and do shopping on their own."

"We do a lot of field trips. It's about independence and it's really about not being left out."

One of those students is his daughter, Hannah Walker, 23, who enjoys the interaction and PRIDE doings, day-to-day.

Walker and his wife and Hannah's mom, Jennifer, donated $5,000, in fact, to create the Hannah Walker Scholarship Fund for the benefit of future students coming into the PRIDE program.

"I would hate to see a student miss out because of financial hardship," he said.

During the open house, students will meet with the PRIDE Academy staff, get an overview of the program and tour the campus.

"We understand that every student's needs are different, said Michelle Graham, a PRIDE instructor.

"We will meet them where they are and help them along their journey of independence."

First-year students learn basic life skills, and second-year students earn vocational certificates.

Applications and resources for tuition assistance will be available.

Visit https://www.pierpont.edu/workforce-continuing-education/pride-academy/ to learn more.

Toppled tree destroys home

Ron Rittenhouse/The Dominion Post photos

Tom Harman, nephew of Eloise White, the homeowner at 101 Dug Hill Road, shows the area where a large oak tree fell — once the computer room and kitchen — during the recent snowstorm (at top). Harman stands next to the tree for scale (above, right). Director Corey Friend and 12 members of WVU Cru, a faith-based university group, came to the property to cut and split the fallen tree (above, left).

House on Dug Hill damaged during recent snow storm

BY ERIN CLEAVENGER
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Eloise White, 76, has lived in her Dug Hill Road residence in Sabraton since 1983, but her world came crashing down, quite literally, after a tree fell from across the road two weeks ago during high winds in the area.

On the evening of Jan. 12, White was sitting in her living room, which is next to the kitchen.

"I heard this loud crash," she said. "It was like a thunder crash."

She quickly discovered a large oak tree had fallen onto her kitchen from across the road.

"Everything was in the kitchen charging because I knew we had wind and possibly would need my flashlights and stuff," she said. "My phone I had left in the kitchen, so all that stuff was gone. So, I had no numbers because all your numbers are in your phone."

Fortunately, a friend of her son lives close by and was able to help her contact him.

"It was pouring rain and really couldn't see the extent of the damage," White said. "The next day we came over to the house and I just cried and cried. It just destroyed it, I mean down to the kitchen floor."

The tree also destroyed her deck and totaled her car.

"I just felt like my mind was so cluttered — I just didn't absorb a lot of stuff at first. I lost so much of everything in my house."

To make matters worse, White was not able to get much assistance until the following Tuesday due to the long Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend.

Clean-up on the home, which was condemned following the incident, has been started but White and her neighbors are concerned that this could easily happen again.

"This is the fourth tree that we've had fall from across the road," White said, adding that three have fallen in the last eight months or so from the wooded area on the other side of Dug Hill Road.

White said there are still a couple trees across from her that she is concerned might fall but she is also worried about others on the road because "it's all the way up and down the road."

"I don't want to rebuild my house there — it's bad enough you have to worry about the flooding from the creek — but I don't want to have to worry about another tree," she said.

"I want to protect the people on this road. These trees - even if they don't take them all the way down - just so they don't cross the road and hit houses. I know our road is not the only one that has trees, but they need to do something," she said of the city of Morgantown.

The Dominion Post reached out to Morgantown officials regarding the

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JOBS

Preston County losing sheriff's deputies over working conditions

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM
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KINGWOOD — Preston County is losing sheriff's deputies due to low pay and complaints about working conditions caused by the flooding in December.

The latest letter of resignation dropped the county's allotted 20 deputies to 14.

"I am writing you to announce that I have decided to resign my employment from the Preston County sheriff's office effective February 5, 2024. I appreciate the opportunity that Sheriff Pritt and the Preston County Sheriff's Office has given me to develop my professional skills and my career," the latest deputy to resign wrote.

The letter conties by saying the decision was based on deputies in Preston County being among the lowest paid in the state.

It alleged that those in Preston make $10,000-$15,000 less than deputies in surrounding counties.

"The Preston County Commission has refused to help the Preston County Sheriff's Office with any additional pay for Deputies causing the Preston County Sheriff's Office to frequently lose Deputies," the letter reads.

The author also claims the office is not a suitable work space because deputies must all work in one "small office with only two working computers."

Starting pay for certified deputies at the Preston County Sheriff's Department is $36,000 a year, according to Sheriff Paul "Moe" Pritt. In comparison, Rhonda Ridenour, Kingwood City Clerk said, uncertified city police officers start at $33,280 a year, and certified officers start at $41,600 a year.

Adam Crawford, vice president of the West Virginia Fraternal Order of Police, said it is difficult to recruit and keep police officers.

"It's on each municipality to incentive their officers to stay," he said. "Many leave to go to another law enforcement agency or to the private sector where

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STREAMING REVIEW

'Greatest Night in Pop' a peek into making of 'We Are the World'

ALISE CHAFFINS

THE YEAR IS 1985. The AMAs are just wrapping up, and rather than heading to a fun after-party to celebrate their successes, a group of some of the most popular musicians make their way over to A&M studios to record a single to raise money for African famine relief. Being a Gen Xer, I am, of course, well familiar with the single "We Are the World." But I was unaware of how it came to be and the actual recording. That is the topic of Bao Nguyen's documentary film, "The Greatest Night in Pop," set to stream on Netflix this week.

When Harry Belafonte visited Africa, he saw people dying from a lack of food and water and wanted to do something to help raise money to ease their suffering. He wanted it to be led by people in the Black community. Belafonte recruited Lionel Richie, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson and Quincy Jones to gather as many people as possible to record a single. As they found others who shared their vision, they began to create a wishlist of artists to work with, bringing in Cyndi Lauper, Huey Lewis, Diana Ross, Sheila E, Smokey Robinson and so many more.

This documentary includes a ton of stories and videos from the night of the recording that have never been seen before. It includes the demo of Michael Jackson creating the hook for the chorus. It includes a detailed timeline of the recording process. It shows people accepting the invitation and how they felt about it.

I assumed when you put that many high-level performers into one room you would run into egos, and you do see that highlighted in the story. Still, more than that, you see the incredible amount of respect these pop music icons had for one another. In one of my favorite moments in the film, we watch a sea of the most influential musicians of that time asking one another for autographs and signing each other's music.

In addition to the footage from that night, there are also a number of interviews with the musicians today, in which they recall the event and their feelings about it. It is wild to hear Huey Lewis talking about how he was nervous to sing directly after Michael Jackson or to hear Bruce Springsteen recount how tired he was from touring, concerned that he wouldn't be able to sing his line.

I genuinely loved this movie. As documentaries go, it is not the most inventive I have ever seen, but the subject matter is fascinating and speaks to the power of music to bring people together in a crisis. I loved watching people who had received accolades and fame for their work still struggle with imposter syndrome and then do the work anyway. I loved listening to some of my favorite musicians from that period making music together. I loved watching people from various backgrounds and styles put that aside to help those less fortunate than them. And I loved being reminded that we can do the same today.

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NATION

JetBlue tells Spirit Airlines that it may terminate its $3.8B buyout offer challenged by U.S.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — JetBlue Airways warned that it may end its bid to acquire low-cost carrier Spirit Airlines as soon as this weekend after a federal judge blocked the deal, sending Spirit shares sharply lower Friday.

Spirit shot back that it finds no reason to terminate the deal and will continue to meet its obligations, "and it expects JetBlue to do the same."

A federal judge sided with the Justice Department and blocked JetBlue's proposed $3.8 billion purchase of Spirit last week. The Justice Department sued to block the merger, saying it would drive up fares by eliminating Spirit, the nation's biggest low-cost airline.

Both airlines have filed their intention to appeal with a higher court.

JetBlue said in a regulatory filing Friday it told Spirit that certain conditions of their deal might not be met by the deadline set in the airlines' 2022 agreement. JetBlue said that could lead it to terminate the deal as early as Sunday.

AP file photo

A Spirit Airlines 319 Airbus approaches Manchester Boston Regional Airport for a landing, Friday, June 2, 2023, in Manchester, N.H.

Spirit responded hours later with its own filing that disputed JetBlue's position.

"Spirit believes there is no basis for terminating the Merger Agreement," Spirit wrote. "Spirit will continue to abide by all of its obligations under the Merger Agreement, and it expects JetBlue to do the same."

Shares of Spirit Airlines Inc., based in Miramar, Florida, fell 13.4% during Friday's session, while JetBlue Airways Corp. gained 3.6%.

JetBlue, based in New York, had argued that it needed to buy Spirit to grow quickly and better compete against bigger rivals that dominate the U.S. air-travel market. Together, the two carriers would control about 10% of the domestic air-travel market, still smaller than American, Delta, United and Southwest.

Both JetBlue and Spirit have struggled financially and have been slower than some other airlines to recover from the pandemic. Since the start of 2020, JetBlue has lost $2.1 billion, and Spirit has lost $1.7 billion.

Spirit is dealing with rising costs, softer demand for its mix of rock-bottom fares but higher fees, and the sidelining of dozens of its Airbus jets because of problems with the Pratt & Whitney engines. It must figure out how to pay or refinance $1.1 billion in debt due next year.

Spirit tried to merge with Frontier Airlines, another low-cost carrier, in early 2022, but JetBlue won a bidding war to push Frontier aside.

Should the deal fall through because of government opposition, JetBlue could be saddled with a $470 million reverse breakup fee, $70 million for Spirit and $400 million for its share holders.

SAFETY

U.S. regulators close investigation into Ford Escape door latches and will not seek a recall

Associated Press

DETROIT — U.S. auto safety regulators have closed an investigation into complaints that the doors on some Ford Escapes can open while the SUVs are being driven, without seeking a recall.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says its probe opened last July found that there is a low potential hazard to drivers, and that Ford is doing a customer satisfaction program to fix the problem.

Documents posted by the agency on Friday say the investigation covered about a half million Escape SUVs from the 2020 and 2021 model years.

The agency says the SUVs have an audible and visual warning if the doors don't latch properly. Ford also plans to send letters to owners in March telling them of the satisfaction campaign, which fixes the problem but is short of a recall.

Owners can take their vehicles to a dealer to have them checked. Dealers will either install a rivet plate to reinforce the door latch arms or will provide a replacement door depending on the level of damage.

The documents say NHTSA received 593 complaints about the problem with three reports of injuries. One required medical attention.

TECHNOLOGY

Tesla recalling nearly 200,000 vehicles due to backup camera software glitch

Associated Press

Tesla is recalling nearly 200,000 vehicles in the U.S. because the backup camera may not function while the car is in reverse.

The recall covers certain Models Y, S and X from the 2023 model year. All are equipped with "Full Self-Driving" computer 4.0 and run software version 2023.44.30 through 2023.44.30.6 or 2023.44.100.

The company says in documents posted by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that software instability may prevent the camera image from showing images while the Teslas are in reverse. The safety agency says that can increase the risk of a crash.

Tesla says in documents that it is not aware of any crashes or injuries. Documents say the problem has been fixed with an online software update.

Owners will be notified by letter starting March 22.

Tesla said in documents that it is not aware of any crashes, injuries or deaths related to the issue.

Tesla began getting complaints about the problem in late December and decided to do a recall on Jan. 12, documents say. As of Jan. 22, the company had 81 warranty claims potentially related to the problem.

Teslas cannot drive themselves despite having a "Full Self-Driving" system, and human drivers have to be ready to intervene at all times.

NEWS BRIEFS

Associated Press

George Carlin sues over fake comedy special

LOS ANGELES — The estate of George Carlin has filed a lawsuit over a fake hourlong comedy special that purportedly uses artificial intelligence to recreate the late standup comic's style and material. The lawsuit filed in federal court in Los Angeles on Thursday asks a judge to force Dudesy, the podcast company behind the project, to immediately take it down. The lawsuit, which also seeks unspecified damages, says the defendants are violating Carlin's right of publicity and the copyrights on his work. A voiceover at the start of the audio special says an AI engine created it by listening to 50 years of the work of Carlin, who died in 2008.

King Charles III is doing well after treatment

LONDON — Queen Camilla says King Charles III is doing well after undergoing a "corrective procedure" for an enlarged prostate. Buckingham Palace says the 75-year-old monarch was admitted to the London Clinic, where the Princess of Wales, his daughter-in-law, is recovering from abdominal surgery. The king, who entered the hospital with Camilla at his side Friday, visited Kate at the clinic after he arrived. Charles was diagnosed with the benign condition on Jan. 17 after he experienced undisclosed symptoms. He canceled engagements and was urged to rest ahead of the procedure. which had concluded by Friday afternoon.

CANDIDATE FILINGS

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM
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KINGWOOD — Only 14 candidates have filed for office in Preston County, according to County Clerk Linda Huggins.

The candidate filing period in West Virginia runs through today.

Early voting will be May 1-11.

Primary election day is May 14. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

Huggins said her office will be open until noon today for in-person filing, and those filing by mail must be sure their forms are postmarked on or before today.

Here are the filings made so far in Preston County. The notation (I) indicates incumbent.

Assessor
Jesse Hale, R, of Kingwood
David J. Nestor II, R, of Bruceton Mills.

Board of Education
Robert "Mac" McCrum of Kingwood

County Commission
Samantha Stone, R, (I), of Reedsville
Nichole Larew, R, of Thornton

Mon Conservation District Supervisor
Darrel Spaid, R

Magistrate District I
Patricia Lynn Grimm (I).

Magistrate District II
Bo Ward, (I)

Magistrate District III
Aaron R. Knotts
Peggy Pase, (I)
Rich McCrobie
Lynn Stemple Lechner.

Prosecuting Attorney
Jay Shay, R, (I), of Bruceton Mills

Sheriff
Paul "Moe" Pritt, R, (I), of Terra Alta

Huggins said absentee ballots are open for anyone who needs to have one sent to them. She said the ballots have to be returned to her office by May 8. They can be faxed to 304-329-0198; emailed to lhuggins@prestoncountywv.gov, or mailed to Linda Huggins, County Clerk, Preston County Courthouse Annex, 106 W. Main St., Suite 103, Kingwood, WV 26537.

HOME

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tree at White's residence and the concerns about trees along the road.

According to Morgantown Urban Landscapes Director Marchetta Maupin, the incident at White's Sabraton residence is still being investigated.

"The city assumes the same responsibility for monitoring trees as other landowners," Maupin stated.

"Residents are encouraged to report trees of concern via Morgantown 311, the city's mobile app/request system powered by SeeClickFix. Once a potentially hazardous tree has been identified, it is inspected by an ISA-certified arborist. If a tree is determined to be a hazard, the city will make a plan to address the issue," Maupin said.

For now, White is trying to salvage what she can from the home and is grateful she was not injured or worse, but that doesn't make it any easier.

"I'm devastated and I'm homeless. Thank God my nephew is letting me stay at his house until they rebuild the house," she said. "I could have handled this when I was a young woman, but I'm 76 and you just feel like your whole life has just vanished."

AREA ARRESTS

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MON SHERIFF

Blaney, Shawn David, domestic battery, Jan. 22, Deputy Watkins.

Thel, Dana Marie, domestic battery, three counts obstruction, three counts battery on a government representative, Jan. 22, Deputy Thompson.

Grimes, Ronald A., 63, violation of protective order, Jan. 23, Deputy Rose.

Mayers, Phillip J., 26, trespassing, destruction of property, Jan. 25, Deputy Cunningham.

MORGANTOWN POLICE

Moddle, Jonathan J., 51, two counts domestic assault, two counts child neglect, Jan. 22, Officer France.

Walls, Michael Dwain, 38, transmitting threatening communications, Jan. 23, Officer Judy.

GRANVILLE POLICE

Roney, Lauren Marie, 39, shoplifting, Jan. 23, Officer Hill.

STATE POLICE

Forquer, Tracy Wayne, 59, two counts domestic battery, brandishing deadly weapon, Jan. 22, Trooper Sternart.

Jones, Danzay, 24, domestic battery, Jan. 24, Trooper Sternart.

DUI RELATED

DeBerry, Patrick William, 46, DUI, Jan. 23, Deputy Greenawalt.

DEPUTIES

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they receive more pay."

Commissioner Samantha Stone said low salaries are based on the amount of money the commission has to work with.

"I would like to give them more, but our tax revenue is what we have to work with," she said. "You are competing with counties around you that can pay more."

Unlike other county employees, members of the sheriff's department are sometimes placed in dangerous situations. Pritt said he would be "hard pressed" to find a deputy in his department that has not been injured on the job.

"We've have to fight people with knives and guns. We've had people cut. When you are fighting people who used a combination of drugs you don't know what they will do," he said. "One of the worst fights I got into was a domestic call in the middle of Cranesville and my backup was coming from Morgantown, a trooper they sent out."

He said it seems that no one wants to spend money on the police unless they need one.

"My biggest gripe is that we have fewer and fewer people and more work expected of us," Pritt said. "We've been working out of one 10x12 office, with the exception of two people upstairs and a couple in the annex. We're constantly having video issues. I've been working on this (video issues) for two years."

He said his deputies will soon be cut even thinner with the addition of a second circuit judge and second courtroom next year.

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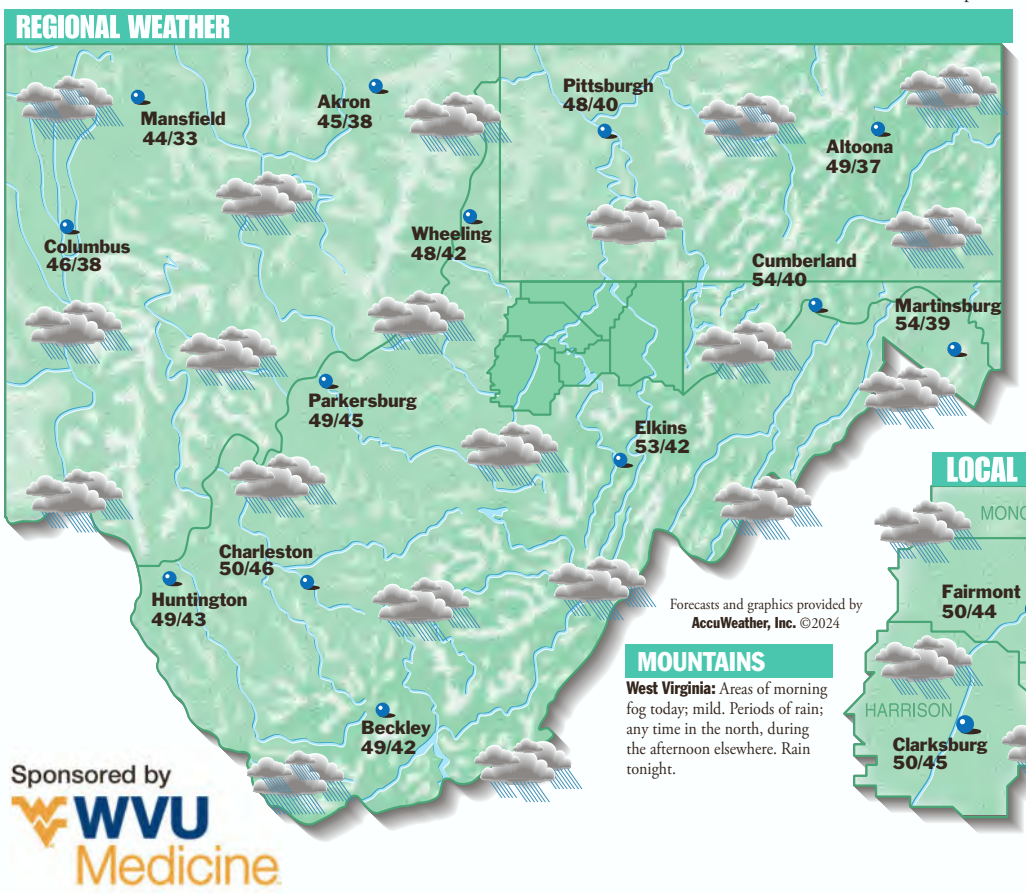
FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR MORGANTOWN

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
51° / 44°	47° / 33°	40° / 30°	44° / 36°	43° / 36°
Fog this morning; a little afternoon rain	Periods of rain	A little snow at times	Cloudy, a rain or snow shower in the p.m.	A little morning rain; otherwise, cloudy

REGIONAL WEATHER



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MOUNTAINS

West Virginia: Areas of morning fog today; mild. Periods of rain; any time in the north, during the afternoon elsewhere. Rain tonight.

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Morgantown through 4 p.m. Friday

Temperature

High/low	66°/61°
Normal high/low	39°/20°
Record high	68° in 1950
Record low	-10° in 1897

Precipitation

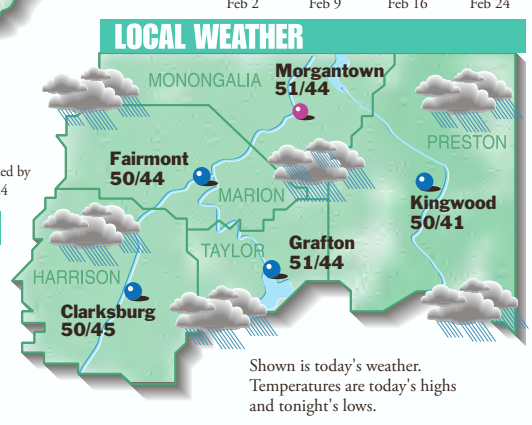
24 hrs ending 4 p.m. Friday	0.13"
Month to date	3.50"
Year to date	3.50"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:32 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:33 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:30 p.m.
Moonset today	8:53 a.m.

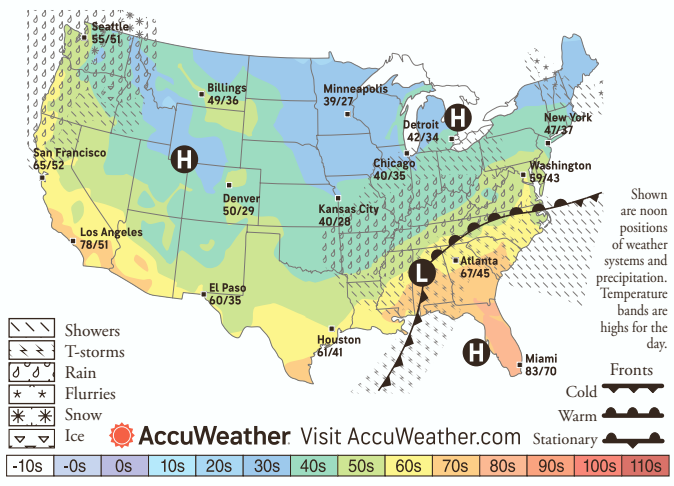
Last	New	First	Full
Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 24

LOCAL WEATHER



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

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SKI CONDITIONS

Ski Area	New snow (in)	Base (in)	Trails Open
Canaan Valley	0	30-54	22
Seven Springs, PA	0	18-18	31
Snowshoe/Silver Creek	0	0-53	56
Timberline Four Seasons	0	30-70	20
Wisp, MD	0	24-28	22

Snow reports provided by OnTheSnow.com

SOLUNAR TABLES

Five-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Sat.:	12:21 a.m.	6:32 a.m.	12:43 p.m.	6:54 p.m.
Sun.:	1:09 a.m.	7:19 a.m.	1:29 p.m.	7:39 p.m.
Mon.:	1:54 a.m.	8:04 a.m.	2:14 p.m.	8:24 p.m.
Tue.:	2:38 a.m.	8:48 a.m.	2:58 p.m.	9:07 p.m.
Wed.:	3:22 a.m.	9:32 a.m.	3:41 p.m.	9:51 p.m.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Beckley, WV	49/42/r	45/29/sn
Charleston, WV	50/46/r	49/35/sn
Columbus, OH	46/38/r	40/34/sn
Cumberland, MD	54/40/r	42/35/r
Fairmont, WV	50/44/r	47/33/r
Grafton, WV	51/44/r	49/34/r
Huntington, WV	49/43/r	46/36/sn
Kingwood, WV	50/41/r	44/31/r
Pittsburgh, PA	48/40/sh	43/32/sn
Wheeling, WV	48/42/r	43/32/sn

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

LAKES AND RIVERS

Lake	7 a.m. Yest.	24-hour Change
Cheat Lake	869.72	+8.77
Deep Creek, MD	2457.91	+0.29
Jennings Randolph	1445.22	+3.31
Stonewall Jackson	1068.44	+0.65
Tygart	1045.14	+7.05
Youghiogheny	1424.32	+5.64

River Stages

Fld: flood stage. **Prs:** stage in feet at 7 a.m. yesterday. **Chg:** change in previous 24 hours. **M:** missing.

Monongahela	Fld.	Prs.	Chg.
Morgantown	22	11.37	+1.30

ALMANAC

Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2024. There are 339 days left in the year.

Highlight:

In 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft.

On this date:

In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

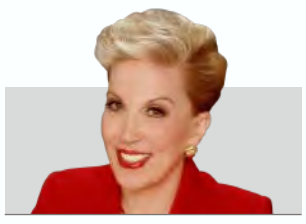
In 1888, the National Geographic Society was incorporated in Washington, D.C.

In 1944, during World War II, the Soviet Union announced the complete end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 2021, Cloris Leachman, who won an Oscar for the "The Last Picture Show" and Emmys for her comic work on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and other TV series, died at 94.

Today's birthdays:
Actor James Cromwell is 84. Rock musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 80. R&B singer Nedra Talley (The Ronettes) is 78. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 76. Latin singer-songwriter Djavan is 75. U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts is 69. Country singer Cheryl White is 69. Country singer-musician Richard Young (The Kentucky Headhunters) is 69. Actor Mimi Rogers is 68. Rock musician Janick Gers (Iron Maiden) is 67.

Neighbor's loud wind chimes have spoiled a quiet street



JEANNE PHILLIPS

DEAR ABBY: I'm irritated by my neighbors, and I don't know quite how to approach it. I live in a densely populated, but quiet, neighborhood. New neighbors moved in a couple of years ago, and after moving in, they hung a wind chime on their front porch.

At first, I didn't think much of it. These whimsical little melodies you hear every time the wind blows can be cute, I guess. But it gets quite windy here, and I'm constantly distracted by the loud, clanging chimes. I don't want to be the type of person who knocks on their door and tells them how I feel. I was hoping you could chime in. — DISTURBED IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR DISTURBED: Make it your business to find out what the noise ordinances are in your neighborhood. Then become the type of neighbor who knocks on their door. When you do, wear a smile and bring along a small gift.

Explain that you don't want to appear to be a complainer, but could they please modify those wind chimes, because on windy days the constant banging gives you headaches. If they are good neighbors and cooperative, be grateful. However, if they aren't, you may have to pursue legal means.

DEAR ABBY: I recently married, and my 19-year-old son and I moved in with my new husband. My son works full time and goes to school part time. My husband expects him to do dishes and other chores. My son does take care of the recycling and trash on a weekly basis. I work from home part time, and I don't mind doing the chores. This is causing a lot of contention between us. Am I wrong to defend my son? — WILLING IN FLORIDA

DEAR WILLING: All three of you should be doing the dishes "and other chores" as needed. And you should all be in agreement about the timing and rotation of who will do what, and when.

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

1/27/24	▶ 6 PM	▶ 6:30	▶ 7 PM	▶ 7:30	▶ 8 PM	▶ 8:30	▶ 9 PM	▶ 9:30	▶ 10 PM	▶ 10:30	▶ 11 PM	▶ 11:30
BROADCAST CHANNELS												
(2) KDKA	◀ PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, Final Round From Torrey Pines South Course in San Diego. (L) (N)				Family Film and TV Awards (N)		48 Hours		48 Hours (N)		KDKA-TV News at Eleven (N)	Paid Programming ▶
(4) WTAE	◀ NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Denver Nuggets From Ball Arena in Denver. (L) (N)				NBA Countdown (L) (N)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors From Chase Center in San Francisco. (L) (N)					Pittsburgh's Action News 4 (N)	Fast: Home Rescue ▶
(5) WDTV	◀ PGA Tour Golf				Family Film (N)		48 Hours		48 Hours (N)		5 News	Beat ▶
(7) WTRF	◀ PGA Tour Golf				Family Film (N)		48 Hours		48 Hours (N)		7NewsWe..	Cash
(9) WTOV	News 9 at Six (L) (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune "Sweetheart Week"	The Wall Mother-daughter duo Kavi and Radhika take on the wall.		Weakest Link Contestants play trivia and vote each other off one by one.		Saturday Night Live		News 9 Tonight (L) (N)	Saturday Night Live (L) (N) ▶
(11) WPXI	11 News	NBC News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	The Wall		Weakest Link		Saturday Night Live		Channel 11	SNL (N) ▶
(12) WBOY	TBA	NBC News	To Be Announced		The Wall		Weakest Link		Saturday Night Live		12 News	SNL (N) ▶
(13) WQED	Members' Favorite						Members' Favorite					
(22) WCWB	The Liquidator "Bailiff Booty"	Supertho-tics	Modern Family	Modern Family "Leap Day"	America Salutes You Presents: Concert for Gratitude (N)		Family Law		Modern Family "Election Day"	Modern Family "The Last Walt"	Paid Programming	Paid Programming
(24) WNPB	Weekend	Hoover	Lawrence Welk		Song of Mountains		Doc Martin		Marriage		Austin City Limits (N)	
(46) WVFX	◀ Basketball Arizona at Oregon (N)			Hoops (N)	Wm. Basketball Notre Dame at Connecticut (N)				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Beat Shazam	
(53) WPGH	◀ College Basketball Arizona at Oregon From Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene, Ore. (L) (N)			College Hoops (L) (N)	Women's College Basketball Notre Dame at Connecticut From Harry A. Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. (L) (N)				Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10 (N)	Paid Programming	Beat Shazam	
CABLE CHANNELS			▶ 7 PM		▶ 8 PM		▶ 9 PM		▶ 10 PM		▶ 11 PM	
A&E	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor. ▶
AMC	◀ ★★★ Die Hard		★★ Armageddon (1998, Sci-Fi) Billy Bob Thornton, Liv Tyler, Bruce Willis.							★★★ Gladiator Russell Crowe.		▶
AT&TSP	Pens (N)	Penguins	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Pittsburgh Penguins (N)				Penguins		Penguins	Penguins	NHL Hockey	▶
BET	◀ ★ No Good Deed ('14) Idris Elba.				★★ What Men Want ('19) Tracy Morgan, Aldis Hodge, Taraji P. Henson.						Tyler Perry's I Can Do...	▶
CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program	
DISC	Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown	
DISN	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	★★★★ Toy Story 2 Tom Hanks.			Kiff	Hailey	Hailey	Hailey	Hailey
ESPN	College Basketball Kentucky at Arkansas (N)				College Basketball Teams TBA (L) (N)				X Games Aspen (L) (N)			▶
ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA (L) (N)				College Basketball Teams TBA (L) (N)				College Basketball Teams TBA (L) (N)			
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FNC	Fox Report (L) (N)		Weekend (N)		Life, Liberty (N)		One Nation (N)		FOX News S (N)		Gutfeld!	
FREE	◀ ★★★ Despicable Me			★★★ Despicable Me 2 ('13) Steve Carell.				★★ Despicable Me 3 ('17) Steve Carell.				
HIST	Barrett-Jackson Live Auction Collector car auctions return with the Scottsdale Auction. (N)								Barrett-Jackson Auction			▶
LIFE	Woman With the Red Lipstick				Confessions of a Cam Girl Megan Best. (P)				Stolen Baby: The Murder of Heidi Broussard			▶
NEWSN	Blue Bloods		NewsNation Prime (N)		NewsNation Prime (N)		NewsNation Prime (N)		NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime	
NICK	Movie	★★ Sonic the Hedgehog ('20) Jim Carrey, James Marsden.					Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	◀ To Be Announced		To Be Announced				To Be Announced				To Be Announced	▶
TNT	◀ ★★★ Back to the Future ('85) Michael J. Fox.				All Elite Wrestling: Collision (N)				★★★ Back to the Future Part II			▶
TVLAND	Mike	Mike	Mike	Mike	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	◀ IMSA Weathertech Rolex 24 at Daytona (N)				Skating U.S. Championships: Pairs Free Skate				IMSA Weathertech Rolex 24 at Daytona (L) (N)			
WE	NCIS "The Tell"		NCIS "The Good Son"		NCIS		NCIS "Rekindled"		NCIS		NCIS "Up in Smoke"	
WTBS	◀ ★★ Aquaman ('18) Jason Momoa.				Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	★★ Aquaman ('18) Jason Momoa.			▶
MOVIE CHANNELS			▶ 7 PM		▶ 8 PM		▶ 9 PM		▶ 10 PM		▶ 11 PM	
HBO	★★★ Barbie ('23) Margot Robbie.				Lil Nas X: Long Live Montero (P)			★★ Blue Beetle ('23) Xolo Maridueña.				Movie
MAX	★ Fifty Shades Freed ('18) Dakota Johnson.				★★★ Election Matthew Broderick.			★★★ Knocked Up ('07) Seth Rogen.				Movie
SHOW	★★★ Hope Springs ('12) Meryl Streep. (P)				★★★ You Hurt My Feelings (P)			The Woman		★★ Shooter Mark Wahlberg.		▶
TMC	The Starling Girl ('23) Eliza Scanlen.				★★★ Pearl ('22) Mia Goth.			★★★ X ('22) Jenna Ortega, Mia Goth.				Beowulf ▶

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jordan Harrison's consistent play, not her size, has become her trademark in college

BY JUSTIN JACKSON
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Loaded with potential but just too small, yeah, Jordan Harrison has heard that a few times.

"That's been a chip on my shoulder my whole career, because that's what everyone says about me," Harrison said Friday, as the No. 24 Mountaineers were getting prepared to host Iowa State at 2 p.m. today inside the Coliseum. "I don't pass the eye test, so people don't know what I bring to the table."

What Harrison has always brought to the table is consistent results, sometimes remarkable ones.

Like the time she set an Oklahoma girls' high school record with 74 points and 14 3-pointers in one game.

You would think schools such as Oklahoma and Oklahoma State would be all over her in recruiting.

They did show interest, but it came late. Why? Harrison can only point to her small 5-foot-6 stature.

"My height, I mean, obviously it has its pros and cons," she said.

SEE **HARRISON**, B-2

Iowa State at WVU

WHEN: 2 p.m. today
WHERE: WVU Coliseum
TV: ESPN+ (Online subscription needed)
RADIO: 98.3-FM
WEB: dominionpost.com

Benjamin Powell/The Dominion Post

West Virginia guard Jordan Harrison is averaging 14.3 points and 5.7 assists per game, as the Mountaineers host Iowa State on Saturday.

AIMING FOR SUCCESS

West Virginia seeks first road win of season against struggling Oklahoma State

BY JUSTIN JACKSON
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If there are two sides of the fence, the WVU men's basketball team has seen the grass on either side.

The Mountaineers have seen both sides of the coin and they know all about the good the bad and the ugly.

They've lived it all in the span of just two games.

"We've proven we can beat anybody in the country, but we've proven we can lose to anybody in the country," is the way WVU head coach Josh Eilert explained the situation on his weekly radio show.

WVU (7-12, 2-4 Big 12) looked like world-beaters in knocking off No. 3 Kansas. Three days later, the Mountaineers looked confused, frustrated and had no chemistry in a road loss against UCF.

Uncertainty now awaits the Mountaineers, who face a must-win situation today in Stillwater, Okla.

It's critical in that Oklahoma State (8-11, 0-6) is the one school in the Big 12 who has struggled to string together success at the same level as WVU.

The stats tell you why. The two lowest-scoring teams in the Big 12 are WVU and Oklahoma State.

The two schools who have allowed the most points? You guessed it, WVU and Oklahoma State.

If there was ever a road win waiting for these Mountaineers, this trip to Gallagher-Iba Arena — WVU hasn't won there since 2021 — is it.

Therein lies the uncertainty. WVU hasn't won a true road game this season. It hasn't won any game away from the Coliseum this season, sporting an 0-4 mark in neutral-court games, too.

WVU also hasn't played with a full roster in any game, which is expected to change against the Cowboys.

Jesse Edwards, a transfer from Syracuse who is averaging 14.8 points and 8.7 rebounds per game, has missed nine games following surgery on his right wrist. Eilert

SEE **OKLAHOMA**, B-3

WVU at Oklahoma State

WHEN: 2 p.m. today
WHERE: Gallagher-Iba Arena, Stillwater, Okla.
TV: ESPN+ (Online subscription needed)
RADIO: 100.9 JACK-FM
WEB: dominionpost.com

William Wotring/The Dominion Post

West Virginia head coach Josh Eilert will go after his first road win when the Mountaineers travel to Oklahoma State on Saturday.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Tight-knit seniors lead Clay-Battelle to win over Wood County Christian

BY CODY NESPOR
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BLACKSVILLE — Prior to Friday's game, the Clay-Battelle girls' basketball team honored its five seniors. When the game tipped off, that senior class made a big impact as the Cee-Bees won 41-21 over visiting Wood County Christian.

With the exception of Lydia Moore, who is out with an injury, CB's senior class of Raylee Hennen, Laikyn Dalton, Elyse Moore and Kenley Statler all started and combined for 24 of the team's 41 points in the victory.

"It's just so exciting," said Hennen, who finished with seven points. "I've been playing with these girls since elementary

SEE **C-B**, B-2

Benjamin Powell/The Dominion Post

Clay-Battelle's Raylee Hennen (00) defends the ball against Wood County on Friday evening. Hennen was one of five CB seniors honored before the game.

PREP SPORTS

Hawks finally get revenge on Bucs for last season's playoff upset

BY ERIC HERTER
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The University High School boys' basketball team had been waiting 332 days for Friday's contest against Buckhannon-Upshur.

After all, it was the Bucs who knocked UHS out of the Class AAAA sectional tournament last year and ended its season.

"I have been thinking about this for eight, nine, 10 months – whatever it has been," UHS head coach Joe Schmidle admitted. "I'm still (mad)."

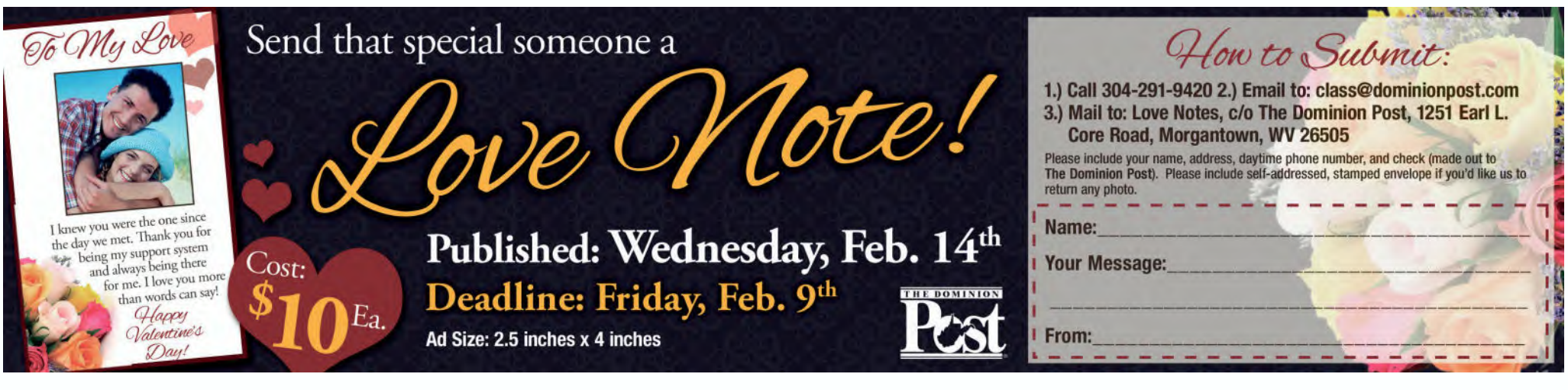
Conversely, the Bucs used that win over the Hawks as a springboard to this season where they are off to an 8-3 start.

Make that an 8-4 start after UHS picked up a convincing 66-45 victory on Friday.

"Everyone of these guys remembers that game," Schmidle said of his players on this year's team. "These were the starters in that game last year. I am proud of them for tonight. They came out and once we got the rebounding situation figured out, we out-rebounded them big time in the second half."

UHS took a 33-24 lead into halftime thanks to some timely

SEE **HAWKS**, B-3



SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

BOYS BASKETBALL

Morgantown vs. Ripley, 2:30 p.m.
University at Musselman, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Trinity Christian at Moorefield, 1 p.m.

St. Albans Classic

University vs. Wayne, 2:30 p.m.
Morgantown vs. Ashland (Ky.), 5:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

University at WSAZ Tournament

MEN'S BASKETBALL

West Virginia at Oklahoma State 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Iowa State at West Virginia, 2 p.m.

ON TV

AUTO RACING

1:30 p.m.: NBC — IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship: The Rolex 24, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.
2:30 p.m.: USA — IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship: The Rolex 24, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.
10 p.m.: USA — IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship: The Rolex 24, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.
6 a.m. (Sunday): USA — IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship: The Rolex 24, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

12 p.m.: BTN — Nebraska at Maryland
CBSSN — Lehigh at Holy Cross
CW — Virginia at Louisville
ESPN — Kansas St. at Houston
ESPN2 — Georgia at Florida
ESPNU — Boston College at Notre Dame
12:30 p.m.: FOX — Georgetown at Providence
USA — Fordham at Duquesne
1 p.m.: FS1 — Seton Hall at Marquette
SECN — Missouri at South Carolina
1:30 p.m.: CBS — Kansas at Iowa St.
2 p.m.: CBSSN — Towson at Delaware
ESPN — North Carolina at Florida St.
ESPN2 — Texas at BYU
2:15 p.m.: CW — Pittsburgh at Miami
3 p.m.: FOX — Indiana at Illinois
FS1 — Villanova at Butler
3:30 p.m.: SECN — Auburn at Mississippi St.
4 p.m.: CBSSN — UNC-Wilmington at Stony Brook
ESPN — Clemson at Duke
ESPN2 — TCU at Baylor
ESPNU — Charlotte at Tulane
5 p.m.: ACCN — Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech
FS1 — Iowa at Michigan
PAC-12N — Colorado at Washington St.
5:30 p.m.: FOX — Arizona at Oregon
6 p.m.: CBSSN — Dayton at Richmond
ESPN — Kentucky at Arkansas
ESPN2 — James Madison at Appalachian St.
ESPNU — Bradley at Indiana St.
SECN — Tennessee at Vanderbilt
6:30 p.m.
BTN — Minnesota at Penn St.
7 p.m.: ACCN — NC State at Syracuse
FS1 — DePaul at Creighton
PAC-12N — Arizona St. at Oregon St.
8 p.m.: CBSSN — VCU at Davidson
ESPN — LSU at Alabama
ESPN2 — UCLA at Southern Cal
ESPNU — Tulsa at Rice
8:30 p.m.: BTN — Ohio St. at Northwestern
SECN — Mississippi at Texas A&M
9 p.m.: FS1 — UNLV at San Jose St.
10 p.m.: ESPN2 — Utah at Washington
ESPNU — Loyola Marymount at Saint Mary's (Cal)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

2 p.m.: BTN — Nebraska at Iowa
8 p.m.: FOX — Notre Dame at UConn

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S)

6 p.m.: PAC-12N — Washington at UCLA

COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)

4 p.m.: BTN — Minnesota at Michigan St.

FIGURE SKATING

2:30 p.m.: NBC — U.S. Championships: Free Dance, Columbus, Ohio
8 p.m.: USA — U.S. Championships: Pairs Free, Columbus, Ohio

GOLF

3:30 a.m.: GOLF — DP World Tour: The Ras Al Khaimah Championship, Third Round, Al Hamra GC, Ras al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates
2 p.m.: GOLF — PGA Tour: The Farmers Insurance Open, Final Round, Torrey Pines South Course, La Jolla, Calif.
GOLF — LPGA Tour: The LPGA Drive On Championship, Third Round, Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club, Gold Canyon, Ariz.
4 p.m.: CBS — PGA Tour: The Farmers Insurance Open, Final Round, Torrey Pines South Course, La Jolla, Calif.
6 p.m.: GOLF — LPGA Tour: The LPGA Drive On Championship, Third Round, Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club, Gold Canyon, Ariz. (Taped)
3 a.m. (Sunday): GOLF — DP World Tour: The Ras Al Khaimah Championship, Final Round, Al Hamra GC, Ras al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates

NBA

3 p.m.: ABC — Miami at New York
5:30 p.m.: ABC — Philadelphia at Denver
8:30 p.m.: ABC — LA Lakers at Golden State

NHL

12:30 p.m.: NHLN — Boston at Philadelphia
7 p.m.: NHLN — NY Rangers at Ottawa

RODEO

10 p.m.: CBSSN — PBR: Round 2 & Championship Round, Houston

SOCCER (MEN'S)

5:45 p.m.: FS2 — CONMEBOL U-23 Olympic Qualifier 2024 Group Stage: Uruguay vs. Chile, Group B, Valencia, Venezuela
6:30 a.m. (Sunday): CBSSN — Serie A: Lecce at Genoa

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

8 a.m.: CBSSN — Bundesliga: Hoffenheim at Bayern

TENNIS

3:30 a.m.: ESPN — WTA: The Australian Open, Championship, Melbourne, Australia
8 a.m.: ESPN2 — WTA: The Australian Open, Championship, Melbourne, Australia (Taped)
3:30 a.m. (Sunday): ESPN — ATP: The Australian Open, Championship, Melbourne, Australia

PRO HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	48	30	9	9	69	167	126
Florida	48	30	14	4	64	155	125
Tampa Bay	49	26	18	5	57	169	161
Toronto	46	24	14	8	56	162	148
Detroit	48	25	18	5	55	169	156
Montreal	48	20	21	7	47	134	172
Buffalo	48	21	23	4	46	141	153
Ottawa	44	18	24	2	38	149	158

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	48	29	16	3	61	154	140
Carolina	47	27	15	5	59	160	143
Philadelphia	49	25	18	6	56	145	142
New Jersey	46	24	19	3	51	158	162
N.Y. Islanders	48	20	17	11	51	141	163
Washington	46	22	18	6	50	111	141
Pittsburgh	45	21	17	7	49	135	124
Columbus	47	15	23	9	39	141	175

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	46	30	11	5	65	146	105
Colorado	48	31	14	3	65	185	152
Dallas	48	29	13	6	64	178	147
Nashville	48	26	21	1	53	147	148
St. Louis	46	24	20	2	50	133	146
Arizona	47	23	21	3	49	142	144
Minnesota	48	21	22	5	47	147	163
Chicago	49	14	33	2	30	105	176

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	48	32	11	5	69	181	123
Vegas	49	29	14	6	64	161	133
Edmonton	44	28	15	1	57	156	123
Los Angeles	45	22	14	9	53	144	121
Seattle	47	20	18	9	49	133	139
Calgary	48	21	22	5	47	148	155
Anaheim	48	16	30	2	34	123	166
San Jose	48	13	31	4	30	101	191

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay 6, Arizona 3
Detroit 3, Philadelphia 0
Montreal 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Boston 3, Ottawa 2, OT
Carolina 3, New Jersey 2
Dallas 4, Anaheim 3, OT
Nashville 3, Minnesota 2
Edmonton 3, Chicago 0
Columbus 5, Calgary 2

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Vegas 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Florida 3, Pittsburgh 2, SO
Los Angeles at Colorado, night
St. Louis at Seattle, night

TODAY'S GAMES

Boston at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 2 p.m.
Buffalo at San Jose, 4 p.m.
Nashville at Edmonton, 4 p.m.
Arizona at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Vegas at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Los Angeles at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
Columbus at Seattle, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Nashville at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

PREP SPORTS

Brayden Marshall becomes first McCoy Award winner from Winfield

BY TAYLOR KENNEDY
Charleston Gazette-Mail

WINFIELD — It has been quite a memorable senior year for Winfield's Brayden Marshall.

Marshall finished his final high school cross-country season by claiming his third-consecutive Class AA state individual title with a time of 15:29.62 — a full 45 seconds faster than second place.

His performance in Ona helped the Generals win the Class AA state team title.

He went to San Diego in December and competed in the Foot Locker Cross Country Nationals, in which he finished fifth.

Marshall is also the 2023-24 Gatorade West Virginia Boys Cross Country Player of the Year, becoming the second Winfield runner to win that award.

Marshall can now add recipient of the McCoy Male Athlete of the Year — the first Winfield runner to receive this award — to his list of accomplishments.

Jefferson's Keyshawn Robinson and Hurricane's Ty Steorts finished as the runners-up.

"This is a great reflection of all the work that has been put in by him," Generals cross-country and track and field coach Shawn Anderson said.

Sholten Singer/The Herald-Dispatch

Winfield's Brayden Marshall speeds by as runners compete in the West Virginia Class AA boys Cross Country State Championship on Oct. 28, 2023, at Cabell Midland High School in Ona. Brayden Marshall would go on to win the AA boys championship.

"Obviously, he's done well here at Winfield. He was a known entity coming from middle school. Brayden has grabbed everything by the reins here and blossomed and became a tremendous runner for us.

"I cannot say enough good things about him. His character, integrity and morals are all top-notch."

Marshall's career is not finished, as he will continue running at North Carolina State University.

His accolades speak volumes to the career he has pieced together.

However, Anderson believes the lasting impact Marshall will have on his teammates will mean more than records or accomplishments.

"His humbleness and leadership will leave a mark here," Anderson said. "You see him at meets and he's congratulating everybody. He doesn't bring on any kind of recognition to himself. He's not that vocal, but he leads by example. He goes over and talks to all of our runners and motivates them."

Marshall has continually exceeded his previous times in state meets, both in cross-country and track.

His time in last year's state cross-country meet was 21 seconds faster than his time in 2022, 15:50.11.

"His drive is top-notch," Anderson said. "He comes out every day prepared and ready to go. You never see him down. He's always up. That rubs off on everybody else that's around him. It makes your teammates want to follow you and get better as well. That's part of the leadership."

Anderson will miss Marshall running in kelly green and white.

However, he knows North Carolina State is getting a competitor.

"They're getting a well-rounded young man who can bring a lot to the table," Anderson said. "He will continue growing at NC State, especially under their leadership down there. They are a well-known track and cross-country program. Their coaches are top-notch. Brayden is going to get better down there, and I cannot wait to watch."

The award was determined by balloting of the West Virginia Sports Writers Association. The list of past honorees may be found on wvswa.org. The voting runners-up and winner will be recognized on May 5 at the 77th annual Victory Awards Dinner at River City in Wheeling.

C-B

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school. It's not our last game, but it's definitely a happy moment. There's so much excitement and everything just feels good."

Dalton transferred to Clay-Battelle during high school, otherwise, the group has been playing basketball together for most of their lives.

"The five of them together are pretty formidable." CB coach David Joyce said. "They love each other, they treat each other well. The older kids work with the younger kids well. Everything works, it's a great group to work with."

And everything was working for the Cee-Bees (7-7) Friday evening against the Wildcats (0-7).

Clay-Battelle held Wood County to just three field goals in the first half, which led to a 22-7 halftime advantage.

One of those field goals came on WCC's first possession of the game when Ava Dunn was left wide open to drain a three-pointer for the game's first score.

"Of course, the one kid we didn't match on comes down and drains one," Joyce chucked. "I've had to go through this before where kids hit threes when they shouldn't."

CB's offense also took a second to kick into gear as the Cee-Bees' first five shots all rimmed out of the basket.

"This is the story of our

... CB'S SENIOR CLASS OF RAYLEE HENNEN, LAIKYN DALTON, ELYSE MOORE AND KENLEY STATLER ALL STARTED AND COMBINED FOR 24 OF THE TEAM'S 41 POINTS IN THE VICTORY.

lives," Joyce said. "We get good looks and they just don't go. We had five makeable shots at the beginning and went 0-5 of those five. We might have made the next one, but I stopped counting."

Statler sank a pair of free throws before Hennen ended the drought with a layup shortly after.

After getting over that initial hump, it was all Cee-Bees. Wood County made just four field goals in the second half, being held to seven in the entire game as the Cee-Bees coasted to the 20-point win.

"It's like we're in sync," Hennen said of the team's defense. "We talk really well on the floor, that's something we've always been good at. I think that's why our defense is really good, because we've played so much together and we know what we're doing and where we're moving."

In addition of Hennen's seven points, Dalton scored eight, Elyse Moore had five and Statler finished with four. Freshman Ali Hellyer led the team with 11.

Livi Meyer led Wood County with 12 points. Dunn finished with six on two three-pointers.

The Cee-Bees return to action Monday in an OVAC consolation game at home against Bridgeport (Oh.) at 7 p.m.

BOX SCORE

Clay-Battelle 41, Wood County Christian 21
WCC 5 2 8 6 — 21
CB 11 11 10 9 — 41
WOOD COUNTY (0-7) — L. Meyer 4 3-5 12; Erlanson 0 0-0 0; Dunn 2 0-0 6; Board 0 1-2 1; Perkins 1 0-0 2; S. Meyer 0 0-0 0; Navarro 0 0-0 0.
CLAY-BATTELLE (7-7) — Hennen 3 1-2 7; DeBolt 3 0-0 6; Dalton 4 0-0 8; E. Moore 2 1-2 5; Statler 1 2-2 4; Hellyer 4 2-2 11; Riley 0 0-0 0; Morgan 0 0-0 0.
3-Pt. Goals — Wood County 3 (Dunn 2, L. Meyer 1). Clay-Battelle 1 (Hellyer).

Trinity 50, East Hardy 45

BAKER — Trinity Christian survived a thrid-quarter collapse to pick up a road win Friday evening, 50-45, at East Hardy.

The Warrior led 33-10 at halftime, but were outscored 18-3 in a third quarter that was dominated by the Cougars. TCS shot just 1-16 in the frame.

Trinity senior Jenna Barnett scored eight of her team-high 20 points in the fourth to secure the win. Classmate Ella Lynch was right behind her with 19 points.

Brooklyn Tinnell led East Hardy with 29 points while Close Miller had 14.

Trinity plays moorefield today at noon.

Boys Basketball

Morgantown 91, John Marshall 36

MOUNDSVILLE — A dominating road performance gave the Mohigans a big win on the road, 91-36, at John Marshall Friday. MHS led 75-16 after three quarters.

Sharron Young led all scorers with 24 points and four three-pointers. He is 70 points away from breaking Morgantown's all-time scoring record.

Izzy Everett eas next for MHS with 12 points while Marty Johnson and Brady Savage each had 11.

Kayden Knapp led JM with 12 points.

It was the 200th winfor head coch Dave Tallman and staff with the Mohigans.

BOX SCORE

Morgantown 91, John Marshall 36
MHS 20 21 32 18 — 91
JM 7 5 4 20 — 36
MORGANTOWN — Frey 1 2-2 4; Everett 4 2-2 12; King 3 0-0 6; Goins 4 0-0 9; Young 10 0-0 24; Shrewsberry 3 0-0 8; M. Johnson 4 1-1 11; Colistra 1 0-2 2; Savage 5 1-2 11; Hill 2 0-0 4.
3-Pt. Goals — Morgantown 11 (Young 4, Everett 2, Shrewsberry 2, M. Johnson 2, Goins 1).

Middle School

(Thursday)

Mountaineer 8s 61, Westwood 15

Mountaineer was led by johen Ford's 24 points. Westwood was led by Tj Metheny's eight.

Mounntaineer 7s 24, Westwood 21

Mountaineer's leading scorer was Anthony Gregg with seven points. Max Harsch's six led Westwood.

(Wednesday)

Mountineer 8s 51, Suncrest 35

Mountaineer was led by Alex Brown's 15 points. Sebastian Schneider led Suncrest with 14.

Mountaineer 7s 48, Suncrest 24

Eli Dulaney led Mountaineer with 11 points. Colt Cooper led Suncrest with 12.

HARRISON

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It didn't scare Mark Kellogg away, who first signed her to play at Stephen F. Austin last season and she transferred to WVU once Kellogg was hired to take over the Mountaineers' program.

Harrison had her shot to play in the big leagues and against the women who did pass the eye test in high school, the ones who garnered the four- and five-star recruiting rankings she was always overlooked for.

She never doubted she belonged.

"I've played against really good competition my whole life," Harrison said. "I knew I could play against high-level players. It was about getting there and proving myself."

That Harrison has accomplished at WVU (16-2, 5-2 Big 12), to the point where Kellogg was asked the last time he looked at a box score at the end of the game and thought Harrison didn't play well.

"I don't know if I've thought that all year, to be honest," he replied. "There's been a few where her turnovers were a little high. Outside of that, she just sets the stage for us."

In her first season in a Power Five Conference, Harrison's 5.7 assists per game are second in Big 12.

The last time she didn't score in double figures in a game was before Thanksgiving.

Not bad for such a little girl.

"She's a hard worker," Kellogg continued. "The kid has earned the right to have this right now. The kid works her tail off."

Kellogg, too, said he had no doubts about Harrison transitioning to a higher level of play, even though it meant Harrison's height difference would be greater.

"I think because of her size some schools overlooked her a little bit," Kellogg said. "Man, that heart is pretty big. That's a pretty special kid to me.

"I've never really wanted to get wrapped up into size. Sometimes potential is wrapped up into size. Potential just means you haven't done it yet. That scares me as a basketball coach. I don't want to be recruiting off potential all the time. I need to know you can do it. That's why I wasn't worried about her, because I had seen her do it before."

Sort of like Harrison, the Mountaineers will likely have a chip on their shoulders today against the Cyclones (12-6, 6-2).

It was just two weeks ago when WVU traveled to Hilton Coliseum and enjoyed a 19-point lead with six minutes left in the third quarter.

Iowa State then outscored WVU 27-9 in the fourth quarter for a 74-64 victory.

Iowa State scored 36 points in the paint in that win and freshman center Audi Crooks was impressive with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

"Audi Crooks is really good and she's dominant on the low block," Kellogg said. "They're going to try and get her the ball. We know that. They know that. We've got to come up with a scheme to limit her the best we can. If she ends up having a night, we've got to find a way to limit the others."

HAWKS

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shooting from Carson Ford who hit a pair of 3-pointers in the second quarter to push the Hawks' lead from 23-20 to 29-20 and the 11-point cushion at halftime.

"We placed an emphasis on rebounding tonight," Schmidle said. "I thought if we could control the boards, we could win. They are so big, they play ugly, they are a talented team, they are just so physical, and they get a lot of points off second-chance shots."

University also relied on a pesky defense that forced 14 turnovers and frustrated a B-U team that tried to use its inside muscle to win the contest.

"My concern tonight was that we did win last year, and I expect that they have thought about that a long time," B-U coach Jason Westfall said. "No one expected that last year. That win was almost like four wins in one for us – especially against a good program like University. We want respect now too, but we did not show what we wanted to show tonight."

University took control of the game in the third quarter as it held the Bucs to just three field goals. Both teams traded fouls in the fourth quarter, and it showed in the stat sheet as the teams combined for 27 free throws in the period.

While the game was hectic at times and played at a physical pace, it was UHS senior James Fortney-Garbart who provided a calming presence on the floor.

Schmidle said Fortney-Garbart is like having another coach on the team because his basketball IQ is so high, and he is able to recognize things quickly.

"You just got to stay calm, cool and collected," Fortney-Garbart said. "You have to know what is going on in the game and keep your cool so the other guys can keep their cool and keep their heads in the game."

The game even got chippy early in the third quarter when a B-U player drew a technical foul for pushing a UHS player.

That technical resulted in two foul shots for UHS that Fortney-Garbart calmly sank. He finished with a game-high 23 points along with six rebounds and three assists. He also missed just two shots from the field and one free throw. John Coleman added 12 points to the UHS cause while Jaden Westfall led the Bucs with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

University returns to action today when it travels to Musselman in a make-up contest.

OKLAHOMA

FROM PAGE B-1

said the plan is to "ease" Edwards back into action against Oklahoma State, but there is still a huge amount of caution being used.

"The biggest thing I'm concerned about his movement with his wrist," Eilert said. "As soon as they realize he can't take a jump shot and are fouling every living you-know-what out of him, he's going to go to the line over and over. Well, he can't shoot that thing from the free-throw line over and over.

"I don't think he could make it look even halfway decent, so if the opponent gets to the point where they say, 'This is the strategy, we're just going to foul Jesse every time he touches it down low,' it could be counterproductive."

The flip side is having Edwards on the floor now opens up different options for WVU offensively, keeping defenses from focusing solely on guard RaeQuan Battle.

"I think people are going to really love that combination with Jesse and Kerr (Kriisa) and the scoring options we have around those two," Eilert said. "There will be a lot less pressure on RaeQuan.

"They can't key as much and will have to do a lot more tagging on the roll man (in pick-and-roll plays), because we're not much of a threat on the short roll, but we will be with Jesse out there."

NHL

Barkov and Reinhart score in the shootout to lift Panthers past Penguins 3–2

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Aleksander Barkov and Sam Reinhart scored in the shootout to help the Florida Panthers beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-2 on Friday night.

Jake Guentzel followed Barkov with a goal in the shootout for Pittsburgh, but Reinhart won it when he slipped a hard wrist shot behind Alex Nedeljkovic.

Evgeni Malkin forced overtime with his 16th goal of the season that came with 41.5 seconds left in regulation.

Reinhart continued his career-best 12-game points streak with his 36th goal of the season, good for second in the league behind Toronto's Auston Matthews. He has 18 goals and 22 points in his last 16 games overall.

Reinhart has a league-best 19 power-play goals, which matches a franchise record for most in one season, shared by Scott Mellanby and Pavel Bure. Reinhart has goals in eight straight road games, also a franchise record.

Former Penguin Evan Rodrigues also scored for Florida on the power play, his eighth goal of the season.

Sergei Bobrovsky made 35 saves for the Panthers, who won their third straight game. Florida has won eight of its last 12 overall.

Guentzel scored his 21st goal of the season in regulation, a power-play goal, but Pittsburgh finished 1 for 8 with the man advantage.

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30247 **JANUARY 20, 27**

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

CAGE NICHOLAS LEE FLETCHER,

Plaintiff,

Vs. **CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-C-16**

BLACK LABEL TRANSPORTATION, LLC,
AND JOHN DOE PERSONS AND/OR ENTITIES,

Defendant.

That the object of the above-styled claim is to obtain judgment against the Defendants, Black Label Transportation, LLC and/or John Doe Persons and/or Entities, jointly and severally where allowable by law, for compensatory damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional threshold of the Court and sufficient to make the Plaintiff whole for his damages and losses as a result of a vehicle colliding into a retaining wall located on Plaintiff's real estate located at 9826 Mason Dixon Highway, Wana, Monongalia County, West Virginia, and for punitive damages in excess of the jurisdictional threshold of the Court in an amount sufficient to punish the defendants for their conduct and/or dissuade the defendants and others similarly situated from engaging in similar conduct in the future; for attorney's fees and costs where allowable by law; for pre- and post-judgment interest where allowable by law; and for such damages and relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

That there are or may be persons, other than those named in the Complaint as defendants, interested in the subject matter of the action, whose names are unknown to the Plaintiff and who are made defendants by the general description of John Doe Persons and/or Entities.

That the name and address of these Defendants, John Doe Persons and/or Entitles, is unknown to Plaintiff.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that Defendant, John Doe Persons and/or Entities, are any and all persons and/or entities unknown to the Plaintiff who may have collided into a retaining wall located on Plaintiff's real estate located at 9826 Mason Dixon Highway, Wana, Monongalia County, West Virginia causing damages, and who may be directly or indirectly liable to the Plaintiff for said damages caused to his retaining wall, and they do serve upon **DAVID J. STRAFACE, JOHN R. ANGOTTI, and CHAD C. GROOME whose address is 274 Spruce Street, Morgantown, WV 26505**, an answer or other defense to the complaint filed in this action on or before February 23, 2024, otherwise judgement by default will be taken against Defendants at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 17th day of January, 2024.

/s/: Donna Hidock
Donna Hidock
Clerk of Court

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30369 **JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 3**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

NATHAN WOLFE RENTALS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v. **Civil Action No. 21-C-215**
Judge Paul W. Gwaltney

BOBBI JO MILLER, JOSHUA LEE GRAY,
MATHEW GRASER, DARRELL L. TAYLOR, and
B.R.M. MOTORS, LLC,

Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: DEFENDANTS BOBBI JO MILLER, MATHEW GRASER AND B.R.M. MOTORS, LLC

The object of this action is to obtain judgment against the Defendants, Bobbi Jo Miller, Joshua Lee Gray, Matthew Graser, Darrell L. Taylor and B.R.M. Motors, LLC, jointly and severally: for damages and losses sustained by the Plaintiff as a result of a motor vehicle crash wherein a truck and trailer owned and/or operated by the Defendants crashed into the Plaintiff's rental property on Fairchance Road, in Monongalia County, West Virginia, on or about March 28, 2021; for punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish the Defendants for their misconduct and/or deter the Defendants and others from engaging in similar misconduct in the future; for attorney fees and costs; for pre-judgment and post-judgment interest; and for such damages and relief as the Court deems proper.

It appearing by Affidavit filed in this action that the Plaintiff has used due diligence to ascertain the residence or whereabouts of Defendants Bobbi Jo Miller, Matthew Graser, and B.R.M. Motors, LLC, without effect for service of process, it is ordered that Defendants Bobbi Jo Miller, Matthew Graser, and B.R.M. Motors, LLC serve upon Counsel for Plaintiff, Paul R. Cranston, Cranston & Edwards, PLLC, whose address is 1200 Dorsey Avenue, Suite II, Morgantown, West Virginia 26501, an Answer or other defense to the Complaint filed in this action before March 4, 2024, which is not fewer than thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this Notice, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against them at any time thereafter. A copy of said Complaint can be obtained from the office of the undersigned Clerk.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 25th day of January, 2024.

/s/: Donna Hidock
Donna Hidock, Circuit Clerk

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30321 **JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 3**

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

CORY E. WHYEL and

ANNA M. WHYEL,

PLAINTIFFS,

VS. **CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-C-17**

CANA MH, LLC, d/b/a CANA HOMES;
ADVENTURE HOMES, LLC; HALLECK FIELDS, LLC;
and JOHN DOE PERSONS AND/OR ENTITIES;

DEFENDANTS.

That the object of the above-styled claim is to obtain judgment against the Defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes; Adventure Homes, LLC; Halleck Fields, LLC and/or John Doe Persons and/or Entities, jointly and severally where allowable by law, for compensatory damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional threshold of the Court and sufficient to make the plaintiffs whole for their injuries and/or damages; for punitive damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional threshold of the Court and sufficient to punish the defendants for their conduct and/or dissuade the defendants or others similarly situated from acting similarly in the future; for attorney's fees and costs, where allowable by law; for pre- and post-judgment interest, where allowable by law; and for such additional favorable relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

That there are or may be persons, other than those named in the Complaint as defendants, interested in the subject matter of the action, whose names are unknown to the plaintiffs and who are made defendants by the general description of John Doe Persons and/or Entities.

Defendants, John Doe Persons and/or Entities, are any and all persons and/or entities who are unknown to the plaintiffs but who may be liable to them for the damages to their home and/or property including, but not limited to, principals of the defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC and/or, Halleck Fields, LLC; joint venturers of the defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC and/or, Halleck Fields, LLC; persons and/or entities for which defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC and/or, Halleck Fields, LLC was/were performing acts for at the time of construction and/or sale; employers and/or principals of the defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC and/or, Halleck Fields, LLC; agents of defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC and/or, Halleck Fields, LLC; partners of defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC and/or, Halleck Fields, LLC; subcontractors of the defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC and/or, Halleck Fields, LLC; engineers and/or experts of or consulted by the defendants, H Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC and/or, Halleck Fields, LLC; relative corporations/entities and/or proper name designations of the defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC and/or, Halleck Fields, LLC; and other persons and/or entities are directly, indirectly and/or vicariously liable to the plaintiffs for the matters set forth hereinbelow.

Upon information and belief, defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC, Halleck Fields, LLC, and John Doe Persons and/or Entities, at all times material and relevant, were engaged in a joint venture and/or joint business enterprise for profit with regard to the Halleck Fields developments and/or otherwise occupied a principal and/or agency relationship, express, implied or ostensible, amongst each other.

In or about June of 2021, the plaintiffs, Cory E. Whyel and Anna M. Whyel, approached defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, and/or John Doe Persons and/or Entities, about purchasing a manufactured or modular home from defendants, Adventure Homes, LLC and/or John Doe Persons and/or Entities.

Upon information and belief, the defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes and/or John Doe Persons and/or Entities, was/were, at all times material and relevant, the local agent(s) for defendant(s), Adventure Homes, LLC and/or John Doe Persons and/or Entities, manufacturer(s) of manufactured or modular homes.

Upon information and belief, the defendants, Halleck Fields, LLC, and/or John Doe Persons and/or Entities, was/were developing an area of land off of Carroll Road in Morgantown, Monongalia County, West Virginia, for a subdivision development known as "Halleck Fields."

Upon further information and belief, the defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC, Halleck Fields, LLC, and John Doe Persons and/or Entities, were jointly developing the subdivision known as "Halleck Fields" for the purpose of having a location to place and/or construct their sold manufactured homes.

The plaintiffs, Cory E. Whyel and Anna M. Whyel, chose Lot 8 of the "Halleck Fields" subdivision for the construction of their Adventure Homes, LLC Sahara modular home.

On June 22, 2021, the plaintiffs, Cory E. Whyel and Anna M. Whyel, executed a contract with defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC and/or John Doe Persons and/or Entities, for the purchase and construction of a Sahara Model home.

On June 22, 2021, the plaintiffs, Cory E. Whyel and Anna M. Whyel, executed a contract with defendants, Halleck Fields, LLC, and John Doe Persons and/or Entities, for the purchase of Lot 8 of the "Halleck Fields" subdivision.

A foundation was constructed by defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC, Halleck Fields, LLC, and John Doe Persons and/or Entities, on Lot 8 of the "Halleck Fields" subdivision for the purposes of the setting and construction of the subject modular home.

Unbeknownst to the plaintiffs, Cory E. Whyel and Anna M. Whyel, the defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC, Halleck Fields, LLC, and John Doe Persons and/or Entities, negligently and/or recklessly set and/or constructed the subject modular home on the aforesaid foundation at Lot 8 of the "Halleck Fields" subdivision.

The defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC, Halleck Fields, LLC, and John Doe Persons and/or Entities, owed the plaintiffs, Cory E. Whyel and Anna M. Whyel, a duty of ordinary and/or reasonable care to set, construct, and/or design the subject modular home and its site in a proper and workmanlike manner and/or otherwise follow and comply with accepted industry standards with regard to the same.

The defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC, Halleck Fields, LLC, and John Doe Persons and/or Entities, did breach said duties and commit negligence or reckless conduct against the plaintiffs, Cory E. Whyel and Anna M. Whyel, in one or more of the following particulars:

a. Failing to properly construct and/or design the subject modular home;

b. Failing to properly construct and/or design the subject foundation for the modular home at issue;

c. Failure to implement or properly communicate and/or provide policies, procedures, and/or requirements for the installation, construction and/or design of the subject modular home and/or its foundation;

d. Constructing or sitting a modular home on a foundation that was not fit or suitable for said modular home;

e. Failing to properly marry portions of the subject modular home;

f. Improperly marrying or tying portions of the subject modular home in order to sit or rig the same on or to a foundation that was not fit or suitable for the same;

g. Failing to follow policies and/or procedures for the proper construction and/or setting of the modular home;

h. Failing to properly construct a roadway and/or its drainage system;

i. Obstruction of an express right-of-way or easement;

j. Failing to obtain proper permits and/or authorizations for the construction of a roadway;

k. Negligent hiring or supervision;

l. Failing to train or properly train employees and/or agents;

m. Failing to exercise due care, generally; and/or

n. Other acts and/or omissions hereinafter discovered.

As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing negligent or reckless conduct by defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC, Halleck Fields, LLC, and John Doe Persons and/or Entities, the plaintiffs, Cory E. Whyel and Anna M. Whyel, suffered damages for which they should be compensated, including, but certainly not limited to, property damage, need for costly repairs, loss of use, annoyance, inconvenience, emotional distress, economic loss, costs of experts and consultants, attorney's fees, costs, and other general or special damages.

The damages caused to the plaintiffs, Cory E. Whyel and Anna M. Whyel, were done by acts of actual malice by defendants, Cana MH, LLC d/b/a Cana Homes, Adventure Homes, LLC, Halleck Fields, LLC, and John Doe Persons and/or Entities, and/or a conscious, reckless and/or outrageous indifference to the health, safety, and welfare of others, including the plaintiffs, for which an award of punitive and/or exemplary damages should be assessed against the defendants to punish them for their conduct and/or to dissuade the defendants and others from acting similarly in the future.

That the name and address of these Defendants, John Doe Persons and/or Entitles, is unknown to Plaintiffs.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that Defendant, John Doe Persons and/or Entities, are any and all persons and/or entities who are unknown to the plaintiffs but who may be liable to them for the damages to their home and/or property including, but not limited to, principals of the defendants, and other persons and/or entities are directly, indirectly and/or vicariously liable to the plaintiffs for the damages caused to them and described hereinbelow, and they do serve upon **JOHN R. ANGOTTI, DAVID J. STRAFACE, and CHAD C. GROOME whose address is 274 Spruce Street, Morgantown, WV 26505**, an answer or other defense to the complaint filed in this action on or before February 27, 2024, otherwise judgement by default will be taken against Defendant at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 23rd day of January, 2024.

/s/: Donna Hidock
Donna Hidock
Clerk of Court

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30142 **January 13, 20, 27**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by the virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated January 29, 2008, executed by the Borrower(s), Christopher E. Lipscomb and Renee D. Lipscomb, to Janet Phillips, the Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia County, West Virginia, in Book 1612, Page 97. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 1133 Grafton Rd., Morgantown, WV 26508. Pill & Pill, PLLC was appointed as Substitute Trustee by the SUBSTITUTION OF TRUSTEE dated December 28, 2023, of record in the Clerk's Office in Volume 2590, Page 296. The Borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Tmst and the Substitute Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Monongalia County, in Morgantown, West Virginia on the following date:

February 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING TRACT OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE, TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN CLINTON DISTRICT, MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND BEING AND MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POST ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF A 30-FOOT ROADWAY RIGHT-OFWAY (PAVED), CORNER TO LANDS OF BRUCE A. LIPSCOMB (DEED BOOK NO. 932, AT PAGE 547, ASSESSORS MAP 6, PARCEL 66.2), WHICH SAID POST IS THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES AND DISTANCES FROM AN IRON ROD SET ON THE EAST SIDE OF WEST VIRGINIA ROUTE NO. 119 AND THE NORTH SIDE OF SAID 30-FOOT ROADWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH ITS JUNCTION WITH SAID STATE ROUTE, NAMELY, S. 88 DEG. 02 MIN. E. 431.30 FEET AND S. 13 DEG. W. 147.50 FEET, AND RUNNING THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT, AS THUS ESTABLISHED, AND WITH THREE (3) LINES OF SAID BRUCE A. LIPSCOMB TRACT, S. 79 DEG. 05 MIN. E. 34.50 FEET TO A POST; THENCE S. 5 DEG. 50 MIN. W. 43.00 FEET TO A POST; THENCE N. 81 DEG. 55 MIN. W. 40.50 FEET TO A POST IN THE EASTERN LINE OF SAID 30-FOOT ROADWAY, RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND WITH THE SAME, N. 13 DEG. E. 44 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING .037 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS. MAP 6, PARCEL 66.7.

BEING THE SAME FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED FROM RICHARD L. LIPSCOMB TO CHRISTOPHER E. LIPSCOMB and RENEE D. LIPSCOMB HUSBAND AND WIFE JOINT TENANTS, DATED 04/27/2005 RECORDED ON 04/26/2006 IN BOOK 1316, PAGE 056 IN MONONGALIA COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF WV.

TERMS OF SALE:

1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.

3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.

4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.

5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TOWN OF GRANVILLE
GRANVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
UNIVERSITY TOWN CENTRE DRIVE
TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION

Sealed Bids for the Town of Granville Traffic Signal Installation Project along University Town Centre Drive will be received by the Town of Granville located at 1245 Main Street, Granville, West Virginia 26534, until **Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM** local time at which time all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the conditions of this project will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project consists of furnishing labor and materials and performing all work set forth in the Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid and Bid Schedule (Bid Form including Unit Price Basis of Bid), General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Specification Special Conditions, Technical Specifications and Plans (Drawings) prepared by Potesta & Associates, Inc., and all addenda issued prior to receipt of Bids.

The Work to be bid upon is generally described as follows: The University Town Centre Traffic Signal Installation Project consists of the installation of new traffic signal poles and foundations, lighting systems, signage, minor grading/excavating, conduit installation with electrical service coordination, minor concrete and pavement work including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp accommodations, pavement markings, and all appurtenances related to the construction of the fully function traffic control system.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Potesta & Associates, Inc. located at 7012 MacCorkle Avenue, SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304. Call 304-342-1400 to purchase Bidding Documents. Bidding Documents will be released upon payment of $50 for an electronic set and $200 for each hard-copy set of documents. All checks shall be made payable to Potesta & Associates, Inc. Prospective Bidders may obtain previously ordered Bidding Documents by appointment at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Cost does not include shipping charges.

Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at The Contractor's Association of WV, 2114 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia 25311 or at the Town of Granville office, located at 1245 Main Street, Granville, West Virginia 26534.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at **11:00 AM** local time on **February 13, 2024** at the **Town of Granville Town Hall at 1245 Main Street, Granville, West Virginia 26534.** Attendance at the pre-bid conference is mandatory.

Bids will be opened using a two-envelope bidding system as outlined in the contract documents. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Evidence of a current and valid West Virginia Contractor's License, a Certification of Equal Employment Opportunity, a Certification of Non-segregated Facilities, a Drug Free Workplace Conformance Affidavit, and a West Virginia Jobs Act Compliance Certification is required. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. The Town of Granville reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to award the Project to a Bidder other than the low Bidder and to waive any informality in bidding. The Town of Granville reserves the right to reject any and all bids that are not in the best interest of the Town of Granville. In addition, the Town of Granville also reserves the right to terminate the Work at any time due to noncompliance with the Town of Granville's expectations and requirements.

Honorable Patricia Lewis, Mayor
Town of Granville

Partner ready for formalized relationship status

DEAR HARRIETTE: I'm in a relationship where we've mutually agreed to exclusivity, yet we haven't formalized our relationship status. We value the natural flow of our connection, but I desire more clarity. How can I guide conversations about defining our relationship without putting undue pressure on the organic progression we've cherished? — WHAT'S NEXT

DEAR WHAT'S NEXT: When you think about your life, what do you see, and do you see that potentially with this partner? Now is the time to talk to your partner about your vision of your future and ask about theirs. Too often, people drift together without clarity. For some people, that's fine, but often one partner is not as comfortable. That stems from not knowing how you fit into your partner's dreams for the future.

You may not be ready to propose marriage, but what do you propose? Otherwise, your insecurity about the future will remain as a looming weight.

DEAR HARRIETTE: As a 20-year-old man with a full-time job in sales, I'm keen on laying a solid financial foundation while having relatively few obligations. Last year, one of my New Year's resolutions was to improve my financial situation, but I struggled to make significant progress. What realistic steps can I take this year to enhance my financial stability without feeling overwhelmed by the process? Specifically, I'd appreciate advice on establishing good financial habits for the long term, considering my current stage in life. — FINANCIAL SUCCESS

DEAR FINANCIAL SUCCESS: The best advice I have ever received about becoming financially fit is to spend within your means. If you want to build wealth, start by spending less than you earn. Simple, but profound — and not always easy to do — but that alone can help create financial stability. From there, you can learn how to invest and grow your money.

By literally doing the basics, you can turn your finances around. Pay your bills on time. Do your best not to get into debt by overusing credit cards. Cut back on all unnecessary expenses.

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024

EUGENIA LAST

Change what you don't like and head in a comfortable direction that offers the potential to start exciting new projects. Thinking ahead and following through with your plans will help build confidence and motivate you to succeed. Life is about choices, and it's time to choose what's best and next for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't feel obligated to change your plans due to other people's decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — A physical improvement will help you gain confidence and achieve something special.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't waste time arguing or trying to change others when self-directed change will bring the highest returns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Move forward and refuse to let anyone take charge. Your talents will help bring about a positive change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Work to achieve your dreams and march forward with confidence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Check out the possibilities, increase your awareness, update your skills and knowledge, and strive to reach your long-term goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Mull over what others expect of you before you agree to take on something time-consuming or beyond your physical capabilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Believe in yourself and what you can do, and you'll stir up interest and gain support.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You'll have plenty of ideas, but you must be willing to follow through with your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Adjust matters that aren't working for you. The changes you implement at home will dictate how your life unfolds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) —Monitor your spending and question any deals that sound too good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take nothing for granted; if you want something, go after it with gusto.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Taro dish
4 Ride a wave
8 Diplomacy
12 Shade giver
13 On the water
14 Singer — Guthrie
15 — Pasha
16 Nonsense poet
17 Catch wind of
18 Corpuscle
20 Highway divider
22 Pother
23 Racket
24 Entourage
28 Storage tower
31 "— go Bragh!"
32 Loco
34 — — glance
36 Life story, for short
37 Exist
38 Commotion
39 Deadly sin
42 Lack of care
44 Corn unit
46 Legendary bird
47 Cargo ship
50 Long, long time (var.)
52 Tie
53 Haul
55 A thousand thou
57 "Do — others ..."
58 Chills and fever
59 Compass pt.
60 Buck
61 Look searchingly
62 Blushing

DOWN

1 Legume
2 — podrida
3 Ersatz
4 Food fish
5 Employ
6 Quantity of paper
7 Got along
8 Sesame seed paste
9 Region
10 Family
11 Rocky hill
19 Norse god
21 Insult, slangily
24 Yank's foe
25 Ohio's Great Lake
26 Actress — Thurman
27 Make
29 Recent arrival
30 Of the ear
33 Billy — Williams
35 Skill
38 Blackthorn
40 Merchant
41 Talk on and on
43 Kitchen gadget
45 Summary
47 Prong
48 Poker stake
49 Fury
51 Muses' number
52 Unopened flower
54 Regret
56 Showed the way

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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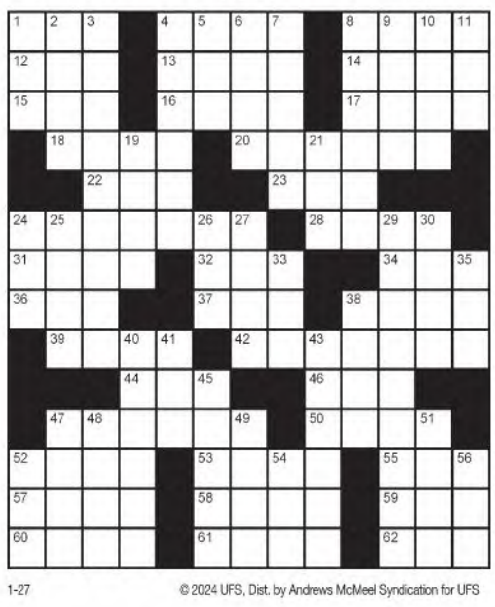

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BEST SCORE 246
FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
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"I dunked my pretzel in Daddy's coffee."

BEETLE BAILEY — BY GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER

BLONDIE — BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

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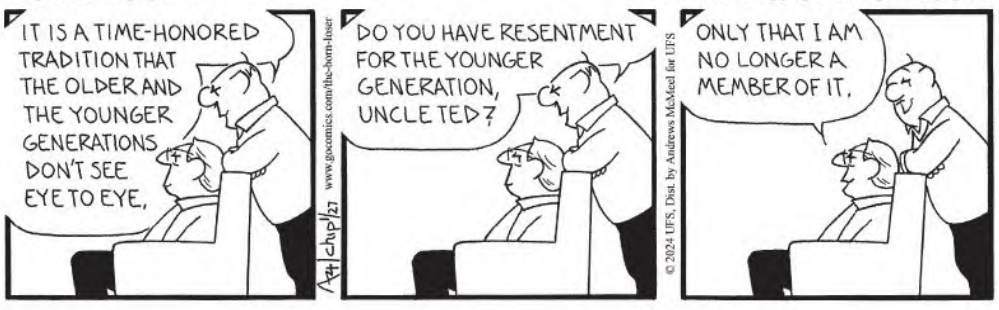

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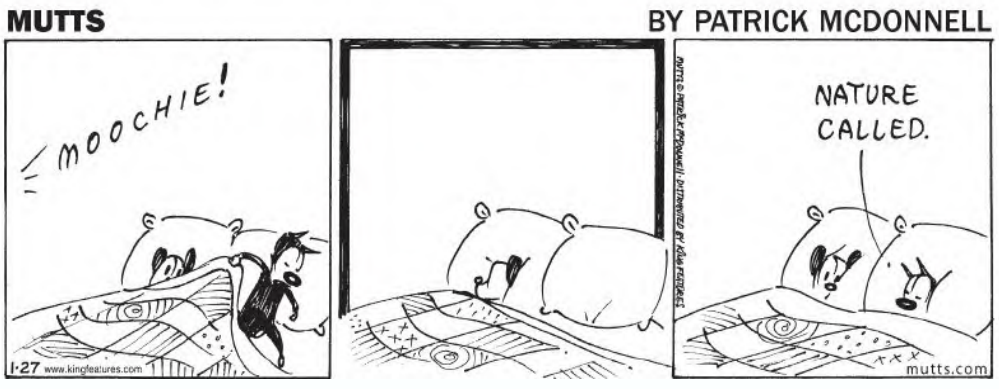

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