

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station WYNL-FM - Charleston, WV along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period 4/1/19 - 6/30/19. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

DATE	ISSUE	PROGRAM	TIME	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
4/1/2019	Roads	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia is in the top ten for most dangerous roads in the country. A study from 247wallst.com ranked the state eighth in the country, citing over three-hundred fatalities in 2017. Charleston Police Department Traffic Division Commander, Sergeant Chris Burford, says West Virginia isn't perfect, but officers have noticed improvements. Seat belt usage is above 90-percent, which shows progress
4/16/2018	Red Cross Smoke Alarms	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A	The American Red Cross will be installing free smoke alarms in West Virginia as part of nationwide effort in at-risk communities and is looking for volunteers to help. Eyewitness News said between April 27 and May 12, the Red Cross will install 2,019 alarms in 800 homes in West Virginia, and special events are planned throughout the state during that time, including in South Charleston. To volunteer, you can go to SoundTheAlarm.org/WestVirginia . You can also request a smoke alarm installation or to learn more details. The West Virginia effort is part of a national Red Cross project to install 100,000 free smoke alarms.
4/1/2019	Right To Work	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A	The West Virginia Supreme Court stayed a Kanawha County Circuit Court ruling that could jeopardize the state's right-to-work law. The state chapter of the AFL-CIO and other unions filed a lawsuit that claims the right-to-work law illegally took their assets, since the still have to represent all employees in a union shop, including those that the law would allow to stop paying dues. The judge in the case ruled that some provisions of the 2016 law violated the state constitution.
4/1/2019	New Jobs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A	Intuit, the company that makes Quickbooks and TurboTax software, will open "prosperity hub" in downtown Bluefield with plans to create between two-hundred and five-hundred jobs. West Virginia native and Intuit Executive Board Chairman Brad Smith says the prosperity hub will include a customer success center for QuickBooks and an innovation lab to help small businesses. The hub will be located in the former First National Bank building on Federal Street in Bluefield

4/1/2019	Outdoors	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/2/2019	Sugary Drinks	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/2/2019	Marshall Fund Raiser	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/2/2019	Kids Kick Opioids	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will stock 40-thousand golden rainbow trout in over forty lakes and sixteen streams across the state this week. The stocking program is called the "West Virginia Gold Rush." It started last year, and was so successful that the state is expanding the program.

Taxes on sugary drinks were proposed this year in states including New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont and California. West Virginia is one of the states that has had sugary drink taxes on its books for decades along with Tennessee and Virginia. Dozens of other states apply sales tax on at least some soda purchases, and that's likely to continue. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Heart Association have renewed a push for education campaigns and raising prices through taxes to reduce consumption of sugary drinks, especially where kids are concerned.

Marshall University is conducting an annual fundraiser this month to help feed needy families. The 16th annual Empty Bowls event will take place April 12 at the First Presbyterian Church in Huntington. Marshall students and volunteers are making ceramic bowls that will be filled with soup for \$15 each and you can keep the bowl. A silent auction is planned too. The fundraiser will benefit the Facing Hunger Foodbank, which serves 17 counties in West Virginia, eastern Kentucky and southeastern Ohio.

The West Virginia Attorney General's office says a contest deadline is this week for elementary and middle school students to raise awareness of prescription painkiller abuse. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey says the Kids Kick Opioids contest can include poems, drawings, letters or anything that promotes awareness of painkiller abuse. The deadline to enter is Friday. The winning entry will be used in Morrisey's next statewide newspaper public service advertisement. Regional winners will be displayed in the state Capitol.

4/2/2019	WV Secretary of State	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/3/2019	E-Cigarettes	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/3/2019	New High School	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/3/2019	Autism Awareness	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/3/2019	New Hotel	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

The West Virginia secretary of state's office is planning mobile office visits to all 55 counties this month. The visits are to help business owners and entrepreneurs file annual reports on time. State law requires all entities that do business in West Virginia to file an annual report with the secretary of state's office by July 1 each year. Secretary of State Mac Warner's staff includes a Field Services Team that will be in every county for at least one day during the month. Any business owner needing help with filing the annual report can get it. Businesses can also receive help throughout the year at the One Stop Business Center in Charleston, at regional business hub offices in Clarksburg and Martinsburg or by calling (304) 558-8000.

E-cigarettes are the most popular tobacco-related product among teenagers, according to the FDA, and Kanawha County school officials are confiscating those at an increased rate. Eyewitness News reported vaping is becoming a problem for school administrators and the most popular brand of e-cigarettes look like a USB drive. Many are flavored like mango or cotton candy. School resource officers are issuing citations to students caught vaping in school.

The Kanawha County School Board unanimously approved a resolution to acquire property for the new Herbert Hoover High School. The board voted to purchase nearly two-hundred-forty acres on Frame Road in the Givens Fork area. The new school will open in the fall of 2022.

An area fire department is selling t-shirts to help bring awareness to autism. The Dunbar Fire Department did the same thing last year and the money went toward an autism assistance dog at a school. Proceeds from this year's fundraiser will again benefit autism-related programs at local Dunbar schools. Shirts are for sale at the fire department in Dunbar, or you can message the Dunbar Fire Department Facebook page to order one.

The former Sears building at Charleston Town Center will be torn down and replaced by a Homewood Suites Hotel. The Charleston Building Commission is waiting for final paper work to be signed before demolition can begin.

4/4/2019	New Jobs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/4/2019	New Jobs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/4/2019	UMWA	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/4/2019	High School Sports	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/5/2019	Road Conditions	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Up to 500 more jobs will be coming to a Mineral County plant over the next five years. Gov. Jim Justice announced Wednesday that the expansion will be at the Northrop Grumman plant in Rocket Center and 1,100 people already work there. Several expansion projects are expected to enlarge the capabilities of the Allegheny Ballistics Lab for global security. The Northrop Grumman plant is the largest defense contractor and third largest manufacturing employer in West Virginia.

Three new businesses are adding something new to Valley Park in Putnam County. The Commons building at the park has been transformed into a retail shopping area, and Eyewitness News reported Courtyard Cakery opened in Valley Park last Thursday and the business is one of three to set up shop there. The other two are a West Virginia store and a sports store. All are expected to be fully operational in a month.

Benefits for miners were the highlight of a meeting Wednesday that drew more than 300 active members and retirees of the United Mine Workers of America. The union wants Congress to pass legislation that will save pensions and there was an informational conference yesterday in Charleston that drew hundreds of union members. The miners are being urged to keep in contact with their legislators.

The governing body for high school sports in West Virginia has passed a proposal to expand the number of classes in basketball to four. The Secondary School Activities Commission's Board of Control passed a proposal that would expand the current system of three classes under the two-year trial. The state Board of Education will put the proposal out for public comment for 30 days before voting on it. Private schools have won multiple Class A state championships in both girls and boys basketball in the past three decades. Last month St. Joseph won its ninth girls title in 11 years.

The Marshall County Commission has declared a state of emergency because of road conditions. The declaration comes after part of Sally's Backbone Ridge collapsed near Fish Creek and cut off a school bus route. The Commission says the want people in Charleston to understand the severity of the issue.

4/5/2019	WV Division of Highways	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/5/2019	TV Watching	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/7/2019	2019-14	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00AM	30 minutes
4/8/2019	Loss of Jobs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/8/2019	UKAN - Jobs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/8/2019	New Jobs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

More than 250 West Virginia Division of Highway employees have filed a mass grievance over pay issues they said they have been dealing with for years. The union said members are dealing with a lack of competitive pay and an increased workload since Governor Jim Justice made a push to get the roads fixed across the state. And the DOH said it's having a difficult time keeping current workers and recruiting new employees under the pressure.

West Virginians watch more television than anyone else in the country. A new study by Verizon found that people in West Virginia averaged about four-and-a-half hours of TV per day. The state's TV genre of choice? Soap operas.

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CSX Transportation announced it will close the Russell Locomotive Shop in Greenup County, Kentucky, eliminating more than 100 jobs. The Russell Terminal will remain open and other transportation operations will continue. CSX said the furloughed union employees will be covered by their collective bargaining agreements and will receive at least 60 days of regular pay and benefits.

The Kanawha County Commission is giving a boost to businesses in the Upper Kanawha Valley, an area that has been hard hit by the decline in the coal industry. The new program known as "UKAN" aims to encourage the startup of new businesses and the expansion of current businesses and create new jobs. Commissioners are offering up to \$10,000 in the form of a forgivable loan. If a business operates in the county for three years, the loan may be converted to a grant. The commission currently has \$100,000 to give to small businesses with 25 employees or less. Application are available at the Kanawha County Commission office and the deadline to apply is April 15th.

McDonald's is hiring for as many as 30 positions at sixteen different locations in Kentucky and West Virginia. Interviews are happening at Ashland and Huntington McDonald's locations on Thursday, April 11 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, April 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Benefits include 401K, paid vacations, college tuition assistance programs and more. Locations that are hiring include Charleston, Belle, Elkview, and more.

4/8/2019	HIV Cases	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/9/2019	Kids Fishing	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/9/2019	K-9 Training	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/9/2019	Street Paving	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/10/2019	School Improvements	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

West Virginia health officials are investigating an increase in HIV cases, mainly among intravenous drug users in Cabell County. Coordinator of the Ryan White Program at Charleston Area Medical Center, Christine Teague, says that is likely there are people in the area that haven't been tested yet, making Kanawha County "ripe" for an HIV outbreak. The state Bureau for Public Health is investigating an active cluster of 28 HIV cases primarily among intravenous drug users in Cabell County.

Kids have a chance to be part of the annual Fishing Rodeo this Saturday at Coonskin Park. Kanawha County Parks and Rec is putting on the event for kids ages 3 to 10. It will get underway at 10 am and run until about noon. Registration will be at a table the morning of the event. The event is free, but there will be a chance to donate to some local outreach groups.

Nearly 100 K9s and their handlers are hard at work at Camp Virgil Tate this week to earn certifications. Monday was the first day of the West Virginia Police K9 Association's annual training that works through scenarios involving bite work, obedience, narcotics detection, tracking and trailing. Eyewitness News reported the training certifies the team - both the dog and the handler. An awards banquet will be held Thursday when the K9s will get their certification and paperwork.

Charleston Mayor Amy Goodwin says to be prepared for delays as crews begin paving city streets over the next several weeks. Goodwin says the three-million-dollar project is the largest the city has undertaken in ten years. Paving will begin May 1st.

If you haven't had a chance to weigh in yet on what education reforms should take place in West Virginia you've got another opportunity on Thursday. The Kanawha County Education Association will hold the forum at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at the South Charleston Middle School cafeteria. It's a chance to provide input prior to a special legislative session to discuss education improvements. Anyone can attend, and local lawmakers also have been invited.

4/10/2019	Coal Mining Dangers	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/10/2019	VA Hack	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/10/2019	FEMA	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/11/2019	Jefferson Road Project	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

A film that deals with the dangers of coal mining opens in theaters this week. "Mine 9" debuts Friday in West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia. It's expected to roll out nationwide starting next week. New Martinsville, West Virginia, native Eddie Mensor wrote, produced and directed the film, which takes place deep inside a coal mine where nine miners with a limited oxygen supply are trapped after a methane explosion. Mensor said it took him years to find a coal operator willing to allow camera crews to film the real workings in a mine. The movie blends footage shot at a mine in Buchanan County, Virginia, with scenes recreated on a set built in Atlanta.

The U.S. Veterans Health Administration says some personal information involving more than 4,800 veterans who received health care at a West Virginia medical center was mistakenly sent to other patients. No Social Security numbers were disclosed in the mix-up involving the Martinsburg VA Medical Center, but lab and imaging results and appointment scheduling letters were sent to the wrong people on Feb. 13. The error was discovered three days later. The agency says a third-party vendor generated the bogus letters through an application that converts health information into a printable format for mailing. Corrected letters are being mailed out.

Kanawha County Commissioners are asking the FEMA for an indefinite extension on no-cost flood insurance that was provided to residents after the 2016 flood. The insurance was offered for a three-year-period that will end soon.

Commissioners are concerned about the timing and methodology of a flood plain map study that could result in astronomical insurance rates.

South Charleston's mayor said this week that he has received assurances from Gov. Jim Justice' administration and lawmakers that the state is now ready to sign off on a \$47-million project. A new Jefferson Road interchange and a major South Charleston economic development project had been in doubt over concerns related to the Roads to Prosperity highway projects. Eyewitness News reported South Charleston Mayor Frank Mullens has state assurances that approval for the project is coming very soon.

4/11/2019	WV Revenue Collections	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/11/2019	Work Zone Awareness	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/11/2019	Education Town Meetings	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/12/2019	Marshall Tuition Rise	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

West Virginia revenue collections are \$191 million ahead of estimates with three months left in the fiscal year. Gov. Jim Justice says tax collections in March were \$3.8 million lower than estimates because of a slowdown in winter construction, but the governor said the state remains on track for a significant year-end surplus. The general revenue tax collections of \$333 million last month were 1.6 percent higher than collections in March 2018.

This is National Work Zone Awareness Week this week, and West Virginia State Police are sending reminders about the Move Over Law. When emergency workers are on the side of the road, drivers have to give them space and move over to the left lane. The Law is designed to keep police officers, fire fighters, EMS and road workers safe while on the side of the road. The penalty for violating the Move Over Law in West Virginia is a fine up to \$500 or up to 60 days in jail.

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Marshall University's tuition is going up. The college announced this week that its board of governors approved a 3.5% tuition and fee increase. In-state undergraduate students will see their bills increase \$142 per semester while non-resident pupils will pay \$326 more. College President Jerome A. Gilbert says they looked at several scenarios to avoid an increase but felt the higher prices were necessary to keep pace with inflation. The new tuition and fee system will begin with the fall 2019 semester.

4/12/2019	Soccer Tourney	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/12/2019	Wheeling Jesuit College	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/14/2019	2019-15	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00AM	30 minutes
4/15/2019	Distracted Driving	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/15/2019	Broadband Improvement	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Kanawha County officials said a soccer tournament hosted at the Shawnee Sports Complex last weekend was good for the local economy. About 1,000 hotel rooms were booked and the total estimated economic impact was than \$2.5 million. The inaugural WVFC Capital Cup Soccer Tournament April 5-7 drew 130 teams from West Virginia and several other places around the region, according to a news release from the Kanawha County Commission. This weekend the complex will host the Great Lakes Division of the U.S. Youth National League with teams from West Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Indiana, and 120 hotel rooms have already been booked.

Wheeling Jesuit University has been in financial crisis and says it is ending its affiliation with the Jesuit order while maintaining its Roman Catholic identity. The school said this week that the move will occur at the end of the academic year and will bring with it a name change. Wheeling Jesuit will continue to offer Catholic Mass, and the Jesuit order will continue campus ministry and retreat programs. The university previously announced more than half its academic programs will be cut next year as the university reorganizes.

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State troopers are part of a targeted effort to reduce distracted driving this week. West Virginia State police are working with five other state trooper agencies to crack down on distracted driving as part of a week long initiative. Troopers say sending or receiving a text message takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, which would be like driving the length of an entire football field when traveling at 55 mph. Troopers in Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Indiana, and Pennsylvania are also part of the campaign.

Gov. Jim Justice says West Virginia has secured \$3.4 million in federal grants to help improve broadband and wastewater infrastructure in McDowell County. The governor said the money will go toward projects including building a sanitary wastewater service system so the town can comply with federal clean water standards. Another would be installing fiber lines to speed up the internet. The funds are part of a program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

4/15/2019	Pollent Tracking	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/15/2019	WVU Rate Increase	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/16/2019	New Jobs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/16/2019	Job Lose	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/17/2019	Lewis & Clark Trail	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

The pollen tracking website, www.pollen.com, says the pollen numbers in the Tri-state area are some of the highest in the country. Tree pollen is the biggest culprit. Doctors suggest limiting outdoor activity if you are suffering from sneezing, watering eyes, and a runny nose.

The West Virginia University Board of Governors approved increases for the upcoming academic year that include a \$120 rise in annual tuition for in-state undergraduate students in Morgantown. The 1 percent increase is the lowest for students in at least 20 years. The university said the average annual total cost increase will be \$520 for in-state students in Morgantown, if room and board increases are included. The tuition increases approved by the board Friday also include increases for Beckley nursing students. The Charleston Gazette Mail reports annual nursing tuition for in-state undergraduates at Beckley's Institute of Technology will be hiked by \$740.

More jobs are coming to the region. Braidy Industries announced Monday it is partnering with a Russian company to create more than 4,000 new jobs in Ashland, Kentucky, and surrounding counties. Rusal is a Russian company that produces aluminum and it will join forces with Braidy Industries to build a green field aluminum rolling mill in Ashland. Braidy is investing \$200 million in the partnership, which will create 650 permanent jobs and 3,600 additional jobs in surrounding counties.

Macy's, at Charleston Town Center, will officially close its doors this weekend. The store will cease operations and 9:00 p.m. Saturday night. Charleston Mayor Amy Goodwin has said the mall is here to stay, and that the recent purchase of the mall is speeding up the redevelopment process.

A site in southern Indiana has been selected for a national ceremony next month dedicating a 1,200-mile expansion of the Lewis and Clark Historic Trail. The News and Tribune reports the ceremony happens May 13 at the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center in Clarksville. The expanded recognition includes areas in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and new portions of trail in Illinois and Missouri. New signs will help tell the story of the expedition.

4/17/2019	WVU Health Clinic	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/17/2019	Rich States - Poor States	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/17/2019	Town Center Mall Jobs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/18/2019	State Wide School Issues	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

West Virginia University is holding a health care-related job fair. WVU Medicine Berkeley Medical Center, Jefferson Medical Center and University Healthcare Physicians will hold the fair on May 7 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg. Recruiters are looking to fill a wide-range of positions, including in the security department, nursing, housekeeping and more. The school says they plan to screen, interview and make job offers to qualified candidates at the fair.

In a new survey about economic competitiveness, West Virginia slipped five places to 35th overall. The annual "Rich States, Poor States" survey by the conservative American Legislative Exchange Council said West Virginia was ranked low for its tax burdens, tort liability in the legal system, minimum wage, and number of public employees per 10,000 population. The study also dinged West Virginia for population loss. The top states for economic competitiveness in the survey are Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, Nevada and Indiana.

Charleston Mayor Amy Goodwin says the Charleston Town Center mall task force is meeting with possible investors every. Goodwin says the mall lies in the heart of the community, and anticipates Town Center will be reinvented. Goodwin's comments come as the Macy's store is set to close on Saturday.

Public roundtable forums on education in West Virginia are complete and now state officials will examine the information to offer for a special legislative session to address school issues. The Parkersburg News and Sentinel reports that the state Board of Education said more than 1,600 people attended the roundtables in eight counties. Department staff will go through the discussions and survey data to give lawmakers information for the special session, which Gov. Jim Justice called to address teacher pay raises and other topics. The biggest agreement was the need for increased resources to help students' social, emotional and mental health.

4/18/2019	I-77 Travel Danger	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/18/2019	Fentanyl Deaths in WV	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/18/2019	Pain Pill Crackdown	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/19/2019	Drug Arrest	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

West Virginia officials say they hope some new measures will make a dangerous section of Interstate 77 safer to travel. The Bluefield Daily Telegraph reports West Virginia Parkways Authority said it would lower the speed limit from 70 to 60 by the end of April, increase patrols, and check tractor-trailers' equipment more often. Parkway General Manager Greg Barr made the comments during a ceremony this week in which a bridge was dedicated to two Parkways employees who were killed in a crash last year in Mercer County. The crash is one of several that have occurred along a stretch of Interstate 77 that goes down Flat Top Mountain into Mercer County. Barr said officials are trying to take a comprehensive approach to making the roadway there as safe as possible.

West Virginia University researchers say fentanyl deaths are up 122% in the state. Analysts looked at all drug-related deaths in West Virginia between 2005 to 2017 to come up with their tally. The study cites federal Centers For Disease Control and Prevention statistics that say West Virginia leads the nation in deaths from fentanyl and has the highest per capita rate of overdose deaths in the country. Researchers say fentanyl is sometimes blended into heroin or sold as a counterfeit prescription pill, leading drug users to unknowingly take the substance. The study recommends widespread distribution of naloxone, an overdose reversing medication.

Sixty medical professionals from five states, including West Virginia, are accused of illegally prescribing pain pills. Prosecutors in say it's the largest prescription opioid takedown in history. The doctors, pharmacists, and nurse practitioners wrote more 350-thousand illegal prescriptions for 32-million pills.

Police say a large supplier of drugs has been arrested in Huntington and charged with five felonies. Huntington police announced the arrest of Tyson Davis after finding more than 100 grams of suspected fentanyl, heroin, pills, marijuana and two guns in a search. Davis is charged with three firearms charges and two counts of possession of drugs with intent to deliver. Police say the arrest is the work of a newly-formed drug trafficking task force in the area and say more arrests are expected.

4/19/2019	Serve A Thon	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/21/2019	2019-16	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00AM	30 minutes
4/22/2019	Black Hawk Helicopters	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/22/2019	Coal Field Expressway	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/22/2019	Scam	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Students at Grace Christian School spent Thursday giving back to the community. The school hosted its 26th annual Serve-a-Thon. The students worked on several projects; including the Ronald McDonald House, Facing Hunger Foodbank and Lily's Place.

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The West Virginia National Guard is getting nine new Black Hawk helicopters. It's been more than thirty years since the guard had new helicopters, and the new Mike model Black Hawks will help the Guard respond to more emergencies in West Virginia and around the world. Eyewitness News reported the \$22 million aircraft weighs 15,000 pounds and will often be carrying supplies or be sent out to emergencies of any kind. The helicopters will be stationed in Wheeling.

Work has begun on a project that will help with transportation around West Virginia's southern coalfields. Construction on a four-lane section of the Coalfields Expressway is underway, and crews will pave nine miles of four-lane from Slab Fork to Mullens. The \$33 million road bond project will link Mullens in Wyoming County to four-lane roads in Raleigh County. The bonding authority came in a 2017 vote, but the Coalfields Expressway link has been proposed for nearly three decades. Eyewitness News reported the paving work should be finished by October

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is warning people to look out for scammers posing as Social Security Administration agents. Morrisey says there is a seemingly relentless effort by con artists to steal personal information. The scammers say that a person's Social Security number is compromised and then ask them to verify their account number. Morrisey says most government agencies will not ask for your personal information through an unsolicited phone call.

4/22/2019	Jefferson Road Project	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/23/2019	Sobriety Checkpoint	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/23/2019	Marshall Workshop	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

State officials expect to begin working on the Jefferson Road improvement project with in the next sixty-days. The project will alleviate heavy traffic patterns on the busy stretch of road between MacCorkle Avenue and Corridor G. The project includes an overpass at the railroad tracks where Jefferson Road intersects with Kanawha Turnpike. And at the same intersection, Kanawha County's first roundabout will be under the overpass to eliminate the need for an existing stoplight. The Jefferson Road Improvement Project has an estimated completion date of December 2022.

The Kanawha County Sheriff's Office wants you to know about a high visibility sobriety checkpoint that's happening tonight. The Commission Drunk Driving Prevention and the Charleston Police Department are teaming up with the sheriff's office to check for sober drivers on WV Route 622 near Cross Lanes tonight from 7 pm to midnight. It's part of a zero tolerance policy for drunk and impaired drivers, and one of several random checkpoints throughout the year.

Marshall University's summer journalism workshop for high school students will use a health and wellness theme to look at opioid recovery efforts in the region. The W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications was selected by the Dow Jones News Fund as one of 10 programs nationally to participate. The school will work with The Herald-Dispatch, which has previously funded Marshall's journalism workshops. Interested students should visit <http://www.marshall.edu/woodson/ceum/high-school-journalism-workshop/>. The workshop is scheduled for June 23 to 28. The application deadline is May 11. Students selected will receive free tuition and room and board. There is no registration fee.

4/23/2019	FEMA	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/23/2019	Project ID	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/24/2019	EPA - Pipeline	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Hundreds of federally funded flood disaster assistance projects in West Virginia are behind schedule. The Intelligencer reports it's been more than a year since the flood damage was declared a disaster, yet about 43 percent of the road repair projects haven't even started. Many of the projects are funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which set an Oct. 16 deadline for the repairs. Projects funded by the Federal Highway Administration have a September 2020 deadline. The West Virginia Division of Highways says 2017 flood damages weren't repaired by the time more floods hit the area last year. Highway division maintenance assistant Chuck Henry says progress is also slowed by worker shortages. He says it's too soon to know how many projects will be completed by the October deadline.

A local nonprofit needs more volunteers. Project ID helps people get an identification card, free of charge. The local group is part of the national nonprofit Spread the Vote, which helps people get the IDs they need for jobs, housing, health care, travel and more. The Charleston chapter is seeing high demand right now and they need more people to volunteer to help with intake, and even driving individuals to the DMV. There's a survey to fill out on Project ID's website if you're interested.

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has issued a permit for a natural gas pipeline in Jefferson County after canceling a public hearing on the matter. The Gazette-Mail reports that the agency canceled the planned Feb. 21 hearing over "security concerns" and never rescheduled it. The permit was issued March 29. Jefferson County residents had requested a hearing for the pipeline, which was planned by Mountaineer Gas and would deliver gas to Rockwell, a controversial coal- and gas-fired manufacturing plant being built in Ranson. An administrator with the DEP said the purpose of the pipeline is to extend an existing utility and a public hearing wasn't required.

4/24/2019	Marshall New ID's	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/24/2019	WVU Budget Cuts	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/24/2019	WV Broadband	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/25/2019	Yeager Airport Repairs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Marshall University students will be able to use their own electronic devices to access buildings on campus, paying for meals and other uses. The launch Tuesday of school-issued identification cards on iPhone and Apple Watch happened this week and made Marshall the first school in West Virginia and among the first 10 nationwide to offer the technology that uses readers where the ID cards are accepted on and off campus. The arrangement enables students to leave their physical wallets behind.

After the Board of Governor's approved a tuition increase earlier this month, West Virginia University is also putting into place a voluntary employee buy-out system. WVU still needs to cut more than \$14 million from its budget, and they'll do that by not filling vacant positions and reducing supplies. They'll also add a voluntary separation plan where anybody that has 20 or more years of service with the university can retire and receive an incentive payment. Employees who are eligible have until May 10 to decide, and retire on December 31 of this year, or June 30, 2020.

Governor Justice was supposed to be presenting a one-million-dollar federal grant for local broadband and wastewater projects that turned into a question and answer session about improving road conditions. The Governor says he is completely dialed-in to the secondary road situation and promised to return to Marshall County every forty-five days to evaluate road repairs.

A settlement has been reached in a lawsuit over the 2015 landslide that collapsed a runway safety overrun at Yeager Airport. The Gazette-Mail reported the airport was awarded \$14.8 million in the settlement that ends all legal wrangling stemming from the collapse. Of that, about \$6 million will go for fees and reimbursements, leaving the airport with about \$8.3 million. Following the collapse, Yeager Airport filed suit against 15 construction, engineering, design, insurance and supply firms involved with building the 240-foot-high earthen structure supporting the safety overrun area. Yeager board Chairman Ed Hill said the settlement vindicates the airport of any wrongdoing.

4/25/2019	Changes at U.C.	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/25/2019	Sports Betting	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/25/2019	Race To End Racism	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/26/2019	Sex Trafficking	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/26/2019	American Water Problems	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

The University of Charleston broke ground Wednesday on a future home for the Golden Eagles baseball, lacrosse and men's and women's soccer teams. The new Welch Athletic complex will be an expansion of the current baseball field and will include new turf, concession stands, bleachers, locker room and scoreboard, and will serve as competition and practice fields for 170 athletes on the different teams. The complex is being named after Edwin H. Welch, who served as president of the university for 29 years.

The number of states allowing sports betting is poised to expand. Governors in Montana and Iowa are considering measures that would allow residents to wager on sports, while Indiana lawmakers are scheduled to approve their own version too. They would be the first states to approve sports betting this year, joining six others (including West Virginia) that moved quickly last year after the U.S. Supreme Court allowed it nationwide

The YMCA is holding its third annual Race to End Racism this weekend. It's a 5K run or one-mile walk starting and ending at Magic Island at the corner of Tennessee Avenue and Kanawha Boulevard West in Charleston. It starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 27. Volunteers also are welcome to register. Money raised will benefit the Racial Justice Program.

Attorneys general across the country are concerned that some websites are hosting sex trafficking advertisements, and West Virginia's top lawyer wants to do something about it. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey along with 20 other attorneys general joined a coalition filing a brief to urge the federal appeals court to reject a challenge to a law that fights sex trafficking.

Morrisey says it's not a violation of free speech to go after some of the sex traffickers and sites that are helping facilitate that activity

Some West Virginia American Water customers had low water pressure for a time Thursday, and some had no water at all. Repairs have been made to a water main break near Smith Street in Charleston, after affecting customers along Smith, Morris, Brooks, Lewis streets and some other surrounding streets. The water main break sent water across the parking lot near Spa Bliss and No Limit Fitness on Thursday morning. No word what caused the burst.

4/26/2019	Sports Betting	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/26/2019	Unemployment in WV	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/28/2019	2019-17	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00AM	30 minutes
4/29/2019	Charleston Clean-Up	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/29/2019	WV Tourism	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/29/2019	WV Campground Upgrades	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

State Lottery officials approved one-year licenses for five companies to provide mobile sports betting apps for West Virginia casinos. Fan Duel and Draft King are among the companies to receive approval. Meanwhile, officials say Delaware North will basically have to start all over after a dispute with its former partner in the sports betting platform.

Unemployment rates dropped in all 55 of West Virginia's counties in March. WorkForce West Virginia says Jefferson County's seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.2 percent was the lowest in the state, followed by Berkeley County at 3.8 percent and Jackson and Monongalia counties at 3.9 percent. Calhoun County had the highest unemployment rate at 15.5 percent. Roane County was next at 11.9 percent and McDowell County was at 10.1 percent. Statewide, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped slightly to 5.1 percent in March. The national rate was unchanged at 3.8 percent.

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Students spent time volunteering over the weekend to clean up George Washington High School. The project was part of the city of Charleston's Team Up to Clean Up initiative, and the students teamed up with Mayor Amy Goodwin's office to put down fresh mulch in planters and paint lines and numbers in the parking lot. About 20 students volunteered their time to help with the project.

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice and the Department of Tourism announced a new way to reserve campsites at all state parks. Campers now have the option to reserve campsites online at wvstateparks.com, and you can do it up to one year in advance, starting on the first day of the month for that month. Upgrades amounting to \$3.5 million for campgrounds at 16 state parks and forests also are planned, including Chief Logan, Coopers Rock, Holly River, Kanawha, Twin Falls, and Tygart.

Governor Justice announced plans for three-and-a-half-million-dollars in upgrades to campgrounds at sixteen West Virginia State Parks. Justice also introduced an improved online campsite reservation system. The campground project will range from bathroom to electrical improvements. West Virginia's state parks and forests are visited by more than seven-million people each year.

4/29/2019	College Tuition Increase	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/30/2019	WVDHHR	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/30/2019	WV Highway Safety	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
4/30/2019	Teen Texting & Driving	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Tuition is going up at West Virginia community and technical colleges. The Community and Technical College System Board approved increases of two-to-five-percent. State CTC Chancellor Sarah Tucker said the 2.1 percent system average keeps the schools affordable.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources has confirmed a case of a polio-like illness that can cause paralyzing symptoms and prove fatal. The Huntington Herald-Dispatch reports this is the first confirmed case in the state this year and only the third since the state began tracking the illness in 2014. The agency did not disclose any information on the patient or the patient's location. The disease affects the spinal cord and brain stem. It can cause full paralysis within seven days, and complete recovery is uncommon. This is one of several cases of acute flaccid myelitis confirmed across the country this year; Nebraska, North Carolina and Utah also have confirmed cases. There were 228 confirmed cases nationwide last year.

Speed limits have been reduced along a stretch of Interstate 77 in southern West Virginia where 12 motorists have died since 2016. The state Division of Highways lowered the speed limit along I-77 in Mercer County from 70 mph to 60 mph, and flashing warning lights and traffic message boards also have been installed and state police are increasing area patrols. The six-mile stretch from Camp Creek to Flat Top includes a steep hill and sharp curve. Many of the fatalities involved tractor-trailers. West Virginia Parkways Authority General Manager Greg Barr says other safety measures are being considered, including improvements to the median.

Students at Riverside High School learned about the dangers of texting and driving on Monday. First responders were at the school at the site of a mock crash to raise awareness as the prom and graduation season approaches, according to a news advisory from the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority. Responders from the Belle Fire Department, Kanawha County Sheriff's Office, Kanawha County Emergency Management and Kanawha County Ambulance were all part of the event.

4/30/2019	Movie Auditions	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/1/2019	Payroll Scam	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/1/2019	Feed Hungry Families	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/1/2019	Yeager Airport Flights	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Here's your chance to be in the movies...Auditions for "Zombie High School" starring Dean Cain will be held May 11th at Bridgeport Middle School where the film will be shot in mid-July.

Charleston police are warning employers after two reports of a fraudulent scheme involving payroll direct deposit accounts. Police say the incidents occurred between April 9 and April 25 and involve government employers, one at the federal level and one at the state level. The suspects send an email to the payroll department with a direct deposit form that looks legitimate. The direct deposit forms authorizing the change are signed, presumably by the affected employee. Anyone who has fallen victim to this scheme is advised to contact the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction to file a report.

An annual fundraiser involving Marshall University ceramics students has raised a record \$18,000 to help feed needy families. Marshall says that bowls made by students and other volunteers brought in more than \$15,000 at the Empty Bowls event earlier this month, while nearly \$2,500 was raised at a silent auction. The fundraiser benefited the Facing Hunger Foodbank. The purchase of each bowl covered the cost of more than 100 meals. The Facing Hunger Foodbank serves more than 115,000 people annually in 17 counties in West Virginia, eastern Kentucky and southern Ohio.

Yeager Airport says the number of people flying is up from last year. Yeager said for the month of March, the number of fliers was up 7.9 percent over March 2018. The airport had 18,138 passengers during the month (compared to 16,803 in 2018 and 17,343 in 2017). The airport has not had more than 18,000 passengers in the month of March since 2015. Airport Director Terry Sayre attributes the uptick to the state's economy and the airport's marketing department. Recent improvements include replacing the airport's "e-mass" system and two new restaurants coming in, as well as new security fencing and solar panels

5/1/2019	Opiod Lawsuits	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/1/2019	Distracted Driving	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/2/2019	School Lunch Changes	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Hospitals in West Virginia have banded together to sue some of the country's largest opiod companies, saying they flooded Appalachia with powerful painkillers and forced medical centers to deal with the financial repercussions. Nearly 30 West Virginia hospitals, including Charleston Area Medical Center and West Virginia University Hospitals Inc., and 10 affiliates in Kentucky have signed onto the suit filed Monday, which their lawyer says is the first time a large group of hospitals have taken legal action against opiod firms. OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma and members of its controlling family, the Sacklers, are named as defendants along with distributors such as AmerisourceBergen and Cardinal Health. The lawsuit seeks monetary damages to cover the costs of treating people with opiod addictions. West Virginia has the nation's highest opiod overdose rate.

West Virginia State Police said troopers issued hundreds of citations for distracted driving-related offenses during a weeklong enforcement project in six states. Eyewitness News and the AP said 505 citations were issued by state police in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Pennsylvania the week of April 14th.

Wahama Junior-Senior High School in Mason is trying something new at the cafeteria. The school has the state's only hot beverage bar and it makes the cafeteria look a lot more like a coffee house. The goal is to get students to eat breakfast to help them perform better in school. The choices on the hot beverage bar are coffee, tea or hot cocoa with different flavors. The drinks are caffeine free and the sweeteners are natural. Eyewitness News says the project is not costing Mason County Schools anything with Keurig helping to offset the costs. The goal is to put a hot beverage bar in Mason County's other two junior-senior high schools next school year

5/2/2019	Homeschool Pilot Program	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/2/2019	Drug Treatment Facility	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/2/2019	Flood Disaster Relief	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/3/2019	School Bus Safety	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Kanawha County Schools is taking applications for third, fourth and fifth grade homeschooled or public school students to participate in a virtual elementary school pilot program. The free pilot program will begin this fall and will be offered both full time and part time for 15 students in Kanawha County. Applications can be submitted in person at the county school board office or online here. The deadline for parents is May 17. District officials said 155 students are currently participating in the Kanawha County Schools virtual program at the middle and high school levels.

A new drug treatment facility is open in Mason County. Hope for Tomorrow is a residential detox facility just north of Point Pleasant in a building that was once a nursing home. The facility has 10 beds with the goal of adding 50 in the future. Eyewitness News reports the approach to drug treatment is different than other places. They eliminate all illicit drugs and addiction medication out of the clients system at the beginning of treatment and a doctor is on staff to prescribe something to deal with the withdrawals. Hope for Tomorrow created fourteen new jobs.

U.S. Attorney Mike Stuart said federal law enforcement officials are investigating 2016 flood disaster relief in West Virginia, including how the federal funds were used. Stuart did not announce specific targets of the investigation, but he said all parties will be held accountable. Stuart said critical federal resources through FEMA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development are essential to the rebuilding process and must be used wisely.

The Kanawha County School district released the results of its annual one day illegal pass survey. The survey shows that thirty vehicles illegally passed a school bus. Most of the incidents occurred on MacCorkle Avenue between Kanawha City and Jefferson Avenue. The survey is part of a national initiative, and the number of illegal passes statewide has been cut in half since 2014.

5/3/2019	Habitat for Humanity	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/3/2019	Youth Soccer Tournneys	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/5/2019	2019-18	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00AM	30 minutes
5/6/2019	State Revenue Up	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/6/2019	Robocalls	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/6/2019	Smoke Alarm Installs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Huntington Habitat for Humanity is generating its own power, using solar panels on its building. Habitat for Humanity installed nearly 170 solar panels on its roof, and should end up with a near zero electric bill every month. Four Habitat for Humanity houses already have solar panels. An anonymous donor gave Habitat for Humanity the solar panel system. The project was the largest non-profit solar project ever built in West Virginia by Solar Holler.

The Shawnee Sports Complex and the Barboursville Soccer Complex are teaming up to host four U.S. Youth Soccer tournaments over the next two years. Officials say the tournaments combined will have a 56-million-dollar economic impact on the Kanawha Valley and attract more than three-hundred teams.

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Gov. Jim Justice says West Virginia ended April with a more than \$53 million revenue surplus. He says revenues have been above estimates for 13 of the last 15 months. More than \$604 million total came into the state's general revenue fund, reflecting income tax payments that were due in mid-April. The year-to-day collection amount is about \$3.9 billion, which is nearly a quarter of a billion dollars above the governor's office estimate

The Federal Communications Commission has issued an alert after reports of waves of "One Ring" scam robocalls. These calls usually happen in the middle of the night and are likely trying to prompt you to call the number back, which often leads to toll charges similar to a 900 number, according to the FCC. Don't do it. The calls usually come from the "222" country code from West Africa. The scammer may call repeatedly, hoping for a call back

Dozens of free smoke alarms were installed over the weekend at homes across Charleston. The Red Cross, South Charleston Fire Department and several volunteers made their way through the neighborhoods in South Charleston to raise awareness about fire safety as part of the nationwide Sound the Alarm campaign. The goal is to install smoke alarms in every home in America, with 100,000 this year.

5/6/2019	Amber Alert	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/7/2019	Health Care Settlement	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/7/2019	Construction Zone Safety	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/7/2019	Educational Report	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

The Amber Alert for a missing Morgantown girl has been canceled. Fourteen-year-old Shyanne Phillips has been found safe. She went missing on Saturday and may have been abducted by her 26-year-old boyfriend.

U.S. Attorney Mike Stuart announced the largest health care settlement in the history of the state of West Virginia Monday. A settlement has been reached with Acadia Healthcare Company for \$17 million to resolve allegations of improper billing through Medicaid. The company billed patient tests at an amount substantially more than the actual cost, and Stuart said the settlement is twice the amount of the alleged billing scheme. Acadia operates seven drug treatment centers across the state, providing outpatient drug treatment.

A West Virginia construction worker has a message to drivers as construction season gears up: slow down. Despite orange cones and "slow" signs, many drivers aren't braking when moving through a construction zone, and that has many Division of Highways workers frustrated. Eyewitness News talked with one crew member who said he and his coworkers have seen people speeding, not moving over and driving while on their phones in construction zones. If you can't move over, your supposed to slow down to 25 mph. If you're caught speeding in a construction zone, expect a \$200 ticket and possible jail time if you go 15 mph over the speed limit. In a work zone, the 55 mph speed limit is active when the post speed limit sign is blinking.

The West Virginia Department of Education has posted its final education report ahead of the special session on education. The report comes after several forums and surveys across the state and stresses the need for mental health services to help with poverty and the opioid crisis. Also better pay and a professional learning stipend for mathematics. Top priorities listed in the report pay raises to school employees, increasing funding for social emotional supports, and offering incentives for high performing schools.

5/8/2019	Robocalls	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/8/2019	Scams	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/8/2019	Road Construction Delays	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/8/2019	Paving Projects	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/11/2019	Yeager Airport Flights	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Those who report robocalls are doing the state a favor. Nearly half of all calls to your smartphone are most likely scam or robocalls. West Virginia's Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said he's joining 42 other Attorneys General including those from Ohio and Kentucky, to urge the FCC to go after the scammers. Eighteen billion scam robocalls were made to Americans in 2018. Morrisey is asking people to report robocalls to his office as he's finding different complaints with different phone carriers.

Charleston police are warning of more scams. Some folks in Charleston have said they have paid people for home repair jobs that are either not being completed, are not necessary, or are being performed by individuals who are not licensed and insured contractors. Detectives say there are usually insufficient grounds to charge unscrupulous contractors and that leaves homeowners dealing with costly civil matters. You can always check a contractor's license with the city or the West Virginia Division of Labor.

Road construction might cause some nighttime delays. The exit 95 ramps of Interstate 77/64 in Kanawha City will be closed at night and into early morning hours while concrete repairs are made. The ramps will be closed 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday from now through June 21, according to the West Virginia Parkways Authority. There is no work on Friday or Saturday nights. Daily reports will also be posted on the Parkways Authority's webpage at www.wvturnpike.com.

Charleston is planning more than fifty paving projects. City Council approved more than two-and-a-half-million-dollars to repair city streets. The work could start in just a few days. Yeager Airport announced that beginning Sept. 4 American Airlines passengers will be able to travel to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport from Yeager daily. The additional flight to Chicago adds to continued growth at Yeager, which experienced a 6.5 percent increase in passenger boardings in 2018 and has already seen an 8 percent increase so far this year. Chicago O'Hare International Airport is considered to be one of the best connected U.S. airports and a leading international hub

5/11/2019	State of Emergency Roads	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/11/2019	Airport Grant	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/12/2019	2019-19	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00AM	30 minutes
5/13/2019	Hospice Care Center	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/13/2019	Mental Health	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Another West Virginia county has declared a state of emergency over poor road conditions. Hancock County commissioners made the declaration Thursday in hopes of expediting state money to make improvements. Hancock County Commission President Joe Barnabei says the county sent a list of roads needing immediate repair to the state but there's been little progress made. Other West Virginia counties, including Preston and Marshall, have also declared states of emergency over road conditions.

Huntington Tri-State Airport has been awarded a \$10 million grant from the Department of Transportation. The grant money will be used to improve the airport's runway safety area and keep the airport in compliance with federal and state aviation standards. Representative Carol Miller said in a statement that the grant is part of a larger effort to secure more funding for West Virginia and improve infrastructure

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A new HospiceCare facility is coming to a local hospital. HospiceCare and CAMC just announced a new partnership to bring 12 beds for hospice patients to CAMC Memorial. There are 12 beds now at Thomas Memorial in South Charleston in rooms set up like living rooms to make the whole family comfortable. The same setup will come to CAMC Memorial. Construction could start this summer and the new hospice wing on the fourth floor at CAMC Memorial could open before the end of the year.

A group that promotes mental health stopped in Charleston over the weekend. H.U.M.A.N.I.T.Y 360, INC works to reduce the stigma associated with suicide and works toward mental wellness, and is on a tour of all 50 states. The group stopped in the Capital City over the weekend and has been on tour since September of 2018.

				<p>A West Virginia University researcher is seeking funding to study whether using fentanyl testing strips changes the behavior of drug users. The Gazette-Mail reports fentanyl is increasingly involved in drug related deaths. Some harm reduction programs use the strips to warn drug users of the presence of fentanyl. Dr. Judith Feinberg is a professor at the WVU School of Medicine. She told the paper people might be safer knowing there is fentanyl in their drugs. But people could also use the strips to seek out dangerous drug doses. Feinberg and researcher Jon Zibbel are asking the National Institute on Drug Abuse to fund the research. They plan to study harm reduction programs at Milan Puskar Health Right, in Morgantown, and a program in North Carolina.</p>
5/14/2019	Fentanyl Testing Strips	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/14/2019	Coal Mining Jobs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/14/2019	Valley High School Closing	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/14/2019	Measles Cases	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Consol Energy Inc. says it expects to open a metallurgical coal mine in southern West Virginia in 2021. The new mine in the Wyoming County community of Itmann will employ between 100 and 150 workers. Construction is expected to start by early next year. Consol Energy expects the mine to yield more than 600,000 tons of coal per year. The company says it will spend up to \$80 million over the next two years to develop the mine and its preparation plant.

As the school year comes to an end around the region, one high school is closing its doors for the final time. Valley High School held its final graduation last Saturday. Valley is closing for good, along with Fayetteville High School after a decision by the county school board to shut down those two schools. Eyewitness News reported some parents are critical of the move. The Fayette County School Board and the superintendent aren't commenting.

U.S. health officials say this year's count of measles cases has surpassed 800 and that's the nation's highest in 25 years. A total of 839 cases were reported as of last week and that's the most since 1994. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 23 states have reported cases this year, with the most in New York. So far this year Ohio and West Virginia have not seen any confirmed cases of measles but health officials still urge you to get vaccinated.

5/15/2019	Education Session	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/15/2019	EPA Superfund	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/15/2019	FEMA	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/15/2019	Armed Forces Day	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/16/2019	Mental Health for Children	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

West Virginia lawmakers will reconvene next week in a special session on education. House of Delegates Speaker Roger Hanshaw and Senate President Mitch Carmichael said this week that the special session will resume at 2 p.m. May 20. No word yet on how long the session will last. Gov. Jim Justice called the special session after the Legislature failed to agree on teacher pay raises and other education measures during the regular session that ended in March. Justice ordered lawmakers to go out and seek input from teachers, parents and others before returning. Public forums were held statewide.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has added the site of a former mining equipment operation in West Virginia to its National Priorities List of Superfund sites. The Shaffer Equipment/Arbuckle Creek Area Site in Minden in Fayette County will become a federal priority for cleanup, enforcement and funding. The EPA had proposed the move in September.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency says it will work closely with its West Virginia counterpart to support ongoing flood recovery efforts along with preparing for future events. They've established a FEMA Integration Team in conjunction with the state Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The team will boost FEMA's ability to provide on-site technical help and rapid delivery of FEMA programs in West Virginia. It also will enhance FEMA's direct coordination with state partners.

The longest running Armed Forces Day parade in the United States will step off this weekend. The Herbert J. Thomas Armed Forces Day Parade in South Charleston will mark its 60th anniversary when it starts at noon this Saturday on D Street. This year's parade will include three World War II veterans who will be representing the Army and Navy West Virginia and the Department of Justice have reached an agreement to provide better mental health services for children. The agreement comes after an investigation found the state was in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act by unnecessarily institutionalizing children with emotional disorders.

5/16/2019	WV EPA	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/16/2019	Housing from Floods	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/16/2019	New Shopping Plaza	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/17/2019	Storm Damage	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/17/2019	Wind Farm	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/17/2019	Remove Old Houses	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/19/2019	2019-20	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00AM	30 minutes

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and Mountain Valley Pipeline have agreed the MVP will pay \$266,000 for environmental violations dating back to April 2018. The Gazette-Mail reports MVP has received notices of violations in several counties over the past year for issues including erosion and water contamination. Many of the violations were reported by citizens. The pipeline's initial estimated cost of \$3.7 billion has jumped up to \$4.6 billion since it was approved.

Governor Justice says nearly 500 people are still not back in their homes three years after floodwaters hit the area. Justice says he wants the housing pace to pick up. The latest update shows fifty homes have been completed, with over 250 cases requiring total reconstruction, more than ninety need some type of rehab, and more than one-hundred mobile homes need to be replaced.

The kickoff for a new shopping center development in South Charleston starts with a groundbreaking ceremony this month. The groundbreaking will take place 10 a.m. May 23 at the former FMC fly ash pond, which is directly across from the Riverwalk Plaza on MacCorkle Avenue. The city of South Charleston said the groundbreaking ceremony will mark the start for the draining and filling of the pond. The timeline for the shopping center, known as Park Place, will be tied to the Jefferson Road Expansion. Excess fill from the road expansion will be used to fill the pond.

Appalachian Power says at the height of the storm power was out to more than ten-thousand customers. Nearly half of those outages were reported in Kanawha County. Power has been restored to most customers.

Governor Jim Justice and local officials in Mineral and Grant Counties are backing plans for a new wind farm. The Black Rock Wind Farm is a wind energy power plant that will generate up to 170-megawatts. The plant is expected to come online in 2021. The City of Huntington says it is on track to tear down one-hundred dilapidated houses this year. By the end of this month they will be at the halfway mark with fifty houses being torn down, so far. Federal grants and existing city funds are paying the \$700,000 bill.

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5/20/2019	Storm Damage	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/21/2019	Deer Hunts Listed	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/21/2019	Backpack Blessings	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/21/2019	Financial Aid Program	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Many people are cleaning up today after Friday's storms. Fallen trees left several homes damaged in St. Albans and some people lost power, which has been restored. Mayor Scott James said the city got around 25 calls about trees down in the area from the storm, but there have been no reports of injuries

Deer hunts will be held at six West Virginia state parks this fall. The Gazette-Mail reports the state Natural Resources Commission approved the schedule earlier this month. The hunts start in late October. They'll be held at Beech Fork State Park in Wayne County, Canaan Valley in Tucker County, Cacapon in Morgan County, North Bend in Ritchie County, Pipestem in Summers County and Twin Falls in Wyoming County. A limited number of permits will be issued depending on the park. Hunters hoping to participate must pay \$10 to register in a lottery. State parks chief Sam England says the goal of the hunts is to bring deer populations under control.

A local group is looking for donations and volunteers to help provide food to students this summer. The nonprofit Elk River Backpack Blessings wants kids to think about fun this summer and not where their next meal will come from. The Summer of Snacks program will keep snack bags available to all children in 10 of the 11 Kanawha County public libraries and they're always looking for volunteers and donations as they continue to expand their program. There's more at www.elkriverblessings.org.

West Virginia University Potomac State College says it's participating in a state-funded financial aid program to cover basic tuition and fees. The legislation was passed by the West Virginia legislature this year. The West Virginia Invests Grant Program is designed to cover the cost of basic tuition and fees for certificate and associate degree programs in high-demand field for qualifying residents. Majors in agriculture, business, criminal justice, computer information systems and journalism have been identified by the state Commerce Department as qualifying high-demand fields. Students must meet certain qualifications including being a West Virginia resident and passing a drug screening test every semester.

5/21/2019	Needle Exchange Program	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/23/2019	CCVB	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/23/2019	HIV Screenings	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/23/2019	Ride To The Wall	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/26/2019	2019-21	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00AM	30 minutes

A recent John Hopkins University study suggests the suspension of a needle exchange program has had negative effects. The study found that Charleston's IV drug users are more frequently injecting with used syringes, and are less likely to be tested for HIV. The Kanawha-Charleston Health Department ended their syringe exchange program last year.

The Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau is encouraging people to share their favorite spots in Charleston by nominating them for Readers Digest's Nicest Places in America contest. Nominations have to be submitted to www.rd.com/nicest by midnight on May 31. The bureau said entrees should include an engaging description of the place, at least one engaging story that demonstrates what makes this place so nice, and at least one picture illustrating how nice this place is. The bureau is encouraging those who submit entries to use the 25301 zip code, no matter where the particular place is located in Charleston.

Four organizations are joining forces to offer more HIV screenings in Kanawha County. West Virginia Health Right, the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, the Charleston Area Medical Center's Ryan White Program and the Covenant House of Charleston will be offering the first in a series of joint HIV testing events May 29 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Covenant House at 600 Shrewsbury St. in Charleston. Each person who completes an HIV test at the event will get a \$10 gift card. West Virginia Health Right already offers walk-in tests every day at 1570 Washington St. E. The agency also offers testing at the Covenant House from 8 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, in conjunction with CAMC's Ryan White Program.

The annual ride to the U.S. Vietnam War Memorial stopped in the Kanawha Valley last night. Each year the ride remembers those who served, and it draws about 400 bikers, according to a news release from the West Virginia state coordinator. Run for the Wall stopped in Hurricane last night on its way to Washington DC.

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5/28/2019	Education Bill	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/28/2019	Boating Safety	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/28/2019	Bluestone Dam Improvements	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/28/2019	Disaster Relief Funds	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/29/2019	Student Success Act	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/29/2019	HIV Cases	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

The Senate Education Committee has released a draft of a proposed omnibus education bill. It's being called the West Virginia Student Success Act of 2019. The legislation puts back in charter schools, but leaves out education savings accounts. The bill also includes a pay raise for teachers, mental health services for students, and a provision that would withhold teacher pay if a school is closed because of a strike. A special session on education "betterment" is expected to resume in June.

Memorial Day weekend marked the beginning of boating season, and Natural Resources Police say boat owners should go over all their boat's systems before putting it in the water. Natural Resources Police say they will be patrolling the state's lakes and rivers, and will be on the lookout for violations all summer.

The Army Corps of Engineers held meetings last week to explain improvements to the Bluestone Dam. Work is being done on the stilling basin of the dam upstream from Charleston. The project will take nearly ten-years to complete and will cost around 200-million-dollars.

Senator Joe Manchin says another 106-million-dollar in federal money is flowing into West Virginia for disaster relief. The money was approved last week as part of a 19-billion-dollar disaster relief package that's been stuck in bureaucratic red tape since February of last year.

The Senate Education Chair talks about the proposed 'Student Success Act' bill and said lawmakers kept the tax credit for teachers across the entire state, and also increased the state aid funding and expanded the definition of support service personnel. Many of those topics were mentioned in the recent West Virginia Department of Education Voice Report, which included feedback from people across the state. WCHS TV reported the bill also includes a pay increase for \$2,120 annually on average. West Virginia senators they will be coming back to the Capitol Saturday for a one-day special session to address education reform.

HIV cases are on the rise in Cabell County. Health officials say the HIV cluster is up to 49 confirmed cases. All the cases were contracted by intravenous drug users through sharing contaminated needles. The HIV cluster has been tracked since January of 2018 and represents a sharp uptick in the disease over the past five years.

5/29/2019	Scholarship Pageant	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/29/2019	Education Special Session	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/29/2019	Voter Resistration Problems	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/29/2019	Turnpike Traffic	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/30/2019	Lincoln County Drug Problem	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Organizers of the Miss West Virginia Scholarship Pageant say this year's event will relocate to Martinsburg June 28-29. The pageant typically takes place in Morgantown. Twenty contestants from around the state will compete in the two-night competition.

The West Virginia Senate's president has notified senators they will be coming back to the Capitol Saturday for a one-day special session on education reform. News that lawmakers will be coming back to the Capitol for a special session follows the release by the Senate Education Committee last week of a draft of a new education bill that is being called the West Virginia Student Success Act of 2019. The proposed bill puts back in charter schools but leaves out education savings accounts. The bill also includes a pay raise for teachers, mental health services for students and a provision that would withhold pay for teachers if a school is closed because of a strike.

The West Virginia Secretary of State's office says the problems with voter registration in the 2018 election have been resolved. Voters thought they had registered locally, but the state didn't receive their paperwork. The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles says that they believe a programming change in January fixed the problem.

The number of cars on the West Virginia Turnpike was down over Memorial Day weekend. The number of toll transactions was down by two-and-a-half-percent. Parkway officials don't believe it had anything to do with increased tolls, but more likely was due to accident on the Turnpike that slowed down traffic.

Dozens of residents are expected to attend a community meeting today in Hamlin with the goal of finding a solution for a proposed facility that would help recovering addicts. Earlier this month, community members spoke out against the medication assisted treatment program that the Lincoln Primary Care Center wanted to open on Walnut Street. That location is within a few hundred feet of an elementary school and many houses in downtown Hamlin. WCHS TV reported Mayor David Adkins said the LPCC decided against opening the Mat Clinic there and today's meeting is to find a common ground moving forward. The community meeting will take place at 6 p.m. in the Hamlin council chambers.

5/30/2019	Hurricane Lock Your Car	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
5/30/2019	Anti Hazing Laws	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/2/2019	2019-22	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00AM	30 minutes
6/3/2019	Scam Calls	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/3/2019	Traffic Safety	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

After several more vehicle break-ins, police in Hurricane are sending the warning to lock your vehicles. The Kampgrounds of America in Milton was a recent target for thieves and several campers reported missing items. The majority of the time police say it's a crime of opportunity, and thieves take things that are easily accessible, in vehicles and RVs that are unlocked. In addition to locking vehicles, police recommend hiding electronics and other valuables so they're out of plain sight.

Governor Justice signed seventeen bills that lawmakers passed during the special session last week. The bills include changes to the state's anti-hazing law, and a bill that allows vertical integration of medical cannabis operations.

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West Virginia state troopers said they are seeing an increase in scam calls as the last of tax returns are coming back. Troopers said recently they have had several cases of scammers calling from foreign countries to try to get money wired to them. The scammers often target elderly people, and troopers have seen several cases where victims have lost thousands to someone saying a family member is in jail, or money is needed for a court cost. State Police say don't answer calls from a number you do not know, and don't give out personal information over the phone.

The Kanawha County Sheriff's Office urges drivers traveling on the Tom Williams Family overpass bridge (over Westmoreland Drive in Charleston), and other bridges in that area to slow down, pay attention, limit distractions, and watch for workers in the construction zone. The WV Department of Highways has started construction in that stretch of I-77/I-79 just north of the I-64 split, and the project is expected to last another three months. The speed limit in these areas is reduced from 60 mph to 50 in these construction zones and deputies are monitoring traffic as part of Project Orange Barrel, to keep the workers and drivers safe. So far over 100 citations for speeding have been issued in this construction zone.

6/3/2019	Corridor H	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/3/2019	National Fitness Award	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/4/2019	Painkiller Abuse Award	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/4/2019	Student Success Act	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/4/2019	Abortion Clinic Protests	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Corridor H is one step closer to completion...The Division of Highways will receive a 100-million-dollar grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects. The funding will support the completion of Corridor H, specifically, an interchange at the junction of Corridor H and WV Route 72, and over four-and-a-half miles of roadway and a bridge spanning Cheat River.

Students at Big Otter Elementary School were honored by lawmakers on Sunday for placing second in a national fitness and nutrition competition. The students competed in Hermosa Beach, California at the nation Operation Tone Up competition.

A middle school student has won a contest aimed at raising awareness of prescription painkiller abuse in West Virginia. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey says eighth grader Karter King of Rivesville Middle School in Marion County was selected as the statewide winner in the Kids Kick Opioids contest. The winning design illustrated how opioid abuse ruins lives and warns, "Try them and see, you might NEVER break free!" The winning entry was among 3,240 statewide and will be used in newspapers across West Virginia as part of Morrisey's public service announcement. Moorefield Middle School eighth grader Emma Parker in Hardy County was chosen as state runner-up.

The West Virginia Senate passed the Student Success Act Monday morning by a vote of 18 to 5. Senators made amendments to the bill over the weekend during the special session, including the addition of a ban on teacher strikes. Monday marked the third and final reading of the bill in the state Senate and it now goes to the House for consideration.

The Charleston City Council passed an ordinance to curb protests at abortion clinics. The ordinance prohibits protestors from blocking entrances to medical and healthcare facilities. Protesters cannot approach someone without permission within one-hundred feet of a medical facility. The council passed the ordinance with a 21-5 vote.

6/5/2019	Tourism	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/5/2019	Heroin Research	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/5/2019	CPR Instruction	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/5/2019	KCHA Grant	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Gov. Jim Justice unveiled an advertising campaign to promote the state nationwide. The pilot program was announced Tuesday in Mineral Wells and aims to draw more visitors to the Mountain State. A year ago, the state started an advertising push using John Denver's iconic song "Take Me Home, Country Roads." That campaign targeted regional out-of-state markets from Cleveland to Charlotte, North Carolina. One of the governor's campaign themes before he was elected in 2016 was to make the state a tourism mecca that he hoped would create thousands of new jobs.

Posing as heroin users seeking help, researchers contacted hundreds of treatment clinics in U.S. states with the highest overdose death rates, including West Virginia. The researchers were denied appointments much of the time, especially if they said they were insured through Medicaid. The study revealed other roadblocks: high fees and a government website riddled with wrong phone numbers. Callers tried reaching 546 prescribers with working numbers listed on the government website, which also included hundreds of outdated contacts. They made calls during 2018 to prescribers in Massachusetts, Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, New Hampshire and the District of Columbia

A new state law just went into effect this week that requires 911 emergency dispatchers to have training in telephonic CPR instruction so that they can pass along that information over the phone. Chest compressions are key to keeping someone alive until paramedics arrive. Kentucky has a similar law in effect as well.

The Kanawha-Charleston Human Association received a 750-thousand-dollar donation from the Petco foundation. Officials say the money will go toward saving the lives of animals at the shelter and to help pay for their vet bills.

6/6/2019	Safety Blitz	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/6/2019	Health Care Settlement	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/7/2019	Opioid Awareness Initiative	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/7/2019	Homeland Security	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

West Virginia regulators are conducting a three-day safety blitz involving commercial drivers and their vehicles. The Public Service Commission says the inspections focusing on steering and suspension systems are being held at various locations across the state through Thursday night. A similar three-day enforcement campaign last year involved 592 inspections and resulted in dozens of actions against vehicles or drivers. In May, PSC officers conducted 99 commercial vehicle brake inspections, resulting in 13 vehicles being taken out of service.

The Arizona Attorney General's office says a settlement has been reached in the first health care data breach lawsuit involving numerous states. The office said the deal was reached with health care software provider Medical Informatics Engineering Inc. and NoMoreClipboard, LLC, which will pay the states \$900,000 and improve data security. The lawsuit sprang from a May 2015 data breach when hackers stole the health information of more than 3.9 million individuals. West Virginia was also part of the lawsuit.

Officials in West Virginia have announced an opioid awareness initiative aimed at the state's youth that will include summits presented by West Virginia University and Marshall University. The Parkersburg News and Sentinel reports the initiative is part of a collaboration among the universities, and several groups including the governor's office, and said the summits would be the first part of a multi-stage initiative to reach young people. The first summit is scheduled for Sept. 17 at the WVU Coliseum in Morgantown and the second is set for Sept. 18 at Marshall's Cam Henderson Center in Huntington. Thousands of high school students will attend and others will be able to watch a live-stream of the events.

Three years after the devastating floods, the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management says it's reorganizing the hazard mitigation program and putting housing as a top priority. The hazard mitigation program is funded by FEMA, to help flood victims through buyouts and repairs. A master list of unfinished projects is being assembled now with a deadline of June 20. The agency will submit that list to the legislature by July 1.

6/7/2019	Federal Highway Grant	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/7/2019	Land Owner Drilling	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/9/2019	2019-23	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00AM	30 minutes
6/10/2019	Second Chance Act	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

The Federal Highway Administration has awarded a \$100 million grant for a West Virginia road project. The agency announced a total of more than \$321 million in grants for roads and bridges that serve tribal or federal lands. In West Virginia, the funds will be used for construction of a West Virginia 72 and U.S. 219 interchange near Hambleton, including the Cheat River bridge in the Monongahela National Forest. The federal agency said it received 39 applications for the grants and selected six projects. The West Virginia project received the largest grant.

The West Virginia Supreme Court has affirmed a lower court's ruling in favor of landowners' claims that a company had no right to drill on their property to access oil and gas on other lands. The court's ruling says a mineral owner has the right to access only what's directly below the surface. The court says "it is trespassing to go on someone's land without the right to do so." A Doddridge County Circuit Court jury in 2017 awarded \$180,000 to David Wentz and \$10,000 to his ex-wife, Margot Beth Crowder, in their lawsuit against EQT Production. The company held a century-old lease allowing it to drill wells to extract oil and gas from beneath the plaintiffs' land. The plaintiffs sued to challenge the company's use of their land to drill horizontal wells extending to neighboring properties.

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More West Virginians may be able to erase their criminal past after a new law took effect Friday. The updated law is known as the Second Chance For Employment Act, and it will extend expungement opportunities to non-violent felonies convictions as well as misdemeanors. A person must apply for their record to be cleared and they meet several criteria. The forms to apply for expungement are available on the WV Supreme Court website.

6/10/2019	WVU Robotics	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/10/2019	Clay County Tourism	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/10/2019	Hepatitis C Initiative	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

A West Virginia University robotics team has won a NASA competition for the second time in three years. WVU's Mountaineer Ice Driller Automated System III beat out other machines made by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stevens Institute of Technology and Virginia Tech to win in NASA's Moon to Mars Ice & Prospecting Challenge. The contest has the drilling systems extracting water from a test bed of ice, rock and soil. The competition is meant to help inform approaches for space exploration and development.

In Clay County, a community that has been working for years to boost tourism is finally seeing an optimistic future for the area. WCHS TV reported people have been working to enhance tourism across Clay County for the last 15 years. They said it's been a long process, but some of those efforts are coming to fruition and one of the biggest draws has been the Elk River for its fishing and local kayak rental shops. It's a work in progress and a community wide effort to increase tourism in Clay County continues.

An initiative to combat the rise of hepatitis C infections has launched in West Virginia. A five-year program called HepConnect launched last week at West Virginia University. HepConnect has three purposes: improving hepatitis C detection, reducing harm through education and improving health care infrastructure. The opioid epidemic is partially responsible for the virus' spread and those behind the program say 2.4 million people in the U.S. are living with hepatitis C and 50 percent aren't aware they're infected. The Appalachian region saw a 300 percent increase in the virus between 2006 and 2012.

6/11/2019	Litter Pick-up	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/11/2019	New River Gorge	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/11/2019	Cancer Institute Gifts	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/11/2019	Summer Food Service	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

West Virginia environmental officials say volunteers helped pick up more than a half-million pounds of litter from the state's roads and streams. The efforts were part of the state's Adopt-A-Highway program and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Make It Shine program. The agency says more than 9,500 volunteers worked more than 31,000 man-hours cleaning up 1,300 miles of roadways, 132 miles of streams and 48 illegal dumpsites. More than 590,000 pounds of litter was removed. The Make It Shine cleanup ran the first two weeks of April, and volunteers participated in 189 projects. The Adopt-A-Highway spring cleanup took place April 27, with volunteers from 451 groups.

New River Gorge National River has several projects planned this summer to improve the area for visitors. The projects include replacing the Sandstone Falls boardwalk and the boardwalk at Brooks Falls, replacing roofs at the Canyon Rim Visitor Center and the Thurmond Depot Visitor Center, upgrading the Army Camp Campground and adding two new parking areas. Work on the Sandstone Falls boardwalk is expected to last all summer, but the park will try to keep it open on weekends.

The National Cancer Institute has gifted 10 Appalachian health systems a total of \$11 million for cervical cancer prevention programs. The grant will help families at-risk of cervical cancer in West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky. The effort will focus on prevention of the causes of the cervical cancer, including smoking, human papillomavirus (HPV) and a lack of cervical cancer screening. The funds will go toward initiatives such as smoking cessation classes and HPV screenings. A Cancer Institute official says that West Virginia has one of the highest rates of cervical cancer and the highest adult smoking rate in the country.

The statewide summer food service program kicked off this week. The program combats food insecurity in the summer months. Children 18-years-old and younger get at least two meals each day. Sites are operated by volunteer organizations across the state. Last summer the program served over half-a-million meals.

6/12/2019	Public Transportation for Mason	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/12/2019	Family Planning Access Act	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/12/2019	Research for Power Plants	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/13/2019	Thomas Hospital Special Care Unit	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Plans are being finalized for a public transportation system in Mason County. Tri-River Transit authority in Lincoln County will run the service. WCHS TV said for now buses will operate three days a week, 12 hours a day and the final bus stop schedule is being finalized this week. Service to Huntington could be added to the bus schedule in the future. The cost of the new service is \$80,000 a year. Organizers would like to start July 1, but are still in need of drivers.

A bill known as the Family Planning Access Act has become law, and under the measure women 18 and older will be able to have access to birth control over the counter. Women won't have to see a gynecologist to get birth control, and instead they'll be able to go straight to a pharmacist. Even though the law is in effect now, the State Board of Pharmacy still has to put guidelines in place and train staff, and that could take six months

Researchers at West Virginia University are trying to figure out how to create a more environmentally friendly way to keep power plants running. The college said this week it's on the project with the help of a \$400,000 Department of Energy grant. WVU cites federal data to say the country's power plants account for 41% of total water withdrawals. The team is working on ways to repurpose water used in the plants as well as lessen the chemical and energy footprints of power plants. The project is meant to address a White House initiative that focuses on the need for safe, secure and affordable water.

Thomas Hospital has plans to open a new unit soon to help the youngest patients. The Gazette-Mail reported babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome will be able to recover in the hospital's new NAS Special Care Unit. Parents will be part of the specialized treatment program for those babies and will receive support through education. Thomas Memorial Hospital delivers an average of 900 to 1,100 babies a year, and about 13 percent of those infants are diagnosed and treated with NAS, according to Thomas Health, and that occurs in infants who are withdrawing from maternal use of drugs.

6/13/2019	Child Drowning Report	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/13/2019	Clendenin Flooding Help	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/14/2019	Ohio River Cleaning	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

As the summer temperatures rise and more families flock to pools, a new government report shows parents need to be more observant. The Consumer Product Safety Commission report states child drownings are increasing around swimming pools and spas. The research finds a majority of those drownings happen around private pools and tend to occur more frequently in June. YMCA of the Kanawha Valley swim teacher, Niki Riley says it's essential that parents teach their children to swim at an early age. WCHS TV said the report suggests that pool owners install a four-sided fence with a self-latching gate around the pool or spa.

Nearly three years after flood waters hit the town of Clendenin, teen volunteers with Next Step Ministries have been coming to help in the rebuilding process. This week they were back, and members of several different churches took on various projects. WCHS TV reported they worked to build a sidewalk for a little league ball park and continued to clean up the First Baptist Church in Clendenin. Next Step Ministries plans to continue to help as long as it's needed.

The Ohio River is set to get a scrubbing this weekend. The West Virginia environmental department has announced that the 31st annual Ohio River Sweep is scheduled for this Saturday. Volunteers from 11 West Virginia counties will be among 21,000 people who will remove trash and other debris from the river's banks and tributaries. People from Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Pennsylvania are also joining in on the effort to clean up the entire length of the river.

6/14/2019	12st Responders Help	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/14/2019	Big Ben Golf Course	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/16/2019	2019-24	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00AM	30 minutes
6/17/2019	Highway Construction	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/17/2019	Turnpike Tolls	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

The city of Huntington has launched a new program to provide mental health and wellness resources to first responders. The Herald-Dispatch reports the program called Compass will help with the stress that first responders suffer while fighting the opioid epidemic. Compass is being funded with \$1 million the city won in October through the Bloomberg Philanthropies' U.S. Mayors Challenge, which encourages city leaders to propose bold ideas to each city's toughest challenge. The program aims to combat "compassion fatigue" and improve mental health and includes training, classes and a wellness center. Early designs for the center featured meditation and yoga studios, a nutrition center and more. It's expected to be housed on the police department building's fifth floor.

Big Bend Golf Course will re-open this weekend; more than a month after storms damaged the course. A microburst toppled more than two-hundred pine trees in May. Crews have been working non-stop to make repairs. Officials say the course will appear much wider. You can schedule a tee time for Saturday.

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Ground has broken on a highway repair project in Wyoming County. Gov. Jim Justice and others held a ceremony late last week to start the paving initiative on more than 50 miles of WV Route 10. The governor says the Ken Shadrick Bridge will also get some structural improvements that are scheduled to be finished by late August

The turnpike toll increase is leading to a larger budget for the Parkways Authority next year. The board approved a nearly 148-million-dollar budget for 2019-2020. That's an increase of 45-million-dollars over last year. The money will go toward capital improvements needed on the turnpike, including bridge deck replacement, paving, and a toll system upgrade.

6/17/2019	Shawnee Sports Complex	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/17/2019	Construction Zone Safety	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/17/2019	Free Tuition Program	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/18/2019	High School Curriculum Changes	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

The Shawnee Sports Complex is less than a year old and is already generating millions of dollars. The 2019 US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidents Cup is going on now at both the Shawnee Sports Complex and the Barboursville Soccer Complex. Thousands of families are coming to West Virginia. It's the first of four large soccer tournaments through 2020 with an estimated economic impact of 56-million-dollars.

Charleston police are stepping up patrols in the construction zone on I-77 after complaints and multiple crashes. So far, CPD has issued over two-hundred citations, and made several arrests, including three felony arrests, three DUI arrests, drug seizures, and they've recovered over two-thousand-dollars' worth of stolen merchandise. Construction crews are working 24/7 on the interstate bridge deck project and that is expected to be finished in a little over two months.

West Virginia students that are part of the new free tuition program at public community colleges will have to pass a drug test. The testing will include marijuana, opiates, cocaine, amphetamine and other drugs. Students will be required to pass the drug test within 60 days of the start of a semester to receive free tuition.

A West Virginia high school principal says she favors proposed curriculum changes that would no longer designate a valedictorian. The Intelligencer reports Wheeling Park High School Principal Amy Minch says administrators want to eliminate "the game" that forces students to compete for higher grade point averages, class standing and valedictorian status. She says that often results in students taking classes to impact their grade-point average instead of electives to help them in their career path or enrich them as a person. Under the proposal, the school would not rank students or give honors credits for electives. If approved, changes would begin with the class of 2024. The Ohio County Board of Education would have to approve the changes.

6/18/2019	College Tuition Increase		AM DRIVE	N/A
6/18/2019	Charter Schools Measures	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/18/2019	Education Rank for WV	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/19/2019	New Jobs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission has new numbers that say public colleges and universities in West Virginia had their lowest tuition increase in nearly a decade. In-state tuition at West Virginia's four-year schools will cost an average of \$7,690 in the fall. That's a 2.4% increase over the last year, and that's the lowest increase since 2010. Bluefield State College students will experience the largest jump at 6.1%. Glenville State and West Virginia State won't increase tuition next year at all

The West Virginia House of Delegates is considering a measure that would put a cap on charter schools at 10. In the omnibus bill passed by the state Senate, which is strongly opposed by groups representing school employees, there is no cap on the number of charter schools that could be created. There are other key differences in the House bill versus the Senate omnibus bill. The House bill removes new provisions regarding professional development and establishes a Principals Academy. It also replaces a tax credit and gives a \$200 increase to classroom teachers and librarians for supplies.

A new study released by the KIDS COUNT Data Book shows West Virginia ranked 43rd in the nation in education. The study compared data between 2009 and now in areas such as fourth grade reading proficiency, eighth grade math proficiency and high school graduation rates. The state has made a marked improvement in all three areas over the last decade

A West Virginia-owned company said it plans to build a facility that will convert coal and natural gas to gasoline and other fuels, creating 130 full-time jobs. Domestic Synthetic Fuels said the coal-to-liquids facility will be built in Point Pleasant Mason County and they'll hold a series of community meetings to explain the \$1.2 billion project. The company plans to begin construction in October 2019 and finish the project in 2022 or early 2023. DS Fuels will bring coal from Kanawha County to feed the coal to liquids plant.

6/19/2019	3 D Printers for Schools	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/19/2019	Kids Count State Rank	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/19/2019	Traffic Safety	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/20/2019	Student Accountability	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

The Robert C. Byrd Institute is giving 3D printers and other technology to more than 30 middle and high schools across West Virginia. Huntington-based RCBI says that the move is aimed at promoting innovation among agricultural educators and students. In addition to the printers, the technology includes computers, microcontroller kits and other electronic components. Funding was provided by the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. RCBI director of entrepreneurship Bill Woodrum says students can apply the technologies to solve problems and create new opportunities in the agriculture sector.

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This month, the Charleston Police Department Traffic Division has been trying to make the interstate a safer place for both drivers and construction workers. The traffic division is conducting interstate work zone enforcement in an effort to reduce crashes and fatalities. WCHS TV reported so far, its efforts have resulted in three felony arrests and several traffic-related citations. The National Safety Council said more than 100 road workers are killed across the country in construction zones yearly. The traffic division's goal is to increase roadway safety for everyone and so far, it said, its efforts are working. The interstate work zone enforcement will continue through the weekend.

The West Virginia House of Delegates passed a measure Wednesday that would require the state Board of Education to establish rules for student accountability regarding performance. House Judiciary Chairman John Shott said the legislation would not mandate what kind of performance standards students would have to meet on tests, but would require the state board, after seeking input from educators and school improvement councils, to come up with standards by July 1, 2021. After debate, the measure passed 84 to 10.

6/20/2019	New Jobs	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/20/2019	Food Trucks	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/20/2019	New School in Clendenin	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/21/2019	Putnam Sheriffs Telemarketing	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

Japanese truck maker Hino Motors Manufacturing is set to open its new West Virginia assembly plant this summer. Hino (HEE:-no) Motors has scheduled an Aug. 21 grand opening for the facility in Mineral Wells. The company is moving about 20 miles to a larger location at a former retail distribution center. Hino Motors currently assembles medium-duty trucks at a 245,000-square-foot facility that opened in 2007 in Wood County in Williamstown. Company President Takashi Ono has said the \$100 million investment could create up to 250 new jobs. Hino Motors is owned by the Toyota Group and its American headquarters are in Novi, Michigan.

Charleston Mayor Amy Goodwin is proposing a plan that allows for food trucks, safe streets, and it takes brick-and-mortar restaurants into consideration. Goodwin says food trucks bring viability and energy to the city. A committee is looking at the proposal and a final bill will be presented to City Council by the end of July.

Plans are moving forward to build a new elementary school in Clendenin. FEMA held a public meeting to discuss the progress of the school that was destroyed in the 2016 flood. Officials say they should break ground this fall and the doors will be open for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Putnam County Deputy Sheriffs Association said it will no longer use telemarketing to solicit donations. In the past, the organization has used telemarketing companies to raise money for various community outreach programs like Shop With a Cop, youth sports activities, and families in tragic situations. The Putnam County Deputy Sheriffs Association will stop because telemarketing can be invasive and annoying, not to mention the telemarketing companies also take a percentage of donations. The Putnam County Deputy Sheriff's Association still depends on donations though, and appreciates those any time.

				<p>Eligible West Virginia students could receive free tuition at Bluefield State College this fall. The college announced this week that over a dozen programs classified as "high-skilled, high-demand" would begin offering free tuition for incoming, current or transferring state residents. Students have to be Pell Grant eligible and maintain a 2.0 grade point average.</p> <p>Programs that will accept free tuition students include engineering, computer science, nursing, business, education and criminal justice. College officials said more than 70% of Bluefield State's students could be eligible.</p>
6/21/2019	Free Tuition at Bluefield State	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/21/2019	Logan Updated 911 System	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
				<p>Logan County has revamped their 911 services in an effort to make everyone safer. The new program allows first responders the ability to look at the scene of an emergency through the lens of a caller's camera. The next gen 911 platform enables live chats and video calls plus allows emergency responders exact locations. Logan is the first county in West Virginia that offers this type of 911 technology. WCHS TV reported the goal is to cut down response time and make Logan County a safer place.</p>
6/21/2019				<p>West Virginia agricultural officials are warning about a fungal disease that attacks boxwood shrubs. The state Department of Agriculture says that boxwood blight has been detected on landscapes throughout the state and produces dark brown leaf spots that can kill the plants. It's found in more than two dozen states and was first detected in West Virginia on plants shipped from out-of-state nurseries in 2015. You should buy shrubs from reputable nurseries and only buy plants that appear healthy. Gardeners and landscapers should sanitize gardening tools between different plantings of boxwoods.</p>
6/23/2019	Fungal Disease in WV	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/23/2019	2019-25	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00AM	30 minutes

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					<p>Mine-safety regulators say a West Virginia mining death occurred because the mine operator didn't identify the place where the miner was standing as an area that should be avoided. The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration released details of Adam DeBoard's death in an investigation report after the incident in March at a Greenbrier County mine owned by South Fork Coal Company. The Gazette-Mail reports MSHA cited South Fork Coal for failing to keep miners away from the area and for failing to train its miners. The investigation report says the operator implemented "corrective actions," including an 8-hour training class for miners. It says the area where DeBoard died is now brightly painted and has warning signs, cameras and barriers.</p>
6/24/2019	Mine Safety	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A	
6/24/2019	New Medical Campus for Students	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>A new collaboration between the Charleston Area Medical Center and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine will establish a new regional campus for students. The Gazette-Mail says the expanded partnership will take effect next summer and means more students will train at the medical center. Students currently take clinical education rotations at the medical center and the new campus will allow them to be part of residencies specializing in anything from pediatrics to surgery.</p>
6/24/2019	WV Unemployment	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped to 4.8% in May. WorkForce West Virginia says it's the lowest rate for the state since 2008. The number of unemployed state residents fell by 800 last month to 37,800. Total nonfarm employment has increased by 5,200 jobs since May 2018. Job losses of 1,300 in construction and 200 in mining and logging were offset by hundreds more jobs in other areas. WorkForce West Virginia says it's the lowest rate for the state since 2008.</p>

6/25/2019	Clendenin Flooding Help	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/25/2019	Boy Scouts	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/25/2019	WV DNR Fishing	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

It's been three years since the thousand year flood that took 23 lives and mud, flood waters and debris covered much of Clendenin. WCHS TV reported the water was about five feet high inside the firehouse alone, after the Elk River crested and flooded much of the town. Clay, Nicholas, Greenbrier, and Kanawha counties were all impacted by the 2016 floods. Although much progress has been made, firefighters at the Clendenin fire department say a little more work needs to be done. Volunteer groups have been instrumental during the rebuild so far.

A new study says a Boy Scouts reserve funnels millions of dollars in revenue into West Virginia each year. The West Virginia University Bureau of Business Economic Research study says the Boy Scouts of America's Summit Bechtel Reserve in Fayette and Raleigh counties brings in some \$28 million in years without a national jamboree. The report says in those years, the reserve supports 280 jobs and injects \$1 million into state and local tax coffers. The Register-Herald reports the study said the reserve provides \$76 million in economic output, 350 jobs and \$1.2 million in tax revenue when the national jamboree is in town every four years. This summer's World Scout Jamboree isn't included in the study. Some 50,000 Scouts from more than 150 countries are expected.

Officials with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources are considering improvements at the state's small-impoundment fisheries. Mark Scott is the Division of Natural Resources' assistant chief in charge of fisheries and he tells the Gazette-Mail that biologists have been attempting to create better fish habitats by dropping trees in some waterways. Biologists have also tried increasing available food to produce larger fish. In the state's northern counties, biologists are finishing a study to find out why some waters hold larger bluegills than others. Scott says results could lead to more regulations to produce more and bigger panfish. Scott says agency biologists meet regularly to consider management options and he expects this year's meeting to yield some new approaches.

6/25/2019	WV Charter Schools	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
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The West Virginia Senate passed the sweeping GOP education bill Monday and it now goes to Gov. Jim Justice, who supports the measure. The wide-ranging proposal would allow for a staggered implementation of charter schools, limiting the state to three charters until 2023 then letting three more go up every three years after that. It also contains a pay raise for teachers. The House passed the bill last week

6/26/2019

Reported New Scam

NEWS

AM DRIVE

N/A

The Kanawha County Sheriff's Office has received five reports this week of a recurring scam. Victims receive phone calls from suspects pretending to be Deputy Sheriff's instructing them to purchase pre-paid cards to use to pay fines or face going to jail. The callers tell victims they have missed jury duty, failed to pay taxes, or some other violation that will result in a warrant being issued. Criminals can learn names of you and your family members from social media accounts and might sound like they know you. The Kanawha County Sheriff's Office may call you to tell you a warrant is active for your arrest, but Sgt B-D Humphreys says they'll never ask or instruct you to buy debit cards or gift cards to pay fines. If you receive a call like this hang up and report it to the Sheriff's Office at 304-357-0169.

6/26/2019

History Teacher of the Year

NEWS

AM DRIVE

N/A

A Capital High School teacher has been named the 2019 West Virginia History Teacher of the Year. Matthew Cox was selected by the Glider Lehman Institute of American History, a group dedicated to K-12 American history education. The Institute says in addition to a \$1,000 honorarium, Cox's school will receive a core archive of American history books and Glider Lehman educational materials and recognition at a ceremony. The award honors one K-12 teacher from each state, and this fall the National History Teacher of the Year will be selected from the pool of state winners.

6/26/2019	WV Courtesy Patrol	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/26/2019	Better Roads	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/26/2019	VA Crisis Hotline	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A
6/27/2019	Lincoln County Dress Code	NEWS	AM DRIVE	N/A

The West Virginia Courtesy Patrol provides help to drivers who need it along the 88-mile stretch of the Turnpike, and it's getting some assistance from a new sponsor. State Farm is the new sponsor of the Courtesy Patrol, and the governor's office said Tuesday that the Courtesy Patrol has been renamed the WV Turnpike State Farm Safety Patrol. State Farm support will help offset the costs used to operate the program. The Safety Patrol is a free service for drivers and it services the Turnpike 24 hours per day, seven days a week, 365 days a year

A recent survey by the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce found that better roads are a top priority. According to the poll 37-percent of West Virginians want better roads, and education came in second at just over 30-percent.

Senator Joe Manchin is proposing a new, easier to remember, VA crisis hotline. Manchin wants to create a three-digit crisis hotline number for vets to cut down the number of suicides. The current hotline is an 800-numbers, and Manchin says it is too hard to remember in a critical situation.

There's a new dress code for students in Lincoln County. The Lincoln County School Board approved and released the updated dress code policy this week and opened up a 30-day public comment period. The new dress code is short on specifics, but does say all schools in Lincoln County should submit a dress code policy that has to be approved by the superintendent. The length of shorts and skirts would be decided by each school. After the 30-day public comment period the school board would have to give it final approval.

The West Virginia Parkways Authority says guardrails will be installed on either side of an 8-mile stretch of Interstate 77 where 12 have died as vehicles cross over the median on the hilly road. Parkways Authority manager Greg Barr says the interstate near Camp Creek has been the site of safety issues for years. The 12 fatalities that prompted an analysis of safety measures are just from the past year-and-a-half alone. The Register-Herald reports extra traffic enforcement and a 10 mph speed reduction have also been implemented. A family of four was killed there by a tractor-trailer in 2017. Two roadside workers were killed last year when another out-of-control tractor-trailer plowed into them. The rails are supposed to be in place by October.

6/27/2019

WV Turnpike Safety

NEWS

AM DRIVE

N/A

West Virginia Agriculture Department officials are asking landowners to register for a program to help slow the spread of an invasive insect known as the gypsy moth. Application forms are available online and they'll be taken from July 1 to Aug. 31 and require a \$1 per acre deposit, up to \$500. The agency says a forest health protection specialist will determine whether the level of infestation meets guidelines. Plant Industries Director Tim Brown says the gypsy moth feeds on hundreds of species of trees and shrubs, including West Virginia hardwoods. Affected trees can become more susceptible to other pests and diseases.

6/27/2019

Gypsy Moth Problems

NEWS

AM DRIVE

N/A

Eligible families with children enrolled in West Virginia schools can soon apply for vouchers for the state's school clothing allowance program. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Division of Family Assistance is accepting applications for the new school year from July 1 through July 31. Families with children enrolled in the WV WORKS program will automatically receive school clothing allowance vouchers by mid-July. Each child who qualifies for the program will get a \$200 voucher that expires Oct. 31

6/27/2019

School Clothing Allowance

NEWS

AM DRIVE

N/A

6/28/2019

Fake Cash Alert

NEWS

AM DRIVE

N/A

A Huntington man is warning others after he and another employee fell victim to a customer using fake cash at their firework tent. Jamie Sartin told Eyewitness News that the counterfeit \$50 bill looked identical to the real thing. Sergeant Jason Davis with the Huntington Police Department said they're starting to see some more of what they call "motion picture movie money" circulating in the area. The prop money looks real. Retailers are urged to inspect bills closely before accepting them.

6/28/2019

Hepatitis C Outbreak

NEWS

AM DRIVE

N/A

West Virginia health officials say cases of Hepatitis A are slowing compared to last year, but they won't declare the outbreak over until the number of cases drop to the baseline of three per year. According to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, the state has 2,533 active cases of hepatitis A. Kanawha County has the most with 809. Epidemiologist Shannon McBee told the Gazette-Mail that the outbreak, which began last March, has been among the largest in West Virginia and while it's been difficult to confront, cases are down. McBee said 23 cases have been reports in the last 63 days, a sharp decrease from the peak of the outbreak, when 100 cases a week were being reported.

6/28/2019

Bed Report on WV Bridges

NEWS

AM DRIVE

N/A

6/30/2019

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30 minutes

West Virginia ranks second in the nation for highest percentage of bridges in poor condition. The Federal Highway Administration says over 14-hundred bridges across the state are in poor condition. West Virginia official joined over a thousand government workers from across the county in delivering a letter to Capitol Hill asking policymakers to oppose any increase in truck size or weight.

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Weekly Public Affairs Program

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, APRIL-JUNE, 2019

Show # 2019-14

Date aired: 4/7/19 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Van C. Tran, PhD, Associate Professor of Sociology at Columbia University

Prof. Tran was the co-author of a study that found that although Asian Americans graduate from universities at far higher rates than white Americans, they still are no more likely to hold professional or managerial jobs. He discussed the additional barriers and discrimination that Asian Americans face when trying to climb the career ladder, a phenomenon known as the "bamboo ceiling."

Length: 9:04

Issues covered:
Discrimination
Minority Concerns
Career

Nancy Rhodes, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Advertising and Public Relations at Michigan State University

Dr. Rhodes examined underage and binge drinking at colleges and found that peer approval is the primary reason that students do it. She said students don't want to admit they're influenced by friends, but the reality is they are seeking social acceptance. She offered advice to concerned parents.

Length: 8:09

Issues covered:
Underage Drinking
Youth at Risk

Marina Vance, PhD, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Colorado Boulder

Cooking, cleaning and other routine household activities generate significant levels of volatile and particulate chemicals inside the average home, leading to indoor air quality levels on par with a polluted major city, according to Dr. Vance's research. She said that most homes are not properly ventilated and that gas stoves cause more indoor air pollution than electric ones.

Length: 5:07

Issues covered:
Pollution
Consumer Matters
Housing

Robert Sholly, domestic counterterrorism expert, retired army colonel with experience in counter-terrorism and performing international security assessments, a member of the United Nations international peace keeping forces that won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1988

Col. Sholly said while we cannot live in fear, it is wise to live with caution and prudence. He discussed which public places are the most dangerous. He explained why it is important to have a security plan before entering a mall, what to do if shots are fired in a crowded movie theater and the physical signs to watch for that could identify a potential shooter or bomber.

Issues covered:

Terrorism
Personal Protection
Emergency Preparedness

Length: 9:07

Shaka Senghor, author of *"Writing My Wrongs: Life, Death, and Redemption in an American Prison"* In 1991, Shaka Senghor was sent to prison for second-degree murder. Today, he lectures at many universities and is a leading voice on criminal justice reform. He shared his inspirational story: growing up with an abusive parent, which started a downward spiral that saw him run away from home, turn to drug dealing to survive, and end up in prison for murder at the age of 19, turning with anger and despair. He explained what caused him to turn his life around, now mentoring youth at risk.

Issues covered:

Youth at Risk
Crime
Prison Reforms
Minority Concerns

Length: 7:59

Monica Deza, PhD, Assistant Professor of Economics in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Science at the University of Texas, Dallas

Dr. Deza led a study that found that teen driving curfews might do more than reduce car accidents. They also may prevent teens from committing crimes or becoming pregnant. She talked about the most common crimes committed by teens and why driving restrictions may make a difference.

Issues covered:
Youth at Risk
Crime

Length: 5:07

Kate O'Neill, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at University of California Berkeley

For nearly three decades, recyclable materials from the US were shipped cheaply to China for processing. However, in the past year, China has stopped accepting virtually all of it. Dr. O'Neill said as a result, local governments and the recycling industry are now facing an unprecedented recycling crisis, especially in plastics. She estimated that, at least for now, nearly 100% of recyclable materials are going into landfills. She discussed the steps that the waste industry is taking to try to fix the problem.

Issues covered:

**Recycling
Environment
Consumer Matters**

Length: 9:37

Deanna Barch, PhD, Professor of Psychology; Professor of Radiology, chair of the Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences in Arts & Sciences and the Gregory B. Couch Professor of Psychiatry at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

Dr. Barch was the senior author of a study that linked participation in team sports to larger hippocampal volumes in children and less depression in boys ages 9 to 11. The hippocampus is a brain region that plays an important role in memory and how we respond to stress. She said the evidence was particularly strong for children participating in sports that involved structure, such as a school team, a non-school league or regular lessons, as compared to more informal engagement in sports.

Issues covered:

**Childhood Depression
Mental Health
Youth Sports**

Length: 7:29

Arielle O'Shea, investing and retirement specialist, Nerdwallet.com

Banks are paying customers to open savings and checking accounts. Ms. O'Shea said bank account sign-up bonuses may not be as widespread as credit card perks, but they can be lucrative. She outlined some of the fine print consumers need to be aware of before accepting a bonus offer.

Issues covered:

**Personal Finance
Consumer Matters**

Length: 5:04

Karrik Hosanagar, PhD, John C. Hower Professor of Technology and Digital Business and a Professor of Marketing at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, author of "A Human's Guide to Machine Intelligence: How Algorithms Are Shaping Our Lives and How We Can Stay in Control"

Computer algorithms and the artificial intelligence that underlies them make a staggering number of everyday decisions for nearly every American, from what products we buy, to how we consume our news or entertainment, to whom we date, and how we find a job. Dr. Hosanagar discussed the potentially dangerous biases algorithms can give rise to as they increasingly run our lives, and offered suggestions for consumers to regain control.

Length: 9:16

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Technology
Government Regulation

Jennifer L. Eberhardt, PhD, Professor of Psychology at Stanford, recipient of a 2014 MacArthur "genius" grant, author of *"Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do"*

Dr. Eberhardt talked about the numerous forms of bias hardwired into every human being. She said unconscious bias can be at work without our realizing it, even when we genuinely wish to treat all people equally. She explained how bias and racial inequality seeps into classrooms, police departments and businesses. She offered advice on how to recognize our own biases.

Length: 7:57

Issues covered:
Racism and Racial Bias
Law Enforcement

Alexander Fanaroff, M.D., Fellow, Cardiovascular Medicine, Duke University Medical Center

Dr. Fanaroff led a study that found that less than 10 percent of the treatment recommendations used by doctors to care for heart patients are based on evidence gained from multiple large, randomized clinical trials. He explained how the other 90 percent of treatments have come to be generally accepted by doctors. He hopes to see greater research to provide scientifically-supported treatment guidelines.

Length: 4:58

Issues covered:
Public Health Policy
Heart Disease

Date aired: 5/5/19 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Show # 2019-18

Michael Mina, PhD, MD, Resident Physician in Clinical Pathology, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School

Measles outbreaks are spiking worldwide. Dr. Mina discussed the reasons behind the soaring rate of infections. He noted that for even those who survive an outbreak, measles can compromise a person's immune system for up to two years afterwards. He said the MMR vaccinations are proven to be very safe and parents should not hesitate to have their children vaccinated.

Length: 9:14

Issues covered:
Measles Outbreaks
Vaccinations
Public Health

Deborah Schwengel, MD, Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Johns Hopkins Children's Center

Dr. Schwengel, led a comprehensive nationwide study that found that the rate of lawnmower injuries remains at a consistently high level, with most of them requiring surgery and hospitalization. She explained how the most common incidents occur and how adults can take steps to protect children from injury.

Length: 8:09

Issues covered:
Personal Injury Prevention
Child Safety

Tiffany Munzer, MD, Pediatric Developmental Behavioral Fellow at the University of Michigan

Dr. Munzer led a study that examined parents reading to their children in different book formats: enhanced electronic (with sound effects and/or animation), electronic, and print. The study found that traditional books provide the greatest opportunities for discussion, conversation and parent/child bonding. She said the flashing lights and loud sounds in most e-readers detract from the potential benefits of a shared reading experience.

Length: 4:54

Issues covered:
Early Childhood Learning
Literacy
Parenting

Date aired: 5/12/19 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

William G. Gale, PhD, Arjay and Frances Miller Chair in Federal Economic Policy,
Senior Fellow in the Economic Studies Program at the Brookings Institution

Most Americans are aware that the Social Security program will soon run short of money. Dr. Gale discussed the even shakier financial situations of Medicare and Medicaid. He said the Medicare trust fund will run out of money in 2026. He stressed the importance for Congress to either reduce costs, raise taxes or make other major policy changes soon.

Length: 9:03

Issues covered:
Government
Retirement Planning
Public Health

Megan Maas, PhD, Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Michigan State University, certified sexuality educator

Teens spend hours every day on internet-connected devices, often with little or no supervision. Dr. Mass led a study that found that online sexual experiences can predict a teen's likelihood of becoming a victim of sexual assault one year later. She outlined the specific patterns of behaviors that can put teenagers at risk. She said she believes teens need to receive much better education to learn how online activities can affect their real life.

Length: 8:12

Issues covered:
Sexual Assault
Youth at Risk
Parenting

Christopher Lottis, PhD, National Director for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs/U.S. Department of Defense Mental Health Collaboration

Veterans face a wide array of mental health and stress-related challenges when they return to civilian life. Dr. Lottis discussed the various forms of help available at Veterans Administration facilities and via community-based mental health resources where veterans live. He offered ideas to help family members and friends start the conversation about mental health.

Length: 4:59

Issues covered:
Veterans Issues
Mental Health

Date aired: 5/19/19 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Tina Seeig, PhD, Professor of the Practice in the Dept of Management Science and Engineering at Stanford School of Engineering, faculty director of the Stanford Technology Ventures, author of "What I Wish I Knew When I Was 20 - 10th Anniversary Edition: A Crash Course on Making Your Place in the World"

Many young people struggle as they make the transition from the academic environment to the professional world. Dr. Seeig discussed skills and thought processes that can lead to success and resilience in their adult lives. She also talked about the effectiveness of our nation's higher education system in preparing students for life.

Issues covered:

Education

Career

Tony Corbo, Senior Lobbyist for the Food Campaign at Food & Water Watch, an advocacy group that supports stricter food safety regulations

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that the frequency of several types of food poisoning infections climbed last year, but that the increases could be the result of new diagnostic tools that help identify more cases. Mr. Corbo explained the complex system that tracks illnesses such as salmonella and campylobacter. He said illnesses connected to produce are on the rise, while meat and poultry cases are unchanged.

Issues covered:

Food Poisoning

Government Regulations

Robert M. Siegel, MD, Medical Director of the Center for Better Health and Nutrition of the Heart Institute at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati

Dr. Siegel led a small study of middle school students, examining their cardiovascular risk factors. He found that a third of the children had abnormal levels of cholesterol or blood sugar, and several were found to have undiagnosed diabetes. He said every child should be routinely tested for cardiovascular risks, but only 25-30% are.

Issues covered:

Children's Health

Length: 4:59

Steven Roberts, college-funding expert, author of *"Winning the Money Game in College: Any Major and Any GPA Can Finish College Debt-Free or Better"*

Families at every income level struggle with the question of how to pay for a college education. Mr. Roberts explained how students can save on application fees and locate lesser-known resources to pay for college. He also suggested where to find scholarship money and why a student's GPA isn't everything. He also discussed the less obvious reasons why it is useful for students to earn money while in school.

Issues covered:

Education
Consumer Matters
Parenting

Length: 8:38

Laura Adams, Senior Insurance Analyst at insuranceQuotes.com

A traffic ticket can cause a driver's auto insurance rates to skyrocket. Ms. Adams outlined a report from insuranceQuotes.com that found motorists who are slapped with a serious moving violation can see their auto insurance premiums jump by an average of 94 percent. She discussed 17 different moving violations, how each causes car insurance rates to spike, and why rate increases can vary drastically from state to state.

Issues covered:

Traffic Safety
Consumer Matters

Length: 8:35

Julia Cameron, author of *"It's Never Too Late to Begin Again: Discovering Creativity and Meaning at Midlife and Beyond"*

When someone retires, the newfound freedom can be quite exciting, but also daunting. Ms. Cameron explained how cultivating their creative selves can help seniors navigate this new terrain. She said that retirement can be the most rich, fulfilling and creative time of life. She outlined several tools to get there.

Issues covered:

Senior Citizens
Retirement Planning

Length: 4:57

David Swenson, PhD, Associate scientist in the Department of Economics, Iowa State University

While a number of metropolitan regions across the US are struggling, many more midsize and rural counties are wrestling with long-term decline. Dr. Swenson explained why most of the country's smaller urban and rural counties are not growing in terms of population and jobs, and will not grow in the future. He said government policies need to address the issue and assure access to necessary public services and modern technologies, to ensure that rural residents are connected to society.

Issues covered:
Rural Concerns
Employment
Economy
Length: 9:01

Lauren Stiller Rikleen, President of the Rikleen Institute for Strategic Leadership, author of "The Shield of Silence: How Power Perpetuates a Culture of Harassment and Bullying in the Workplace"

Ms. Rikleen discussed workplace misconduct, sexual harassment and other negative behaviors on the job. She believes the best way to address these problems is to eliminate the fear of retribution against those who report the misconduct. She said that change is also needed in the court system because judges and juries often discount the credibility of victims and are reluctant to hold employers accountable.

Issues covered:
Sexual Harassment
Workplace Matters
Women's Concerns
Length: 8:16

Kevin Estela, author of "101 Skills You Need to Survive in the Woods"

Mr. Estela outlined essential skills and tools that can be helpful to anyone in an emergency situation, particularly on camping trips and other outdoor activities. He also discussed the importance of being mentally prepared to act in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

Issues covered:
Emergency Preparedness
First Aid
Length: 5:00

Date aired: 6/9/19 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Stefanos N. Kales, MD, MPH, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Professor and Director of the Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Dr. Kales co-authored a recent study that suggested that the number of push-ups a middle-aged man can perform might be a strong indication of his overall heart health. He found that men who can do more than 40 pushups in one minute have a 96 percent reduced risk of heart attack, stroke and heart disease compared with men who could muster fewer than 10. He also noted that push-up capacity appears to be a better and obviously less costly measurement of heart health than the standard treadmill test routinely used by cardiologists.

Issues covered:

**Personal Health
Healthcare Spending
Physical Fitness**

Karen Page Winterich, PhD, Associate Professor of Marketing, Frank and Mary Smeal Research Fellow, Penn State University

Dr. Winterich's research team conducted six studies that found that when consumers are aware that recyclables are transformed into new items, they recycle more. She believes that improving consumer education should be a priority for any organization seeking to increase recycling.

Issues covered:

**Recycling
Consumer Matters**

Length: 8:54

Patricia Thompson, Ph.D., corporate psychologist and management consultant, author of "The Consummate Leader: A Holistic Guide to Inspiring Growth in Others...and in Yourself"

Dr. Thompson talked about the value of a mental health break from work, which can mean heading out early for the rest of the day or stepping away from the pressures of work for 15 minutes. She explained how employees can successfully request a mental health break, and what to do during one to mentally recharge.

Issues covered:

**Mental Health
Workplace Matters**

Length: 4:57

Joshua Gotbaum, Guest Scholar in the Economic Studies Program at The Brookings Institution,
Chair of the Maryland Small Business Retirement Security Board

Mr. Gotbaum said the retirement industry has spent decades largely sidestepping perhaps the biggest question most Americans have about retirement planning: how much of their earnings should they be saving? He cited research from the Employee Benefits Research Institute that recommends saving at least 10% of each paycheck. He stressed that Millennials should begin saving in earnest as soon as they enter the workforce.

Issues covered:
Retirement Planning
Personal Finance

Length: 8:36

David Andrews, Ph.D., Senior Scientist, Environmental Working Group

A recent investigation by the Food and Drug Administration found toxic per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, in a wide variety of produce, meats and processed foods. Dr. Andrews outlined the health dangers. He said food packaging is a major source of the chemicals, along with contaminated water and soil used to grow the food. He would like to see greatly increased government regulation and monitoring of the chemicals.

Issues covered:
Food Safety
Environment
Government Regulation

Length: 8:48

Rachel Moon, MD, Pediatrician and Researcher at the University of Virginia Children's Hospital

Dr. Moon was the lead author of a study that found that babies are dying in car seats when the child is out of the car and sleeping. When looking at infant deaths in sitting devices, like car seats and strollers, her team found that more than two-thirds occurred while in car seats. In those cases, parents were using the car seats as directed less than 10% of the time. She stressed the importance of educating parents to use a crib or bassinet when they are at home.

Issues covered:
Child Safety
Parenting

Length: 4:54

Jamie Cooper, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Foods and Nutrition at the University of Georgia

Prof. Cooper led a study that found that stepping on the bathroom scale once per day may help to avoid weight gain. She said the average adult gains 1-2 lbs. over each vacation or holiday period, and normally doesn't lose it afterwards. She said although people may walk more and get other forms of physical activity during vacations, they tend to eat more.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Obesity

Length: 9:31

Laurie Nadel, PhD, psychologist who specializes in treating acute stress, anxiety and PTSD, author of *"The Five Gifts: Discovering Hope, Healing and Strength When Disaster Strikes"*

An American Psychiatric Association report found that Americans have experienced a 51% increase in anxiety levels in the past two years. Dr. Nadel said the report illustrates an epidemic of anxiety issues, including PTSD. She said it can be triggered just by watching disturbing images on electronic devices, causing what she terms "vicarious traumatization." She outlined five techniques that may help those suffering from mental trauma.

Issues covered:
PTSD
Mental Health

Length: 8:48

Julie Angwin, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist, author of *"Dragnet Nation: A Quest for Privacy, Security and Freedom in a World of Relentless Surveillance"*

Ms. Angwin explained why Americans should be concerned about the rapidly increasing ways that the government, private companies, and even criminals use technology to indiscriminately sweep up vast amounts of our personal data. She outlined tools that people can use to reduce their digital footprint.

Issues covered:
Privacy
Government Policies
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:02

Rick Smith, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Norman, OK

Over the past two decades, there have been major changes in tornado forecasting technology and how Americans receive alerts. Mr. Smith discussed the latest developments and what everyone needs to know to stay safe. He said the number or intensity of tornadoes hasn't changed, but media attention has increased, partly because nearly every tornado is now captured on a smartphone camera.

Issues covered:
Tornado Preparedness

Length: 9:49

Laura Condon, PhD, Assistant Professor of Hydrology and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Arizona

Dr. Condon led a study that found that groundwater pumping in the last century, for drinking water and agricultural use, has contributed as much as 50 percent to stream flow declines in some US rivers. She explained why this is such a serious concern and what can be done by communities and individuals to conserve water resources.

Issues covered:
Environment
Water Conservation
Government Policies

Length: 7:28

Mathew White, PhD, Environmental Psychologist and Senior Lecturer from the University of Exeter Medical School in Devon, England

It's common knowledge that being outdoors and around nature is a healthy thing. Dr. White led a study that measured exactly how much outdoor time is necessary for improved health. He found that two to four hours per week is the sweet spot, and it can be done in bits and pieces over the course of a week. He added that the benefits were especially helpful for those with longstanding illness or disabilities.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Environment
Disabilities

Length: 5:14