

**RADIO HEADLINES**

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Good Wednesday morning ov - tl here with your 7news headlines on this July the 1st.

Starting off In the Friendly City this morning...---

A Wheeling Park high school student has tested positive for COVID-19 who was participating in the athletic reconditioning program.

However, Ohio County Schools' Assistant Superintendent says their reconditioning safety plan has minimized the risk to other students.

Due to their policy of working in small pods, the student only came in contact with about eight or nine other people.

West Virginians are also being warned that the Mountain State is particularly vulnerable to the virus.

A new study names it the most at-risk state out of all of them.

Nearly half of those older than 18 have a chronic medical condition, which puts them into a higher risk category.

That's in addition to the relatively older population of West Virginia.

But COVID-19 is also a risk for younger generations, as people under 50 \*have\* become severely ill or died even if it isn't as common.

Starting today, you can remove your front license plate on your car if you live in Ohio.

A bill signed into law by the governor allows most drivers to only have rear plates.

But if you drive a commercial tractor, the plate still has to be on the front of the vehicle.

The Department of Public Safety reminds drivers that improperly displaying the back license plate is a misdemeanor and a strict liability offense.

All of the states bordering Ohio also do not require a front plate.

That was a look at your headlines

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Good Thursday Morning OV- TL here with your 7news headlines on this July the 2nd....

Starting off in the buckeye state this morning!

The Ohio State Highway Patrol says we're already in the Fourth of July reporting period--- which means they'll be cracking down on impaired drivers.

They say they have a zero-tolerance policy as part of the national 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign.

The days surrounding the Fourth of July holiday last year saw 16 fatal crashes, seven of which involved alcohol or drugs.

That's not including more than 700 O-V-I arrests made during the same time.

You can call pound 6-7-7 if you see an impaired driver on the road.

Ohio Congressman Bill Johnson says he has a plan to close the so-called digital divide.

He has introduced the Wireless Broadband and Efficient Deployment Act to improve access to high-speed internet in rural areas.

In a statement he says the legislation will make broadband expansion more efficient from a regulation standpoint.

He added that the economic growth of eastern Ohio depends on faster internet access.

Hear from him tonight on 7news.

The ferry in Sistersville has a message for the Ohio Valley: all aboard.

It's set to start operating once again at 6 o'clock this morning.

The ferry will now operate on Thursdays and Fridays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 until 6.

You can call during those times if you would like to rent the ferry for a party or organization.

It's operators say they're looking forward to seeing everyone again.

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Good Friday Morning OV- TL here with your 7news headlines on this July the 3rd.

Governor Jim Justice could soon make masks mandatory in both public and private buildings.

Some employers have already required face coverings in the workplace where people can't be socially distant, including our parent company Nexstar Media.

The governor says the spike in cases in other states has him concerned that the order could be necessary.

The West Virginia University Health System has added one more local hospital to its ranks.

The Wetzel County Hospital in New Martinsville officially became the 13th hospital in the system in a formal ceremony yesterday.

Among the additions planned to the facility include increased primary care and family medicine, along with cardio-vascular, oncology and neurology services.

Officials are optimistic that it will lead to better care in both Wetzel County and at hospitals around the state.

With as perfect a week weather-wise as you can get for the summer, you and your dog have probably been taking more walks than before.

But with temperatures in the 80s and even the 90s, it's important to remember that your pet doesn't have the same protection against the elements that you do.

The pavement can be too hot for their feet, and when they're outside in the yard there may not be a place for them to keep cool.

We'll be talking with local animal experts and tell you how to keep your pet safe later today on 7news.

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Good Monday morning, im shelby davis with your 7news headlines this July the 6<sup>th</sup>.

With more than 200 new coronavirus cases reported across the Mountain State Fourth of July weekend, mandatory face masks could be announced today. This would be in all buildings, public or private. That was the governor's message to West Virginians during the his COVID-19 briefing on Friday. Stay with 7news and wtrf.com all day long for the very latest.

**GOOD NEWS THIS MORNING ---**

If you work, live or travel downtown, Wheeling Hospital's new urgent care facility and pharmacy will be available, starting today. Patients will be treated for minor issues such as colds and broken bones and appointments are not required. The urgent care and pharmacy are located in the Stone Center on Market Street, and will be open Monday through Friday from 9 A-M to 9 P-M.

**LOOKING TO THE BUCKEYE STATE NOW--**

Cleveland officials are condemning gun violence after 20 people were shot and three killed over this Fourth of July holiday weekend. Police say a 57-year-old man, a 50-year-old man and a 47-year-old man were killed in shootings between 8 P-M Saturday and 5 A-M Sunday. Other victims included an 8-year-old girl shot in the arm while sitting in the back seat of a car. City officials say there was quote "no excuse for this violent activity" and police "are actively pursuing the perpetrators."

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That was a look at your headlines—have a good Monday everyone!

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Good tuesday morning, im shelby davis with your 7news headlines this July the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Face coverings are now required for West Virginians in all indoor places where social distancing cannot be maintained. If you go into work, from now on, the Governor is expecting you to wear a face mask when you walk in. But there are exceptions. If you work in an office with no one else or if everyone is completely social distanced, the Governor says you can take your masks off. You must wear a mask anytime you get up from your desk. Even in a retail store, a restaurant, or a bar, the Governor is urging you to wear some type of face covering.

**GOOD NEWS THIS MORNING ---**

The Wheeling Park Commission is announcing the grand opening of their new Community Education Center today at 11. Located at Wheeling Park, the center will house classrooms, satellite offices and headquarters for a number of organizations. Wheeling Country Day School will serve as their first community partner. We'll talk you more about their announcement and new facility later on 7NEWS.

**STAYING IN OHIO COUNTY –**

Just weeks ago, an elderly woman was struck and killed on Washington Avenue. Deceased 90-year-old Jean Och (OAK) was said to be jaywalking in the intersection and the driver was not charged. But this heavily trafficked area is frequently used by locals as a convenient spot to reach popular hubs and neighborhoods. So now relatives of Och want change, believing this intersection at least needs crosswalks to save others from a similar fate. Her Grandson takes his case before city council today with nearly 200 petition signatures. Stay with 7news.

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Good wednesday morning, im shelby davis with your 7news headlines this July the 8th.

After a 90-year-old woman was struck and killed by a car several weeks ago on Washington Avenue, her family went before city council to seek changes. City Manager Robert Herron said in the meeting that a crosswalk will come soon but some say that is not enough. This issue is not new with several residents coming before the board with the same concerns just two years ago. However, this time, council seems to hear and agree that something must be done. Stay with 7news for updates.

**LOOKING TO THE BUCKEYE STATE –**

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has issued mandatory masks for the seven counties listed at level three under the state's Public Health Advisory System INCLUDING Franklin, Hamilton, Butler, Montgomery, Cuyahoga and Trumbull. The mandate requires people ages ten and up to wear masks in any indoor location that is not a residence. The order also calls for mandatory face coverings when outdoors and at least six feet of distance cannot be maintained. So far, public reactions have been mix to the new mandate. The executive order for those seven counties goes into effect tonight at 6.

**GOOD NEWS THIS MORNING—**

We finally have an opening date for the new sports complex at the highlands. On Saturday, August 1st, officials are holding a grand opening event that is free and open to the public. The complex features six basketball courts, a turf field, arcade, and many other amenities. A fitness center and outdoor adventure course are expected to arrive next year. Tune in to 7NEWS on Friday for a sneak peak of the new facility.

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Good thursday morning, im shelby davis with your 7news headlines this July the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Governor Justice has set a target date for reopening schools in West Virginia. September 8<sup>th</sup> is the plan right now, but it all depends on how things develop between now and then. In Wednesday's briefing, he also addressed questions regarding his statewide mask mandate that went into effect Tuesday. Critics say the mandatory mask order may need fines and penalties to force people to comply.

School officials in Ohio are also facing difficult decisions about the upcoming academic year. Some reopening guidelines set by Governor DeWine appear to be functionally impossible for many local districts. In Bridgeport, they can only fit 15 to 18 students to a classroom using the six-foot distancing rule. But with 22 to 30 in every class and no additional classrooms, there is nowhere to put the overflow. They will send out a questionnaire to parents, However, some parents have already called, saying they won't be sending their children back.

We are excited to tell you about some great programming on Sunday. Due to concerns over the Coronavirus, John Marshall and Cameron High Schools will have their graduation ceremony broadcast, instead of doing it in person. WTRF will be airing Cameron's graduation ceremony at noon Sunday on CBS. John Marshall's senior graduation will be from noon until 2 Sunday on WTRF-ABC. This video was shot in the spring, but it will be a very special moment for seniors and parents to see their graduation on air.

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Good Friday morning, I'm Shelby Davis with your 7news headlines this July the 10<sup>th</sup>.

A new coronavirus outbreak in Wetzel and Tyler Counties has officials urging the public to cooperate with the health department. Sources report that it originated with a party in New Martinsville where 70 to 100 young people attended. Contact tracing has revealed that it's caused the virus to spread to nursing homes and area industries. The Health Department has identified 16 new cases in Wetzel County and five in Tyler, with the number expected to grow. They're asking people who want to hold a party or attend one to hold off on it and stay home instead. Prosecutors say the fine for breaking quarantine can range from 25 to 200 dollars.

The D-H-H-R in West Virginia is continuing their effort to test at-risk communities this weekend, this time in Marshall County. You can be tested at McMechen City Hall today or at the Health Department office in Moundsville tomorrow, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on both days. It's open to anyone living in Marshall County, even if you're not showing any symptoms. Insurance isn't required---just bring a driver's license or proof of address.

An exciting new development in Ohio County now as the Highlands Sports Complex will finally be shown off today. Commissioners and Development Authority officials will be on hand for a preview today at the new building just off of Cabela Drive. The building will reportedly have six basketball courts, an arcade and more. Just this week, officials announced that the complex will have its grand opening on August 1st. Tune in later today as we give you a look at what you can expect at the new facility.

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Good Monday morning OV TL here with your 7news headlines on this July 13th...

Ohio County has released more information about the second COVID-related death over the weekend.

The victim was a 68-year-female who was hospitalized at the time of death.

Another nine positive cases were also announced yesterday, bringing total confirmed to 144 in Ohio County.

Health officials are currently monitoring more than 40 cases.

Most cases are linked to travel and large gatherings.

Coronavirus testing is still available at the off-site Wheeling Hospital testing clinic, Doctor's Urgent Care and MedExpress.

7News spoke with store managers at the Highlands to see if customers were complying with the Governor's mandatory mask mandate.

All retailers say they're strongly encouraging customers to wear a face covering.

The manager at Cabela's says 90 percent of customers have been wearing a mask, and the store has been encouraging customers to wear one, but not enforcing it.

Retailers at the Highlands say they're doing everything in their power to sanitize their stores throughout the day in order to keep customers safe.

Some traffic news

Motorists should expect nightly road closures this week along I-70, beginning tonight.

Crews will be closing down Exit 255 to Exit 2-A from 8 P-M to 6 A-M in both directions.

All Westbound traffic will exit at Wheeling Island and return to I-70 at the Marion Street Exit.

Officials urge drivers to use I-470 if traveling Eastbound on I-70.

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Starting off in Ohio County this morning

Graduation for Wheeling Park High School will go on as planned, despite the governor's new mandate on crowds being no more than 25 people for events.

Superintendent Doctor Kim Miller made the announcement during last night's Board of Education meeting.

As of right now, there are no plans to change the current graduation ceremony scheduled at WesBanco Arena for August 2nd.

Dr. Miller says social distancing will be enforced and that the event is deemed essential.

Staying in the county

Another Ohio County resident has passed away from complications related to COVID-19.

The Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department confirmed the death yesterday.

The victim was an 85-year-old female who was hospitalized at the time she died.

This marks the third coronavirus-related death in the County.

Local health officials are currently monitoring more than 40 active cases in the county.

In Marshall County now.

Administration, counselors and nurses at Grand Vue Park are all being trained by mental health professionals to help students during these uncertain times.

Michele Toman will also be in attendance.

She was instrumental in passing the Jason Flatt Act relating to teen suicide.

We'll have more on this story later today on 7news.

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Marshall County Schools has invited local health officials, along with local community leaders, to be part of a discussion related to the reopenings of school in August.

School district administrators will share what they have been working on to prepare for reopening and discuss any questions or concerns officials may have as a community leader.

The meeting is this morning at the Marshall County Office of Emergency Management in Moundsville.

We'll have more on this story later today.

Also, a quick remainder for you tax procrastinators... Today is the filing deadline after being postponed due to the pandemic.

Taxpayers must file or seek an extension by the end of the day or face a penalty. The IRS is expecting about 150 million returns from individuals and as of last count, it had received almost 142 million.

**IN BELMONT COUNTY ---**

It was announced yesterday that Daelim would no longer be apart of the proposed ethane cracker plant project.

P-T-T-G-C says they are currently searching for another partner while working toward a final investment decision.

Despite the setback, Belmont County Commissioners remain optimistic that the project will happen.

Commission President J-P Dutton says he has a lot of confidence in the project team, which has kept clear lines of communication all along.

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The City of Weirton announced they will restructure their police department.

First, headquarters of the Police Department will be the Police Chief, deputy police chief, a juvenile officer, and a special police officer.

The police chief will select individuals to fill those positions at his own discretion

The Special Response Team, The Detective Divisions and Street Crimes Unit have all been deactivated.

And the two school Resource Officers positions at Weir High and Middle School will no longer be filled by Weirton Police Officers.

For more details, check out our website WTRF DOT COM.

In the buckeye state now..

Governor Mike DeWine addressed the Buckeye State last night, urging all residents to take immediate action against COVID or the state could end up like Florida or Arizona.

The governor says testing has ramped up but he doesn't believe that has much to do with the growing numbers.

With the number of positive cases up to almost 200-percent, DeWine is asking all to think about their fellow Ohioans and wear a mask out in public.

Brooke County Schools has announced that they will extend the shut down of their athletic programs until July 27th.

The reason for the extension is because of an student-athlete testing positive for COVID-19.

Conditioning activities will resume.

Brooke County Schools will continue to follow the COVID-19 Athletic Exposure Response Plan and guidelines set forth by officials.

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Good Friday Morning OV-TL here with your 7news headlines on this July the 17.

Starting off in the Friendly city this morning..

The Wheeling Police Department is offering a brand new online crime mapping website.

Residents will be able to see what crimes are happening throughout the city.

Robberies, traffic related incidents and other violent crimes will appear on the map.

You also have the option of registering your household for having a surveillance system.

Authorities say this is just another step to keep residents more informed than ever.

**NEW ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN STATE ---**

46-year-old Reta Mays plead guilty to seven counts of second degree murder, and one count of attempted murder earlier this week. Mays was a nursing assistant at the Clarksburg V-A Hospital.

Now several wrongful death lawsuits and a congressional investigation will aim to find out why she was ever hired in the first place.

Authorities say they still do not know the motive behind the murders and a lawyer for many of the families, says it took the V-A more than a year just to launch an investigation.

Ohio University Eastern has announced its plans for the upcoming fall semester.

In-person classes will take place but multiple changes are being made.

Face masks will be provided to students and they will be required to wear it when on campus, as well as faculty and staff.

Classrooms will be cleaned and disinfected daily and social distancing will be enforced.

We'll be speaking with university officials later today.

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With more than four-thousand new covid cases reported across Ohio in the last three days, Governor Mike DeWine says he is *\*still\** considering a statewide order.

Nearly 60-percent of the state's population is currently under a mask mandate but the governor says that number could grow this week.

As a coronavirus crisis approaches the Buckeye State, he continues to urge Ohioans to take immediate action before its too late.

And a large crowd gathering over the weekend earned one bar a citation in Belmont County.

The Ohio Investigative Unit cited the Riverside Restaurant and Bar in Powhatan Point for violating COVID-19 health orders.

The Health Department says the bar was hosting what they called a 'Jambo Party' on Friday with what they believed to be a large crowd.

The O-I-U says none of the employees were wearing masks and many of the patrons were crowded shoulder to shoulder.

**IN OHIO COUNTY ---**

A car has been vandalized on Wheeling Island, with tires slashed, mirrors broken, and racial slurs carved into the paint.

The owner Tevon Minor says it happened when he parked his car on North Wabash Street. Pictures of his car have since been shared around social media, prompting a GoFundMe page to be made for him.

After hearing the news, many community members felt compelled to help; rallying behind Tevon with more than 55-hundred-dollars already raised.

7News reached out the Wheeling PDt but a comment has not been given at this time.

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Starting off in Ohio County..

Darrell Lesane Junior will be in court this morning for a preliminary hearing.

Lesane was charged with first degree murder in the death of Donaven White at a recent shooting at Mac's Club.

He turned himself into authorities shortly after and could face life in prison if convicted.

He will appear before Ohio County Magistrate Patty Murphy at 10-30.

We'll have more on this story later on today.

In Belmont County now..

The Ohio E-P-A has deemed drinking water in Bridgeport unsafe to use after chemical tests results came back above action level.

(P-Fas) is the chemical that was discovered.

Officials say it's okay to bathe and wash your hands with it but ingestion could be harmful.

That includes drinking, cooking, or brushing your teeth with the water.

It remains unclear as to how the chemical got into the system or how long it's even been there.

Some good news now..

Thanks to voters, a 100-year-old school is in the process of getting a major facelift on Wheeling Island.

5-million-dollars invested in Madison Elementary looks like painted pillars, shiny new windows, wheelchair accessible hallways, rearranged office spaces, and high-tech classrooms.

Ohio County voters said yes to a bond, making this all possible, and this year-and-a-half project is 95 percent of the way there.

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Good Wednesday Morning OV- TL here with your 7news headlines on this July the 22nd...

Starting off in the Friendly city this morning...

Wheeling Hospital is reducing its workforce following \*severe\* financial losses caused by the pandemic.

C-E-O Doug Harrison says the hospital is facing a loss of 35-million-dollars.

More than 22-million-dollars in CARES Funding was given to the hospital but officials had to find other ways to recover the losses.

That includes voluntary reductions in pay for administrative staff and the temporary elimination of retirement matching funds.

The hospital is offering a severance plan for employees interested in participating in the Voluntary Reduction Plan.

They have until August 4th to decide if they want to participate.

Officials say an Involuntary Reduction Plan could go in effect if the appropriate staff reductions is not met.

Staying in Wheeling

The Park Commission will join city officials this morning for the dedication of the new 11th street plaza.

This was only made possible by a generous gift from James R Hunkler.

The ceremony begins at 11.

We'll have more on this story later today.

And in Weirton

Mayor Harold Miller will be swearing in Kevin Himmelrick as the new Fire Chief this afternoon.

The ceremony takes place at 2 P-M at the Millsop Community Center.

Himmelrick takes over from Chief Jerry Shumate following his retirement in January.

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Good Thursday Morning OV - TL here with your 7news headlines on this July the 23rd.

Starting off in the Buckeye State this morning...

A statewide mandate will go into effect tonight at six for all Ohioans.

The mask order is all Ohio residents ages 10 and older.

A face covering will be required for indoor spaces that is not a private residence and outdoors when social distancing is not possible.

Exceptions will be made for individuals who have a medical reason or those who actively exercising or playing sports.

Governor Mike DeWine says this mandate will impact the future of the Buckeye State.

In Ohio County now..

Wheeling Police is investigating a body found in the backchannel of the Ohio River near Wheeling Island.

Authorities say a construction worker spotted the body yesterday afternoon.

Police pulled the body from the river shortly after but details remain limited at this time.

Authorities say the identification process could take several days.

Stay with 7NEWS for updates.

In Brooke County now...

Brooke County Schools are looking to eliminate the cost of paying school resource officers. They are currently paying yearly salaries for four officers, which totals 450-thousand-dollars for three years.

School officials would like to pass off the expenses to county commissioners or the sheriff's office.

The superintendent says they shouldn't have to pay for resource officers when they aren't in the schools.

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Good Friday morning OV- TL here with your 7news headlines on this July the 24th...

Starting off in the Buckeye state this morning...

The statewide mandate that requires all Ohioans to wear a face mask is now in effect.

A face covering is now needed for indoor spaces that is not a private residence or outside when social distancing is not possible.

There are a few exceptions for individuals with a medical reason or if you are actively exercising.

Although some say the governor's mandate is a little inconvenient, they do admit that it feels safer when out in public.

In Belmont County now..

Kellie Wells is set to appear in court this morning on multiple animal cruelty charges.

She faces three felony charges and two misdemeanors.

In January, authorities found one dead dog, two starving dogs and two dead calves on a farm next to her home.

She was arrested along with her daughter Shania, who was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

We'll have more on this story later on today.

A fourth lawsuit has been filed against the West Virginia V-A hospital over the deaths of several patients.

This federal suit relates to the death of Army Veteran Robert Kozul (CO--ZULE) Senior.

It claims that many more sudden deaths occurred by the time the medical director alerted the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Ex-nursing assistant Reta (RITA) Mays recently pleaded guilty to intentionally killing seven patients with insulin injections.

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Good Monday Morning OV- TL here with your 7news headlines on this July 27th.

Starting off IN OHIO COUNTY this morning ---

School officials continue to receive feedback on their plans to reopen this fall.

Their most recent discussion asked parents for their opinions.

Current options on the table include a return to a four day school week or virtual learning for parents who do not wish to send their student back.

Ohio County Schools will also continue to feed students three meals a day.

Despite the Celebrate Youth Festival being canceled this year due to COVID restrictions, free school supplies and resource packets will still be available to families in Marshall and Ohio counties.

YSS is partnering with Ohio County Schools to hand out 35-hundred drawstring backpacks on August 6th.

Families will be able to pick up school supplies at one of the 12 county meal distribution sites from 11 to 1 on that date.

A protester shot and killed over the weekend has been identified as a man with ties to the Ohio Valley.

Authorities say 28-year-old Garrett Foster was fatally shot at a Black Lives Matter protest in Austin, Texas on Saturday.

According to witnesses, a vehicle pulled up to demonstrators and honked its horn.

That's when Foster pointed an assault rifle at the driver.

The driver shot Foster, drove away and later called 911.

Relatives of Foster says he was a regular at the protests along with his fiancée.

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Good Tuesday Morning OV- TL here with your 7news headlines on this July the 28th.

Starting off in Ohio County this morning...

All residents and staff members at Good Shepard Nursing Home have tested negative for the coronavirus.

An administrator says the second week of testing has begun.

If results come back negative for a second round, Good Shepard will be able to reopen its doors to family visitation.

We'll keep you updated.

Staying in Ohio County

City Council Member Rosemary Ketchum says she is doing her part to remove stickers allegedly associated with white supremacists.

She found them along 14th Street and others say they've found the same stickers at Center Market.

This isn't the first time Wheeling has uncovered hate propaganda.

Less than a month ago, Mayor Glenn Elliott addressed hate signs found hung around Wheeling, calling it, quote 'really ugly stuff.'

With the Upcoming General Election

The Secretary of State says all voters will have the option to use an absentee ballot.

Voters who apply for an absentee ballot should use the illness, injury or other medical reason as the excuse for completing the application.

Starting August 11th, voters will be able to complete an absentee ballot application online.

Those without online access can request application forms through their county clerks.

And mark your calendars because the last day to register to vote is October 13th.

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Good Wednesday Morning OV- TL here with your 7news headlines on this July the 29th.

Starting off in Ohio this AM

Capacity restrictions are being lifted at child care centers across the Buckeye State next month.

Governor Mike DeWine has announced that child care providers in Ohio can return to normal ratios and class sizes, beginning August 9th.

Centers will still be required to take several safety protocols, including mandatory masks for staff and children over 10.

Without adequate child care and the school year right around the corner, the governor say parents may be left with some tough decisions.

In Marshall County now...

Today is the grand opening for the new in-patient behavioral health unit at Reynolds Memorial Hospital

The 24-bed facility specializes in the treatment of a number of mental disorders.

WVU Medicine is filling a huge need for psychiatric care following the closure of Hillcrest last year.

We'll have more on this story later today.

In THE MOUNTAIN STATE---

The idea of returning to campus is not sitting well with all students.

Senior Cherish Heard says she is scared about going back to WVU this fall and would like to have strictly online courses.

Cherish lives at home with an elderly father and cares for her grandparents

She says the risks posed of contracting the virus are immense.

She says she's even heard from incoming freshman who are equally terrified, wondering if masks and other precautions will be enough.

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Good Thursday Morning OV- TL here with your 7news headlines on this July the 30th.....

The battle against substance abuse is changing for youth across the Mountain State. Governor Justice is leading the Game Changer Movement that will teach more than 150-thousand middle and high school students about opioids and other prevalent issues. This is recognized as one of the largest public, private coalitions in the nation. There are also four upcoming virtual summits that will be broadcasted statewide. We'll keep you updated.

The coronavirus death toll continues to climb in West Virginia. A 74-year-old woman from Mercer County is the 112th West Virginian to pass away from covid complications. The county is experiencing an outbreak at a nursing where 20 people have tested positive and two have died. Health officials have linked several cases to Myrtle Beach. Confirmed cases in the state have doubled within the past month.

WVU Medicine Reynolds Memorial Hospital will finally open the doors to it's brand new in-patient behavioral medicine unit today. The Valley hasn't had an in-patient facility for those services since the closing of OVMC. The 24-bed facility is for patients suffering from mental health issues too serious for out-patient. President and CEO, Doctor David Hess, emphasizes that this facility impacts everyone in the Ohio Valley.

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Good Friday Morning OV- TL here with your 7news headlines on this July 31st.

Starting off in Marshall County this morning...

A local woman is facing criminal charges following a tragic incident that claimed the life of a two-and-a-half-month old baby.

The child passed away this week but the incident actually took place on July 11th.

Benwood Police received a call from Wheeling Hospital about an unresponsive baby being brought in, which prompted an investigation.

A search warrant was later issued on July 20th.

The baby's mother -- Kace Shmigel -- has turned herself and now facing charges of Child Neglect Resulting in Death.

The incident remains an ongoing investigation.

School districts across the Mountain State continue to prepare for the start of school.

While parents have voiced concerns on student safety, the teachers are also chiming in with concerns of their own.

Some teachers now fear for their own safety upon returning back to the classroom.

The question is... will those teachers be teaching from home?

Governor Justice will have the final word on if teachers will be forced to return to the classroom.

More lawmakers are urging the governor to call a special session to deal with COVID-19 issues.

The Mountain State has received 1-point-25-billion-dollars in federal aid.

Lawmakers in both parties would like to see those funds go towards more testing, school preparations for the fall, and even emergency food distribution.

Others believe churches and small businesses need protection from potential legal actions.

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Good Monday Morning OV- TL here with your 7news headlines on this august the 3rd

A man is in police custody after barricading himself and holding an 11-month-old child hostage in a Bellaire home for several hours.

The Belmont County Sheriff's Office is ruling this as a domestic related call.

The SWAT team responded to the scene where a child was held for several hours.

Sheriff Dave Lucas says the man eventually gave up without incident and the child is now safe with a family member.

The suspect, who has not been identified at this time, has four active warrants.

The incident remains under investigation.

Stay with 7NEWS for updates.

**LOOKING IN OHIO COUNTY---**

Did you know that college students living on campus should be counted in the state they're dorming?

After the pandemic hit and students were sent back home for the semester, the census seemed to be an after thought.

But with the fall semester quickly approaching and census counting now extended through October, West Liberty University is making sure their students file in roll call.

This 20-20 census will determine how much government allocated money the university will see for the next 10 years... something university officials call quote 'critical.'

The City of Wheeling has proclaimed today as Frontline Worker Appreciation Day.

A number of businesses across the Ohio Valley are teaming up with city officials to honor the unsung heroes who have kept things going during these challenging times.

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Good Tuesday Morning OV- TL here with your 7news headlines on this August the 5th.

**Starting off in Wheeling this AM**

The body that was found in the backchannel of the Ohio River on July 22nd has been identified.

Authorities say the individual is 64-year-old Earl Stewart from Wheeling.

An official cause of death has not been determined at this time.

However, foul play is not suspected.

Stay with 7News for updates.

**The Marshall County Health Department has confirmed its first covid-related death.**

Health officials say the victim was a 73-year-old male with underlying medical conditions.

He was hospitalized on a ventilator at his time of passing and the case is allegedly community spread.

Marshall County is currently monitoring eight active cases.

Their most recent case is a one-year-old boy who tested positive.

However, nearly 120 county residents have fully recovered from the coronavirus.

**Back to Wheeling**

The City is set to acquire the former OVMC property but another acquisition could be in the distance.

City Council voted unanimously in favor of purchasing the shuttered OVMC complex in June.

The space will be converted into the proposed Public Safety Building.

Property at 19th and Jacob Street was previously under consideration but city officials say a purchase may still be on the table.

We'll have more on this story later on today.

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Starting off in the Buckeye state..

Governor Mike DeWine is requiring all K through 12 students to wear a mask in the classroom this fall

The mask mandate previously applied to only children ages 10 and up.

The Buckeye State is working with FEMA to distribute two million masks to schools for students and staff to use.

The governor says there are two things needed to bring kids back to school safely.

In Wheeling now...

The property at 19th and Jacob Street was once considered for the location of the new public safety building but instead the former OVMC complex will be it's new home.

Nevertheless, city officials still have extreme interest in the property and is now in the process of purchasing a three-acre flat piece of land.

The agreed purchase price is 150-thousand-dollars but other expenses may add another 300-thousand-dollars.

Some residents oppose the acquisition but city council sees it as an opportunity for future economic development.

In Marshall County now..

Today marks the 20th anniversary of the Back to School Summer Fun Fair in Marshall County and big changes are being made.

They usually have well over 50 vendors and tons of fun activities.

However, this year, they will still be a couple vendors but everyone will be wearing masks. 900 backpacks filled to the brim with supplies will be handed out to pre-schoolers to high school seniors.

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Good Thursday Morning OV- TL here with your 7news headlines on this August the 6th...

Starting off in the Mountain state this AM

Governor Jim Justice has announced that schools across the Mountain State will reopen to children on September 8th.T

he governor says West Virginia will operate on a color-coded system to measure the safety of having face-to-face instruction.

The system will also have an affect on sports.

There will be alternative options for parents and students who are not comfortable with returning just yet.

In Belmont County now..

Christopher Bailey will appear in the Eastern Division Court this morning for his arraignment.

Bailey was arrested over the weekend after he barricaded himself and held his child hostage in a Bellaire home for several hours.

He is being charged with multiple charges.

He also had four active warrants at the time of his arrest.

Stay with 7news for updates.

In Ohio County now...

And Youth Services System is handing out 35-hundred drawstring backpacks filled with supplies today in Ohio County.

Each family will also receive a resource packet for local agencies and businesses that serve children.

Materials will be distributed from 11 to 1 at the dozen meal distribution sites throughout the county.

For more information, please visit our website WTRF DOT COM.

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