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BRIEFS

Staff, submitted reports

DEP is accepting recommendations for water standards

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Water and Waste Management is accepting recommendations for revisions to Legislative Rule 47CSR2, "requirements governing water quality standards."

This rule establishes requirements governing standards of water quality for the surface waters of the state. State water quality standards are developed to help protect and preserve water-quality necessary to meet and maintain designated or assigned uses such as swimming, recreation, public water supply, and/or aquatic life.

DEP is accepting these recommendations for suggested rule changes in preparation for the Water Quality Standards Triennial Review, as required by the federal Clean Water Act. DEP reviews these recommendations before deciding what changes will be proposed in 2016 for the 2017 legislative session.

DEP will accept written recommendations and any supporting scientific information through Sept. 30. Comments can be emailed to Laura.k.cooper@wv.gov or mailed to Laura Cooper Water Quality Standards, DWWM WV Department of Environmental Protection, 601 57th St., S.E., Charleston, WV 25304.

Info: dep.wv.gov/WWE/Programs/wqs.

VFD to host pancake dinner on Oct. 9-10

Ohio-pyle-Stewart Volunteer Fire Department will have a fall buckwheat and pancake supper from Oct. 9-11. Hours for the event will be 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 9-10; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 11. Seating will be available at the fire department and the community center. Cost is \$8.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children. Proceeds benefit the fire department.

Rock station 100.1 pep party slated for Friday

Morgantown's Rock Station, 100.1, WCLG, and the Ramada Conference Center, I-68, Exit 1, Morgantown, will host a free, family-friendly pep party from 6-10 p.m. Friday.

The event will feature music and entertainment and former Mountaineer great Owen Schmitt, who will be on hand to meet fans. The event will also feature the debut of the CLG Rock Dolls, who will serve as the event's cheer squad.

A Cornhole tournament will be held, starting at 7 p.m. with prizes provided by Schmitt's Saloon. There is no cost to enter.

Morgantown police accepting applications

The Morgantown Police Department is accepting applications for police officers. Potential candidates need to obtain an application from the Morgantown City Clerk's Office and return the completed application no later than Sept. 10.

Those candidates who have submitted a completed application will be able to take the Physical Agility Test and Written Civil Service Examination at 9 a.m. Oct. 17, at Westwood Middle School.

Info: 304-284-7439.

MEETINGS

Today
MONONGALIA COUNTY ABANDONED AND DILAPIDATED PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, 10 a.m., commission chambers, Monongalia County Courthouse.
MORGANTOWN BICYCLE BOARD, 6:30 P.M., conference room, Morgantown Public Safety Building, Spruce Street.
MONONGALIA COUNTY FARM BUREAU, 7 p.m., Extension Office in Westover Plaza.

Residents file petition with DOH

Ask to prioritize Van Voorhis work

BY CONOR GRIFFITH
The Dominion Post

Several Monongalia County residents filed a petition with the West Virginia Division of Highways (DOH), asking it to prioritize making repairs to Van Voorhis Road.

The petition, which has 33 signatures, was written in mid-August on behalf of the Village Park Homeowners Association, off Van Voorhis Road across

from the Graycliff Luxury Townhomes development. It cites the importance of addressing inadequate conditions due to the road's status as a major connecting road to local employers, WVU, hospitals and other roads leading to Cheat Lake and Pennsylvania.

"Van Voorhis Road is extremely narrow and has increased foot traffic," the petition read. "Pedestrians are forced to walk in the road as the grass has not been cut for many years. The danger of drivers swerving to avoid potholes or irregularly patched pavement or driving off a shattered road

edge and hitting another vehicle or pedestrian or damaging their vehicle is very real."

Paul Ragland, president of the association, said Wednesday that Van Voorhis Road needs to be graded and resurfaced and until that happens it's a potentially dangerous stretch of roadway with more people moving in and more of them walking to their destinations.

"It badly needs to be done," he said, adding that copies of the petition were also sent to county commissioners and state legislators. "We had a mid-summer meeting and we decided it was time to

take action. We had talked about it long before and decided it was time to get something on the record."

While conditions have deteriorated along Van Voorhis Road, Ragland said it gets worse as you get closer to W. Va. 705. He said more development in the area means more trucks and school buses, which causes the road to crumble at a faster rate.

DOH spokeswoman Carrie Bly said parts of Van Voorhis Road were patched during the summer. She also said the DOH has allocated more

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Cooking master



Ron Rittenhouse/The Dominion Post

Re-enactor Karen Vuranch who is portraying Julia Child, tosses receipts as she talks about mastering the French chef.

Julia Child brought back to life

The Dominion Post

Julia Child was cooking at The Village at Heritage Point on Wednesday, with her signature style and flair.

Well, not the real Julia, but historic re-enactor Karen Vuranch did her best at recreating the great chef.

Vuranch is a faculty member at Concord University. Her performance was sponsored by the WVU Committee of Retired Faculty and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

The nonprofit council sponsors the History Alive! program, which sponsors performances throughout the state.

Auditions for the program are held every two years. In order to apply, performers must portray characters relevant to state, national or international history that would be of interest to the general public.

Current performers available



Ron Rittenhouse/The Dominion Post

Karen Vuranch shows off her cooking skills in her re-enactment.

are Julia Child, Cornstalk, Martin Delany, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, Ward Hill Lamon, Mary Lincoln, Ostenaco, Minnie Pearl, Eleanor Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, Sacagawea, David

Hunter Strother, Harriet Tubman and Mark Twain.

For information on booking a History Alive! performer, call program officer Mark Payne, at 304-346-8500 or email payne@wvhumanities.org.

Three selected to bicycle board

BY ANN KENNEL

The Dominion Post

Three men were selected to fill vacancies on the Bicycle Board on Wednesday during the Morgantown Traffic Commission meeting.

Harry Grandon, John Gatlin and Jonathan Nellis were approved to start serving on the Bicycle Board with Board Executive Chip Wamsley speaking for them.

"John Gatlin has served in some capacity on other bicycle boards in other cities," Wamsley said, "So, we are looking forward

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to getting his ideas," he said. Along with Gatlin, Wamsley said that Grandon is the manager at the Morgantown Mall and Nellis is an avid cyclist who promotes bicycling as a way of transportation and recreation.

In other business, the commission agreed to move forward with the Suncrest Traffic Calming Plan.

"I wanted to take a different

approach to traffic calming, so I looked at the neighborhood in it's entirety," Executive Engineer Damien Davis said.

The city had HRG look at the plan and the traffic counts to have them propose their recommendations.

The proposed recommendations are to put speed humps on Rotary Street, Aspen Street, Southview Drive, Pocahontas Avenue and Valley

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Men plead guilty

Five caught for steroid possession

BY ALEX LANG

The Dominion Post

Five men were found guilty of possessing a controlled substance, and a federal press release mistakenly said they distributed steroids.

Carl R. Benedict, 50, and Anthony F. DiDomenico III, 29, both of Morgantown, Richard J. Pinelli Jr., 28, of Mifflintown, Pa., Joseph B. Greco, 27, of New Castle, Pa., and Derek S. Starn, 34, of Bridgeport, each pleaded guilty to criminal information, charging them with one count of possession of a Schedule III controlled substance — testosterone.

Each was sentenced to six months probation.

A press release from the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia stated that the men pleaded guilty to distribution.

Tara Tighe, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney of Northern District of West Virginia's office, said Wednesday that information was included from an old press release. She did not indicate that a corrected release would be sent out.

They were initially indicted on a charge of distribution of steroids, but as part of the plea agreement, that indictment was dismissed.

Sheriffs to conduct DUI checkpoint

Submitted to The Dominion Post

The Monongalia County Sheriffs Department will conduct a sobriety (DUI) checkpoint from 8 p.m. Sept. 10 to 2 a.m. Sept. 11.

The checkpoint will be at Chaplin Run Road.

The Monongalia County Sheriff's Department has a policy in place detailing the selection, setup and operation of sobriety checkpoints. This policy and all applicable court decisions will be followed while conducting this checkpoint.

For more information, contact Chief Deputy Perry Palmer, of the Monongalia County Sheriff's Department, at 304-291-7260.



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Judge refuses to drop charges against police in Gray death

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A Baltimore judge on Wednesday refused to dismiss charges against six police officers in connection with the death of a black man from injuries he suffered while in custody. The judge also refused to remove the prosecutor in the case.

The death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray — who succumbed to injuries sustained after his arrest on April 12 — sparked protests, rioting and unrest that shook Baltimore for days. A demonstration Wednesday outside the Baltimore courtroom where a pretrial hearing on the charges took place attracted dozens, and resulted in just one arrest.

Defense attorneys failed to convince Circuit Judge

Barry Williams that what they claimed was prosecutorial misconduct on the part of State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby was reason enough to drop the charges against the police officers — which range from second-degree assault to second-degree murder.

Williams ruled that while Mosby's public comments regarding initial statements made by the officers to investigators were "troubling," they were not likely to prejudice a jury.

Andrew Graham, an attorney representing Officer Caesar Goodson, unsuccessfully argued that Mosby's comments after filing charges against the officers were "reckless and unprofessional," and violated the rules of conduct. He likened Mosby's comments on the case to a "pep

rally calling for payback."

Williams also ruled against another motion, one that sought to have Mosby removed from the case due to what the defense contended were conflicts of interest. He called the assertion that Mosby's judgment was impacted by the fact that her husband Nick Mosby is a councilman in a district that experienced a disproportionate amount of violence "troubling and condescending."

"Being married to a councilman is not a reason for recusal," he said.

Williams added that allegations of prosecutorial misconduct would have to be addressed by the state Attorney Grievance Commission.

Prosecutors introduced two pieces of evidence on Wednesday: a police com-

munication recorder of White's dispatches on the day Gray was arrested, and the redacted statements White, Nero, Miller and Porter gave investigators. Goodson did not make a statement, and Rice's attorney objected to any redaction. Those materials were placed under seal.

Officers Edward Nero, Garrett Miller, William Porter and Goodson, as well as Lt. Brian Rice and Sgt. Alicia White, face charges in Gray's death, though they did not appear in court Wednesday.

All six are charged with second-degree assault, reckless endangerment and misconduct in office. Rice, Porter and White also face manslaughter charges, while Goodson faces an additional charge of second-degree "de-

praved-heart" murder.

After hearing arguments about whether the officers should be tried together or separately, Williams determined that each officer should get his or her own trial, siding with defense attorneys who argued that their clients would be prejudiced if their cases were joined.

Graham, Goodson's lawyer, argued that his client — who faces the most serious charge — would face a great risk of "spillover effect and transference of guilt."

Prosecutors wanted to try Goodson, Nero and White together. Prosecutor Jan Bledsoe argued that evidence to be introduced at trial was relevant to all three.

The Rev. Cortly "C.D."

Witherspoon, president of the Baltimore chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, praised the rulings that kept the cases alive and with Mosby running the prosecution.

"We wanted to make sure the indictments stuck," he said.

Witherspoon said he wasn't concerned that severing the cases will mean a longer wait until they are resolved, as long as the officers are tried in Baltimore.

"I think that sometimes when we're too hasty we miss some stuff. I would prefer for us to take that time and ensure that we get it right."

Legal experts say Williams' decisions Wednesday suggest that the unwieldy and high-profile trial is, indeed, on track.

DAILY REPORT

Morgantown Police Department

Arrests

JOHNSON, Edwina Theodora, 58, of Detroit, three counts possession of a controlled of substance and obstructing an officer, Sept. 1; Officer Dull.

SIMS, Tammy Sue, 46, of Osage, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Sept. 1; Officer Dull.

WVU Police Department

Citation

ERIKSEN, Kyle Clayton,

18, of Hockessin, Del., possession of marijuana, Sept. 2.

DUI related incident

JENNETTE, Kraig Tastane, 31, of Morgantown, second-offense DUI, Aug. 30; Deputy McRobie.

Monongalia County Magistrate Court

Dispositions

COX, Connor, 18, of Boyertown, Pa., pleaded no contest to possession

of a controlled substance and paid \$265.25 in costs and fees, Sept. 1; Officer Flanagan.

MONROE, Nathan James, 18, of Morgantown, pleaded no contest to underage consumption and was assessed \$190.25 in costs and fees, Sept. 1; Officer Hursey.

ZIMMERMAN, Matthew, 18, of Morgantown, pleaded guilty to underage consumption and was assessed \$165.25 in costs and fees, Sept. 1; Officer Carr.

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than \$1 million to pave a one-mile long stretch of the road between W.Va. 705 and West Run Road. She said the project also includes widening on the road and improving the drainage.

However, that project won't commence until next

year. The DOH plans to advertise for contractor bids in November.

"I know that's not what people want to hear, but it's important to know the money has been allocated," Bly said, adding that the DOH has \$309 million worth of road projects throughout the state to oversee. "We can't do all of them at once. I wish we

had magic wands that would allow us to do everything at once."

Bly said DOH crews are working to trim vegetation in high visibility areas along the road in preparation for football game day traffic. That task does take time, she said, since the same workers responsible for paving roads must also operate grass cutting equipment.

Hunt for 3 suspects widens after officer's death

Associated Press

FOX LAKE, Ill. — Authorities broadened the hunt Wednesday for three suspects wanted in the fatal shooting of a popular Illinois police officer, even as they acknowledged that they had no indication the men were still in the area where the slaying happened.

After an intensive 14-hour "grid search" of homes, railroad tracks and marshland in the village of Fox Lake, the second-day manhunt turned to the painstaking detective work of chasing down tips, collecting and reviewing surveillance

video and interviewing residents near the crime scene. Meanwhile, new search teams rippled out into subdivisions beyond the initial 2-square-mile perimeter established on Tuesday. At least 100 investigators were on the ground.

A major challenge was the lack of a description of the suspects beyond the vague one that came from the officer, who told dispatchers he was pursuing three suspicious men — two white, one black — moments before he was shot.

"That was the only description provided," said Lake County Major Crimes Task

Force Cmdr. George Filenko the lead investigator on the case. "So of course we're getting the public calling in every time they see that match of three individuals or even two individuals. We've closed out those leads completely as being unsubstantiated."

Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz, a 30-year police veteran, was shot Tuesday morning while pursuing the men he spotted on his way to work, Filenko said. Gliniewicz told dispatchers the three ran into a swampy area, and he requested a second unit.

BOARD

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View Avenue.

"All the neighbors were rather pleased with the presentation and those do seem to be the key areas," Commission Member Matt Cross said.

Cross serves as the neighborhood president for Suncrest as well as his role on the Traffic Commission.

City Council member Jay Redman offered his opinion about the proposed plan.

"I don't think the answer in our city for dealing with these problems should be to

put speed bumps and humps everywhere. I think you handle speeding by writing speeding tickets," Redman said.

Davis said that the plan isn't scheduled to start for another year and a half.

The next meeting will be Oct. 7 at 6:30.

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