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Food Lion
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DEATHS

Death notices are updated daily online, www.HampshireReview.com

- **Blacka, Bobbie J., 38, Antioch**
 - **Del Gallo, Anna L., 98, Lost River**
 - **Dicks, Edward H., 73, Romney**
 - **Jackson, Stanley G., 73, Romney**
 - **Kinstler, Diane L., 66, Romney**
 - **Niten Jr., James L., 59, Romney**
 - **Oates, Arthur L. "Bub," 78, Cumberland, Md.**
 - **Spaid, Pauline J., 92, Versailles, Mo.**
 - **Timbrook Sr., Loring B., 82, Kirby**
 - **Turner, Harold W., 78, Romney**
 - **Whetzel, Junior G., 91, Green Spring**
 - **Wright, Dessie I., 83, Virginia**
- Burial Service**
• **Thorp Sr., Albert L., 92, Romney**

CLARIFICATION

Along with other local lawmakers, State Sen. Donald H. Cookman has also been working with Delegate Gary Howell on bringing the Huy Fong Foods hot sauce plant from California to Mineral County.



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TOP STORY OF THE WEEK



Romney, Springfield assist in swift water rescue on South Branch

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- Romney, Springfield assist in swift water rescue on South Branch
- 34,000 vote early in West Virginia's primary
- 'Yes!' 2014 graduates cap their WVU experience
- Berkeley board bans smoking in bars, clubs
- West Virginia Tough Mudder death prompts lawsuit
- Response to unclaimed property ad strong
- DHHR reports on Potomac Center

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Study: Prepare for heat, severe weather

NICK GAUDIO Review Staff

ROMNEY — The White House released an 841-page report, its 3rd ever, earlier this month, outlining what the United States at large can expect if carbon-based emissions are or are not curbed over the coming decades.

But what did the report say about the weather here? What can the residents of Hampshire County and the Eastern Panhandle expect?

Many of the same changes the rest of the country will experience, apparently: Summers that are longer and hotter. Autumns and winters that are wetter. Springs that produce more allergens. More flooding. Higher chances for intense weather events.

The National Climate Assessment, which was authored and peer reviewed by a panel of about 300 scientists, ranging from climatologists to botanists, bodes that average temperatures could rise as many as .4 to .6 degrees per decade here.

That means, by the end of the century, without changes in policy, average temperatures in the Potomac Highlands could rise as many as 7-10 degrees total.

If carbon-based emissions are reduced a considerable amount — 70 percent — temperatures would increase, the report says, albeit much less drastically. In the case such reductions are implemented, averages would run about 3 degrees warmer than they are today by 2100, the report estimates.

Even with lower emissions being disseminated into the atmosphere, Hampshire County can now expect an increase of 20 to 30 days of 90-plus degree weather between 2041 to 2070.

If no steps are taken, that number can jump to as high as 40 more summer days than historical averages.

If nothing is done by way of greenhouse gas reduction, however, the report says,

"Heat waves ... and river flooding will pose a growing challenge to the region's environmental, social and economic systems. This will increase the vulnerability of the region's residents, especially its most disadvantaged populations."

So far, the report states, climate change is already upon us: Between 1991 and 2012, our region became between .5 degrees and 1 degree warmer on average.

That's part of a trend for the entire nation, ostensibly. In every region for the 10 years of 2001-2012, says the report, temperatures were higher than any previous decade.

The report's not done with the grim predictions there.

West Virginians located near rivers, in flood plains or in mountainous areas can expect more intense weather events, like massive flooding and blizzards. Extreme weather events that now occur only every 20 years would occur about 3 times as often, or about every 6 to 7 years, the report says.

These challenges will push the aging infrastructure of the entire Northeast to the brink, the report says, adding that most municipalities are still in the "early stages" of adapting to possible climate changes.

Additionally, increased heat and humidity by the 2050s would make for unfavorable summertime tourism conditions for the area.

As you can imagine, local farmers, too, will have to adapt to the warmer temperatures: the region could see 30 fewer days per year that include frost by the end of the century.

"Farmers can explore new crop options," the assessment reads, "but these adaptations are not cost- or risk-free. Moreover, adaptive capacity, which varies throughout the region, could be overwhelmed by a changing climate."

Tom Rodd of the West Virginia Allegheny Highlands Climate Change Impacts Initiative says, basically, the report is telling the residents of the Mountain State something

we already know.

"The Climate Assessment corroborates what ordinary citizens and experts are seeing on the ground, in the Highlands and elsewhere," he said.

"Climate change is affecting the things we love about the Highlands — wildlife, forests, fisheries, agriculture, public health and infrastructure. Where does a ski industry and a mountain ecology go with a possible 10-degree global temperature rise by 2100? Extreme heat and precipitation events will be more and more driving major and costly challenges."

The CCII, which tries to "get conversations going about these changes, and future threats, so people will understand what's at risk and what's at stake," is hosting a meeting on June 7 at Blackwater Falls State Park to do just that, Rodd said.

In light of the grave scientific report, he added, "We need to have independent, informed public discussions, where we can continue to assess and discuss the impacts of climate change on the Highlands' economy and ecology. This discussion and assessment will help people formulate and implement solutions. That's why the June 7 event is a real ground-breaker that will lead to much more discussion. We hope people will consider attending."

The event, with a sign-up date by the end of May, will include renowned climatologist Lonnie Thompson, Charles Bayless, Esq., former utility executive and President of West Virginia Tech; and Dr. Thomas Pauley, herpetologist from Marshall University.

More information about the CCII and the June 7 event is available at wvalleghenyclimate.org.

The CCII is one of many projects of Friends of Blackwater. More information on the FBO can be found at saveblackwater.org. □

Council grants about \$3K to CB Founders Day

NICK GAUDIO Review Staff

Humanities Council. However, it's only the 2nd time they've received a major grant.

"They got a mini-grant the 1st year they applied, which amounts to less than \$1,500," said grants administrator Amy Postalwait. "Then, we advised them that they could get more with a major grant the next round of applications, and they did. They do a really good job. They're very conscientious."

Peggy McMaster, the festival's director and grant writer, said the \$2,977 grant is going to be used this year to again pay for historical speakers, their transportation, as well as advertising for the festival. The

former mini-grant could only pay for the lecturers, but not for transportation or advertising.

"All of our speakers are returning this year, except Rob Wolford will do a different topic. He's going to talk to about the use of social media to further sharing of historical information. We've also added Sherryrobin Boland — she's going to talk about the history of herbal gardens," McMaster said.

The Capon Bridge Founders Day will run Sept. 27 and 28.

In 2014, the humanities council budgeted more than \$530,000 for grants and programs.

A variety of grants are offered

to nonprofit organizations that support educational programing. The Humanities Council major grants are awarded twice annually for projects requesting more than \$1,500 and up to \$20,000. The next major grant deadline is Sept. 1.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program, contact Postalwait at 304-346-8500 or email at postalwait@wvhumanities.org. Grant deadlines and applications are available at www.wvhumanities.org, as well.

"Our goal is to serve our state and we try to reach all corners of our state," Postalwait said. □

WWSB student named national Braille finalist

ROMNEY — Eddie Cox, a 9th grade student at the West Virginia School for the Blind, was recently named one of 60 national finalists in the Braille Challenge. The Braille Challenge is a competition unlike any other; it is the only national annual academic competition for blind students in the United States and is a national program of Braille Institute of America.

Finalists were selected out of 1,065 preliminary round contestants from 41 states and 4 Canadian provinces. These 60 challengers are invited to compete in the Braille Challenge Finals in Los Angeles Saturday, June 21. Finalists represent the 12 top-ranking scores from each of the 5 age groups. Eddie was one of the finalists in the junior varsity age group. Contest scores are checked by transcribers at Braille Institute then ranked by the highest scores earned.

This 2-stage contest is designed to motivate blind students to emphasize their study of Braille while rewarding their success with fun-filled but challenging local and national events. Any visually impaired student who reads Braille is eligible to participate in the preliminary challenge contest events, which were held from January through the end of March throughout the United States and Canada. Contests are proctored by volunteer teachers for visually impaired students and scored locally, according to national guidelines by volunteer transcribers

The Braille Challenge serves to encourage blind children of all ages to fine-tune their Braille skills, which are essential to their academic and employment success in the sighted world.

Eddie is from Ranson. For more information, contact the West Virginia regional



Cox

coordinator, Sheila Amato, 304-694-4443, brltrans@frontier.com or visit the website at www.brailleinstitute.org/braillechallenge-homepage.html. □

Co-op open for yearly Route 50 yard sale

NICK GAUDIO Review Staff

ROMNEY — This weekend, the 15th annual Great U.S. Route 50 yard sale's path will run through Hampshire County, and Romney ON TRAC is jumping into the action by renting out vendor space at the Hampshire County Co-Op and Heritage Marketplace on South Marsham Street.

Donna Grant-Haqq, ON TRAC liaison, said the proceeds of the effort will go toward the ongoing work at the co-op.

For now, the building will be open rain or shine on Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday's times are to be announced, Grant-Haqq said.

The cost for a space of about 8-feet by 10-feet rings in at \$10 per day or \$25 for all 3 days, she said. All sale items should be clean, in working condition

and sellers should be prepared to demonstrate workability if requested by a perspective buyer. That would include proper electronic accessories, batteries, cords, adapters and the like.

Coffee, muffins and other snacks will be for sale, she said, and signage will be available.

"I have a lot of people in the neighborhood working to get things together," Grant-Haqq said. "We have the front part of the co-op with the shelves and the counter space, which we call the business district, meant to showcase neighborhood businesses and neighborhood products in the shelves."

ON TRAC is a program attempting to revitalize the downtown business district of Romney. The co-op project as a whole has been months in the making.

To request a spot or for questions, call 304-703-2654.

ROMNEY HIGH

Alumni Banquet & Dance

Saturday, June 7, 2014

<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet & Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> \$36.00 Couple	<input type="checkbox"/> \$19.50 Single
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