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HOUSE DEMS IMPEACH TRUMP

Articles pass mostly party-line vote

By Lisa Mascaro and Mary Clare Jalonick
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump was impeached by the the Democrat-led House of Representatives Wednesday night, becoming only the third American chief executive to be formally charged under the Constitution's ultimate

remedy for alleged high crimes and misdemeanors. The votes on two articles of impeachment split along party lines, much the way they have divided the nation, over the charges that the 45th president abused the power of his office by trying to enlist a foreign government to in-

vestigate a political rival ahead of the 2020 election. The second article, a charge that Trump obstructed Congress in its investigation of him, passed 229-198. The articles of impeachment, the political equivalent of an indictment, now go to the Senate for trial. Trump is expected to be acquitted

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W.Va. delegation backs president

By Jake Zuckerman
Staff writer

In summer 2018, Rep. Carol Miller, R-W.Va., was all in on impeachment — just not that of President Donald Trump.

Then a majority whip in the West Virginia House of Delegates, Miller voted for 13 articles of impeachment against the four remaining elected Supreme Court justices. The alleged offenses ranged from making luxurious, taxpayer-funded office renovations to the

overpaying of senior status judges. Only 11 of those articles passed, although Miller voted in favor of one article that failed, and voted in the minority against the withdrawal of another. On Wednesday, Miller, the newest member of the Mountain State's congressional delegation, stuck with the rest of her caucus to oppose Trump's impeachment. Both articles of impeachment passed, largely on party lines.

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IT'S SNOW PICTURESQUE



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The Glade Creek Grist Mill, at Babcock State Park, stands in a blanket of powder after snow came to the higher regions of Fayette County this week.

Mobile sports betting sluggish

Online gambling outpaces onsite by a slim margin

By Phil Kabler
Staff writer

Mobile sports wagering continued to grow in November, albeit slower than what the West Virginia Lottery Commission had hoped, Director John Myers said Wednesday.

For the month, revenue from mobile gaming offered by DraftKings and FanDuel, in association with casinos at Charles Town and The Greenbrier resort, totaled \$1.26 million, outpacing revenue from onsite sportsbooks at Mountaineer casino, The Greenbrier and Hollywood Casino, which totaled \$982,818.

"The whole sports gaming thing hasn't grown as fast as we expected," Myers said, adding that the growth in mobile gaming is encouraging.

"I think we'll continue to see it grow as we have additional 'skins' come online," he said, using the industry term for mobile sports gaming providers. Under the law legalizing sports betting in the state, each casino may contract with up to three mobile sports gaming providers.

Currently, both online and onsite sports wagering at Mardi Gras and Wheeling Island casinos has been suspended in a legal dispute with the sports betting contractor for both facilities, and Mountaineer Casino has yet to launch a mobile gaming platform.

Myers said there's been no progress with the two Delaware North-owned casinos toward restoring sports

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Study: 49% of US adults will be obese by 2030

Despite that prediction, CDC says diabetes is in decline

By Marilynn Marchione
The Associated Press

Nearly half of American adults will be obese within a decade and one-quarter will be severely so, a new report predicts.

The report corrects a weakness in previous estimates that might have made the problem seem not as big as it really is. Those estimates often relied on national health surveys, and people

tend to understate their weight in those.

The new work used a decades-long federal study in which weight was measured to get a more accurate picture of trends and to project into the future.

"It's alarming," said a nutrition expert with no role in the study, Dr. Lawrence Appel of Johns Hopkins University. "We're going to have some pretty awful problems," medically and

financially, because so many people weigh too much, he said.

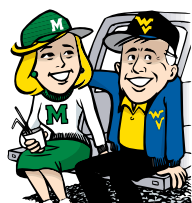
The New England Journal of Medicine published the study Wednesday. It was led by scientists at Harvard and George Washington universities.

Obesity raises the risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer and other health problems. It's gauged by body mass index, a measure of weight

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Charley and Ginny West say ...

The WVU and Marshall football programs see signs of bright futures.
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