

Construction began on Bateau Beach

The City of Hinton Began construction on Bateau Beach at Hinton Landing on July 12. According to the City's announcement, the area will be closed to both foot and vehicle traffic for the remainder of the season.

Summers FFA to hold annual pig roast

The annual Summers FFA pig roast is scheduled for July 23 between 6 and 8 p.m. with a few changes. According to a social media announcement from Kathy Duffield, this year's event will not be all-you-can-eat. Instead, there will be two meal options. The first option includes one pork sandwich, three sides, a drink and a dessert. The second option includes a slop bucket, one side, a drink and a dessert. Each meal is \$18.

Bobcat football schedule released

The official 2022 schedule for Summers County High School Football schedule has been released. The season kicks off at Pikeview (Battle of the Bluestone) on Aug. 26, and the remaining dates are as follows:
Sept. 2 - at Greenbrier West
Sept. 9 - Shady Spring (Hall of Fame Night)
Sept. 16 - Mount View
Sept. 23 - at Midland Trail
Sept. 30 Bye Week
Oct. 7 - Sherman
Oct. 14 - at Meadow Bridge
Oct. 21 - Pocahontas County (Homecoming)
Oct. 28 - at Clay County
Nov. 4 - James Monroe (Senior Night)

"Sinkhole" expands in Hinton

According to a recent announcement from the City of Hinton, the "sinkhole" near the Hinton Police Station has expanded. More of the roadway has now collapsed, causing the area to be reduced to one lane of alternating traffic. Use caution in this area and be prepared for potential delays.
West Virginia Senator Stephen Baldwin released a statement with additional details on the situation. According to his statement, the issue stems from a brick, square culvert that was constructed by hand more than 100 years ago. The culvert was placed well below ground level and is now failing as is the fill dirt around in the surrounding area.
Senator Baldwin goes on to say that the state is aware of the issue and the urgency stemming from the situation. He also notes that it is being treated as an emergency.
There is currently an attempt to locate the necessary supplies to fix the culvert long-term. Baldwin stated that "Resources are being directed to get it repaired ASAP." He goes on to say that they hope to have repairs completed in weeks rather than months.

Hinton's Hometown Christmas' Touch-a-Truck huge success



Photo by Amy Richmond.

BY Amy Richmond

Members of Hinton's Hometown Christmas Committee want to thank those who attended Hinton's first-ever, Touch-a-Truck, on July 2, 2022. Over two hundred people enjoyed climbing on and in fire engines, police trucks, a race car, a backhoe, a school bus, and even the Summers County Library Book Mobile.

The day was made successful by the many volunteers who spent part of their holiday weekend allowing kids to have fun while blasting horns, flashing blue lights, and taking pictures inside of vehicles they might not otherwise be able to experience.

Hinton's Hometown Christmas committee would like to thank the following: Hinton Fire Department, Summers County Public



Stacy Ford, Andrea Richmond, Brittany Meadows, Amy Richmond, Heidi Richmond, and Paula Rhodes, Hinton's Hometown Christmas committee. Photo by Amy Richmond.

Library, Hinton Police Department, Summers County Sheriff's Department, Summers County Transportation, Hinton City Public Works, Kenny's Garage, the Rock Crawlers, and RT Rogers Oil Company, for participating in this event.

The following businesses were set up inside the Historic Freight Depot. They

passed out lots of free gifts to the children who attended the event: First Community Bank, Mike Gwinn Insurance Company, Summers County Appalachian Regional Hospital, CASE Head Start and Early Head Start, Summers County High School Football team, Division of Forestry, the Wynes Facility for Fami-

lies and Children, and the Campbell Flannagan Murrell House Museum.

Other notable mentions were Benjamin Farley Insurance Agency, Little Jimmy's Italian Ice, Bucky from the Whistlepigs, Richmond's Meadow Creek Hideaway, JL Massie Insurance, Inc., and Kroger for their donations to Touch-a-Truck.

25th Annual John Henry Days held in Talcott

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

Despite the rainy weather, the atmosphere at the 25th annual John Henry Days celebration remained festive and jubilant. Music filled the air on Friday and Saturday night, floats made their way through town for the parade and around 50 cars lined up for the car show.

On Friday, the festivities kicked off with Everett Lilly and the Songcatchers filling the valley with dulcet tones. Even though the rain poured on and off throughout the evening, a crowd gathered to enjoy the concert.

Transitioning to Saturday, vendors set up along the train tracks, Trinity Methodist Church provided a pancake breakfast, and preparations began for the parade. At 11 a.m., the parade procession emerged from the Talcott Elementary School parking area and



Fireworks light up the sky. Photo by Lisa Abshire.

wound through the streets showing off floats, antique cars, tractors, horses and more.

When evening rolled around, The Tams and the 14-Karat Gold band provided a lively performance. Once again, rain-drenched the park, but that did not stop the fun. As soon as the equipment was safe from damage, music flowed free-

ly, and the crowd collectively came to their feet. Dancers quickly made their way to the front of the stage.

On Sunday, the rain continued, but so did the festivities. A multitude of vehicles registered for the car show that followed the annual church services at the tunnel.

Throughout the weekend, members of the Talcott



The Tams perform for an excited crowd. Photo by Lisa Abshire.

Volunteer Fire Department aided festival officials by directing traffic, parking cars, providing firetruck rides and monitoring the fireworks display. Festival volunteers worked throughout each event as well as weeks in advance. The Oak Grove Church provided concessions at the tunnel all three days of the festival. Multiple local businesses made mo-

mentary donations to help make John Henry Days possible.

According to an announcement from the John Henry Days Committee, after a brief respite, planning will commence for next year's festival.

For more information on the festival, visit the John Henry Days Facebook page.

Two arrested on murder charges in Summers County

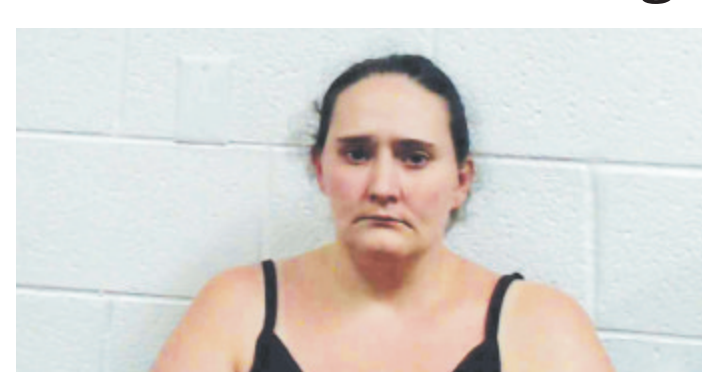
BY REBECCA STALNAKER

Police were called to the scene of a murder in Forest Hill on the morning of July 12. Rusty Allen Weikle and Rebakah Weikle, both 30, of Forest Hill, were arrested and are being charged with the murder of their young child.

According to the criminal complaint, officers arrived to find the home in "deplorable conditions."

TRIGGER WARNING: Graphic descriptions

After arriving on the scene, officers located a four-year-old child on a small bed. According to the criminal complaint, the officer saw a large laceration on the child's throat and an enormous amount of blood in the bed.



Rebakah Weikle

Following an investigation, the criminal complaint states that officers determined that Rusty Weikle committed the murder early in the morning and then went back to bed. The complaint further states that Rusty and Rebakah remained in bed together while the child lay deceased in another room before

eventually calling 911.

Additionally, the complaint states that upon investigation, it was determined that Rebakah conspired with Rusty to murder the child by stabbing them four times in the chest and cutting their throat with a "deep laceration."

During interviews, Re-



Rusty Allen Weikle

bakah allegedly told officers Rusty left the bedroom for an extended time, eventually returned, and told her he "took care of the problem." Allegedly, she also stated that he told her he had killed their child and that she had helped clean blood from the victim.

The criminal complaint states that at no time did

Rebakah render aid to the child or attempt to call emergency services.

Both Rusty and Rebakah are currently residing in Southern Regional Jail. At the time of writing, they are both awaiting further proceedings, and bail has not been set.

The crime remains under investigation.

Concord University student receives accolades at research conference

BY Concord University

ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Concord University student Haidyn DePinho placed second in the poster competition at the annual SAEOPP McNair/SSS Scholars Research Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference, which took place this year on June 23-26, provides opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students from all TRIO programs within the United States and the Trust Territories to share their research and discuss intellectual issues.

DePinho, an Environmental Geosciences major and McNair Scholar, was one of the 40 young scholars who presented in the poster category. Her presentation titled “Dendroecological Potential of Riverscour Woodland Tree Species” was awarded second place, and DePinho received a cash prize of \$350 for her work.

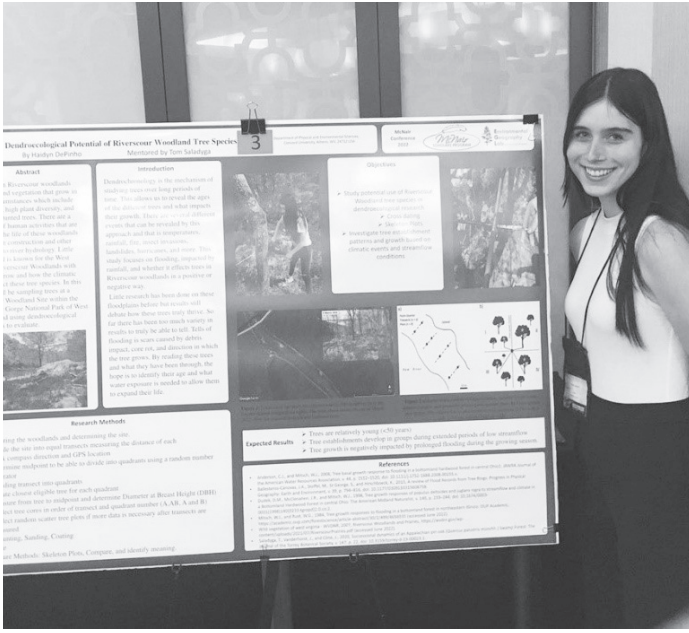
Dr. Tom Saladyga, associate professor of geography at Concord University, is supervising DePinho’s research. Dr. Saladyga established the Environmental Geography Lab (EGL) at Concord University in 2011 to provide focused and enriching research experiences for undergraduates like Haidyn DePinho. For this project, Saladyga and DePinho are assessing the potential use of riverscour woodland tree species in dendroecological (tree-ring) research.

Riverscour woodlands and prairies occur along fast-flowing sections of several rivers in West Virginia, including the New, Gauley, Greenbrier, Buckhannon, Tygart Valley, Cheat, Cacapon, and Potomac. These frequently flooded sites include exposed bedrock and poorly developed soils, high plant diversity, and scattered and stunted trees. The quality of these sites is negatively impacted by dams and alterations to river hydrology, non-native plant species, and trampling associated with recreational activities like boating and fishing.

DePinho is examining tree growth dynamics and patterns of establishment at one site along the New River within New River Gorge National Park & Preserve. Her work will provide baseline data and information that will guide future research on these sensitive sites. Results will ultimately be used by resource managers in the park and across the region.

The McNair Scholars Program helps prepare students for doctoral studies through involvement with research and other scholarly activities, like the SAEOPP McNair/SSS Research Conference. As McNair scholars, students conduct research with a faculty mentor and complete a summer internship. They are provided access to training and resources to make the transition into graduate school smooth and successful.

For more information about Concord University’s McNair Scholars program, visit concord.edu/McNair. To learn more about Concord’s EGL, visit saladyga-egl.com.



Haidyn DePinho, Environmental Geosciences major and McNair Scholar, presents her research at the Annual SAEOPP McNair/SSS Research Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 23–26.



Haidyn DePinho, Environmental Geosciences major and McNair Scholar, collects a core sample from a persimmon tree at a riverscour woodland site along the New River.

OP-ED Teachers with guns

BY Becky Crabtree

When the idea of arming teachers was proposed a few years ago, I didn’t think it was serious and enjoyed the jokes even though some of the humor was dark: “Be sure the librarian has a silencer,” “They don’t trust us to change the thermostat in our classroom but they want us to have guns?” or “Arming teachers, what can go wrong?” Now we face a crisis involving shootings in classrooms and serious consideration is being given to this idea. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, twenty-one states allow teachers to have guns in the classroom simply with administrative permission. In June, Ohio reduced the training requirements for all school employees to carry guns at school but without actually requiring teachers to be armed.

Teachers will do just about anything to help students and are on the front line of this latest horror, making it convenient, if cowardly, for lawmakers to simply require teachers to carry guns to class to protect our children.

I am a teacher. I own guns. I’ve had a permit to carry a concealed weapon for years and I am willing to reasonably protect my students. However, I lack the desire and fortitude to be prepared for a shootout every hour of every school day – while I teach. There are some important building blocks missing from the teacher’s ability to be successful with this plan:

- We do not have the training to handle an active shooter. Police officers are required well over a hundred hours of training before they carry a gun.
- Realistic security for a gun at school does not exist.
- We do not have any way to gauge or minimize the atmosphere of violence caused by the presence of guns. Some students have been exposed to gun violence already and a gun is a trigger (sorry) for more trauma. A student may want access to the teacher’s gun to harm others, even the teacher, or to commit suicide. We don’t know how to keep those thoughts and fears from manifesting into action.
- Few teachers have the desire to become an armed guard with no training and no extra pay.
- There are also inadequacies with school systems:
 - Adequate training for teachers to handle guns and make split-second decisions during an active shooter event is minimal if it exists at all.
 - Few teachers are willing to be responsible to shoot bad guys in their classroom in addition to their many other responsibilities.
 - A teacher shortage, if not here already, is on the horizon. Arming teachers is a sure way to lose teachers. Existing stresses are quite enough for most.
 - There are never enough ways to defuse students and parents who are troubled and angry and mentally ill. Isolation due to COVID created additional mental health issues.
 - Insurance is not forthcoming for liability when teachers’ guns are used and perhaps misused.

The premiums are likely going to be high, if available at all.

- Counseling services for teachers who anticipate or participate in gun use to the point that they need help coping are minimal or non-existent.

Teachers need to be armed with less responsibility and more time so their focus can be on the academic and social needs of students and the best ways to teach. Other low-cost solutions are simply keeping the exterior doors closed and locked and interior doors less penetrable. Metal detectors are another practical possibility.

More mental health services for students and teachers are of great importance in preventing shootings and coping with the world in which we live. The American Federation of Teachers and National Education Association recommend Extreme Risk policies, a common-sense approach to handle warning signs, along with public awareness of these warning signs, and licensing and age requirements for gun purchases. They also promote enacting and enforcing firearm security laws. (<https://everytownresearch.org/report/preventing-gun-violence-in-american-schools/#a-comprehensive-plan>)

Almost any other solution has fewer red flags flying than arming teachers. Hopefully, leaders can use the few weeks left of summer vacation to explore effective answers and act before school resumes.

Becky Crabtree is a public school teacher with 47 years of experience, living and teaching in Monroe County.



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Summers County Courthouse News

Marriages

Malachi Manuel Kratz to Raven Jade Bolen.

Fiduciaries

Kim Kincaid, Administrator of the Homer Ray Kincaid estate;

Stephanie J Meadows, Administrator of the Imogene Adkins estate;

George Brian Taylor, Administrator of the Pauline Elizabeth Richmond estate;

Teresa K Thompson, Administrator of the Jane Ellen Thompson estate;

Linda K Turner, Administrator of the Ruth G Stanley estate;

Melissa D Pitzer, Administrator of the Charles Howard Pitzer Jr. estate;

Rhonda Mann Hale, Administrator of the Betty J Mann estate;

Tina Cales, Administrator of the Shirley Mae Bragg estate;

Shelma Jean Welch, Administrator of the Kenneth Thomas Welch estate;

Paul A Sears, Administrator of the Garland Dempsey Sears.

Land Transfers

Garland Bennett to Scott Kelly and Marie Kelly, 58.122 acres more or less, Green Sulphur District;

Jackie Lee Cales to Kerri Ann Cales, 2 Lots, Green Sulphur District;

David Winger to Phyllis Christine Thomas and Eli Marvin Thomas Jr., Parcel Number One: Lot B-5, Parcel Number Two: Lot B-4, Forest Hill District;

Jessica D Drake and Linda M Pack to Keith E Holland and Stephanie E Holland, 0.253 acres, Green Sulphur District;

Rupert Eugene Crouch and Anna Ruth Crouch to Edith A Rossiter and Tara J Stottlemeyer, Lots 12 - 15, Talcott District;

Aaron Keith Walker to Ryan N Mallow and Heather L Mallow, 100 acres more or less, Green Sulphur District;

Jody N Fox to M&M Business Holdings LLC, 2 Parcels, City of Hinton District;

M&M Business Holdings LLC to Steven Murel Jones and Jordan Keith Casey, 2 Parcels, City of Hinton District;

Patricia A Farley and Randolph G Farley to Ed Graves and Brian Whitman, Lot 19 Block 5, Pipestem District.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Summers County Schools will be destroying all special education student records that have been inactive for at least 6 years, through June 1, 2016.

If you wish to obtain a copy of your special education records, please send a written request before August 31, 2022, to:

Linda D. Knott, Ed.D.

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Community Obituaries



David Ray Cales
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David Ray Cales passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, July 5, 2022.

Born October 25, 1951 at Sandstone, he was the son of Louise Bowles Cales Adkins of Sandstone and the late Emmett Paul Cales.

He worked over 20 years at Western Auto as a Sales Representative and was later self-employed until retirement. David was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to fish, take care of his garden, and tinker with anything he could.

David was preceded in

death by brothers, Jackie Cales and Larry Paul Cales; and stepfather, Curtis Adkins.

Besides his mother, those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 52 years, Shirley Shelton Cales; two sons, Johnny Ratliff (Teresa) and Dave Cales; granddaughter, Melissa Ratliff; sister, Margaret Ruger (Norm); three brothers, Hayward Cales, Jimmy Cales, and Gary Cales; stepmother, Pauline Cales.

A Celebration of Life was held 2 p.m. Friday, July 15, 2022 with Pastor Robbie Merritt officiating. Burial followed in the Lilly-Crews Cemetery at Nimitz. Friends could call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral parlors.

Pallbearers were Larry Lilly, Terry Sampson, Eric Crook, Anthony Scyphers, Tommy Miller, Roger Vest, Doug Long, and Randy Saunders.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.ronaldmeadowsfp.com.

Arrangements are by the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors of Hinton.

Campbell-Flannagan-Murrell House Museum presents Dearly Departed



Campbell-Flannagan-Murrell House Museum at 422 Summers Street in Historic Hinton, will be presenting "Dearly Departed": an exhibit giving a glimpse into Victorian mourning traditions and superstitions. The exhibit opens on Saturday, July 23rd from 4:30 to 6:30 PM in our gallery and on the side porch.

In "The Scandalous Widow", a vignette at 5:30 PM, you will meet Minnie Anderson and hear her story from when she was a belle at the Old White in the 1850s

to when she moved to New York in the late 1870s. Minnie was married and widowed three separate times during this period. Her monologue describes the mourning rituals and the limitations society placed on a widow during the Victorian era.

Please join us on the side porch of the Campbell-Flannagan-Murrell House Museum on Saturday, July 23rd from 4:30 to 6:30 with the vignette beginning at 5:30. For more information call 304-445-6584.

Statement released from WV Senate Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin, on behalf of the minority caucus

Statement from WV Senate Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin, on behalf of the minority caucus:

"We are happy the Governor agrees with us that West Virginians need relief from growing inflation. We have been pushing this issue since March.

"This 10% income tax reduction proposal merits discussion and research. Can we do this responsibly? Will it provide equitable tax relief or disproportionately benefit the rich? Can we afford it if the machin-

ery, inventory, equipment, & personal property tax amendments are passed by the voters in November? We are mindful that our historic surplus this year is one-time money. Without a six-year outlook, we have great concern about ensuring that our police, schools, and first responders will be fully funded on the county level.

"We look forward to seeing the details of this legislation and continuing the conversation with our colleagues later this month."

Library golf tournament huge success



First Place Team: Darrell Mann, Debbie Meadows, Anthony Rose, Jerry Cannaday and Dean Simmons.

Thanks to everyone who played and to the Willowwood Golf Course for hosting this event for the Library yet another year. Over the course of many years, money raised with the help of Willowwood golfers has been used to increase the Library's endowment fund, pay for the installation of an elevator and renovation of the 3rd floor of the library and to purchase a new bookmobile. This year the funds raised at this annual golf tournament will go into a fund that will be used to

replace the windows at the library. Those windows are over 100 years old – the Library was built in 1921. They are big and elegant and let in a lot of light but they are rusted and leaking and in order to protect our elegant and very much needed Library they must be replaced at an estimated cost of approximately \$176,000. The \$4,000 plus raised by the Golf Tournament will be a valuable and welcome addition to a growing savings account that will be used for that purpose.



Second Place Team: Ed Yates, James Allen, Debbie Wykle, Mike Sprague Jr, Mike Sprague, Sr.



Third Place Team: Steve Willey, Phillip Meadows, Shawn Jackson and Linda Ewing.

Lincoln School Scholarship Fund at Hinton Area Foundation

Before the Brown vs Board of Education Supreme Court ruling in 1954 banned segregated schools—Hinton students of color had their own school. Established in 1897 as The Hinton Colored School and later (in 1916) under its new name the Lincoln School, it was dedicated to the education of Black children and youth from first grade to high school graduation.

In 2003, several Lincoln School alumnae seeded the Lincoln School Scholarship Fund at the Hinton Area Foundation with \$2,500 "To provide scholarships to Summers County students to honor the memory of Lincoln High School" and is directed toward descendants of Lincoln School alumnae. The Lincoln School Scholarship Fund awarded \$700 for the 2022/23 academic year to SCCHS Senior, Trinity Crawford. I spoke recently to Mrs. Kenni Pierce of Talcott, who is an alum of the Lincoln High School Class of 1960 (their last graduating class) and is an active donor to the Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Pierce is one of 12 siblings, six of whom graduated from Lincoln High School. Her father, James

Jackson, Sr., who drove a school bus for 37 years for Lincoln School students, gave his younger children the option to graduate from Lincoln High School or Talcott High School. Out of the 12, Kenni was the sixth to graduate from Lincoln and one of only eight students in her graduating class.

Despite a fire at the Jackson home in 1955, which created real hardship for the Jackson family, education was a high priority for the Jacksons. Mrs. Pierce received a one-time \$500 scholarship from the Second Baptist Church of Hinton to attend Bluefield State College for one year. Kenni completed her teaching degree and graduated from West Virginia State Institute (now WV State University) near Charleston WV in 1966. She began her teaching career at the Crossroads School in Ballengee—a one-room schoolhouse with six grades.

Mrs. Pierce has many fond memories of her days at Lincoln School. She related the way Principal E.G. Crawford, made his students feel important and involved in the daily activities of the school, such as shopping at the local A&P for hot lunch supplies, and the special occasions when he

would treat students to an outing at Dairy Queen for lunch. Forced integration did not result in immediate educational equity. Rather, it resulted in the loss of familiar activities like the cheerleading squad, sports programs, debutante balls for the social coming out of young ladies, and many Black teachers who lost their jobs. Students had to walk to schools in the communities where they lived because Black students were generally not permitted to ride the buses with White students. Mrs.

Pierce said Lincoln was "like a university."

"A few of the students were adults, who had come back to Hinton to finish their education."

"The teachers would not let you fail. They were ferocious in their instruction," she told me. "It was a lovely school."

Hinton Area Foundation is proud to support the descendants of Lincoln School in helping them develop their capacities to advance the communities where they settle to raise their own families.

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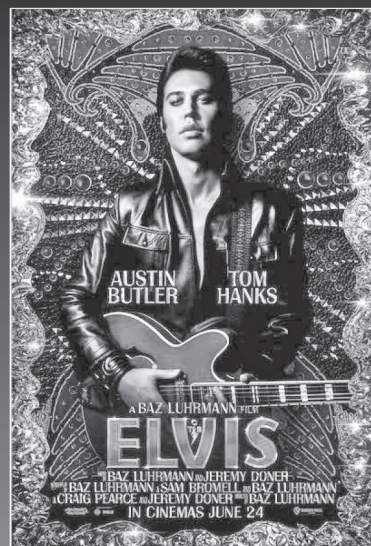
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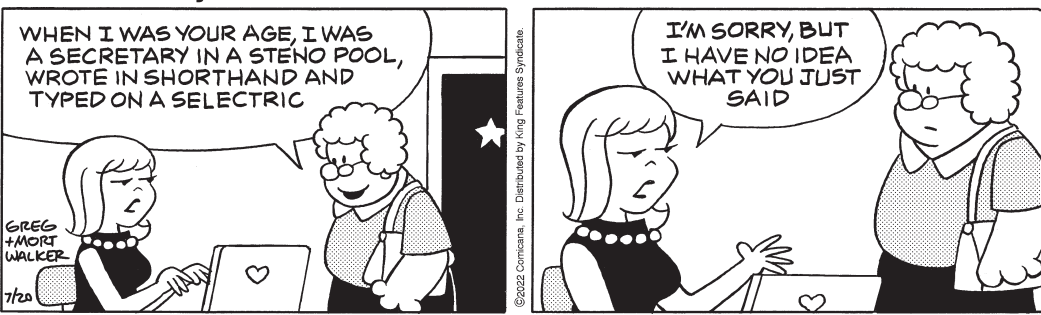
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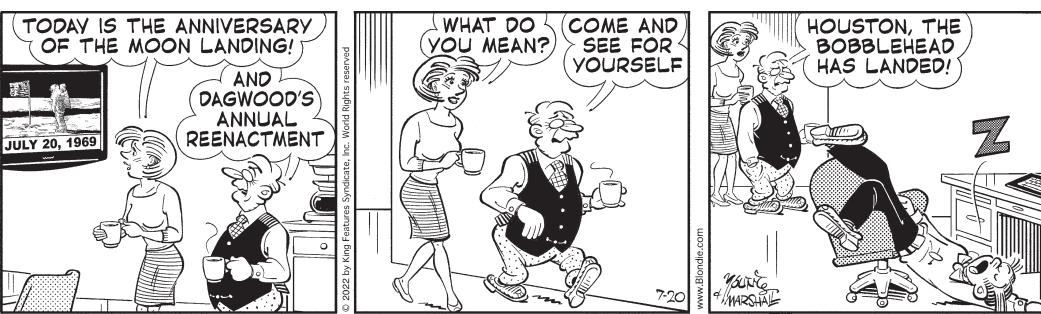
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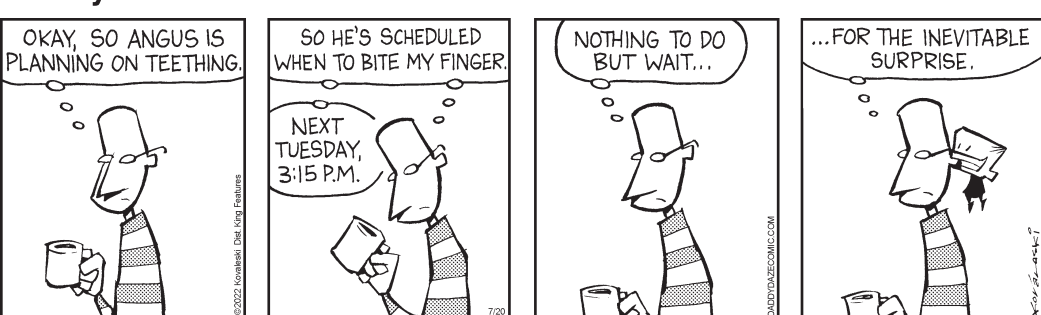
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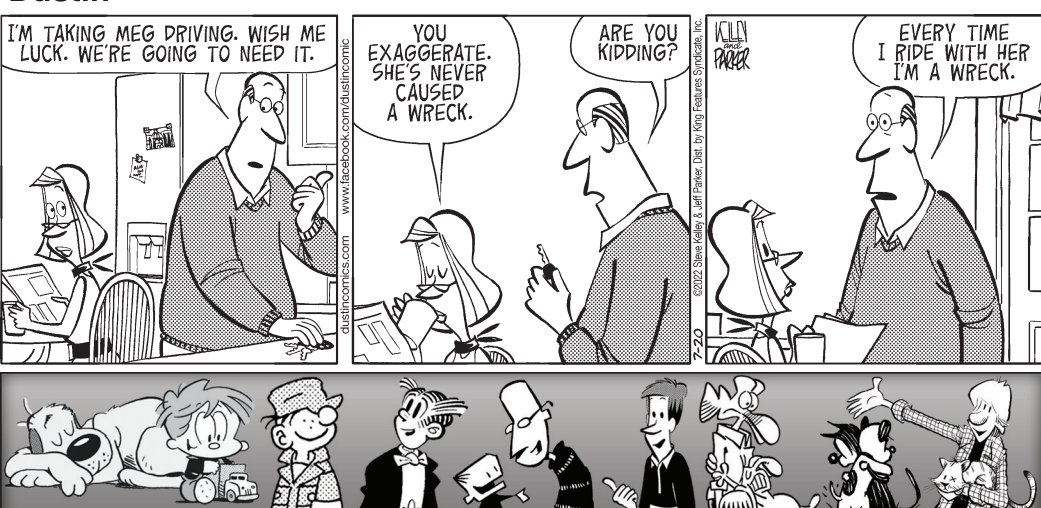
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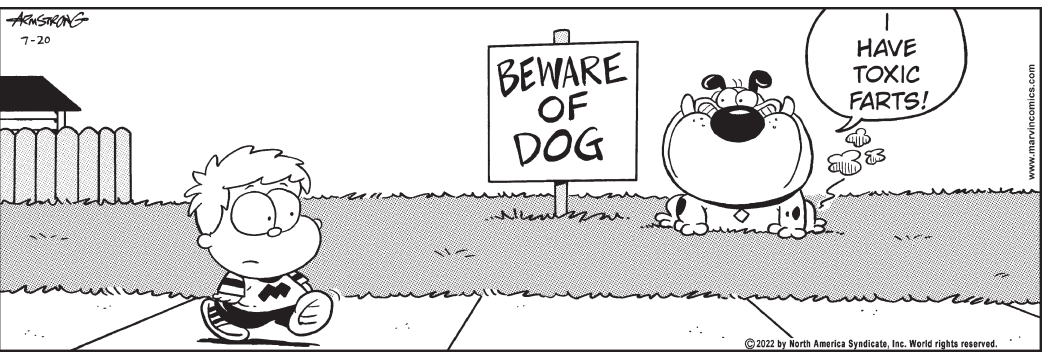
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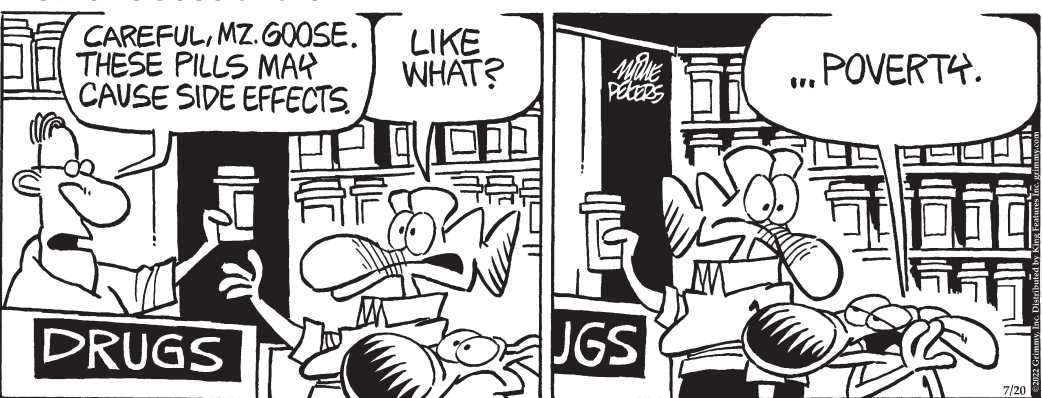
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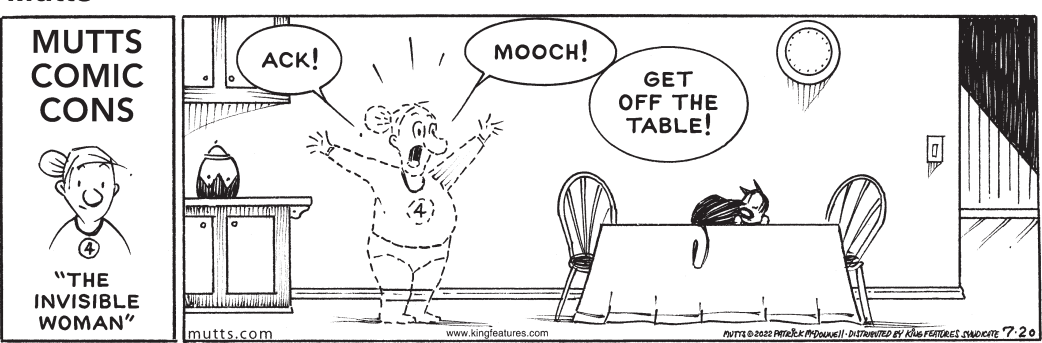
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BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT today (7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Aries into Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 20, 2022:

You are a charming, compassionate person who is a great companion to others. You are caring and nonjudgmental. The theme of service is strong for you this year, which is why you will be supportive to others, especially family. Therefore, take care of yourself. You might consider a makeover.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic;

4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

2★ Tread carefully today. For the first part of this day, the Moon is in your sign at odds with Pluto, which can generate power struggles. After the Moon Alert, the Moon moves into Taurus, where it is at odds with Mercury. (Is there no justice?) Don't say anything that you will regret later. Think before you speak. Tonight: Finances improve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

2★ After the Moon Alert today, the Moon moves into your sign. It is in your sign for two and half days every month, and when this occurs, although it

heightens your feelings, it also boosts your luck or good fortune. Today, however, is a challenging day. Just coast. Don't ask for favors. Tonight: You're happier!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3★ Avoid petty squabbles with friends and groups today. They will not benefit you or anyone else. In fact, they will only create tension in your day, which you do not need. (Who does?) Later in the day, research might help find answers to problems. Tonight: Cocoon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

3★ Avoid morning squabbles with authority figures today, because there is nothing

to be gained for you. Later in the day, you also might feel at odds with a friend or a member of a group. (Again?) Be smart and decide to practice patience today, because patience is the antidote to anger. Tonight: Socialize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

2★ Today is full of lots of chances for petty quarrels. These are the kind of exchanges that go nowhere and you invariably regret later. Mercury is in your sign, which means you can't resist speaking out and giving others your views. At least think before you speak. Tonight: You are admired.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

2★ Avoid disputes with others today, because you will be tempted to jump in and respond. Initially, you might have a difference of opinion with someone about shared property, inheritances or debt. By the afternoon, controversial subjects will be an issue. Yes, it's a challenging day. Tonight: Explore!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

3★ You like to keep the peace, because harmony is important to you. Therefore, do what you can to avoid dis-

putes with partners and close friends. Later in the day, try to ignore differences about financial matters and shared property. Just tread water. Tonight: Expect a favor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

3★ Be patient with colleagues at work this morning. Likewise, be patient with issues regarding a pet if difficulties arise. By the afternoon, use this same patient approach to deal with partners and close friends. Tonight: Listen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

2★ This morning, you're in a playful mood; nevertheless, lover's quarrels might take place. Parents also might be a bit at odds with their kids. In the afternoon, a definite shift occurs, which means you have to follow the rules and regulations. It's that simple. Tonight: Work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

2★ Be patient with family members today, especially female relatives -- yes, this includes Mom. Things will change in the afternoon; however, you might feel irritated with romantic partners or your

kids. Demonstrate grace under pressure. Tonight: Play!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

3★ Avoid arguments with siblings, neighbors and daily contacts this morning. You don't have to be right. You don't even have to be heard -- not today. In the afternoon, challenges with family and your home scene are likely. Stay chill. Tonight: Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

3★ Money disputes might arise this morning, or perhaps an argument about ownership or something that you own. Someone might have used something you own without permission. In the afternoon, you're sensitive to criticism. However, you're willing to pay attention to how things are done. Tonight: A conversation

BORN TODAY

Actress Sandra Oh (1971), guitarist Carlos Santana (1947), actress Judy Greer (1975)

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Bit of butter

4 "Dream on!"

8 Half (Pref.)

12 "Kinda" suffix

13 Mando-lin's kin

14 Redact

15 LAX info

16 Embraces among team members, say

18 Mideast peninsula

20 "Gee, ya think?"

21 Nevada city

24 Pansy part

28 Floor coverings

32 Luau dance

33 Paul Newman film

34 Refine metal

36 Male turkey

37 "M*A*S*H" star

39 Pub vessels

41 Sand castle site

DOWN

1 Slapstick arsenal

2 Italian wine region

3 Compared to

4 North African capital

5 California's Big —

6 "Am — blame?"

7 Family fight

8 Sneaky laugh

9 Sch. URL ender

10 "Top Gun" target

11 TGIF part

17 Young seal

19 Coach Par-seghian

22 Feeling no pain

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Last Wednesday's Answer

(Answers Next Wednesday)

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DTHIC

CPYIK

MLETHE

NCAELC

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

What's done is...uh.... I forget what's next. There is so much to remember.

You need to remember it's two weeks until we open.

C'mon! You need to focus!

MEMORIZING LINES FOR THE PLAY WOULD REQUIRE A LOT OF EFFORT. SHE'D NEED TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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3/20

Last Wednesday's Answer

Jumbles: FILLY VISTA UNWISE FERRET

Answer: Using a lighter instead of matches was a more — SUREFIRE WAY

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

		6		4		2		
1		3		5		6		
2						8		
		7	4	5	9	8		
			6		8			
			7		2			
7	1					6	3	
8								5
	9	5	1	6	3	7	2	

Difficulty Level ★★★

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:

5	9	4	8	3	2	6	7	1
1	7	2	5	9	6	8	3	4
8	3	6	1	4	7	9	2	5
6	2	3	9	5	8	4	1	7
7	8	5	2	1	4	3	9	6
9	4	1	6	7	3	2	5	8
3	5	7	4	8	9	1	6	2
4	6	9	7	2	1	5	8	3
2	1	8	3	6	5	7	4	9

Difficulty Level ★★★



LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE TO
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Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until July 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):
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Federal Project:
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COUNTY: DISTRICT 9
DBE GOAL: 5 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.
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(13,20jl)

**IN THE FAMILY COURT
OF SUMMERS COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA**
Magistrate Court Case No.: 22-M45D-00024
Family Court Civil Action No.: 22-DV-22
TO: Veronica Brunty
Respondent
Address unknown
11/28/1995
Respondent's Date of Birth

PSC participated in
Operation Safe Driver Week

CHARLESTON, WV (Hinton News) – The Public Service Commission's Transportation officers participated in Safe Driver Week from July 10-16, with increased patrols across the state. Safe Driver Week was created by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) in 2007 with the goal of reducing accidents, injuries and deaths involving large trucks, buses and passenger vehicles due to unsafe driving behaviors.
PSC officers joined law enforcement agencies across North America, including Canada and Mexico, to focus on commercial vehicle drivers who are speeding, with a secondary concentration on unsafe driving behaviors, including distracted driving, not wearing a seatbelt, following too closely, improper lane change, reckless and aggressive driving, failure to obey

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
If appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Summers County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until August 11, 2022.
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traffic control devices and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
According to CVSA, speeding was cited as this year's primary focus because it has been a factor in more than a quarter of vehicle crash deaths since 2008. Speeding is also the most frequent driver-related crash factor for all drivers.
"The PSC's officers stop unsafe commercial vehicles and drivers on our state's highways every day," said PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane. "They are tireless in their efforts to keep our roads safe, and we are proud to work with other officers throughout West Virginia and all of North America to again take part in Safe Driver Week."
Additional information on Operation Safe Driver can be found on the CVSA website: <http://www.cvsa.org/>

Gov. Justice awards over \$1 million in
STOP Violence Against Women Act grants

CHARLESTON, WV (Hinton News) – Gov. Jim Justice announced that he has awarded \$1,073,538.00 in STOP Violence Against Women program grant funds to 24 projects across West Virginia.

The purpose of these funds is to establish or enhance teams whose core members include victim service providers, law enforcement, and prosecution to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women.

The grants provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems for the establishment or enhancement of these teams.

Additionally, statewide projects are funded to provide training and educational opportunities for all victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecution, and court personnel throughout the state.

These funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, and are administered by the Justice and Community Services Section of the West Virginia Division of Administrative Services.

Funds were awarded to the following:

STATEWIDE
Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia
\$49,269.00

These funds provide for the expansion of the Victim Outreach Remote Technology Project to improve the court system's response to violent crimes against women through training and increasing virtual access for victims/survivors to the state court system.

West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.
\$51,300.00

These funds provide cultural competency training and technical assistance opportunities for STOP Teams, domestic and sexual violence advocates, and allied professions.

West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information Services
\$167,214.00

These funds expand training, collaborations, resource development, and technical assistance to strengthen sexual assault and stalking services.

West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute
\$64,335.00

The purpose is to continue to develop and strengthen prosecution strategies and best practices, as well as improve prosecution-based victim services in cases involving violence against women.

Cabell County
Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.
\$105,598.00

These funds provide for the comprehensive assistance to victims of violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Cabell County by providing effective prosecution, victim advocacy, legal advocacy, crisis intervention, support services, training, evidence collection, BIPPS facilitation, and to promote awareness.

Calhoun County
Family Crisis Intervention Center
\$19,667.00

These funds provide for the continuation to support a full-time advocate addressing the needs of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

Fayette County
Comprehensive Women's Service Council
\$28,286.00

These funds provide for building a more coordinated and informed community response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, while holding perpetrators accountable for their crimes.

Grant County
Family Crisis Center
\$5,503.00

These funds provide for continued services for court advocacy, the STOP Team, public awareness, and networking between agencies on behalf of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, dating violence, and human trafficking.

Greenbrier County
Family Refuge Center
\$37,711.00

These funds are to improve and enhance advocacy for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and teen dating violence through collaboration in Greenbrier County.

Harrison County
HOPE Inc. Task Force on Domestic Violence
\$42,066.00

These funds are to continue the multidisciplinary approach to fighting the problems of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Focus on the coordination of victim services to include the following members: the Harrison County Prosecuting Attorney, Harrison County Sheriff's Office, the Clarksburg City Police Department, the Bridgeport Police Department, and the Task Force on Domestic Violence, HOPE Inc.

Logan County
Logan County Commission
\$25,052.00

These funds provide a salary for a part-time Assistant Prosecuting Attorney dedicated to the prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. The funds further provide for overtime pay for deputies to serve domestic violence protective orders and like documentation for domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence cases.

Marion County
HOPE Inc. Task Force on Domestic Violence
\$42,871.00

These funds are to continue the multidisciplinary approach to fighting the problems of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, sexual assault, dating violence, elder abuse, and human trafficking. Focus is on the coordination of victim services to include the following members: Marion County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Fairmont City Police Department, and the Task Force on Domestic Violence, Hope Inc.

Marshall County
Marshall County Commission
\$22,221.00

These funds provide a cohesive partnership, which teams a veteran deputy sheriff with a YWCA victim service advocate and an assistant prosecuting attorney. The group works together, from the initial report to the final prosecution, to help streamline the legal process that the victim encounters.

Mineral County
Family Crisis Center
\$5,503.00

These funds provide for continued services for court advocacy, the STOP Team, public awareness, and networking between agencies on behalf of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, dating violence, and human trafficking.

Mingo County
Tug Valley Recovery Shel-

ter Association, Inc.
\$80,961.00

These funds provide services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence to make certain victims receive all the services they may need.

Monongalia County
Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center
\$67,180.00

These funds provide the STOP team with representatives of Monongalia and Preston Counties to participate in training and networking. Victim services will be provided by RDVIC.

Monroe County
Family Refuge Center
\$19,814.00

These funds provide for the enhancement of programs and services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and teen dating violence through collaboration in Monroe County.

Nicholas County
Comprehensive Women's Service Council
\$28,747.00

These funds provide for building a more coordinated and informed community response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and holding perpetrators accountable for their crimes.

Ohio County
Ohio County Commission
\$65,585.00

The funds provide for a multi-party approach in addressing the ever-present problems of family violence in general and violence against women.

Preston County
Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center
\$31,040.00

These funds provide the STOP team with representatives of Monongalia and Preston Counties to participate in training and networking. Victim services will be provided by RDVIC.

Putnam County
Putnam County Commission
\$27,332.00

These funds provide con-

tinuation of domestic violence investigation, follow up services, and training by Sgt. Heather Grimmett.

Raleigh County
Comprehensive Women's Service Council
\$47,825.00

These funds provide for building a more coordinated and informed community response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and holding perpetrators accountable for their crimes.

Randolph County
Women's Aid in Crisis, Inc.
\$21,311.00

These funds provide services to end violence against women by working together as a multidisciplinary team to provide unduplicated, continuous, safe, trauma-informed, and victim-centered services with specific outreach to underserved women.

Roane County
Family Crisis Intervention Center
\$17,147.00

These funds provide for the continuation to support a full-time advocate addressing the needs of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

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Attorney General Morrissey Leads Multistate Coalition in Letter to FTC on Baby Formula Shortage



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CHARLESTON (Hinton News) — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey led a 15-state coalition in a letter to the Federal Trade Commission in response to the commission’s request for comments on possible causes of the nationwide baby formula shortage.

“This painful supply-chain ordeal has once again shown that excessive federal regulation is no answer to the problems facing everyday Americans,” Attorney General Morrissey said, adding the shortage has struck some of the most vulnerable populations the hardest. “In West Virginia, for instance, rural mothers living far from grocery stores and operating under government-assistance restrictions have found it even harder to find the food their children need. In other words, this shortage is not a mere inconvenience. It is a crisis.”

In the letter, the coalition specifically responded to the commission’s request for information concerning “the impact of FDA regulations” on the shortage, as well as the impact of state competitive bidding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, commonly known as WIC.

Overregulation and WIC-related market distortions exacerbated a formula shortage already worsened by the Biden administration’s flat-footed response to problems at a critical manufacturing facility—the Abbott facility in Michigan.

“Besides taking a more proactive approach when problems arise in the supply of a critical product like infant formula, this administration should lift needless regulations and revise the competitive bidding process,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “We conclude that the sort of regulatory reform and reduction to barriers to entry that we propose can be achieved without sacrificing quality or creating any increased risk of adulteration.”

“Mothers and infants de-

serve better,” the Attorney General added.

West Virginia was joined in the letter by Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas and Utah.

Monongahela National Forest’s Cranberry Mountain Nature Center Hosts Cranberry Fun Day July 30

RICHWOOD, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Monongahela National Forest invites everyone to celebrate Cranberry Fun Day at Cranberry Mountain Nature Center Saturday, July 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day kicks off with a dedication of the new Cranberry Mountain Nature Center exhibits at 11 a.m. Enjoy snacks at

Smokey Bear’s 78th birthday party at noon. After lunch, join in nature activities and programs, such as learning about native fish and how firefighters contain and put out wildland fires. Roy Moose will present “Snakes of West Virginia” at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Be sure to get your picture taken with Smokey Bear. All activities are free.

“The Cranberry Fun Day is just that, a lot of fun!” said Diana Stull, Cranberry Mountain Nature Center Director. “Come early, bring a picnic lunch and spend the whole day. It’s enjoyable for all ages!”

The nature center is located 14 miles west of Marlinton and 23 miles east of Richwood at the intersection of State Route

39/55 and Forest Road 150 (Highland Scenic Highway). Hours of operation are Thursday-Monday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through fall. The center is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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- **2021 Taxes** (which are based on owner of record July 1, 2020) **are now PAST DUE**
- **July 15, 2022** taxpayers can begin paying **2022 taxes** (which are based on owner of record July 1, 2021)
- **Business and Personal Property Assessments** for **2023** (vehicles, boats, trailers, campers, ATVs, etc.) (based on record of ownership July 1, 2022), due by October 1st
- **Farm Reports** due by September 1st
- **Homestead Discount Applications** (65 or older)/Disability (100% disabled), due by December 1st
- **Dog tags** are renewed annually, and are effective from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023
- **Camper and Campground Owners** according to tax code 11-5-1 (campers, carports, misc. structures) located in Summers County July 2022 are required to be taxed in Summers County

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