



Bethlehem Farm aids residents with home repairs

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

A local non-profit organization is helping low-income homeowners to complete vital home repairs. The volunteers at Bethlehem Farm provide services in parts of Summers, Monroe and Greenbrier Counties. Recently, a project brought them to Talcott in Summers County.

According to Colleen Fitts, Home Repair Team, "Bethlehem Farm works to be a good neighbor to those in our community by lending a hand with essential home repairs." Additionally, Fitts said their home repair program called Repairing Homes, Renewing Communities, "aims to provide safe, warm, dry, and healthy housing for low-income homeowners in our service area, which includes parts of Summers, Greenbrier and Monroe Counties."

The organization grew out of another similar group in Doddridge County, West Virginia called Nazareth Farm. Like Bethlehem Farm, Nazareth Farm provides low-income home repairs through volunteers. According to Fitts, a small group from Nazareth noticed that more people were interested in volunteering than they could accommodate and the need for their services was needed across the state.

In 2005, the initial group, which included Colleen and Eric Fitts, from Nazareth Farm, founded a new organization in Summers County that is now Bethlehem Farm. The base is located between Alderson and Talcott.

Bethlehem Farm handles multiple types of home repair projects including "roof repair or replacement, insulation, weatherization, window replacement, porch repair, steps/access improvement, wheelchair ramps, and exterior siding."

Faith is a vital aspect of Bethlehem Farm. Fitts said, "Week-long volunteers come throughout the year

to Bethlehem Farm to serve through home repair but also to deepen their faith and learn more about our local area. They form relationships with local homeowners as they work alongside each other." Additionally, the organization strives to be inclusive of everyone.

"Bethlehem Farm is an inclusive community, as indicated by our inclusion policy, 'All are welcome in this place', which states: Bethlehem Farm values a spirit of "Welcome Home" among the members of this community as an integral part of our Christian witness, specifically the Gospel cornerstones of prayer, simplicity, community, and service. We value the uniqueness of all persons as God's creatures. We welcome all people, regardless of age, race, color, ethnicity, nationality, gender, religion, political affiliation, income, marital status, familial status, physical ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, & military status, for example, precisely because of Christ's calling to treat others as we desire to be treated. We value vulnerable or minority members of this community as we value all members of this community. We condemn harassment of any kind, and our policies prohibit any such acts. We intentionally create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth in which none are strangers and all may flourish."

While there are many aspects of what goes into an organization, Fitts noted some of the most important things people should know.

"It is important for folks to know that Bethlehem Farm is a volunteer organization, made possible by the generous sharing of time of the staff and volunteers and donations from many people. Bethlehem Farm is also a Christian organization, happy to work with anyone and taking our inspiration from our faith. Bethlehem Farm's mission also in-



Recent Talcott project underway. Photo by Colleen Fitts.

cludes teaching sustainable practices to our volunteers, so we can take care of God's creation and our beautiful land here in West Virginia and beyond as our volunteers take lessons learned back to their homes around the country. In addition to our home repair program, we run the Green Neighbors program which helps folks access renewable energy installations like solar panels through a zero-interest loan, and which helps folks choose sustainable home repair materials at no extra cost beyond conventional materials."

Every project is unique, but certain aspects remain the same. For example, the criteria to choose which projects to undertake. The first consideration is whether or not the project is within Bethlehem Farm's coverage area. According to Fitts, "The Bethlehem Farm home repair program's Eastern limit is Caldwell, Southern limit is Union, Western limit is Nimitz, and Northern limit is Rupert."

"The next consideration is whether the job is with-

in our areas of expertise. For example, we do not do plumbing or electric work, but we do install windows. We can only take on projects that our high school and college volunteers can safely complete, such as one-story roofs and access steps. We ask homeowners to repay us on a monthly basis with zero interest for any materials used in the project, so that has to suit the family as well."

Fitts also noted that each year, the organization receives more applications than it can keep up with. Because of this, they prioritize urgent situations such as unsafe floors, a leaking roof and access needs such as wheelchair ramps. Additionally, Fitts said, "We would love to respond immediately to every application, but our long waiting list requires some patience on the part of the homeowner since it can take a year or two from application to project completion. We work diligently to serve as many people as possible. One of the best parts of doing this work is getting to know the homeowners



Repairs underway at recent Talcott project. Photo by Colleen Fitts.

and becoming friends as we work alongside each other. A recent client very kindly shared her delicious baked goods with us each day, to the delight of our youth volunteers and staff."

With each project comes a special connection with the client. While speaking about the length of various projects, Fitts said, "We do not take on extremely long and involved projects, in recognition of the many people waiting on our list. We work as fast as we can, given that our staff is working with hard-working but inexperienced volunteers who need to be taught their tasks each day. It can be bittersweet to finish a project—we are always happy for the homeowner to have a safer, healthier, home, but we do get attached, as clients become friends, and after we complete a project we miss the daily interactions."

Additionally, Fitts spoke about what makes Bethlehem Farm special stating, "Relationships and mutual respect are a big part of what makes Bethlehem Farm special. We encour-

age our staff and volunteers to take the time to get to know our homeowners. The homeowner is invited to be involved in the project in whatever way is practical, from swinging a hammer to sharing lemonade on a hot day to sharing stories about growing up in West Virginia. We often remain in touch with homeowners long after a project is completed, and we invite anyone, clients and neighbors alike, to our 'Community Night' Dinners throughout the year. We appreciate making new friends and getting to know neighbors better. Being a good neighbor is a West Virginia tradition and a strength of the Summers County community. We have learned from our neighbors what it means to be a 'good neighbor' and our faith calls us to spread this neighborly love to anyone who could use an extra hand."

For more information about Bethlehem Farm, call 304-445-7143 or email caretakers@bethlehemfarm.net. You can also visit the farm online at Bethlehemfarm.net and on Social media.

Bumblebee's Mountain Outreach gathering hats

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

Last year, a long-time Summers County resident, Kendra (KK) Ratliff, organized an outreach program to provide winter hats and scarves to the community. The outreach is called Bumblebee's Mountain Outreach, and they are ready to give out even more hats this year.

According to Ratliff, the mission of Bumblebee's Mountain Outreach is "to bring joy to others through even the smallest of acts." The name is in remembrance of her brother Rex Lusk who sadly passed away in 2016. Ratliff said, "The name came from the nickname my grandfather gave him at a young age, Bumblebee, and his love for my grandfather's farm on the

mountain, which we owned together."

In December of 2021, the outreach approached Talcott Fire Department to see if they would allow them to throw the hats they gathered during the department's Christmas parade. They agreed, and the race was on to collect as many hats as possible. Ratliff noted that people from surrounding communities pitched in to donate "crocheted, knitted and store-bought hats and scarves." In only two weeks, Bumblebee's Mountain Outreach had gathered an impressive 75 hats and one scarf, which were given out during the parade. She said, "We could have given so many more to those watching the parade last year, but we were so thankful for what we had to give and to see all



Some of the hats given away in 2021. Photo by KK Ratliff.

the smiling faces." This year, the outreach wants to gather at least four times the number of items to not only give out during this year's parade but also to give Loaves and Fishes for their clients. In the future, Ratliff said they will not only continue this program but also plan other events "that

will focus on acts of kindness and encouragement for those struggling with mental health issues." If you would like to donate items to Bumblebee's Mountain Outreach hat drive, contact them through the Facebook page under the same name. Hats of all sizes are accepted.

REACHH After School Returns to Talcott Elementary

With the start of the new school year approaching, REACHH-Family Resource Center is pleased to announce the return of their After School Program to Talcott Elementary School. After a long hiatus, they are excited to be back at the home of the Pirates. Beginning on September 6th, students will be provided a full meal, assistance with their homework, and have an opportunity to participate in many crafts and activities throughout the 2022-23 school year. The program will also be making its return to Hinton Area Elementary School, continuing its

strong tradition of service to students in our area. After School at both schools begin at 3:00 and concludes at 5:30. Applications for the REACHH After School program will be available at each school's open house event. There will be additional applications in the front office of both schools for parents who are unable to attend. Parents can also pick up applications at REACHH's main office, 411 Temple Street in Hinton. Spots for the After School Program are limited and awarded on a first come first serve basis.

A look at Summers County 4-H Camp 2022

BY LESLEY WOODRUM

For the first time since 2019, Summers County 4-H held its annual camp on June 12-17, 2022 at Camp Summers in Forest Hill, WV. With a crowd of enthusiastic campers and mostly beautiful weather, it was a great week. This year's theme was Summers County 4-H Flashback. On Tuesday, Cloverbuds came to 4-H Camp for the day. Cloverbuds are 5-8-year-olds who are interested in seeing what 4-H camp is all about! While there, they made crafts, toured the camp, sang songs, and enjoyed a pizza party. This year, tribes were full of 4-H spirit. They were enthusiastic and hard-working throughout the whole week. The Delaware tribe won the Spirit Stick for the week for their outstanding energy, teamwork, tribal duty performance, and enthusiasm. During the week, the tribes compete for points based on cleaning, sports, swimming, sportsmanship, bed checks, songs, skits, and teamwork. All of the tribes did a great job!

The chiefs and sags for the 2022 4-H Camp were: Cherokee: Anthony Buckland, Chief and Marissa Ruff, Sagamore; Delaware: Megan Richmond, Chief and Chloe Lester, Sagamore; Mingo: Laci Sears, Chief and River Hatcher, Sagamore. Seneca: Catey Short, Chief and Madi-

son Rollyson, Sagamore. The chiefs and sags are responsible for leading their tribe and setting a good example. All of the chiefs and sags worked hard and did a great job during camp. Each H of 4-H stands for something important. The Head H is for clearer thinking and making good decisions. The Heart H is for loyalty and caring. The Hand H stands for helping others while the Health H is for better living. Many well-deserved awards were given during camp. The winners were: Health H: Megan Richmond and Brandon Helms, Hands H: Alana Harrison, Heart H: Rhyen Eerenberg, and Head H: Paige Graham. The Mary Grace Surbaugh Return Scholarship was awarded to Gracie Lester and the Bob Baber Return Scholarship went to Greyson Gumm. The Outstanding First Year Male Camper was Jon Cottle and Outstanding First Year Female Camper was Bella Helms. The Camper of Character Scholarship was awarded to Dylan Galloway. Finally, for embodying head, heart, hands and health, the Spirit of Camp was awarded to Anthony Buckland. A new scholarship was created in 2022 and it was the Trey Bennett Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was given in memory of Trey Bennett, former Chero-

kee Chief, who embodied every aspect of what it means to be a true 4-H'er. Trey passed away in 2020 and is truly missed. It was an honor to be able to start this scholarship in Trey's memory and it was awarded to Chloe Lester. Thank you to all of the campers, counselors, chiefs and sags who made 2022 4-H camp such a big success. 4-H wishes to thank the following businesses, individuals, and organizations for contributions to camp: Big 4, City National Bank, First Community Bank, Fox Photographics, Hinton Area Foundation, Hinton Hope Foundation, Jarrell's Exxon, Pivont Funeral Home, R.T. Rogers Oil Co., Inc, Safe and Sound, Sears Septic Systems, Service Club, Summers County 4-H Leaders Association, United Way of Southern West Virginia, and various individuals. Summers County 4-H also received some very exciting news for camp 2023. Due to a very generous donation from the Petrarca family, all campers who attended this year for the duration of the week (that means until Friday night council circle was over) will receive a full scholarship to Summers County 4-H Camp in 2023. Summers County 4-H is truly grateful for this gift and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2023 as well as new campers!

Community Obituaries



Dana L. Stalnaker STALNAKER
Dana L. Stalnaker, 91, of Talcott, gained his heavenly reward; his faith is now sight; on Sunday, August 7, 2022, at CAMC General Hospital, following a short illness. Born August 1, 1931, at Braxton County, WV, he was the son of the late Samuel and Lula Underwood Stalnaker. He served his country during the Korean War as a Corporal with the First and Third Armored

Divisions. He worked as an orderly for the Weston and Hinton Hospitals, as a former insurance salesman, and as a factory worker. He was a former charter member of the Greenbrier Valley Rural Fire Dept. After his graduation from Seminary in Kentucky, he served as Pastor for Steer Run Baptist Church, until 1966, when he was called to be the pastor of the Rollynsburg Baptist Church, where he served, until the Lord called him home. Preacher Stalnaker enjoyed gospel music, singing in the quartet at church functions, watching westerns, reading Louis L'Amour books, and spending time with his family, church family, friends, but especially his grandchildren. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor Stalnaker; great-grandson, Aiden Jackson; siblings, Marvis Rollyson, Virl Stalnaker,

Virlin Stalnaker, Kelsie Stalnaker, Irene Jarvis, Opal Jarvis, and Thurl Stalnaker. Those left to cherish his memory include two sons, Mark S. Stalnaker of Newport News, VA and Matthew A. Stalnaker and wife, Jamie of Hinton; grandchildren, Rachel, Stephen, Emily, Rebecca, Daniel, Luke, Brooke, and Bruce Jr.; great-grandchildren, Avah, Mila, and Alexander. Funeral services were held 12 p.m. Thursday, August 11, 2022, at the Rollynsburg Baptist Church with Pastors Don Bean and Joe Collins officiating. Burial followed in the Talcott Cemetery. Friends could call from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at the Rollynsburg Baptist Church at Talcott. Family served as pallbearers. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.ronaldmeadowsfp.com. Arrangements are by the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors of Hinton.

Summers County Submits \$3.0M ARC POWER Broadband Application

The Summers County Commission has applied for grant funding for another broadband project. The goal of this broadband project is to achieve affordable, high-speed broadband coverage from the Jumping Branch-Nimitz area south including Leatherwood Road and down to the county line. Region 1 Planning and Development Council helped coordinate the county submission to the Appalachian Regional Commission. "This effort is part of our comprehensive plan to cover Summers County in affordable,

high-speed Internet", said Commissioner Ted Kula. He added, "This is one of three major projects that we are working on right now. We are also looking at wireless opportunities so we can get broadband to our residents more quickly while the fiber buildouts happen." This application requires 25% matching funds, and Summers County has tentatively entered into an agreement with an Internet Service Provider who will provide the required \$600K match. Commissioner Kula heralded Region 1's efforts to

help the county with the submission. "This was a complicated application. It required coordinating many different organization inputs, detailed mapping, and lots of calculations. Summers County thanks Region 1 for their skilled efforts to help bring fiber broadband to our residents."



Myrtle Marie Holland HOLLAND
Myrtle Marie Holland, 92, of Hinton, passed away Sunday, August 7, 2022, at Bowers Hospice House in Beckley. Born September 9, 1929 at Green Sulphur Springs,

WV, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Cordelia Cales Ayers. Ms. Holland was a graduate of Sandstone High School and was a homemaker. She was a member of Lick Creek Baptist Church at Sandstone and was a lifelong resident of Summers County. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin Owen Holland; one son, Gary Holland; and several brothers and sisters. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Survivors include a daughter, Julia Cassa and husband, Ronald of Williamsburg, VA; daughter-in-law, Janis Holland of Hinton; one grandson, Dave

Holland and wife, Nedra of Hinton. Memorial services will be held at 12 p.m. Friday, September 9, 2022, at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with Minister Gary Adkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Halidan Cemetery at Green Sulphur Springs. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home September 9th. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Main Street Care or Hospice of Southern West Virginia. Online condolences at www.pivontfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Pivont Funeral Home, Hinton, WV.

Madams Creek Road to Close Monday, August 15, 2022

Summers Co., WV (Hinton News) - County Route 12/2, Madams Creek Road, will be closed at milepost 0.39 beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, 2022, through Friday, Aug. 19, 2022, for a drainage structure repair. Inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances may affect the project schedule. Traffic will be detoured along County Route 3/1 (Will Dodd Road) for 1.49 miles to

County Route 12/1 (Broomstraw Ridge Road) for 1.62 miles to County Route 3/21 (Madams Creek Road) for 1.73 miles to WV 3. WVDOH expresses its apologies for the inconvenience this closure may cause citizens and guests to the area. Motorists are asked to obey all traffic control signs and devices and use caution while traveling around the work zone.



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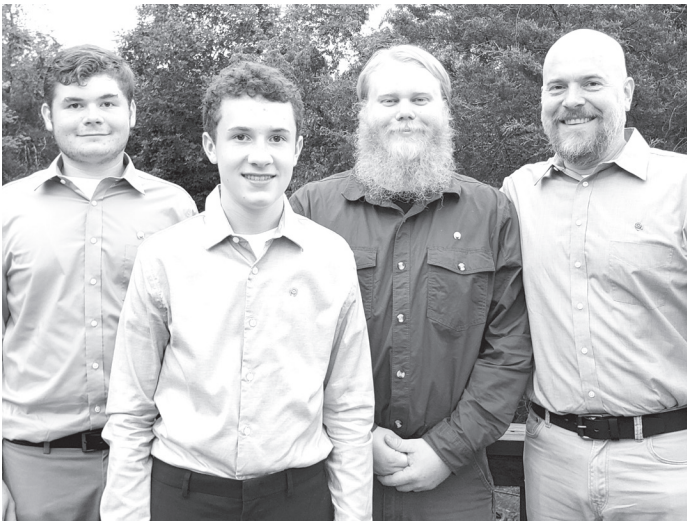
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Golden Horseshoe winners run in the family

Wade Hunter was Knighted by State Superintendent of Schools, Clayton Burch, into the Golden Horseshoe Society in Charleston on June 14. The Golden Horseshoe became a symbol of scholastic achievement to honor students who excel in the study of West Virginia history. The Golden Horseshoe test has been administered in West Virginia each year since 1931 and is the longest-running program of its kind in any state. The top-scoring students in each county receive the prestigious award and are inducted as "Knights" or "Ladies" of the Golden Horseshoe Society.

Wade is the fourth member of the Hunter family to receive this award. The other members are his brother, Luke, winner in 2020, Wade, this year's



Left to Right: Luke, Wade, Jacob and James.

winner, his cousin, Jacob, winner in 2010, and his father, James, the winner from Summers County in 1987. Wade and Luke are the sons of James and Tanya Hunter of Keenan and Jacob is the son of Mark and Cheryl Hunter of Hol-

lywood. Jacob, Luke and Wade are the grandsons of Tommy and Martha Hunter of Hollywood, Monroe County, formerly of Hinton. Luke and Wade are also the grandsons of Kathy Harvey and the late Jim Harvey, of Talcott.

Memories of the West Virginia State Fair

BY LISA ABSHIRE

The one constant memory I have from every summer growing up is going to the West Virginia State Fair. The excitement would become palpable as the first day of the fair drew closer.

My Dad would distract me with stories of the fair from when he was growing up. He told me about a time he and a relative decided they were full grown and would go to the hoochy coochy show. I don't think Dad was too sure what that was, but he went along with his cousin.

They got cigars and sat in the back. Dad said it wasn't long until women in what looked like bathing suits came out. They all had roses. Dad and his cousin noticed it was getting rowdy. Eventually, the women threw the

roses into the crowd, and a fight broke out. My Dad and his cousin ducked under the tent and ran. I don't think Dad ever tried out a side-show like that again.

Going to the fair was a whole different experience back in the day. There wasn't any paving, so any time it rained, everything turned muddy. One year, a horrible downpour covered the fairgrounds. People kept walking right out of their shoes that became stuck in the mud. Talk about a mess!

I never could leave the fair without riding the carousel or getting cotton candy and a candy apple. Those were my favorite things for many years. I remember eating the candy coating off the apple but not wanting the actual apple. Mom wasn't too happy until she tasted it and

realized how sour the apple was.

Our family tradition was to sing this little song on the way to the fair every year. I don't know where my Dad first heard it, but it was always our fair song. It went something like this, "Well, we went to the animal fair, and the birds and the bees were there. And the old baboon by the light of the moon was combing his auburn hair".

That's how I always knew we were definitely on the way to the fabulous fair. It was always so thrilling to me. And still is.

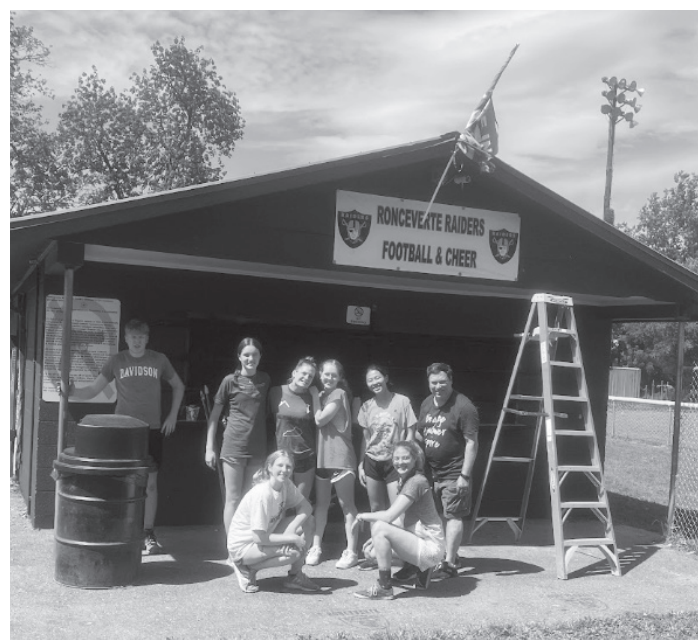
Now this year, my kids and I will carry on the tradition. We will sing the song as we head to the State Fair of West Virginia. Preparing for the next generation of making memories.

Chicago teens volunteer in Greenbrier Valley

Twelve teenagers and three adults from suburban Chicago, First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette, volunteered in the Greenbrier Valley last week. They attended Ronceverte Presbyterian Church's summer workshop program.

"The pandemic has taken a toll on our program, but the group got us rolling once again. They worked tremendously hard to complete several big projects in a single week," said Rev. Stephen Baldwin.

The group built two handicap accessibility ramps in Rupert under the leadership of Fred Kellerman at Wellspring. They also worked at Ronceverte Island Park, building a new privacy fence at the dog park and painting the youth sports concession stand. In addition, they worked at the Family Refugee Center for several days, doing landscaping, repairing the privacy fence and providing new toys for the



children.

The workcamp program provides faith-based county service projects across the region. Since its inception in 2011, dozens of groups from all over the country have come to work. Local nonprofits partner with the church to provide work projects.

"The young people come to change someone's life,

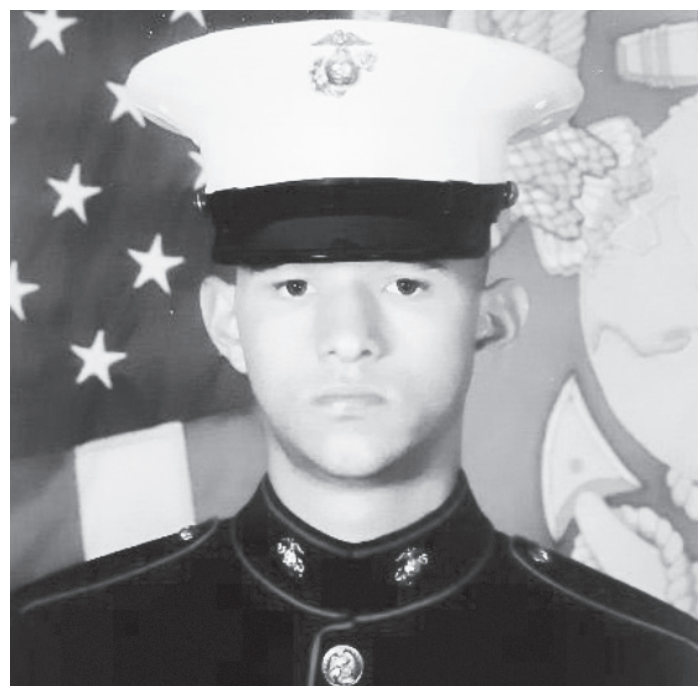
but they end up having their life changed by helping others," said Baldwin. "These young people come to work, and we are grateful for their service."

Ronceverte Presbyterian Church is located at 261 Locust Street in Ronceverte. For more information, please visit www.RoncevertePres.org or call (304) 647-4400.

Levi Gill graduates Marine Corp boot camp

Pvt. Levi Edward Gill, 19, of Hinton W.Va., graduated from the United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island on July 01, 2022. Pvt. Gill Successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRO Parris Island as one of 45 recruits in Training, Platoon 3040 Kilo Company. While in recruit training Pvt. Gill achieved Expert Marksmanship. Following ten days home on leave, he reported to Infantry Training Battalion.


Pvt. Gill is a lifelong resident of Summers County and a graduate of Pipestem Christian Academy.



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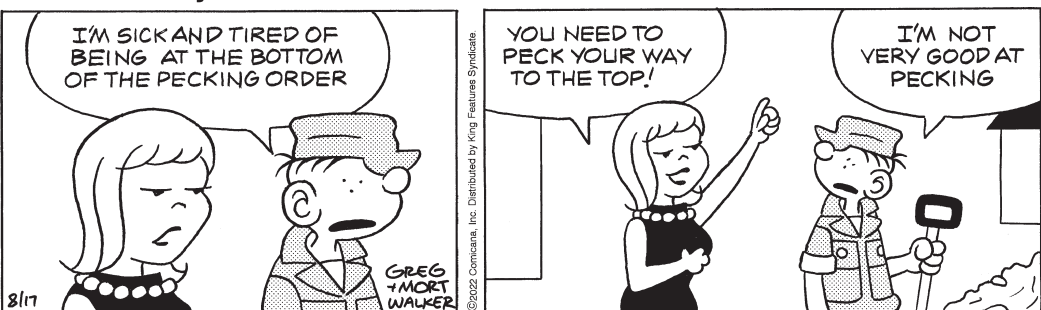
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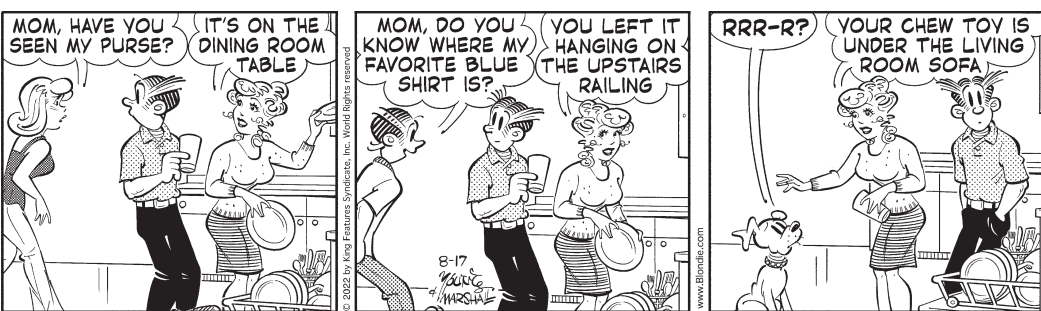
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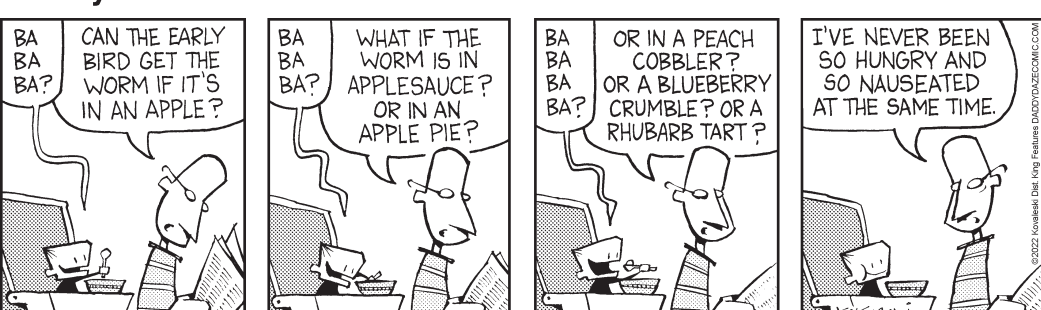
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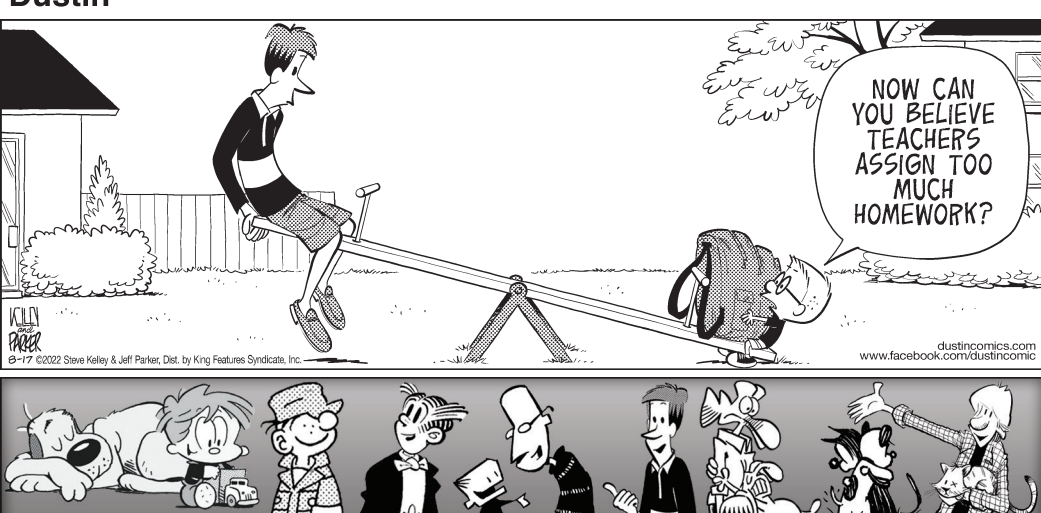
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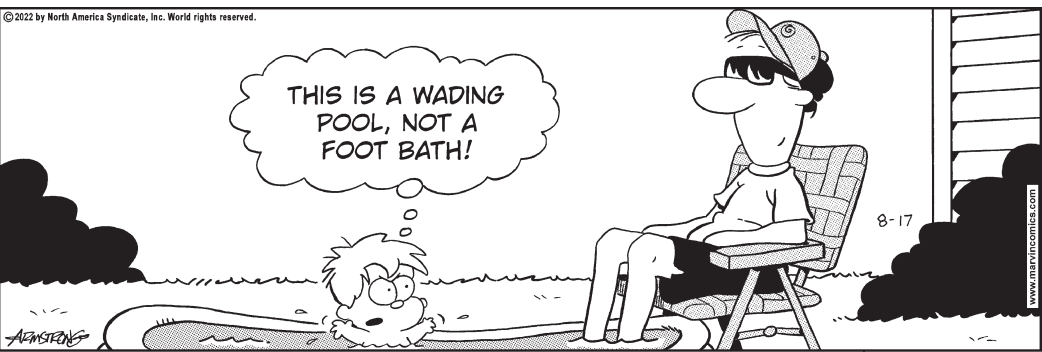
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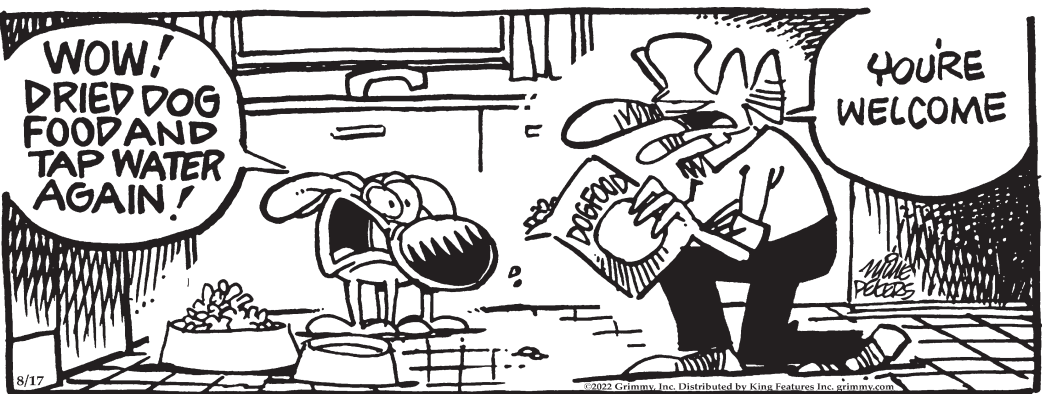
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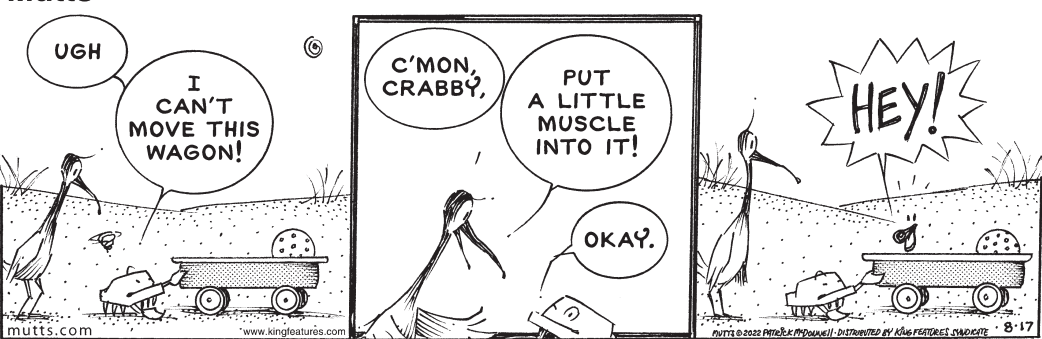
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022: You are independent and like to do your own thing. You're a maverick with strong opinions. Nevertheless, you appear confident, calm and reliable. Simplicity is your theme this year. Physical exercise is important. Work to build something that is important to you, either physically externally, or an internal structure within you.

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)
3★ Kick back and relax today. However, if you have to work, the hours will creep by slowly. Don't be hard on yourself if you are not that productive, because this is a "fuzzy" day. Cope as best you can. Value your creative ideas. Tonight: Protect your assets.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
3★ Fortunately, relations with family members are polite, because both the Sun and Venus are in the part of your chart relating to home and family. Nevertheless, today is ripe for confusion and misunderstandings. Don't make a big deal about anything. Tonight:

You have the advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
4★ Be clear in all your communications with others today, because people might make incorrect assumptions. Meanwhile, you will welcome opportunities to relax and daydream. Your heightened imagination might help an artistic project. Tonight: Seek solitude.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
3★ Make no assumptions when it comes to financial matters today, because this is an area where things can be fuzzy. If you're involved in a financial negotiation, be very specific. Know what you're talking about and get it down on paper. Make no assumptions. If

shopping, keep your receipts. Tonight: Listen to others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
3★ It's important for you to know that you are high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. Meanwhile, you have Vaseline on your lens. You might not see things as clearly as you usually do. Or perhaps your words and actions are misunderstood by someone else. Be aware of this. Tonight: Do nothing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
3★ With Mercury in your sign now, you are keen to express yourself to others. You're ready to tell it like it is. However, do be aware that today there is an element of confusion, almost a "lazy logic" that makes everyone's thinking a bit sluggish. Do your best to be clear. Tonight: Postpone plans.

Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
2★ Don't jump to conclusions when dealing with bosses, parents, teachers or the police -- or anyone in a position of authority -- because today wrong assumptions are easy to make. You might think you know what someone expects of you, but do you really? Take a moment to clarify everyone's expectations. Tonight: Coast.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
3★ Steer clear of arguments about politics, religion and racial issues. Not only are these hot topics any day of the week, today communications are fuzzy. Don't waste time arguing about something that could be pointless. Double-check travel plans to catch errors or omissions. Tonight: Rest.

something important. Tonight: Play!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
3★ Be clear in your communications with partners and close friends today. Very likely, they will make a wrong assumption about something that you say, or perhaps it works the other way around. You might jump to a conclusion about something that they did not mean at all. Tonight: Some confusion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
2★ Don't be down on yourself if you feel tired working. Likewise, be forgiving about others if they seem lazy. Communications about your work, anything that is health-related or anything to do with a pet are all subject to confusion. Tonight: Relax.

BORN TODAY
Actor Robert De Niro (1943), actress Rachel Hurd-Wood (1990), actor, director Sean Penn (1960)

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Doubtfire or Dalloway

4 Pesky insect

8 Blaze

12 "Alley —"

13 Verdi heroine

14 Booty

15 Sugar suffix

16 Some online essays

18 Doppler device

20 "Diamonds" singer

21 Brzezinski of MSNBC

24 Group character

28 Coin that keeps turning up

32 Stitched

33 Artist Yoko

34 "— luck!"

36 Actor Stephen

37 Euro fraction

39 Pub game

41 Cognizant

43 "No seats" signs

44 Olympics chant

46 Loan shark's crime

50 Ginsberg and Kerouac, for two

55 — Maria

56 Eyebrow shape

57 Micro-wave, slangly

58 Request

59 Citi Field team

60 Love god

61 "— a Rebel"

DOWN

1 Heath

2 Activist Parks

3 Raced

4 Angel with a trumpet

5 Zero

6 Com-motion

7 Labels

8 Parade attractions

9 Cyclades island

10 Decay

11 UFO engi-neers

12 Diner dessert

13 Sound booster

14 Handle

23 Poker payments

25 Medal earner

26 Actor Clive

27 Hitch

28 — Raton, Fla.

29 From the start

30 Lady of Spain

31 Belgian river

35 Stirs up

38 "We hold these — to be ..."

40 Letter addenda, for short

42 Sixth sense

45 Top-notch

47 Beehive State

48 Get up

49 Tibetan herd

50 "Kapow!"

51 Before

52 Play segment

53 Where Lux. is

54 Ring decision

Solution time: 23 mins.

Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

JUMBLE

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

TECIH

ALKPN

TMRUET

NFSUUG

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

WHEN CREATING A MEMORABLE SOUNDTRACK FOR "JAWS," JOHN WILLIAMS WAS ---

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

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Last Wednesday's Answers

Jumbles: OFTEN HONOR POMPOM STORMY

Answer: NASA developed the Artemis program to once again — SHOOT FOR THE MOON

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column, or box.

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated June 30, 2016, executed by Borrowers, Christina L Hornsby and Dewayne H Hornsby, to Andrew C. Skinner, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Book 282, at Page 112. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 1198 Meadow Creek Rd, Meadow Creek, WV 25977. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSION TRUSTEE dated May 26, 2022, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 311, Page 197. The borrowers defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Summers County, in Hinton, West Virginia, on the following date:

19th day of August, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

TRACT ONE: All of that certain lot, tract of parcel of land, together with all improvements thereon, and easements and appurtenances thereto belonging, situate in Green Sulphur District of Summers County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as: BEGINNING at a marked stone on the east end of the Robert W. Cox property; thence in a westerly direction with the Meadow Creek Road 101 feet to iron rod; thence in a northerly direction to the back of the Cox property to a marked stone; thence in an easterly direction 101 feet to a marked stone; thence in a southerly direction to the point of Beginning, containing 1 1/2 acres, more or less. There is also conveyed unto the parties of the second part by the parties of the first part a right of way 12 feet wide running from the Meadow Creek Road entering at the driveway of the parties of the first part and running parallel with the length of said lot for a distance of 40 feet and thence entering the lot herein conveyed and described.

TRACT TWO: A certain parcel of real estate, being a part of a larger tract, which parcel is situate in Green Sulphur District of Summers County, West Virginia, and which parcel borders on real estate heretofore conveyed to the parties of the second part by the parties of the first part, and is described as follows: BEGINNING at the edge of the right of way of Secondary Route 7, between Meadow Creek and Sandstone, at a stake on the Cox line running with Cox up the hill a distance of approximately 75 feet to an elm tree, and with the same line continuing up the hill to the Berry heirs; thence with the Berry heirs approximately 120 feet to the line of Plumley; thence with the line of Plumley approximately 600 feet back to the Secondary route 7; thence with said right of way of Secondary Route 7 to the place of beginning and Cox line a distance of 100 feet. There is EXCEPTED and RESERVED a sewer line easement, from Lloyd Paul Plumley and Ruth K. Plumley to Meadow Creek Public Service District, recorded in the County Clerks Office of Summers County, West Virginia, in Book 19, at page 52. And being the same property acquired by Christina L. Hornsby and Dewayne Hornsby, by deed dated the 29th day of June, 2016, from Lloyd Paul Plumley and Ruth Katherine Plumley, to be recorded in the County Clerks Office of Raleigh County, West Virginia, prior to or simultaneously herewith.

Being the same property conveyed to Christina L Hornsby and Dewayne H Hornsby by the Deed dated June 29, 2016 and recorded in Deed Book 256 at Page 79 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia.

TERMS OF SALE:

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- 4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

WV Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee

BY: Dionne Reynolds, Limited Sign-off Officer

WV Trustee Services, LLC McGuire Office Center 618 Tenth Street, Suite 108 Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 853-3336 dionne.reynolds@wvtrusteeservices.com (10,17ag)

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Public Information Office 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304 304-926-0440

PUBLIC NOTICE - RECEIPT OF VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION APPLICATION

PUBLIC NOTICE NO.: VRP #21037

NEWSPAPER: Hinton News

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: August 8, 2022

New River Gorge Regional Development Authority (NRGRDA) has submitted an application to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) to participate in a voluntary environmental cleanup at the former Hinton Ice House under the Voluntary Remediation and Redevelopment Act. The site is located at 508 Commercial Avenue, Hinton, West Virginia, and is approximately 0.437 acres in size.

The site is currently developed with a three-story commercial structure formerly operated as the Hinton Ice House. Based on historic records, the site was formerly developed with several dwellings, until circa 1905 when a wholesale hardware store was developed on the southeastern corner of the property. The existing structure was operated as a wholesale grocery and cold storage between 1922 and the 1930's, and as a meat packing plant in the 1940's. Additionally, the eastern side of the site was formerly utilized as a coal yard.

The Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) at the WVDEP is currently negotiating a Voluntary Remediation Agreement with the applicant to address environmental conditions associated with the site. The agreement includes provisions for assessing potential environmental contaminants; evaluating human health and ecological risks; establishing remediation standards; and, performing any cleanup necessary to meet the standards. At project conclusion, the applicant will submit a Final Report, documenting that all work is complete.

Application No.: VRP #21037

Applicant: New River Gorge Regional Development Authority 116 N. Heber St., Suite B Beckley, WV 25801

Site Location: 508 Commercial Avenue Hinton, Summers County, WV

Current Site Use: The on-site building is currently vacant. Adjacent land is used for storage of equipment by the City of Hinton.

Suspected Contaminants: Contaminants of potential concern include metals, SVOCs, PCBs, and VOCs.

Proposed Cleanup Method and Methods to Control Possible Health Exposure: It is anticipated that a combination of institutional and/or engineering controls will be used to control possible health exposure, based on the results of the environmental risk assessment.

Proposed Future Use (Brownfields Sites Only): Recreational

Application Availability: Interested individuals may review and/or copy the Voluntary Remediation Program application at the following locations: Hinton City Hall 322 Summers St. Hinton, WV 25951 Phone: 304-466-3255

WVDEP – Office of Environmental Remediation 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304 Phone: 304-926-0499, ext. 41206

Questions or Comments: Questions or comments regarding this application should be directed to either: Matthew Ford, Licensed Remediation Specialist 292 Oak Carriage Drive Lewisburg, WV 24901 Phone: 304-520-4260 or Kevin Richardson, WVDEP 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, West Virginia 25840 Phone: 304-574-4465 (17ag)

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440, TDD: (304) 926-0493, and VOICE-TO-TDD RELAY: 1-800-422-5700. APPLICATION FOR A CLASS 5 UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: JL-43-22

Public Notice Date: August 17, 2022

Paper: Hinton News

The following has applied for a Class 5 Underground Injection Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Application No.: 1472-17-089

Applicant: Appalachian Headwaters, Inc. PO Box 468 Lewisburg, WV 24901

Facility: Appalachian Headwaters, Inc., 1 camp Lightfoot Rd, Hinton, WV 25951

Latitude: 37:36:30

Longitude: 80:48:08

Business conducted: Private/Non-Profit - Apiary, Education Ctr., Conference Space, Honey Processing Ctr. and native plant nursery

Activity: Discharge solely sanitary waste to an underground sewage disposal system.

The State of West Virginia will act on the above application in accordance with the West Virginia Legislative Rules, Title 47, Series 13, Section 14.24 issued pursuant to Chapter 22, Article 11 and Article 12.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this public notice. Comments or requests should be addressed to: Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304-2345 ATTN: Judy Lupson, Permitting

The public comment period begins August 17, 2022 and ends September 16, 2022.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to issuance of the permit. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. A public hearing may be held if the Director determines there is significant public interest in one or more issues relevant to the draft permit. Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information

The application, draft permit or fact sheet may be inspected by appointment at the Division of Water and Waste Management, 601 57th St SE, Charleston, WV 25304 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on business days. Copies of documents may be obtained upon request. Individuals requiring Telecommunication Device (TDD) may contact our agency by calling 800-422-5700 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For further information, contact the person identified above at (304) 926-0495, or judy.k.lupson@wv.gov. (17ag)

Tariff Form No. 8-C (Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 220,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2022, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will increase revenue approximately \$90,914,544 annually, an increase of approximately 73.8%.

The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of Mountaineer Gas COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	INCREASE	INCREASE
Residential	\$ 25.08	34.67 %
Commercial	\$ 125.40	42.35 %
Industrial	\$ 28,212.95	117.09 %
Resale	\$ 2,404.00	55.78 %

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan Valley Gas Co., Cardinal Natural Gas Company Northern Division (formerly known as Lumberport-Shinnston Gas Company and Blacksville Oil & Gas Company, Inc.) Consumers Gas Utility Co., Dominion Energy WV, Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi, and Southern Public Service.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company:

Mountaineer Gas Company Office

- 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 22-0393-E-ENEC

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY, public utilities.

Petition to initiate the annual review and update to the ENEC rates currently in effect.

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULING OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING

On April 19, 2022, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (jointly the Companies) filed their 2022 petition to initiate the annual review and update of Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) rates. The Companies propose to increase ENEC rates to produce an additional \$297 million in annual ENEC revenues, an increase of 17%.

If approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
Residential	\$98,227,830	13%
Commercial	\$64,447,776	17%
Industrial	\$133,931,012	24%

The evidentiary hearing previously scheduled for August 2, 2022, will be held on October 4, 2022 (and continuing to October 5, 2022, if necessary) beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 20 I Brooks Street, Charleston, WV.

Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible although protests will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests and Petitions to Intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Summers County's Three Rivers Democratic Women invites the public to Pies and Politics

Summers County's Three Rivers Democratic Women invites the public to Pies and Politics, a candidates forum on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

Candidates from all parties listed on the Summers County ballots are invited to speak. The Forum will be held at the Memorial Building on the corner of 1st Avenue and James Street in Hinton beginning at 5:00 p.m.

From 5:00 to 6:00, there will be pies for the silent auction which can also be sampled for \$1 per slice. Other pies will be live auctioned between speakers. Proceeds of the pie auction will support Summers County charities.

NOTICE

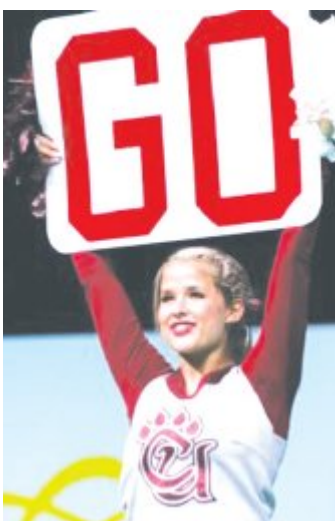
The Summers County Dilapidated Structures Committee is seeking licensed contractors to perform demolition, major repairs, or minor repairs.

If you wish to be included on this list, please leave a voicemail at 304-466-9245 or email DilapidatedStructures@summerscountywv.gov with your company name, email, phone, person to contact, and contractor license number.

Concord cheerleaders host prospect camp with scholarship opportunities

ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton news) – Concord University Cheerleaders will hold a one-day camp on Saturday, September 10 to help area athletes improve their skills. High school seniors may be invited to compete for scholarships and officially sign with Concord for the 2023-2024 season. Concord Cheer Prospect Camp is for eighth through 12th-grade students. Participants will meet in the Carter Center Dance Studio beginning at 9 a.m. and will work with our DII cheerleaders until 11 a.m.

The cost is \$50. Campus tours will be available for interested participants at 11:30 a.m. and attendees are also invited to watch the Mountain Lions take on Glenville State at 1 p.m. Space is limited. Register at concord.edu/cheercamp by September 3 to take advantage of this exciting opportunity. You will need to upload a physical copy of your current insurance at registration. If you have additional questions, please email Coach Jessica Doty at cheer@concord.edu.



Summers County Schools provide meals to students at no cost

HINTON, W.V. (Hinton News) – Students in Summers County will have the opportunity to eat a no-cost breakfast and lunch at school through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program. The CEP was enacted as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act and provides universal meal service to children in high-poverty areas. This is the fourth year for the option. The CEP serves as an alternative to collecting, approving and verifying household eligibility applications for free- and reduced-price eligible students in high-poverty Local Education Agencies (LEAs). If at least 40 percent of a school's student population is directly certified for

free meal benefits, the entire school qualifies for the option. "I am proud that Summers County Schools will be participating in the CEP program to help meet a crucial need for many students in our county," said, Mr. David Warvel, Superintendent of Summers County Schools. "We know academic achievement increases when our students are well-fed and ready to learn, and we must provide secure and reliable access to nutritious meals so all students have a chance to achieve at the highest level possible." Summers County expects to have 4 schools participate in the CEP. These schools include Summers County Comprehensive High School, Hinton Area Elementary School,

Talcott Elementary School, and Jumping Branch Elementary School. The program allows the school system to feed nearly 1,400 students each day. The 2017 Feeding America: Map the Meal Gap data reports high levels of food insecurity and hunger across the country. In West Virginia, more than 14 percent of residents, and over 79,000 children, live in food insecure households. For more information, contact Summers County Schools, 418 Temple Street, Hinton, WV 25951, or please call 304-466-6000. You may also visit our website at scswv.us

Summers County Courthouse News

Marriages
None.

Fiduciaries
David Pettry, Administrator of the Virginia Dare Pettry estate;
Stephanie Michelle Dressler, Administrator of the Lois C Ward estate;
Ronielle R Cole, Administrator of the Bonnie Ruth Bennett estate;
Wendy Leigh Ward, Administrator of the Brenda Joyce Ellison estate;
Mary Lynn Plumley, Administrator of the Tommy Regan Plumley estate;
Teresa King, Administrator of the Mattie Dean Dick estate;
Sandra Humphries, Administrator of the Janet Lee Richmond estate;
Linda J Huffman, Administrator of the David L Huffman estate;
Anna R Ziegler, Administrator of the Daniel Harmon estate;
Linda M Rodes, Administrator of the Charles Richard Rodes estate;
Vincent H Adkins and Wilfred E Adkins, Co-Administrators of the Erie W Adkins estate.

Land Transfers
Emily Landseidel to Emily Landseidel and Joshua R Mitchem, 2 Tracts, Green Sulphur District;
Eugene R Jones Jr. to Jeffery J Chambers and Linda K Chambers, 0.09 acres more or less, Talcott District;
Nicky J Strattis and Susan J Strattis to John R Grossman and Kristin M Stover, 10 acres more or less, Pipestem District;
Rebecca McLaughlin to Jeffrey McLaughlin, 3 Tracts, Jumping Branch District;
Donald R Basham and Kenneth W Brogan to Jeffrey McLaughlin, 37.75 acres, Jumping Branch District;
Eugene R Jones Jr. to Peaceful Properties LLC, 196.44 acres more or less, Talcott District;
Cynthia Mclung to Deidre Hendrick, Tract 4, Jumping Branch District;
Franklin W Lilly to Cristina F Graham, 5.614 acres more or less, Jumping Branch District.

August 5th Market Report:

Steers:	
300-400	\$170-192.50
400-500	\$161-185
600-700	\$160-173
700-800	\$160-170
800-900	\$158

Heifers:	
400-500	\$142-161
500-600	\$135-146
600-700	\$140-150
700-800	\$148-155

Cows
\$65-92 Avg \$81.09

Bulls
Avg \$104

CLOSED Aug. 12th & Aug. 19th

LOWEST SELLER FEES IN THE REGION!

STRONG SALES EVERY FRIDAY AT 2 PM

Thanks everyone for your support, The Myers Family
Brandon Myers
- Managing Member

Strong Sales Every Friday at 2PM

Cattleman's Livestock Exchange
34906 Midland Trail East, Caldwell, WV 24925
304-667-2178

Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program to begin closing procedures

CHARLESTON, W.VA (Hinton News) – The state's program to help renters pay for housing costs during the COVID-19 pandemic is winding down after paying out hundreds of millions of dollars in rent and utility payments. The application portal will remain available for a limited time to first-time applicants seeking help with rent and utility payments. As of August 9, 2022, renters that have already received funding will no longer be able to reapply. The change is necessary because of the program's success. Although the program is winding down, applications that were submitted before August 9 will still be reviewed for eligibility and processed, and new first-time applications will be considered in accordance with Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program and U.S. Treasury guidelines. "The Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program has distributed more than \$139 million to satisfy over 45,000 claims in emergency federal aid to help tens of thousands of West Virginians stay in their homes and connected to utilities," said Erica Boggess, executive director of the West Virginia Housing Development Fund. "Millions of Americans were deeply affected by the pandemic, experiencing unemployment, reduced wages, and increased costs. Congress responded by making emergency funding available to address a host of issues, including housing, so that even in dark economic times people could maintain housing stability." The Mountaineer Rental Assistance program was funded through federal COVID relief funding to provide emergency rental assistance to help renters cover rental costs due to COVID-19-related hardships. The Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program launched in March 2021 to provide eligible West Virginia renters with funds to help with rent and utility payments. Funding was also made available to help with security deposits, utility connections, and recovery program fees. Renters facing eviction and other housing stability issues now have access to free legal services through a unique partnership with Legal Aid of West Virginia

has been our focus long before the pandemic hit and will remain our focus going forward. We will continue working with other agencies and developers across the state to ensure all West Virginians have access to safe, affordable homes." It is vital that renters who have applied for assistance review their applications to ensure all requested documents are submitted and to reply to any communications from their caseworkers. Failure to do so will result in the application being rejected. Landlords must

be registered in the system to be paid for a tenant's application. Landlords and tenants can go to www.wvrentalassistance.com to review eligibility and document requirements. For assistance, call 1-866-623-6284 or visit <https://help.wvmrap.com> to log in and view or track your application.

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