



## Little Bluestone Community Forest Project receives grant



River near Cooper's Mill. Photo by WVLT.

**Summers County,** (Hinton News) - The American Water Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization established by American Water, recently announced five organizations in West Virginia, including the West Virginia Land Trust, have each received a 2022 Water and Environment Grant.

The West Virginia Land Trust (WVLT) has been awarded \$26,338 in support of the Little Bluestone Community Forest project in Summers County. With these grant funds in place, WVLT plans to acquire the property in the fall of this year.

WVLT is leading the fundraising and land protection efforts to purchase 370 acres in Summers County for the purpose of creating a community forest. The land neighbors the National Park Service Bluestone National Scenic River and surrounds the Cooper's Mill historic site owned by the Summers County Commission.

"West Virginia American Water is proud to support the Little Bluestone Community Forest project, as this land is located within our source water protection zone of critical concern," said Robert Burton, president, West Virginia Amer-

ican Water. "By conserving land that surrounds rivers and streams, we are protecting the drinking water for the community of Hinton."

Funder support will allow WVLT to acquire the forest and manage it for community benefits, providing additional public access and recreational opportunities on the Little Bluestone River while also protecting vital water supplies and wildlife habitat. Access to the site for regular public use will be subject to the future development of access, parking, and trails.

In addition to receiving a grant from American Wa-



Cooper's Mill. Photo by WVLT.

ter, WVLT has accessed funding for this project from a variety of other funders including the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, West Virginia Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund, and USDA Forest Service Community Forest Program - this project is the first awarded by the program in West Virginia.

"This project is valuable to the entire region as it not only impacts the city of Hinton but also Summers County and Mercer County as the project develops. Future trails could tie into the Bluestone Turnpike Trail which will provide access from the Bluestone State

Park and Pipestem State Park to the community forest and Cooper's Mill. The hike is beautiful along the scenic river, making this a great destination for tourists," said Jack Woodrum, State Senator, and former Summers County Commission.

In 2020, the Summers County community approached the WVLT to partner on the purchase and preservation of the Little Bluestone property. Supporters of this community forest project include the Summers County Commission, State Senator Woodrum, Representative Miller, Senator Capito, Senator

Manchin, National Park Service, Summers County Historical Society, City of Hinton, Hinton Area Foundation, Summers County Historic Landmark Commission, and the West Virginia Division of Forestry.

WVLT is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to protecting West Virginia's special places forever. Since 1994, the organization has protected over 20,000 acres of land, creating outdoor recreation opportunities, safeguarding our drinking water supplies, protecting scenic views, preserving historic sites and family farms, and much more.

## Bobcats keep Battle of the Bluestone hardware



Summers County's #21 Drake Cole and other players with Coach Josh Evans. Photo by Lawson Jones.

BY LAWSON JONES

Summers County's Josh Evans, who is now in his second year, led the bobcats to a 49-14 victory at PikeView last Friday night in the second "Battle of the Bluestone."

Last year, Evans worked with PikeView's Jason Spears to make the Bobcat-Panther Rivalry a little more special. The two, backed by their teams and community, decided to name the rivalry "The Battle of the Bluestone" and had a trophy made. Summers County hosted PikeView last year for the battle and defeated the Panthers 36-7

at Garten Stadium. So, this is the second year in a row that the Bobcats have gotten the hardware.

Junior Drake Cole led the Bobcats with 16 carries for 171 yards, one rushing touchdown, and one receiving touchdown. Duke Dodson, Cruz Testerman, and Ben Lane also added to the score. Ryan Oliveros made his debut as the varsity quarterback.

The Bobcats are now 1-0 while the Panthers fall to 0-1. Summers County will travel to Greenbrier West next week. Their first home game will be Sept. 9 against the Shady Spring Tigers.

## Summers County author to hold book signing in Lewisburg

**Lewisburg, W.Va.,** (Hinton News) - Summers County author Heather Day Gilbert will be conducting a book signing at A New Chapter Bookstore in Lewisburg, WV on October 7 from 6-8 PM. Heather is the award-winning author of 20 novels, and many of them are set in her native West Virginia.

Heather will be selling books from her bestselling Barks & Beans Cafe cozy mystery series, which is set in Lewisburg, WV, her Hemlock Creek Suspense series, which is set near The Greenbrier Resort, as well as her latest Viking histori-

cal romance, To Love a Viking.

The Barks & Beans Cafe is a six-book series featuring a fictional Lewisburg cafe where folks can pet shelter dogs...and where murder sometimes pays a visit. Some of the local highlights Heather has woven into her mysteries thus far include the West Virginia State Fair, the Greenbrier Resort, the caverns, the fall giant flea market, and the legend of the Greenbrier ghost.

You can find all Heather's books and sign up for her newsletter updates at [heatherdaygilbert.com](http://heatherdaygilbert.com).



## John Henry Historical Park walking bridge project moves forward

**Talcott W.Va.** (Hinton News) - The Summers County Commission is embarking on a new walking bridge project at the John Henry Historical Park. Funding is from a grant received from Governor Justice. The bridge will go over Hungard's Creek following the old railroad path and will be for pedestrians only, no vehicular traffic. E.L. Robinson Engineering will perform the engineering design for

the bridge as well as update the John Henry Historical Park master plan, which was developed in 2009. Part of the services from the firm will include identifying the cost of the bridge and helping to find grant money for the construction.

The progress at John Henry Historical Park is also in great part due to the community of volunteers working at the site, for tasks like running under-

ground power and water. Park caretaker and volunteer, Mike Cales, also recently obtained a \$25,000 grant from National Coal Heritage for the water installation.

The County Commission will also be working with Harvest Host, a collaborative RV hosting group, to provide a site at JHHP for RVs to park and visit the area. Commissioner Ted Kula explained, "this is a way for us to dip our

toe into providing RV access at the park, but with no cost obligation to the county."

If you are interested in some of the history of John Henry, be sure to check out the History channel's episode of Man Vs History (season 1, episode 2) hosted by West Virginia's own Bil Lepp. Then visit the park to see if you can identify where the show "recreated" the legendary battle of man against machine.

# Memories of the Past: Autumn in Upland

BY LISA ABSHIRE

As I drink my evening coffee and gaze out the window, there's a definite hint of fall creeping in. Longer shadows and earlier, cooler nights are already here. Autumn was always a favorite in my house as I was growing up. Laughing and playing in piled-up leaves; making displays out of pumpkins; corn shocks. Perhaps, though, the thing foremost in my mind this evening is the memories my Mom shared with me over the years of growing up as a little girl and experiencing autumn in nearby Upland. Growing up in the late 1940s and 1950s was a much simpler era than that in which we now find ourselves. She loved her roots so much that she often spoke of them with reference and love.

Her favorite memories to share always started with telling of her and her sister Ruth playing house in the woods. They would find a tree stump for a table, small pieces of wood for chairs, and moss as a makeshift tablecloth. Acorns and other forest trinkets served as the food, while big leaves were the dishes. Mom spoke of the treasures with as much pride as if they had been the finest china the world had to offer. You see, to her and Ruth, they were better. They were autumn treasures.

Next in line for my Mom's favorite fall memories was sneaking out of school to explore the woods. She and Ruth found a cave that they explored for what seemed like hours. They swung on grape vines from one side of the hill to the other. Finally, they crept back to school and took their seats.



If the teacher noticed their absence, nothing was ever said. Mom told me that now she wondered how they survived without the vines breaking or getting lost, but when it was happening, it was the time of their lives.

Last but not least, my Mom would always recall the fall Ruth decided she had to ride the mule Jack. Now ole Jack had a mind of his own, and when Ruth sat down, Jack took off into the woods, braying and running fast as he could. Naturally, this scared Ruth, and she commenced crying and screaming. Mom said their Dad took off after Jack and finally caught him. Needless to say, he wasn't too happy with Jack. Ruth never did ask for a ride on the ole mule ever again.

What I wouldn't give to glance back in time and see only a moment of these

events as they happened. While that isn't possible, at least the stories live on to entertain us into the next generation. I hope you are proud of that, Momma.

# Community Obituaries

**HUTCHINSON**  
Sharon A. Hutchinson, 59, of Hilldale, went home to be with the Lord, Sunday August 28, 2022, at Bowers Hospice House following a long illness.

Born January 11, 1963 at Pipestem, she was the daughter of the late George W. and Mildred Imogene Wills Hutchinson. Sharon was a life-long resident of Summers County, where she dedicated her life to being a

caregiver. She enjoyed music, reading, and collecting dolls.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Deborah Kay Hutchinson.

Those left to cherish her memory include numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors Chapel with

Pastor Robbie Merritt officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery. Friends could call from 10 a.m. until time of the services on Wednesday at the funeral parlors.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.ronaldmeadowsfp.com](http://www.ronaldmeadowsfp.com).

Arrangements are by the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors of Hinton.

# Talcott Fire Dept. looking for auxiliary members

The Talcott Fire Department is looking for auxiliary members. Members of the auxiliary help plan and execute fundraisers, aid the firefighters with refreshments and needed supplies during long calls and various other vital

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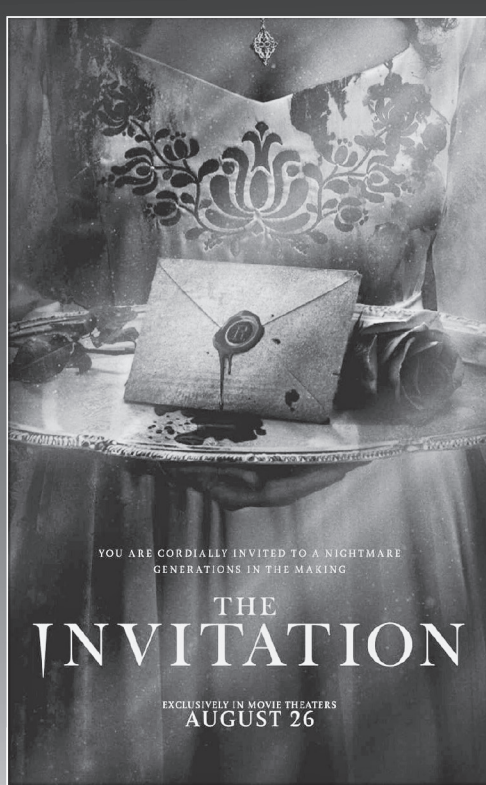
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# One local candidate is recycling campaign signs

One local candidate, aware of the excessive number of plastic signs along the roads during the primary as well as the worldwide need to limit plastics, made the decision to use fewer new synthetic products in her campaign. Candidate for the WV House of Delegates seat representing Monroe and part of Summers County, Becky Crabtree, said, “I just didn’t want to add to the plastic litter that defines campaigns. However, I understand that roadside advertising is important for name recognition.” She expects the majority of her yard

signs to be recycled along with a few new ones. She says they all bear the circular arrows of recycling as a reminder to reuse, recycle, and repurpose.

Crabtree explored the possibility of using compostable materials, even fabric, for signs and printing on them with organic hemp inks, but finally decided to repurpose old signs. She asked candidates who no longer wanted to keep their signs if they would be willing to donate them to her campaign. In a bipartisan effort, Dr. Joe Golden, Democratic candidate for WV House of Delegates in Fayette

County, and Republican candidate for County Clerk in Monroe County, Angela Miller Taylor, were generous in donating their signs. Donations of paint followed. Linoleum and old floor mats were transformed into homemade stencils. Then, Crabtree, along with her daughters and grandchildren spent several summer afternoons together under a shady maple tree in the front yard at the base of Peters Mountain in Monroe County, painting over the old message and designing new messages.

Crabtree, making her first run for office, said,

“My new signs are not fancy but they don’t add any new plastic to the environment. I hope they will be eye-catching and show voters I am willing to walk the talk concerning environmental issues. I grew up in a household where family members were expected to fix broken items and use products sparingly.”

“Afterwards, if I don’t plan to use the signs again, we will line the barn with them and block the wind so our sheep will be warmer this winter. It’s a win-win for common sense, the Earth, and our animals!”



Changing old signs into new signs.

## Letter to the editor: Marcia Payne

BY MARCIA PAYNE

We can recall a judicial statement over 2,000 years ago when Pilate was presented with a decision regarding judgment on a man named Jesus Christ of Nazareth, he said “What is Truth?”

This question, “What is truth?” continues to be asked by us as individuals, and our judicial system.

Even when scientific proof shows evidence of a Truth, it can be denied and distorted. Basic truths are: 1) A fetus shows a heartbeat at 18 days from conception. 2) Brain wave activity as early as 40 days from

conception.

The truth is that this fetus is actually “human” with a name presented medically in utero as “fetus”. We later identify this life as “baby” when in our arms. Human life begins at the conception of cellular structure and design from our Master Creator; encapsulated life with the imprints of years to come!

Indeed, Health care at one time was and is considered preservation of life.

Yet, whether we are making decisions in our homes, schools, government, medically, or the back of the pew; we must

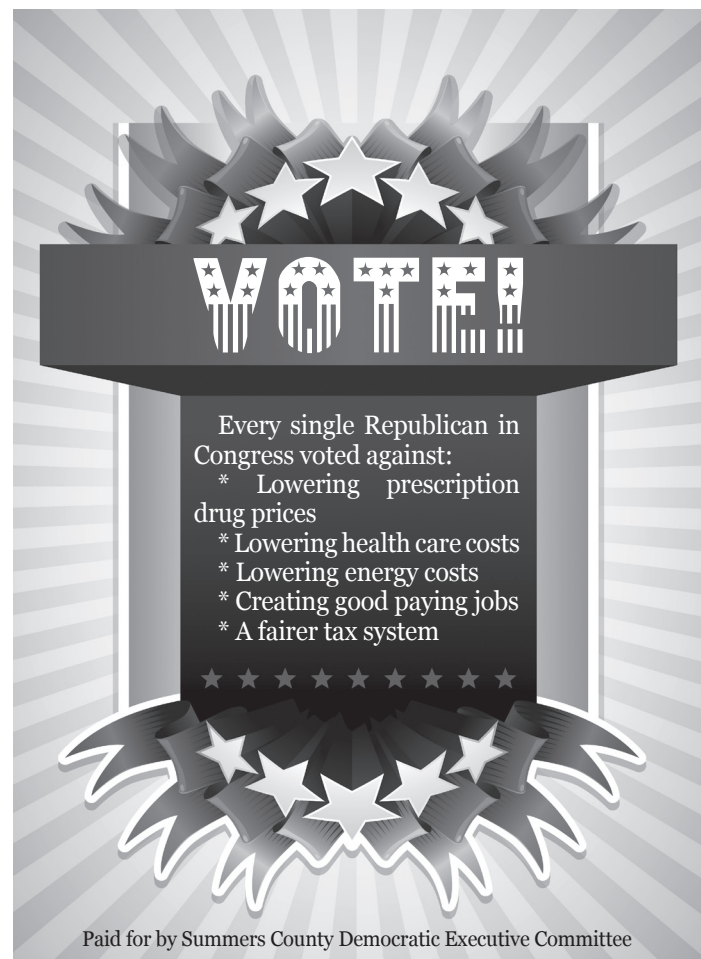
look at Truth.

Mother Teresa said it best: “It is poverty to decide a child must die so that you may live as you wish. If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other”. There must be Truth again, morally and scientifically, to provide the best care and direction for our future. How we stand on issues of life and death will affect our blessings of what we will reap in WV, in every area. The prosperous future of our residents in West Virginia will depend on this definition of, What is Truth? How will you stand for Truth?

### Sept. meetings scheduled for Summers County Board of Education

The September regular board meetings for the Summers County Board of Education will be held on September 13 and September 27 at 6:00 PM at the Summers County Comprehensive High School Auditorium. Agendas and board minutes are available in our office Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and on our website at <https://www.scsww.us/page/board-of-education>

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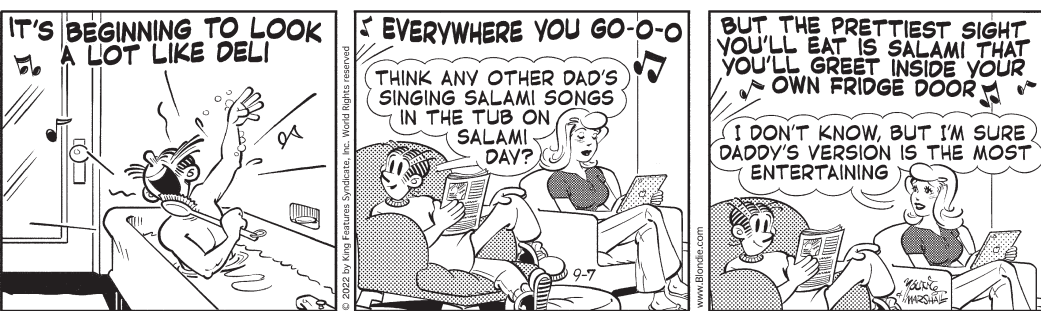
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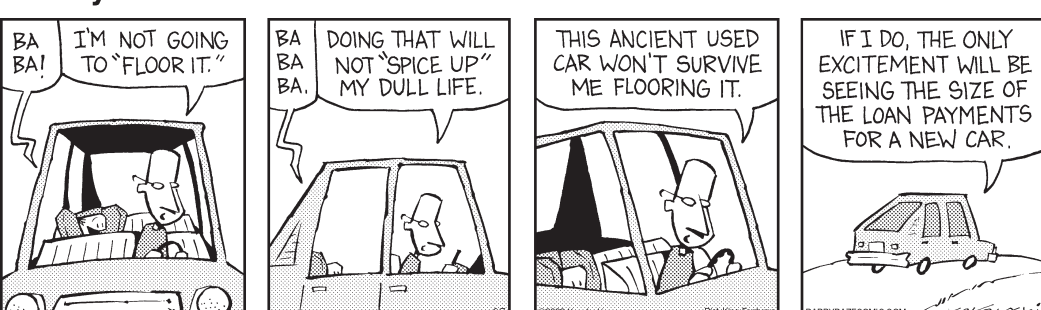
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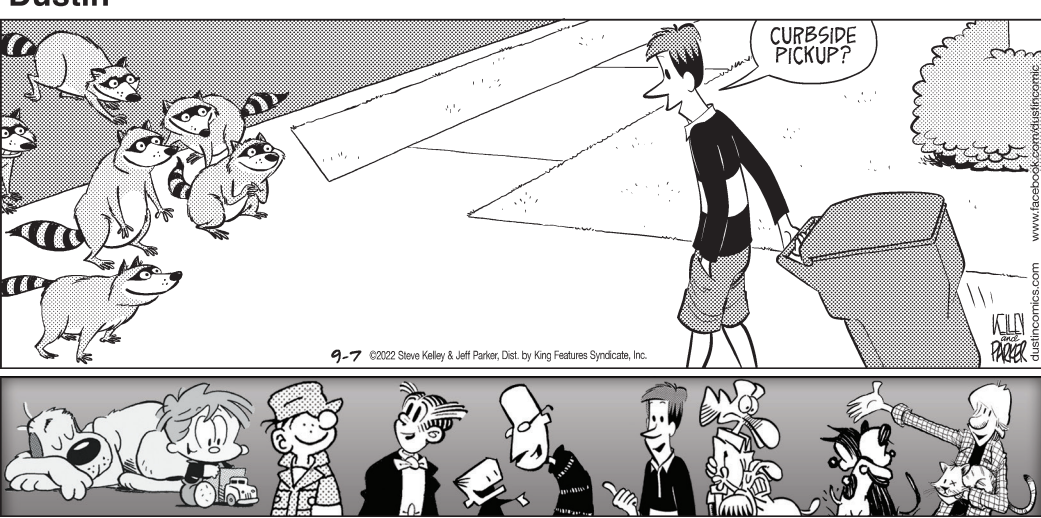
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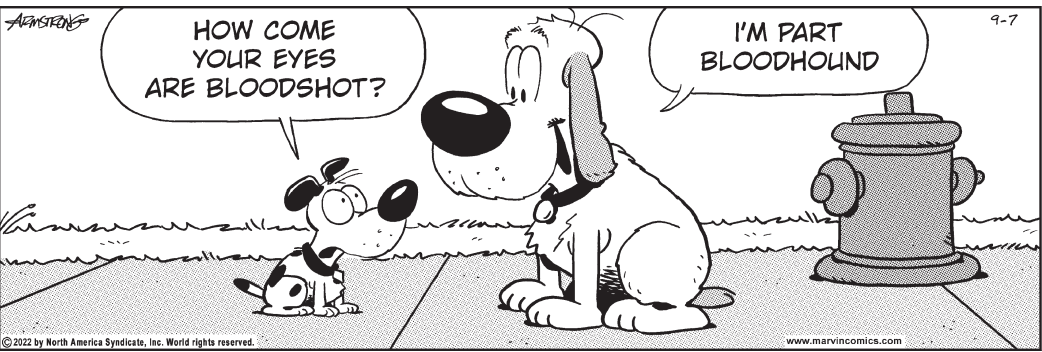
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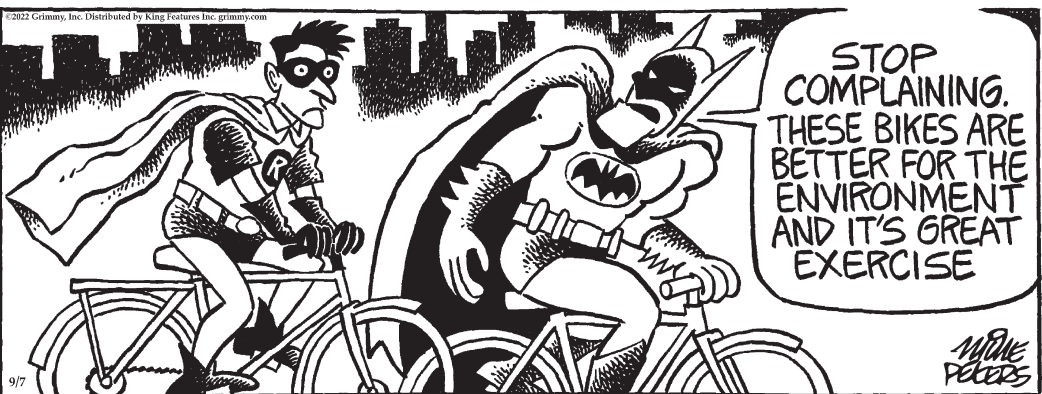
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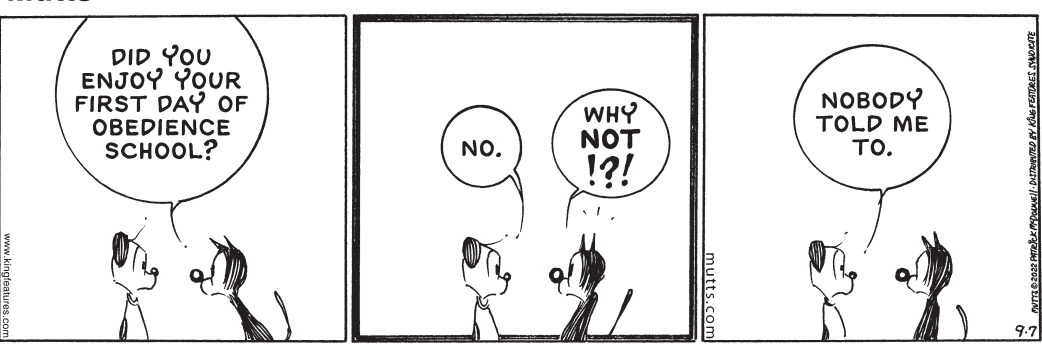
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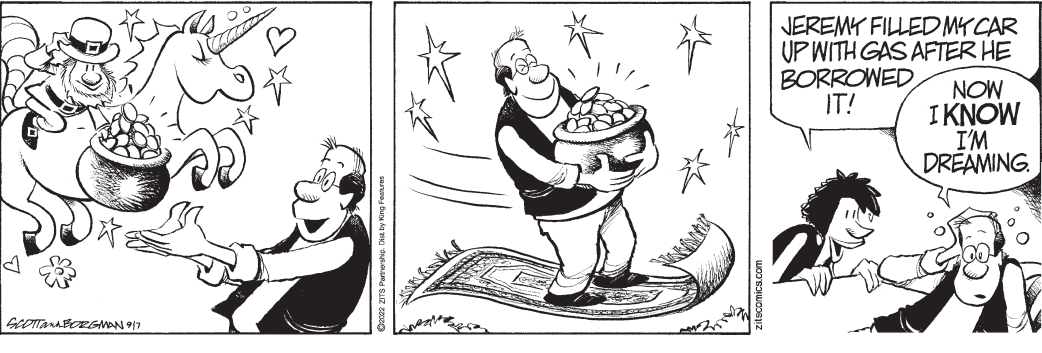
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# ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022:  
You are focused, persevering and hard-working. You are also keenly observant of people and your surroundings. Nothing escapes you. You often choose to hide your sensitivity. This year you will work hard to build or construct something, either in a physical sense or by creating internal structures in your life. You can accomplish a lot.

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)**

5★ Oh happy day! This is a great day to schmooze with others, because people are friendly and cooperative. You might enjoy a short trip. You will certainly like to be in the company of others and share clever ideas back and forth. Tonight: You're in a groove!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

4★ People notice you today. This is a good thing, because it's easy for you to impress people, especially with clever work-related ideas. You also might see practical approaches to boost your income. Tonight: Stick with it.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

5★ Travel plans sound exciting today! They could involve a future holiday or something to do with one of your kids. You've got energy to burn, which is why you are ready to cooperate with others and explore new options, especially with foreign countries or other cultures. Tonight: You're up for anything!

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

4★ This is a good day to seek the cooperation of others to secure your wealth or establish a new way to approach shared property or inheritances or to seek a solution for an insurance issue. Someone might be ready to help with

home repairs. Tonight: All positive.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

5★ This is an excellent day to conduct business with others. It's also the perfect day to seek the support of a group, club or an association. Discussions with siblings, relatives and neighbors will be positive. You will enjoy physical sports, especially competitive activities. Tonight: "Go, team go!"

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

5★ You will get an amazing amount done today at work or with any task that you set for yourself today. Trust your moneymaking ideas. Roll up your sleeves and get hands-on with whatever you're doing, because your ambition, combined with the cooperation of others, will bring you results. Tonight: Looking good!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

5★ This is a lovely day to join forces with others to achieve whatever it is you want to do. It could be job-related or perhaps something to do with higher education, legal matters, medicine, publishing or the media. Or maybe you want to socialize! Both choices are excellent. Tonight: Enjoy!

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

4★ Domestic and family discussions about money, inheritances, shared property and disputes about shared responsibilities will go well today. This is because people are open to cooperating. Furthermore, they might have innovative ideas about something. Tonight: A fresh approach.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

4★ This is a wonderful day to enjoy the company of others, especially younger people. Everyone is enthusiastic and eager to work with each other. Note: Because you make a great impression on bosses and VIPs, your ability to work with others will make you shine! Tonight: You feel encouraged.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

5★ This is the perfect day to make your pitch to the boss or someone in authority. This could be a parent or even the police. Co-workers, bankers and anyone who is part of your equation will help you achieve your objectives today. Speak up, because others will listen to you. Tonight: Be confident.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

5★ This is the day to go after what you want. The Moon is in your sign, which paves the way for people to agree with you. Furthermore, social outings, sports events and interactions with children will be favorable. It's a great day to travel as well! Tonight: Do what pleases you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

4★ Financial discussions, as well as the practical and financial support you need, will help you settle difficulties and chaotic situations at home or with a family member. You'll feel better when these things are resolved. Harmony at home gives everyone a warm feeling in their tummy. Tonight: Relax at home.

**BORN TODAY**

Actress Evan Rachel Wood (1987), folk artist Grandma Moses (1860), actor Toby Jones (1966)

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9 Judge's decision

10 Hooting bird

12 Blue-prints

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24 By the beach

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34 Visa rival, briefly

35 Inventor's inspiration

**DOWN**

1 "Encore!"

**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.

CISYP

CGEOK

YDRIBH

SCAWEH

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I can't believe what people pay for those seats.

We're lucky we can afford coach.

THEY CHOSE TO FLY COACH INSTEAD OF FIRST CLASS AFTER SEEING THE ---

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Jumbles: PILOT THICK CLOUDY PUZZLE  
Answer: They'd heard good things about Prague, so they went there to — "CZECH" IT OUT

# SUDOKU PUZZLE

**Conceptis Sudoku** By Dave Green

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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:**

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#### First Tract

A certain tract or parcel of land situate as aforesaid on the hill near Hinton, West Virginia, and is described as follows:

BEGINNING at three small ash trees on a cliff; thence S. 17° W. 14-1/2 poles to a point in the road and with said road S. 79° W. 6 poles to a stake, N. 68° W. 9-3/4 poles to a stake, S. 32° W. 6 poles to a stake, S. 48-1/4° W. 10-3/4 poles to a locust by the road and leaving said road S. 69-1/2° W. 21-1/2 poles to a persimmon tree on the bank of the county road and with said county road N. 17-1/4° 10-1/4 poles to a stake due N. 9 poles to a stake, N. 12-3/4° E. 8-1/2 poles to a stake, N. 4-1/2° W. 9-1/2 poles to a stake in a field, N. 4-1/2° E. 13-3/4 poles to a stake, N. 4° W. 8 poles to a stake near a fence due E. 33 poles to a stake, S. 19-1/2° E. 10 poles to a stake in a field, S. 52° E. 9-1/2 poles to a stake. S. 39° E. 9 poles to a stake, S. 56° E. 10 poles to the BEGINNING, containing 14-1/4 acres, excepting therein approximately 4 acres of said tract conveyed to L. G. Ratliff, by deed bearing date on the 17th day of June, 1947, which said deed is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 79, page 603, and described therein as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake above an apple tree; thence S. 45° W. 88 feet to a locust, S. 66° 30' W. 343 feet to a stake by the road at the forks, with the road N. 19° W. 114 feet; N. 9° W. 145 feet; N. 14° E. 185 feet; leave the road and cross branch; S. 55° E. 470 feet to the BEGINNING, containing 3-1/4 acres, more or less, (title deed states 4 acres, more or less, but outsale shows 3-1/4 acres, more or less).

#### Second Tract

All of a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows:

BEGINNING at the corner of the lot sold to Hinton Water Works Company on the M. Smith line; thence with said Smith's line, N. 78° W. 28 poles to a dogwood on a sharp edge of the field, S. 52° E. 11 poles, S. 39° E. 9 poles, S. 56° E. 10 poles to a stump on top of a cliff; thence N. 55° E. 19 poles to a stone near a shanty on the line of the land of the Hinton Water Works Company; thence with said Company line to the BEGINNING, containing 4 acres, more or less.

And being the same real estate conveyed to James R. Bennett and Janice Sue Bennett, his wife, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, by Deed dated September 1, 1967, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 102 at Page 424. James R. Bennett died on or about June 30, 2001 and pursuant to the survivorship clause contained in the afore-referenced Deed, title to said property fully vested in Janice Sue Bennett. Janice Sue Bennett died testate a resident of Summers County, West Virginia on or about January 24, 2019. Pursuant to the terms and con-

ditions of her Last Will and Testament recorded in Will Book 30 at Page 368, Janice Sue Bennett bequeathed the subject property to her children, Carolyn Sue Bennett Boone, Bobby James Bennett, Amy Louise Bennett Patrick, Roy Dean Bennett and Bobby Joe Bennett. Said property is shown on the 2021 Summers County Land Books as Tax Map 6 at Parcels 0096 and 0097 and listed in the name of Bobby James Bennett, et als.

The above described real estate shall be sold subject to any assessments, taxes, restrictions, covenants, conditions and encumbrances as against the same other than the duly recorded judgment lien creditors of the named Defendants in this matter. There is a burial plot located on the subject property. Statutory access to this burial plot for the deceased's relatives shall be reserved in the deed of conveyance.

Title shall be conveyed by the Special Commissioner with covenants of special warranty. The 2021 property taxes have been paid in full. The 2022 taxes shall be prorated on a calendar year basis between the Purchaser and the Seller. The Seller shall pay the costs of deed preparation and the transfer tax only; the Purchaser shall pay all other closing costs.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Twenty-Five percent (25%) cash in hand on day of sale; balance due at closing which shall occur within five (5) days of confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Summers County. The Circuit Court may require forfeiture of the down payment if the purchaser fails to close.

Given under my hand this the 12th day of August, 2022.

E. Kent Hellems  
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER

I, Stacy Ford, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Summers County, certify and attest that E. Kent Hellems, Special Commissioner pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §55-12-3, posted bond with Corporate Surety thereon in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) with my office. Attest Stacy D. Ford  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Summers County  
(24,31ag7sp)

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned Campbell Woods, PLLC, Substitute Trustee by Notice of Substitution of Trustee which notice is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Commission of Summers West Virginia, and by Deed of Trust dated April 16, 2004, executed by Linda E. Foley to BB&T Collateral Service Corporation, Trustee, which deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of Summers County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 206 at Page 426, the undersigned Substitute Trustee has been requested, in writing, by the beneficiary of said deed of trust to sell the real estate described below, as there has been a default under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust. Therefore, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell the real estate described in the Deed of Trust, at a public auction on **September 14, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.** to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of said County of Summers in Hinton, West Virginia, which real estate is more completely described as follows:

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the

appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in SUMMERS County, West Virginia, known as: PARCEL NO. 9.1, MAP NO. 16, TICKET NO. 10624, ACCOUNT NO. TO FOLLOW, BRIEF LEGAL 5.71 AC, and further described as follows: "BEGINNING AT A SET STONE CORNER TO MADELINE FOLEY AND PRIVATE ROAD; THENCE N. 25 46' W. 410 FEET ALONG SAID ROAD; THENCE S. 54 17' W. 614.35 FEET TO A CORNER; THENCE S. 52 31' E. 620 FEET TO A WHITE PINE; THENCE N. 26 46' E. 410.78 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5.71 ACRES."

#### TERMS OF SALE

1. Cash in hand paid on the day of sale.
2. The sale of the property will be made subject to all matters having priority over the deed of trust referred to herein including but not limited to any and all assessments and taxes against said property, all prior liens, encumbrances, lease, restrictions, covenants, conditions, rights of way and easements of any nature whatsoever.
3. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by West Virginia Code § 11-22-2.
4. The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee makes no representations and warranties of any kind or character including, but not limited to, the condition of the real estate or the title to the real estate to be conveyed.
5. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.
6. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to adjourn the sale, for a time, or from time to time, without further notice by announcement at the time and place of the sale described above.
7. The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and holder of the note thereby secured reserves the right to submit a bid for the property at the sale, which bid may be in the form of a credit bid.
8. Such other terms as may be announced at the time of Sale.

Given under my hand this 18th day of August, 2022

Campbell Woods, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

By: J. Patrick Jones, Member

304-529-8560  
(31ag7sp)

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTORS & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estates have been opened for probate in the Summers Fiduciary Supervisor's Office in Hinton, WV. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code § 41-5-11 - 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Summers County Fiduciary Supervisor's office within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code § 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estates of the following named decedents will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

**First Publication Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022  
**Claim Deadline:** Sunday, November 6, 2022

**Estate of:** WILLIAM DAVID STICKLER

**Fiduciary:** DEWEY LEE STICKLER

**Estate of:** MARTHA SUZANNE HUMPHREY

**Fiduciary:** WILLIAM T. HUMPHREY

**Estate of:** JO ELAINE BENNETT

**Fiduciary:** COREY A. BENNETT

**Estate of:** SUE ANN GILBERT

**Fiduciary:** JASON CLOWERS

**Estate of:** JAY COLEMAN TAYLOR

**Fiduciary:** ANTHONY J. TAYLOR

**Estate of:** IRIS JANE MCCALLISTER

**Fiduciary:** DUSTIN JACOB MCCALLISTER

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 31, 2022.

Donald R. Basham Jr.  
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County  
(7,14sp)

### Notice of Ancillary Filing without any Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Summers Fiduciary Supervisor's Office at 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 100, Hinton, WV 25951-0097, and no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 44-1-14b.

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting

to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Summers County Commission through the Fiduciary Supervisor's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The Summers County Commission upon receiving any timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

**Publication Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022

**ESTATE NAME:** DOUGLAS M. KEATON

**ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR:** SHELBY JEAN KEATON

3709 DELANEY FERRY RD. VERSAILLES, KY 40383

**ESTATE NAME:** SHIRLEY RAE EPLING

**ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR:** TAMILA R. BURTON

228 DUCK BLIND AVE. WYLIE, TX 75098

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 08/31/2022.

Donald R. Basham Jr.  
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County  
(9sp)

### Notice To Creditors, Distributees, and Legatees Proposed / Short Form Settlements

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the within named deceased persons:

I have before me the Final settlements and Proposals for the estates of the following deceased persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Summers County, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Hinton, West Virginia on

the 14th day of September, 2022 at or near 10:00 a.m. These proposed settlements and short form settlements have been presented to me by the fiduciary of such estates which settlements I have approved as indicated below:

**Estate:** JERRY ALLEN CALES

**Fiduciary:** DREMA G. CALES

**Estate:** DELMA PEARL FLESHMAN

**Fiduciary:** DELMA COLEEN SAWYER

**Estate:** VIRGINIA DARE PETTRY

**Fiduciary:** DAVID PETTRY

**Estate:** TOMMY REGAN PLUMLEY

**Fiduciary:** MARY LYNN PLUMLEY

**Estate:** CHARLES RICHARD RODES

**Fiduciary:** LINDA M. RODES

**Estate:** LESTER RAY WARD

**Fiduciary:** HEATHER RICHARDSON

**Estate:** LOIS C. WARD

**Fiduciary:** STEPHANIE MICHELLE DRESSLER

Any person having any interest in the estate of any such deceased person, may appear before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protect his interests as they may appear or else may be forever thereafter barred from asserting such interests.

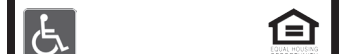
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Donnie Basham  
Fiduciary Supervisor  
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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 22-0605-W-DSIC

WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY,

2023 Distribution System Improvement Charge.

### NOTICE OF FILING & HEARING

On June 30, 2022, West Virginia-American Water Company (WVAWC) filed an application for approval of a Distribution System Improvement Plan and Charge (Application) pursuant to the direction of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) in its February 24, 2016 Order that resolved WVAWC's 2015 rate application, Case Nos. 15-0675-S-42T and 15-0676-W-42T.

WVAWC proposes to invest approximately \$48.7 million for infrastructure replacement and system upgrades beginning January 2023 through December 2023 throughout WVAWC's service area and to implement a Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) to recover the replacement of transmission and distribution mains, valves, hydrants, tanks, meters, booster stations and service lines. The projects proposed for 2023 are identified in the Application, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and may be viewed on the Commission's website, [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us).

As with the DSIC currently in place, WVAWC proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through a separate rate component on customer bills, calculated as a percentage of the total monthly bill for service (comprised of both the minimum meter charge and the volumetric rate component).

WVAWC projects that if the program and rate increment are approved as requested, the 2023 DSIC rate component will be 6.57%, or 4.95% over and above current rates to recover \$11,145,204. Compared to the 2022 DSIC rate, the average monthly bill for WVAWC's various classes of customers will change as follows:

Increment	\$ Increase	% Increase	Average Usage
Residential	\$ 2.95	4.95%	2,943 gallons per month
Commercial	\$ 12.91	4.95%	15,389 gallons per month
Industrial	\$ 345.85	4.95%	618,187 gallons per month
Sale for Resale	\$ 977.44	4.95%	2,163,350 gallons per month

The increases shown above 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. The requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to changes (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of the filing.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing date, on the Application. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 9, 2022, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or request to intervene that briefly states the reason for the protest or request to intervene. Requests to intervene must comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and must be filed within thirty (30) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. The Commission will receive public comments throughout the entirety of the proceeding. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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THE HINTON NEWS FOR THE INFORMED SUMMERS COUNTY SINCE 1977

## LA Poetry Train to make stops in Southern West Virginia



Erik van Loon holds a festival poster in front of the Summers County Library in Hinton. Photo by Erik van Loon.

For the second year in a row, Dutch artist Erik van Loon has organized a coast-to-coast poetry festival. The journey begins in New York and eventually ends in Los Angeles. originally, the deadline for poetry submissions was Sept. 1, however, van Loon noted that it has been extended to Sept. 15.

The train will be making several stops in Southern West Virginia. Van Loon said, "On September 21, we stop in White Sulphur Springs 5:00 p.m., Alderson 5:31 p.m., Hinton 6:01

p.m., Beckley 6:31 p.m., Thurmond 6:47 p.m., Montgomery 7:38 p.m., Charleston 8:10 p.m., Huntington 9:35 p.m. to pick up and bring as many poets [as possible] from West Virginia to poetry paradise Los Angeles."

According to van Loon, the festival has not yet received any submissions from the state of West Virginia. The theme is "some people never go crazy" as a tribute to Charles Bukowski.

For more information, go to [www.lapoetry-beach.com](http://www.lapoetry-beach.com).

## Letter to the Editor: Barbara Daniels

BY BARBARA DANIELS

A new study from Stockholm University shows that PFAS in rainwater around the world are exceeding safe levels.

Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are pollutants which accumulate in the environment and in the body. Common in items like food packaging and clothing, the chemicals are leaching into everything from the air we breathe to rainfall. The Stockholm researchers concluded that PFOA and PFOS levels in rainwater "greatly exceed" the Lifetime Drinking Water Health Advisory levels from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In California, the Department of Population and Public Health Sciences at USC's Keck School of Medicine reports a link between PFAS and liver cancer. These researchers discovered several types of PFAS -- the family of chemicals to which PFOA and PFOS belong -- in the blood samples of patients taken prior to a liver cancer diagnosis.

People with PFOS blood levels in the top 10% were 4.5 times more likely to develop liver cancer than those with the lowest levels. The scientists additionally found

evidence that PFOS increases the chances of fatty liver disease, a condition that can precede liver cancer.

With similar facts, Wisconsin Attorney General, Josh Kaul, is seeking to hold 18 companies—including 3M, Tyco Fire Products, and BASF--liable for contaminating the environment with these chemicals. The lawsuit alleges the defendants knew or should have known that their products would have a dangerous impact on the public's health and environment.

Cancer caused by PFAS in

the drinking water has further resulted in a class action suit in Camp Legeune, NC. However, the Center for Disease Control Acting Director, Tanja Popovic, stated that the CDC cannot research the issue.

Since WV is also a major producer of these chemicals, why doesn't our Attorney General, Patrick Morrissey, join the Wisconsin AG lawsuit? And why aren't our State Newspapers connecting this travesty to the West Virginia Legislature which has allowed it?

## Summers County Courthouse News

### Marriages

Nathaniel Whitman Altare to Brianna Diane; Benford Scott Angell Jr. to Kristen Nicole Adkins.

### Fiduciaries

Lorene Gail Brooks, Administrator of the Terry Joe Brooks estate;  
Linda J Huffman, Administrator of the David L Huffman estate;  
Anthony J Taylor, Administrator of the Jay Coleman Taylor estate;  
Dustin Jacob McCallister, Administrator of the Iris Jane McCallister estate;  
Sherry Hatfield, Administrator of the Russell L Pegram and Dorothy Marie Pegram estates;  
Dreama G Cales, Administrator of the Jerry Allen Cales estate;  
Dewey Lee Stickler, Administrator of the William David Stickler estate.

### Land Transfers

Heather Richardson to Stacy Lynn Ward, 1 acre more or less, Green Sulphur District;  
Warren Cyrus to Jennings Cyrus, 155 acres, 18 and a half acres, 47 acres, Green

Sulphur District;

Stephanie Michelle Dressler to Tommy L Adkins II and Lisa Adkins, Lot Number 4, Talcott District;  
Edward Harless to Rady L Smith and Cynthia L Smith, 3 Tracts, Talcott District;  
Kenny Morgan and Sonja Morgan to Jerry Tilley and Rose Tilley, 1.00 acres more or less, Forest hill District;  
Kenny Morgan and Sonja Morgan to Jerry Tilley and Rose Tilley, 0.52 acres more or less, Forest hill District;  
Charles E Hicks to Harry Hicks, Green Sulphur District;  
Rosalie M McNeer by her Attorney-in-Fact Carolyn H Keefer to Steven Patton and Yvonne Patton, 1.22 acres more or less, Pipestem District;  
Brian Angell and Erin Angell to Rebecca McLaughlin, 2 Tracts, City of Hinton District;

Bonnie Louise Smith and Roger E Bennett and Patricia Darlene Martin and Sandra Cole and Steven Bennett to Bonnie Louise Smith and Roger E Bennett and Patricia Darlene Martin and

Sandra Cole and Ronielle R Cole, Lot Numbers 13, 14, and 15, City of Hinton District;

Phillip R Furrow and Kay Diggs and Jeff Furrow and Oscar Keith Meadows and Robin Harrison and Wendy Gillespie to Phillip R Furrow and Goldie Furrow and Robin Meadows and Wendy Meadows, 4 acres more or less, Forest Hill District.


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