



Remaining Nov. meetings in Summers County

Summers County Dilapidated Structures Committee - Regular Monthly Meeting - Nov. 28 at noon in the Roosevelt Room in the Memorial Building.

*This list is subject to change. Meetings may be added or removed, and times and places may change.

Episcopal Church pecan sale announced

Fresh Episcopal Church pecans for sale: Large pieces are \$13 per one-pound bag. Halves are \$13.75 per one-pound bag. For more information, call 304-466-1515

Summers County Sheriff's Office announces annual Shop with a Cop

The Summers County Sheriff's Office announced its annual Shop with a Cop program. The event will be held at Roses Department Store on Dec. 16. Contact the Sheriff's Office to donate to the cause. The more donations they receive, the more children the officers can include in the program.

Summers County Toy Fund Seeking Donations:

The Summers County Toy Fund is seeking individuals, businesses, civic groups, churches, etc. to adopt children for Christmas. If you would like to adopt a child please contact Darrell Lilly at (304) 466-0476 or Stacy Ford, at (304) 575-7026.

If you are unable to adopt a child but would like to donate there are several ways you can. You can mail a check to PO Box 217 Hinton, WV 25951, or drop off a check to the Hinton Area Foundation located at 104 James St. Please make checks payable to Hinton Area Foundation and put Christmas Toy Fund in the memo. You can also donate online at hintonareafoundation.org and use the Donate Now Button. If you prefer you can also contact co-chairs, Darrell Lilly or Stacy Ford to make arrangements for your donation.

Expanding culvert collapse causes concern

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

Concern abounds as the 17th Ave. culvert collapse continues to expand. What began as a small nuisance has grown into a major problem. Many residents have taken to Facebook to express concern regarding the need for school buses, teachers and students to traverse the area daily during the week. Others have mentioned the large, heavy trucks that often travel that path.

As a temporary solution, Summers County Comprehensive High School students were switched to remote learning the entire week before Thanksgiving break.

The yellow line seen running across the hole is an exposed gas line. However, according to an update from the City of Hinton, the line has been de-energized. The same update states that the line was taken out of service "shortly after the initial cave-in."

At the time of writing, the West Virginia Department of Highways planned the construction of a steel bridge over the sinkhole to allow safe

passage while permanent repairs are made. Crews constructed the bridge over the weekend of Nov. 18. A press release states that the 125-foot bridge will be long enough to span the existing hole, "even if the hole gets bigger before contractors can replace the collapsed drainage structure."

"The bridge we're putting together comes with somewhere between zero and infinity number of bolts, and we sit and attach every one," said Joe Pack, P.E., WVDOH Chief Engineer of District Operations. "During those two days, if you drive by that area, you will see as many DOH uniforms as you can imagine."

Construction repairs on the hole have been hampered by the discovery of toxic levels of lead at the site. This discovery has required DOH to develop an alternative plan to make repairs and keep the public safe.

According to the press release, "WVDOH intends to complete plans to install a 300-foot steel drainage structure under the area and put a contract out to bid by the end

of the year."

Several local politicians have weighed in on the issue.

In a public statement, Senator Jack David Woodrum said, "Despite the best efforts of the West Virginia Department of Highways the sinkhole has continued to grow. The Department of Highways has adjusted the traffic pattern and will continue to monitor the situation." He continued, "The Department of Highways and the Department of Environmental Protection are working closely together to find an acceptable solution to this problem."

Senator Stephen Baldwin issued a similar statement noting that he had recently met with DOH and reached out to "the mayor, superintendent of schools and sheriff."

Several others, including Senator-Elect Vince Deeds, reiterated the severity of the situation and note the efforts being made to rectify the problem.

Hinton News will continue to provide the latest updates as this project continues.

Hinton Elks Lodge 821 Makes Contribution to High School Golf Team



Photoby by Hinton Elk's Lodge

Recently, Hinton Elks Lodge 821 contributed \$250 to the Summers County High School Golf Team in support and recognition of the team's fourth-place finish in the West Virginia Class A Championship match at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling on October 4-6. Ed Yates, the Exalted Ruler of Lodge 821, presented the check to golf coach Jerod Ewing and members of the golf team and extended the Lodge's appreciation of their great play. The future looks bright for the team as all five members are underclassmen and will be returning to compete next year.

Hinton Lodge 821 is part of the non-profit Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A. Hinton Lodge 821 espouses the Elks' national Fraternal Order's mission "To promote and prac-

tice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members, to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship." The Elks utilize the profits from its Willowwood Country Club golf operations and various fundraising events to provide scholarships and financial support for youth athletic and educational programs. In addition, Lodge 821 has traditionally hosted a national "Hoop Shoot" free-throw competition for our youth, provided support for our local Veterans Museum, and contributed financially when special needs arise in our community. Learn more about the Hinton Elks at <https://www.facebook.com/WillowwoodCountryClub/>.

Potts Creek Tree Farm prepares for grand opening

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

Picture it: snow blows gently through the air, and you're wrapped up tight in a heavy coat and scarf as your family piles into the car and heads out to find the perfect Christmas tree. Holiday music plays softly on the radio, and everything is perfect and beautiful.

Memories like this are treasured moments preserved in time and cherished. A new tree farm, Potts Creek Tree Farm in Waiteville, is preparing to be the local destination for creating such iconic winter moments.

According to the owner, Darla Miller, the idea for this farm began some time ago with one of her clients, Derick Proctor. She said Proctor had a vision of growing Christmas trees, and it became his retirement goal to have a Christmas tree farm. Over the years, the two discussed this goal extensively and eventually decided to become partners.

The farm will officially open for business on Friday, Nov. 25, for its first season. Since seeing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which are still affecting many, Miller said Proctor felt like people needed a place "to go to and be with



Photo by Darla Miller

family and be outside and enjoy simpler things."

Miller stated that the farm has three different species of trees from which patrons can choose a favorite. They have Blue Spruce, Fraser Firs and Canaan Firs. The Canaan Fir is a particularly noteworthy addition as they are essentially a West Virginia Christmas tree. It is native to parts of the Mountain State, and the initial discovery of the variety allegedly occurred in Canaan Valley, W.Va., hence the name.

Many tree farms charge per foot or various other factors. Miller noted that the going rate is \$15 per foot. Instead of using that method, Potts Creek Farm charges a flat rate of \$65 for all trees. That way, regardless of if the

tree is five feet or eight feet tall, patrons do not have to worry about the price.

There are rows and rows of trees that patrons can peruse. The farm has hand saws available for anyone who wants to cut down their tree. Additionally, the farm will bring the tree back down the hill so that the individual or family does not have to drag it. However, if someone does not want to cut their tree or walk through the rows, Miller noted that they would likely have a selection of pre-cut trees available.

Another thing that makes Potts Creek Tree Farm unique is the information provided when someone purchases a tree. Miller's husband is a firefighter and, as such, is all too familiar



Photo by Darla Miller

with the fire hazard live Christmas trees potentially present. Because of this, the farm is providing patrons with a short list of instructions on fire safety and caring for a live tree. Patrons will notice the addition of a fire truck in the farm's logo.

According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), between 2015 and 2019, fire departments in the U.S. responded to an average of 160 home fires that began with a Christmas tree per year. Of those 160 fires, close to one-fifth started due to a heat source being too close to the tree. Electrical distribution and lighting equipment were to blame for nearly half of the fires. Safety tips are vital when it comes to holiday decorating.

Miller said even if you are not in the market for a Christmas tree, consider coming out and enjoying the sights. She said, "It's a magical place. I think Waiteville is very underrated because it is off the grid, but it's a beautiful place. We have a pond and trees. It's a beautiful setting." Additionally, a small retail display on the farm carries a wide array of hand-crafted items and other wares.

Prepare for your holiday season with a gorgeous tree from Potts Creek Tree Farm. The farm is on Route 17 in Waiteville, only minutes from the Swinging Bridge Restaurant in Paint Bank. For more information, the farm has an active Facebook group under the farm's name.

Family searching for answers about confiscated deer

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

When an animal comes into our lives, they often become like family. One Summers County family is currently missing their deer, Twitch. According to Twitch's human family, the deer was allegedly confiscated by the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Jodi Miller, who cared for the animal, says she just wants to know if the deer is alright.

According to Miller, she and her husband rescued Twitch when they found her as a fawn near a tall cliff. She stated that there was no sign of the mother, and they feared the small deer would fall off the cliff. They believe Twitch was only a few days old at the time. They took her home, where the deer has lived ever since.

Fast forward to November 2022, approximately one and a half years after finding Twitch. Miller stated that earlier this month, she came home to find the deer injured. The doe appeared to have been shot in the hind-quarters. Miller said they believe the weapon to have been either a low-caliber firearm or a practice arrow.

Twitch wore an orange bandana in an attempt to keep her safe. Miller said the bandana was supposed to signify to hunters not to shoot the deer.

Police were contacted and further reached out to an animal rescue contact regarding Twitch's health. The young doe was given the all-clear, and life resumed. On November 9, the DNR received a complaint, which led to two officers removing the deer from that location. Andy Malinoski, Director,



Twitch stands in an open area, sporting her orange bandana. Photo by Jodi Miller.

Marketing and Communications provided a statement saying, "On November 9, 2022, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources responded to a complaint involving the illegal possession of a white-tailed deer at a residence located in Summers County. The female deer, estimated to be one and a half years old, was removed from the residence. The incident remains under investigation."

According to West Virginia State Code 20-2-3, it is prohibited to own any wildlife. The statement provided by Malinoski notes that this protects the animals as well as humans.

"The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources reminds people that possessing wildlife without a permit is illegal. Further, live white-tailed deer may not be removed from the wild and possessed for any purpose. Removing and handling wild animals presents a health and safety risk to both humans and wildlife." The statement goes on to say, "Removing wild animals from their natural environment and holding them in captivity under artificial conditions creates risks to both wildlife and people. Wildlife taken into captivity increase the potential for disease trans-

mission and create elevated concerns relating to human health and safety."

The statement also talks specifically about white-tailed deer.

"When raised in captivity and habituated to humans, white-tailed deer lose their innate ability to survive in the wild and avoid contact with people. This creates particular concern during the breeding season when deer exhibit more aggressive behavior. There are numerous accounts of 'tame' deer being turned loose and causing injury to people. For these health and safety reasons, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources strongly encourages the public to avoid close contact with wildlife."

Miller stated even though Twitch lived at/near her residence, she did not own the deer. While Miller did register the deer as an emotional support animal, the doe was allegedly free to come and go as she pleased.

Twitch's story has garnered attention from across the country. A Facebook page titled Twitch Fan Club makes regular posts regarding the deer and this situation. Individuals from as far away as Arizona are sending emails and making calls on behalf of the deer. Miller said, more than anything, they want to know that Twitch is still alive and healthy.

The Facebook group, though private, contains a multitude of photos and calls for help to get Twitch back.

To learn more about West Virginia's laws regarding wildlife, visit code.wvlegislature.gov

Railroad crossings to close for repairs



BY REBECCA STALNAKER

According to a recent announcement from Southern Commercial Development, CSX will soon be replacing the ties at several railroad crossings in the Talcott, Lowell and Pence Springs areas in Summers County. According to the announcement, typical closings last between three and four days "pending weather, equipment or any unforeseeable circumstances." For crossings that are one way in/one way out, CSX will try to complete these in 12 to 15 hours.

The closings are as follows:

Barger Springs Road (near Talcott Post Office) - Closing on or around Dec. 8.

Lowell Road (near J&J Country Roads Store) - Closing on or around Dec. 5.

Miller Lane (off Lowell Road) - Closing on or around Dec. 6.

Gander Way (off Route 3 and 12) - Closing on or around Dec. 6.

CA 344.24 PVT (on the dirt road past the end of Cedar Lane) - Closing on or around Dec. 5.

CA 345 PVT (off Lowell Road before Miller Lane when traveling from Pence Springs) - Closing on or around Dec. 5.

Summers County Toy Fund Accepting Applications

If your family lives in Summers County and is in need of assistance for Christmas, you may pick up an application at the Summers County DHHR office at 322 Summers St. Hinton, WV. Applications are available starting November 1, 2022. The deadline to apply will be November 30, 2022. The program can assist

Summers County residents with children from newborn to twelve years old. All applications are reviewed and vetted to establish eligibility. The program can assist with clothing and toys but please, no bicycle request. All approved applicants will be notified by mail and given information regarding the gift giveaway.

New River CTC offers winter session courses

BEAVER, W.Va. (Hinton News) - Registration is underway at New River Community and Technical College for winter session classes, Dec. 12, 2022, through January 13, 2023. Students can earn three hours of college credit through online study in five weeks.

Online classes offered during the special session include algebra, American history, English classes, general mathematics, introduction to fine arts, Microsoft Office applications, psychology and sociology. Courses offered during the winter session are accelerated.

"The Rolling Start Options winter session at New River CTC provides students with an opportunity to get ahead in their studies, get caught up in their program or fulfill a prerequisite requirement before the start of the spring semester," explained Executive Director for Institutional Advancement and the New River CTC Foundation Michael Green.

Financial aid is available for the session. Students attending other colleges or universities should check with the registrar's office at their institution regarding

transferring credits.

The deadline to register for winter session at New River CTC is Dec. 12. For more information, visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 1-866-349-3739.

New River Community and Technical College serves nine counties in southeast and south-central West Virginia: Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahon-

tas, Raleigh, Summers and Webster. The College offers classes online, in Beaver at the Raleigh County Campus, in Ghent at the Advanced Technology Center, in Hinton at Summers County ARH Hospital, in Lewisburg at the Greenbrier Valley Campus, in Marlinton at One Room University, in Princeton at the Mercer County Campus and in Summersville at the Nicholas County Campus.

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The Christmas Walk is back!

Remember the hundreds of luminaries lighting the streets, the beauty of the historic churches decked out for Christmas and the joy of gathering with friends and neighbors to celebrate?

The Christmas Walk has been a much-loved tradition in Hinton for many years. Due to the dangers of spreading the Covid virus, we have not been able to gather for the last 2 years. This year, we will hold the walk once again.

Mark your calendars

for Saturday evening, Dec. 10 starting at 6 PM to take part. Come, bring your family and friends for a holy and joy-filled evening.

The walk will start this year at First Christian Church at 620 Temple Street (the corner of 7th and Temple). The last church will be the First Presbyterian Church at 3rd and Ballengee. A reception at City Park will follow to savor a hot drink, hear the drummers, enjoy snacks and of course, the fine company.



A Hinton sidewalk lined with luminaries.

Hinton preparing to celebrate the holidays

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

Hinton is gearing up for Christmas with multiple 2022 events. For example, the Ritz Theater is showing several fan-favorite Christmas movies for free over the coming weeks. Hinton's Hometown Christmas event is happening on Dec. 3.

The Hinton Hope Foundation is hosting its annual Christmas concert featuring local talent. According to a recent announcement, the show is scheduled for Dec. 2 at the Summers County Memorial Building. Anyone who brings a new, unwrapped toy will receive a discounted ticket price.

Several days after the

Christmas Festival, Hinton's Hometown Christmas is hosting a Cookie Express. Participants will pick up a golden ticket and a collectible Hinton tin between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Dec. 10. After picking up these items, participants will follow the cookie trail where 12 different cookies await. The sweet treats are provided by local businesses in Downtown Hinton. Tickets are \$20 each, and there are only 20 available. All of the proceeds from this event will be donated to area toy funds.

For those looking for Christmas portraits, Amanda McPherson Photography is offering mini sessions at the



Train Depot during the Hinton's Hometown Christmas Art Walk on Dec. 10.

Hinton's Hometown Christmas's Facebook page is hosting a giveaway. The prize is a collectible 2022 Hinton ornament. To enter, "like" the page, share the original post, invite 10 friends to like the page

and comment "done" on the original post. The winner will be chosen after the page reaches 2,000 Likes. At the time of writing, the number is at 1,892.

For more information on upcoming Christmas events, check out Hinton's Hometown Christmas Holiday Facebook page.

Hinton Hope Foundation announces 2022 Christmas show

A local non-profit, Hinton Hope Foundation, recently announced the date for its annual Christmas show. The event is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. and will take place in the Memorial Building. The ticket cost is \$10 for anyone five years of age and older. Anyone who brings a new, unwrapped toy will only pay \$7 for a ticket. All toys gathered will be donated to the



Summers County Toy Fund.

For more information, reach out to Hinton Hope Foundation via its Facebook page.

Hinton 2nd Saturdays Invites everyone to shop Small Business Saturday

Join Hinton's 2nd Saturdays on November 26, 2022, when they invite everyone to join their annual #shopsmall event! This year a variety of vendors will be set up inside the McCreery Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come shop for Avon, Scentsy, fine woodworking, clothing, jewelry, Christmas crafts and gifts, and much more!

Summers County Humane Society will be on hand with hotdogs and nachos too! In ad-

dition to shopping from vendors inside the McCreery, Hinton 2nd Saturdays invite everyone to #shopsmall throughout our hometown. Stop by shops like Big-4, BOHO and Otter & Oak among others, for that perfect Christmas gift. In addition, dine at Lucky Rivers & The Market for a delicious lunch, or stop by Otter & Oak Café for hot cocoa or coffee to warm you up while out and about. We hope to see everyone on Small Business Saturday!

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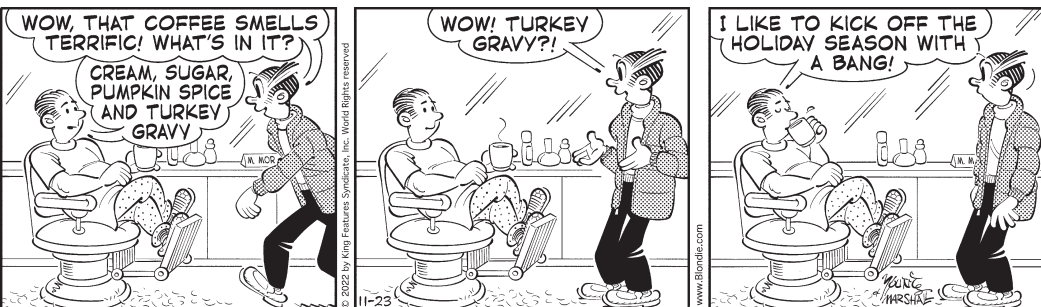
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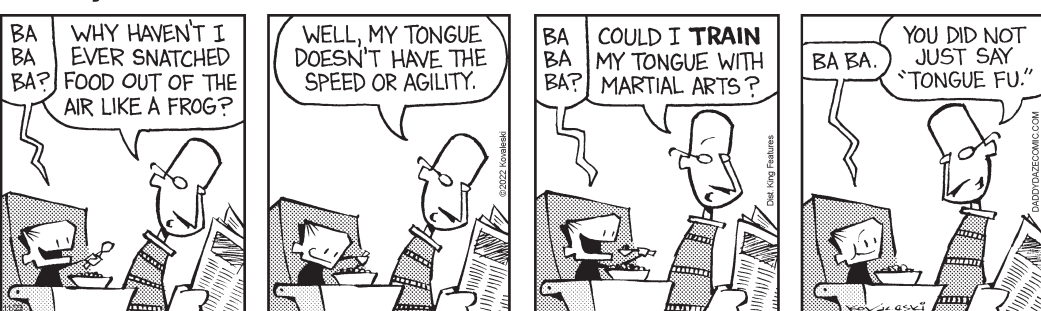
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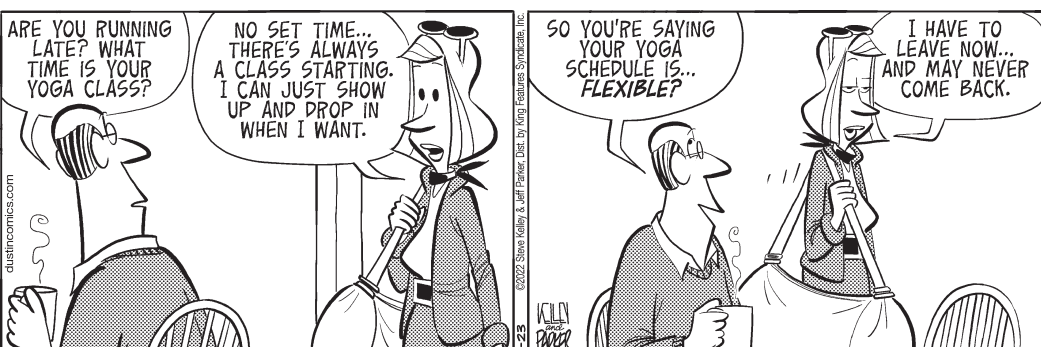
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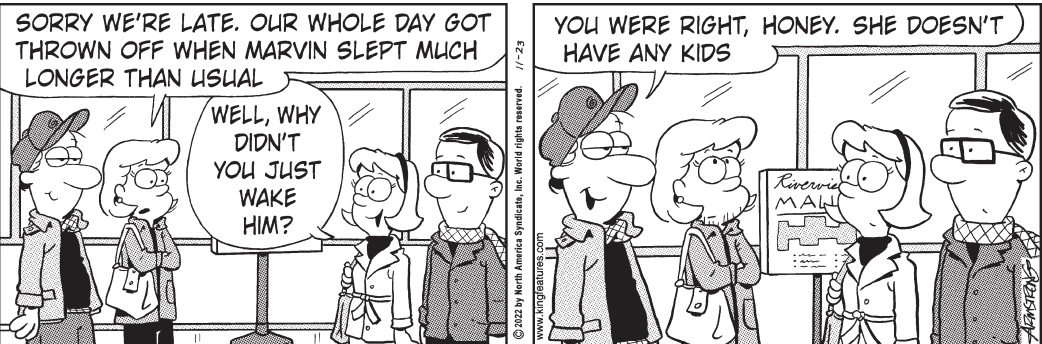
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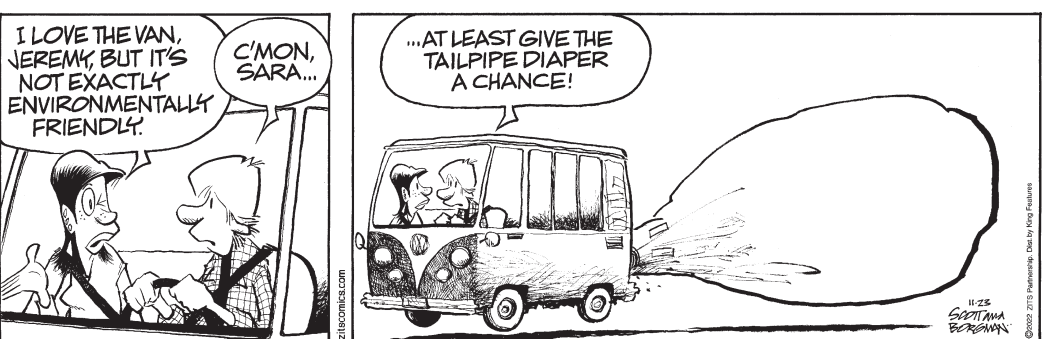
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST today (10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PST). The New Moon is in Sagittarius today.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022:

You are an idealist. You are creative, high-spirited and freethinking. You seek adventure and try to avoid a routine. Simplicity is the key to this year for you. Focus on your health or physical exercise and methods to stay grounded. Work hard for what you want.

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)

4★ Today's New Moon is the perfect chance to set intentions about expanding your world or improving your job through further training, education or travel. When he was 87, Michelangelo said, "I'm still learning." Tonight: You feel happier.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

3★ You are the financial wizard of the zodiac. Today is the only New Moon all year that offers you the chance to set intentions about how to best deal with shared property, inheritances and anything that

you own jointly with someone. Write down some ideas. Tonight: Enjoy your popularity with others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3★ Today the only New Moon all year opposite your sign is taking place, which means this is perhaps the best day of the year to think about what you can do to improve your closest relationships. There is always something. Ideas? Tonight: You impress people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

4★ Today the New Moon is in your sign. This is the only time all year this will occur, and it is an opportunity

for you. Every New Moon is a chance to make resolutions and set new intentions. Think about how you can improve your relations with others. Take a look in the mirror. How you can improve your image? Tonight: Expand your world!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

4★ Even if we think we don't believe in anything, that's what we believe in. In other words, we all have beliefs. Today's New Moon is a good time to ask yourself what you believe in. What is the highest good to your way of thinking? What really matters? Tonight: Increase your assets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

3★ We are gregarious creatures. We need to see others, and we need to be seen. Today's New Moon is the perfect time to think about what you can do to improve your friendships and interactions with groups. If you want more friends, be friendly! Tonight: Close relations are warm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

3★ Everyone cares about the impression that they create on their audience. Today's New Moon is your chance to think about your public reputation

and your style of relating to parents, bosses, teachers and even the police. Is there room for improvement? Tonight: Improve your job.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

4★ This is the perfect day to decide how you can improve your life through learning, reading, studying, taking courses or travel. In other words, what can you do to enrich your life and expand your world. Any ideas? Tonight: Relax and have fun!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

4★ Life is easier if you feel financially secure. Today's New Moon is in one of your Money Houses. Make plans to reduce your debt or consolidate financial arrangements about shared property and inheritances so you feel more reassured and confident. Tonight: Cocoon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

3★ The New Moon today is opposite your sign, which is the best opportunity for you all year to think about how you can improve your partnerships and closest friendships. Think about what kind of friend you

are to others. How can you be a better friend? Tonight: Conversations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

3★ This is an excellent day to set intentions. In particular, what resolutions would you make that will help you improve your job or how you do your job? What resolutions might you make to improve your health? Tonight: Money ideas?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

4★ We are a goal-oriented society. However, it's important to play and enjoy the arts. Today's New Moon is the perfect time to ask yourself if you have a good balance between work and play. Do you take time to have fun with others, especially children? Do you value your creative talents? Tonight: Tranquility.

BORN TODAY

Actress, singer-songwriter Miley Cyrus (1992), athlete, TV anchor Robin Roberts (1960), actor Vincent Cassel (1966)

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ACROSS

1 Taunt

5 Pear-shaped fruit

8 Does in, mob-style

12 Elliptical

13 Singer

14 Bell

15 Thanks-giving parade

17 Salingir

18 Deep blue

19 Like some limo windows

21 Goof up

22 Disc-shaped cookie

23 Days of yore

26 Comics cry

28 Wear down

31 Feudal laborer

33 Insult, slangily

35 Winter blanket

DOWN

1 Asian desert

2 Infamous tsar

3 Hairless

4 "Dallas" matriarch

5 Bowled over

6 Bit of physics

7 Enthusiasm

8 Starting bids

9 Decks out

10 Notoriety

11 Rosebud

12 To Kane

16 Shrek, for one

20 Fury

36 Royal crown

38 Bar bill

40 Cyndi Lauper's "— Bop"

41 Coat with gold

43 Watch chain

45 Restaurant fan

47 Style

51 Awe-struck

52 Animated films

54 Actress

55 Russo

56 Spanish gold

57 GI dining hall

58 Cam-paigned

23 Superlative suffix

24 Island garland

25 Old foot soldiers

27 Young fox

29 "What was I thinking?"

30 Ram's mate

32 Kitchen fixtures

34 Paella spice

37 Actress

39 MacGraw

42 Interior design

44 Adrien of "The Pianist"

45 Rural tract

46 Curved molding

48 "Encore!"

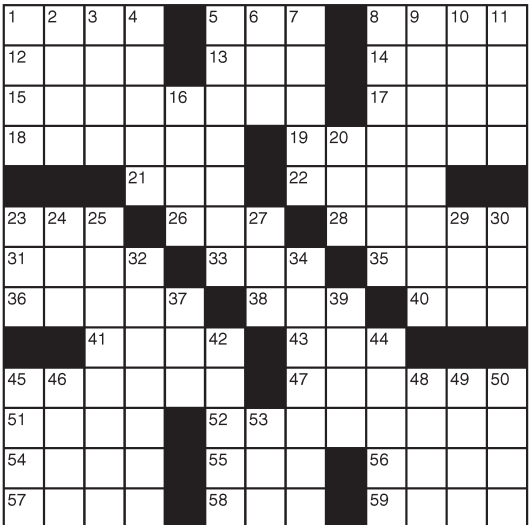
49 Soon, poetically

50 Recipe amts.

53 Coach Par-seghian

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.

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HFTIA

PTMEEX

NIVLIG

By year's end, you'll all understand clocks and calendars.

What's the circle with the pointy things?

THE STUDENTS WOULD LEARN WORDS LIKE "SECOND, MINUTE, HOUR, DAY, ETC." OVER A ---

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



Last Wednesday's Answers

Jumbles: GLOAT PATCH DOMINO TUXEDO

Answer: Marigold went on and on about her horn. But Phoebe had to admit she — HAD A GOOD POINT

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

11/23

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:

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

11/16

West Virginia’s first pediatric flu death for 2022-23 flu season confirmed by DHHR

CHARLESTON (Hinton News) - The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health has confirmed West Virginia’s first influenza-associated pediatric death for the 2022-23 flu season. To protect the family’s privacy, no details of the death will be released including the child’s name, hometown, county, age and gender.

“The loss of a child is profound,” said Dr. Ayne Amjad, acting state health officer and commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Public Health. “While most individuals recover from the flu, it can be a serious and life-threatening illness in both children and adults, especially those with existing

health conditions and compromised immunity. We extend our deepest sympathies to this family.”

Those who are very susceptible to flu and its complications include children under the age of five years old, the elderly, and people with underlying health conditions (e.g., diabetes, asthma, etc.). Infants under six months of age cannot receive the influenza vaccine. The best way to protect them is to have everyone who will have contact with the infant receive a flu vaccine, and also limit an infant’s exposure to large groups of individuals.

“Now is the ideal time to get your flu shot, as West Virginia is experiencing a historically early start to the flu season. The flu vaccine is

the first line of defense to protect yourself, and people around you who are vulnerable to the serious effects of the flu. We urge all West Virginians 6 months of age and older to get vaccinated against the flu,” said Shannon McBee, state epidemiologist.

People who think they might have the flu should contact their doctor immediately to see if they need treatment with a prescription antiviral drug which can help prevent flu infections from becoming more serious. Treatment with an antiviral drug is especially important for hospitalized patients, people with severe flu illness, and people who are at high risk of serious flu complications based on their age or health.

Other precautions people can take to protect against the spread of flu and other viruses include:

Staying home when sick until fever-free for at least 24 hours

Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then discarding the tissue promptly

Washing hands frequently, preferably with soap and water

“For the past two consecutive years, flu vaccine rates in West Virginia have been lower than they were before the pandemic,” added McBee. “Despite seeing more flu cases in our state and the nation, we are concerned about the lack of an uptick in vaccine rates. Additionally, RSV and COVID cases continue to circulate which could further

overwhelm our hospital system.”

While adult flu deaths are not a reportable condition in West Virginia, influenza-associated deaths of children under the age of 18 are required to be reported to the local health department within one week which in turn is reportable to the DHHR.

A total of five influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported nationwide during the 2022-23 influenza season according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/keyfacts.htm> or <https://oeeps.wv.gov/flu/pages/default.aspx>. To locate a flu vaccine, visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/>.

Summers County Courthouse News

Marriages

None.

Fiduciaries

Mark Rosenberk, Administrator of the Erby J Everidge Jr. estate;

James W Keatley, Administrator of the James A Keatley estate;

Kelly R Lankford, Administrator of the Shawn D Adkins estate;

Donna Palmore, Administrator of the Michael Palmore estate.

Land Transfers

James William Mann to Bethlehem Farms Inc., Partition Deed, 42.61 acres more or less, Talcott District;

Larry D Fox to Hinton WV FD, LLC, Special Warranty Deed, 0.51 acres more or less, City of Hinton District;

Bethlehem Farms Inc. to James William Mann, Deed of Partition and Exchange, 36.52 acres more or less, Talcott District;

Robin L Bolling to Wendy D Bolling, Deed of Partition and Exchange, 26.470 acres more or less, Talcott District;

Wendy D Bolling to Robin L Bolling, Deed of Partition and Exchange, 0.503 acres more or less, Talcott District;

Marylin Rentals Inc. to Michael Kesner and Donna Kesner, Part of Lots, Cit of Hinton District;

Charles Bailey and Patricia Bailey to Jeffrey A Bragg and Lorene M Bragg, Lot Number 3, Talcott District;

G. Russell Rollyson Jr., Appointee of State Auditor John B McCuskey and Bettie Gwinn to Triennium LLC, Penn Virginia, Jumping Branch District;

Dorothy E Johnson to Emily Milam and Justin Milam, 4.031 acres more or less, Forest Hill District;

James M Angiulo and Clarita Marie Rader to Stephen W Richards and Joan C Richards, Deed of Exchange, Lot Number 21, Pipestem District;

Stephen W Richards and Joan C Richards to James M Angiulo and Clarita Marie Rader, Deed of Exchange, Lot Number 37, Pipestem District;

Cody L Wisner to James Heath Utterback, 1.072 acres more or less, Talcott District;

Elizabeth Ann Taylor to James S Richmond, 298.14 acres more or less, Green Sulphur District;

David B Wigglesworth and Pamela L Wigglesworth to Curtis B Ellison and Linda M Ellison, Lot Number 148, Talcott District;

The Victor Wasowicz estate and Michael Keefe as Administrator of the estate and the heirs of the estate to Edward R Lilly II, Tract 1: 34 acres and 2 square poles, Tract 2: .583 acres more or

less, Forest Hill District;

Norman Ryder and Heidi Ryder to Edith A Rossiter and Tara J Stottlemeyer, Lot Numbers 16 & 17, Talcott District;

Norman Ryder and Heidi Ryder and Kyle Garrett Ryder to Haley Morgan Mero-la, Lot Numbers 12, 13, 14 & 15, Talcott District;

William Eugene Atkins to Robert Paul Atkins, Quit Claim Deed, 47 acres, Talcott District;

William Eugene Atkins to Robert Paul Atkins, Quit Claim Deed, 5.32 acres, Talcott District;

William Eugene Atkins to Robert Paul Atkins, Quit Claim Deed, 2 acres and 8 square poles, Talcott District;

William Eugene Atkins to Robert Paul Atkins, Quit Claim Deed, .88 acre, Talcott District;

Willie E Bishop Sr. to Willis Bishop Jr. and Anita Bishop Hagy and Bobby Bishop, Quit Claim Deed, 90 acres more or less, Pipestem District;

Willie E Bushop Sr. to Willis Bishop Jr. and Anita Bishop Hagy and Bobby Bishop, Quit Claim Deed, 5.00 acres more or less, Pipestem District.

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New River CTC faculty train on new mobile sim labs

BEAVER, W.Va. (Hinton News) - When faculty in New River Community and Technical College’s EMS programs unveiled two mobile simulation labs in 2019, they couldn’t have imagined that they would be helping to bring similar technology to EMS programs throughout the state of West Virginia.

Last month, New River CTC EMS Programs Director Matthew Snuffer and EMS Instructor Matthew Helles were invited to Charleston to receive training on the state’s new mobile simulation labs. The labs will begin being used in November.

“With the shortage of EMS workers, Governor Jim Justice wanted to find a way to increase the workforce,” explained Snuffer. “I was involved in some of the early meetings with Dr. Persily and seven other EMS program directors at community colleges across the state.”

The conversations resulted in Governor Justice granting \$10 million to improve EMS Education, including the funds used to design the five new simulation labs to be used by programs across the state. The new labs include advanced simulation manikins and AV equipment to allow instructors to work through scenarios in the back of a functioning ambulance. The fleet of simulation labs is being managed by HealthNet Aeromedical, and they will begin using a scheduling app for use of the labs in November. The mobile simulation labs will be based in Beaver, Charleston, Clarksburg,

Huntington and Wheeling.

New River CTC offers a workforce Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) class, paramedic certificate of applied science and an EMS associate degree program. EMT-B classes are offered annually with classes starting in both August and January. Earning an EMT-B certification allows someone to provide emergency responder care, including basic lifesaving care and first aid. EMT-B lab classes are scheduled in Ghent, Lewisburg and Summersville. The class is offered in a hybrid format allowing students to choose the time and location to attend the weekly lab portion of the class that works best for them. New River CTC’s EMT-B course is a 156-hour class.

Students interested in continuing their education after earning the EMT-B certification will be prepared to continue their education in New River CTC’s Certificate of Applied Science in Paramedic and test for the National Registry Paramedic Certification by completing one additional semester at the college. New River CTC also offers an EMS associate degree program. New paramedic and EMS classes start annually in August.

For more information about programs offered at New River CTC, visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 866-349-3739.

New River Community and Technical College serves nine counties in southeast and south-central West Virginia: Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Web-

ster. The College offers classes online, in Beaver at the Raleigh County Campus, in Ghent at the Advanced Technology Center, in Hinton at Summers County ARH Hospital, in Lewisburg at the Greenbrier Valley Campus, in Marlinton at One Room

University, in Princeton at the Mercer County Campus and in Summersville at the Nicholas County Campus.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of Summers have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Hall of the Summers County Courthouse beginning at 2:00 PM in the afternoon, on the 6th day of December 2022.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold following the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

CERT NO	YEAR SOLD	NAME1	NAME2	DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT
45855	2019	ADKINS JACKIE JOE	AMAYESING RENTALS LLC (2020)	1 LOT ON HILL 127 RESIVOR ST	HINTON CORP
45856	2019	BRENTMOORE LLC		1 REAR LOT UNION ST.	HINTON CORP
45857	2019	ENRIGHT MATHEW F		BLOCK 9 LOT 1 11TH AVE	HINTON CORP
45858	2019	MAYES JASON M		BLOCK 5 PART OF LOT 2 TEMPLE ST	HINTON CORP
45859	2019	MONTI ANDREW	TYGART RIVER HYDROCARBONS LLC (2021)	BLOCK 7 LOT 11/ GAVE TO THE CI BAL- LENGEE STREET	HINTON CORP
45860	2019	BRENTMOORE LLC		2 ACRES LOT, BEECH RUN	JUMPING BRANCH
45861	2019	BRAGG JENNIE KES- LER "EST"		62 POLES ROLLINSBURG	TALCOTT

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to the date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed.

Given under my hands this 7th day of November 2022.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands for Greenbrier County

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SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FYE JUNE 30, 2022

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,475,549
Investments	-
Inventory	-
Taxes receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes	31,062
Deposit with Retirement Board	498,531
Food service receivable	-
Lease receivable	-
Other receivables	119,332
Prepaid Workers' Compensation	-
Other prepaid expenses	22,731
Due from other governments:	
State aid receivable	-
PEIA allocation receivable	178,266
Reimbursements receivable	1,640,831
Capital Assets:	
Land	219,765
Land improvements	-
Buildings and improvements	27,560,389
Furniture and equipment	1,145,315
Vehicles	3,355,930
Construction in process	-
Less accumulated depreciation	(11,935,011)
Total capital assets, net of depreciation	20,346,387
Total assets	24,312,686
Deferred outflows of resources:	
Pension	606,698
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	652,422
Other	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,259,120
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 25,571,808

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION

Liabilities:	
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	\$ 1,117,780
PEIA premiums payable	13,573
Compensated absences	-
Accounts payable	200,846
Other post employment benefit payable	(8,234)
Due to Other Fiscal Agents	-
Long-term obligations:	
Due within one year:	
Bonds and contracts	216,249
Accrued interest	-
Accrued sick leave payable	-
Due beyond one year:	
Bonds and contracts	1,044,040
Accrued sick leave payable	-
Asset retirement obligation (ARO) liability	-
Net pension liability - Proportionate Share	241,043
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Proportionate Share	184,880
Total liabilities	3,010,177
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Pension	490,073
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	1,192,655
Other	186,266
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,868,994
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	\$ 4,879,171

Net Position:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	19,086,098
Restricted for:	
Debt service	-
Special projects	-
Capital projects	-
Unrestricted	1,590,070
Total net position	\$ 20,676,168

SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FYE JUNE 30, 2022

Functions	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense), Revenue & Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
Instruction	\$ 7,362,461	\$ 596	\$ 2,934,771	\$ 202,494	\$ (4,224,600)
Supporting services:					
Students	943,384	76	376,045	25,946	(541,317)
Instructional staff	2,100,133	170	837,140	57,761	(1,205,062)
General administration	482,305	39	192,253	13,265	(276,748)
School administration	731,940	59	291,761	20,131	(419,989)
Central services	573,174	46	228,474	15,764	(328,890)
Operation and maintenance of facilities	1,462,753	118	579,086	39,966	(833,593)
Student transportation	1,797,271	145	716,415	49,431	(1,031,280)
Other support services	2,594	-	1,034	71	(1,489)
Food services	1,225,327	-	-	-	(1,225,327)
Community services	18,500	-	-	-	(18,500)
Interest on long-term debt/finance leases	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	16,689,842	1,249	6,156,979	424,819	(10,106,795)
General revenues:					
Property taxes					3,448,669
Unrestricted state aid					3,399,307
Unrestricted investment earnings					321,092
Unrestricted grants and contributions					3,389,968
Extraordinary item - other post employment benefits					
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets					(21,529)
Gain (loss) on termination of ROU assets					
Transfers in					698,237
Transfers (out)					(698,237)
Total general revenues, extraordinary items and transfers					10,537,506
Change in net position					430,710
Net position - beginning					10,122,729
Prior period adjustments - (See Note __)					10,122,729
Net position - beginning, as restated					20,245,458
Net position - ending					\$ 20,676,168

See Notes to Financial Statements

SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FYE JUNE 30, 2022

	11 General Current Expense	61 Special Revenue Fund	71 Special Revenue ESSERF Fund	51 Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,788,174	\$ (672,590)	\$ (617,542)	\$ (22,493)	\$ 1,475,549
Taxes receivable, net	31,062	-	-	-	31,062
Deposit with Retirement Board	498,531	-	-	-	498,531
Other receivables	119,332	-	-	-	119,332
Other prepaid expenses	22,731	-	-	-	22,731
Due from other governments:					
PEIA allocation receivable	178,266	-	-	-	178,266
Reimbursements receivable	-	1,000,795	617,542	22,493	1,640,831
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	3,638,096	328,205	-	-	3,966,301
Deferred outflows of resources					
Total deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS PLUS DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 3,638,096	\$ 328,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,966,301
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	\$ 1,117,780	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1,117,780
Other post employment benefits payable	8,234	-	-	-	8,234
PEIA premiums payable	13,573	-	-	-	13,573
Accounts payable & Payable to others	200,846	-	-	-	200,846
Due to other fiscal agents	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	1,340,434	-	-	-	1,340,434
Deferred inflows of resources					
Total deferred inflows of resources	40,330	123,443	-	22,493	186,266
Fund Balances:					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	2,257,333	204,762	(0)	(22,493)	2,439,601
Total fund balances	2,257,333	204,762	(0)	(22,493)	2,439,601
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,638,097	\$ 328,205	\$ (0)	\$ -	\$ 3,966,301

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position differ due to:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	20,346,387
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	606,698
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(490,073)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	652,422
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	(1,192,655)
Some liabilities, including net pension and OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	
Bonds payable, due within one year	(216,249)
Bonds payable, due beyond one year	(1,044,040)
Net pension liability - proportionate share	(241,043)
Net OPEB liability - proportionate share	(184,880)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 20,676,168

See Notes to Financial Statements

SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FYE JUNE 30, 2022

	11 General Current Expense	61 Special Revenue	71 Special Revenue ESSERF	51 Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
Revenues:					
Property taxes	\$ 3,448,669	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,448,669
Other Local sources	321,092	1,250	-	-	322,341
State sources	9,347,609	418,860	-	424,822	10,191,291
Federal sources	-	2,640,887	3,624,047	-	6,264,935
Miscellaneous sources	1,559	-	-	-	1,559
Total revenues	13,118,928	3,060,997	3,624,047	424,822	20,228,794
Expenditures:					
Instruction	6,367,926	1,595,134	1,054,328	-	9,017,389
Supporting services:					
Students	743,691	58,975	275,650	-	1,078,316
Instructional staff	871,627	761,033	525,620	-	2,158,279
General administration	552,229	25	-	-	552,254
School administration	756,963	158,205	-	-	915,168
Central Services	299,013	87,246	404,981	-	791,240
Operation and maintenance of facilities	1,135,581	1,355	400,049	6,760	1,543,745
Student transportation	1,954,727	3,563	188,197	-	2,146,487
Other support services	-	-	-	-	-
Food services	556	1,097,140	194,191	-	1,291,887
Community services	18,500	-	-	-	18,500
Capital outlay	11,167	-	443,588	440,555	895,310
Total expenditures	12,711,980	3,762,676	3,486,604	447,315	20,408,574
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	406,949	(701,679)	137,444	(22,493)	(179,780)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in	573,637	124,600	-	-	698,237
Transfers (out)	(483,220)	(77,573)	(137,444)	-	(698,237)
Total other financing sources (uses)	90,417	47,027	(137,444)	-	(0)
Extraordinary Item:					
Other post employment benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	497,365	(654,652)	(0)	(22,493)	(179,780)
Fund balances - beginning	1,759,968	859,414	-	36	2,619,418
Prior period adjustments - (See Note __)	-	-	-	(36)	(36)
Fund balances - beginning, as restated	1,759,968	859,414	-	-	2,619,382
Fund balances - ending	\$ 2,257,333	\$ 204,762	\$ (0)	\$ (22,493)	\$ 2,439,602

See Notes to Financial Statements

SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FYE JUNE 30, 2022

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (179,780)
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different due to:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation in the current period.	
Depreciation expense	(571,541)
Capital outlays	874,384

Differences in the cost and accumulated depreciation on disposed capital assets are reported as a loss and reduction in net position in the statement of activities.

Cost of assets disposed	-
Accumulated depreciation of assets disposed	(21,529)

Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense

District pension contributions	168,875
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Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	149,369
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Governmental funds report district OPEB contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of OPEB benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as OPEB expense

District OPEB contributions	10,933
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Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 430,711
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SUMMERS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Salaries expenditures:

Board officials:	
Stanley R. Duncan	\$ 5,280
Jacqueline R. Farley	2,720
William J. McBride	5,120
Kenneth Brogan	5,120
Gregory R. Angell	5,280
Diane R. Farley	2,080

Superintendent	112,108
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Total salaries paid to other professional personnel	7,330,221
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Total salaries paid to service personnel	2,477,712
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Total salaries paid to students for work performed	
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Total salary expenditures	9,945,641
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Non-salary expenditures:

Expenditures paid in excess of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250):	
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(List the name of each firm, corporation and person to whom more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) in the aggregate from all funds was paid during the fiscal year, together with the aggregate amount paid and the purpose for which paid.)

Total non-salary expenditures paid in excess of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)	7,406,055
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Total non-salary expenditures paid of less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)	10,165
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Total accrued expenditures, refunds, and other non-cash transactions	-
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Total non-salary expenditures	10,462,933
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Total expenditures per financial statements	\$ 20,408,574
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Supplemental Schedule of Expenditures

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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT OF CHECK				
A-Z SPEECH THERAPY, LLC	164,325.00	HOOTEN EQUIPMENT	102,586.00	RICHARD L ARRINGTON	350.00
AAA SEPTIC TANK SERVICES,INC	2,275.00	HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT	516,654.19	ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGY	18,747.27
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	3,578.84	HPS LLC	3,275.00	RIGNEY DIGITAL SYSTEMS, LTD	2,386.00
ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM	562.00	HUBERT	341.80	RINGCENTRAL, INC	8,610.76
AEP CONNECTIONS, LLC	380.00	ILLUMINATE EDUCATION, INC	1,170.00	RIVER VALLEY CHILd DEVELOPMENT	1,350.00
AT&T	3,088.13	INSTITUTE FOR MULTI-SENSORY ED	15,485.78	R T ROGERS OIL	314,731.26
AIRGAS USA LLC	656.44	INTERSTATE BATTERIES	3,860.50	ROBERT B ABBOTT	2,000.00
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Babydog featured on First Lady Cathy Justice’s official 2022 Christmas ornament



Amanda Buckner is the artist who designed and created the official 2022 Limited Edition Christmas Ornament featuring Babydog.



The governor’s English bulldog, Babydog, as depicted on First Lady Cathy Justice’s official 2022 Limited Edition Christmas Ornament.



West Virginia Arts, Culture and History Curator Randall Reid-Smith announces First Lady Cathy Justice’s official 2022 Limited Edition Christmas Ornament.

C H A R L E S T O N (Hinton News) - First Lady Cathy Justice joined West Virginia Arts, Culture and History Curator Randall Reid-Smith today to unveil her official 2022 Limited Edition Christmas Ornament.

This year’s ornament was designed by Charleston stained glass artist, Amanda Buckner. “Babydog has been a true pleasure as a beloved pet for the Governor and me,” said Justice. “She was a gift to the governor on Christmas Eve a few years ago and immediately became his loyal companion. She brings such happiness to our lives, and we’re thrilled to share some of that joy with our fellow West Virginians. Amanda Buckner has created a wonderful Christmas

ornament, capturing the true cheerful spirit of Babydog. I hope everyone who takes one of these ornaments home will enjoy it for many years to come.”

“The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History is always excited to help First Lady Cathy Justice in unveiling her annual Christmas ornament design,” Reid-Smith said. “This year’s artist, Amanda Buckner of Amanda’s Glass Art, has created a beautiful piece, and we are proud to continuously work with the first lady to promote artists from across the Mountain State.”

The 2022 ornament features the governor and First Lady’s beloved pet, Babydog. The ornament was created using a white opalescent glass

base, crushed glass in four colors along with hand cut glass eyes, nose, and a red tongue. The ornament is finished with a red velvet ribbon for hanging and a wooden bone-shaped tag, made by West Virginia artisan Sam Laxton, with a special Christmas greeting from Babydog.

“As a native of West Virginia and the owner of Amanda’s Glass Art, it was a privilege to be selected to produce the 2022 First Lady ornament,” said Buckner. “I am working hard every day to ‘Do It for Babydog!’”

The limited number of 500 ornaments will be released in stages, due to the intricate design of the ornament. One hundred and twenty ornaments will be available for purchase on Wednesday,

Nov. 16, at the Tamarack Marketplace at The Culture Center in Charleston. Later in the holiday season, the additional 380 ornaments will be released with 250 being delivered on Dec. 14 and a final 130 delivered on Dec. 21.

People interested in purchasing an ornament may also call 304-205-7911 and leave a voicemail message with their name and phone number. It is strongly recommended that anyone leaving a voicemail leave only their name and number, not their credit card information. If you need your ornament shipped, Tamarack will advise on packaging and shipping costs.

The Tamarack Marketplace at The Culture Center is closed on Sundays and Mondays. Gift

shop hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Any voicemails in the order they were left regarding the ornaments while the shop is closed will be returned received on Tuesdays.

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Gov. Justice receives top-to-bottom report on DHHR

C H A R L E S T O N (Hinton News) - On Nov. 10, Gov. Jim Justice announced that he has received the organizational review of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) conducted by the McChrystal Group LLC, of Alexandria, Va.

In March 2022, Gov. Justice vetoed HB 4020, which would have split the DHHR into two different agencies. At the governor’s direction, the McChrystal Group was hired to complete a top-to-bottom review of DHHR to identify its issues, bottlenecks, and inefficiencies. Consultants with the McChrystal Group spent the last few months embedded, physically and virtually, in DHHR and spent hundreds of hours with various department staff.

The report concludes: “To improve West Virginia’s health and human services outcomes, the status quo is not an option; DHHR requires bold organizational change. After completing this organization assessment and strategic plan, the McChrystal Team disagrees that splitting DHHR into two separate departments is the option that will pro-

vide the desired results. Instead, the McChrystal Team recommends that DHHR remain a single department and focus all improvement efforts - to both structure and process - around the strategic plan designed to address the highest priorities within West Virginia’s environment.”

“When I vetoed House Bill 4020, I committed to making our DHHR the best it can be so that our most vulnerable West Virginians are served with the highest degree of care,” Justice said. “I made the right decision to veto this bill in March 2022, and these national

experts have confirmed my decision with their report.

“I have directed Secretary Crouch and his leadership team to immediately implement the McChrystal Group’s recommendations. They will do so in an effective and efficient way and will ensure there is no lapse in any vital support or services for the West Virginians who rely on the DHHR. I will also work closely with the Legislature on changes to laws or funding that may be necessary to implement these changes.

“I sincerely thank the McChrystal Group for

their work on this report, and for their expertise in analyzing this important agency. I have the utmost faith in the great West Virginians who are employed by DHHR to rally together as a team and make the necessary changes to be a better organization for our state.”

The full McChrystal Group report can be read at <https://governor.wv.gov/Documents/DHHR%20Report.pdf>

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