



# John Henry Park gets running water

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

As part of ongoing infrastructure improvements, John Henry Park in Talcott now has water access. On Thursday, Dec. 1, crews ran water lines across State Route 3/12 to provide access to the park. Park Director Mike Cales was on the scene to oversee the process. Talcott Fire Department provided traffic control.

Cales said, "This is the last stage of our infrastructure for the park." Earlier in 2022, teams revamped the electrical system. Now, improvements have turned to water. According to Cales, now that the park has water access, they plan to install four outdoor yard hydrants. The current plan is to place one at the welcome center, one between the picnic shelter and restroom area, one near the emergency access gate, and one near the stage.

Except for the pedestri-

an bridge construction, Cales stated that this is the last major project for the park. Now that lines are run, making water available in the park area, Cales noted that they will likely wait until spring to complete the remaining steps.

In addition to the water project completion, they hope to have a grand opening ceremony for the welcome center in the spring. Following the grand opening, Cales said they face the issue of staffing. He went on to say that he recently received an application to utilize a program that hires senior citizens. While Cales stated that he has not yet had the time to go over the application for requirements, he believes it is one possibility to solve the welcome center staffing problem.

The John Henry Park is a labor love that has been ongoing for many years. The current administra-



Equipment stands at the ready after digger the necessary trenches.

tion continues to work toward goals to improve the park experience and draw in more visitors. Eventually, Cales said they plan to revitalize and designate several historical sites around the small town to create a walking or biking tour that includes the pedestrian bridge.

According to Cales, this

water project is made possible through a grant from National Coal Heritage Area. Cales noted that it is a 50/50 grant. He expressed thanks to all three Summers County Commissions and National Coal Heritage Executive Director Christy Bailey for their support and assistance with the project.



A crew works diligently to complete the water line installation.

"They [the Commissioners] have been very supportive of this project, all three of them. I'd also like to thank Christy Bailey, the Executive Director of Coal Heritage and her staff for their continued

support." The park is open to visitors daily.

Hinton News will continue to provide updates on the progress of John Henry Park and related projects.

## Hinton's Hometown Christmas brings holiday cheer



One of the decorated areas in Hinton.

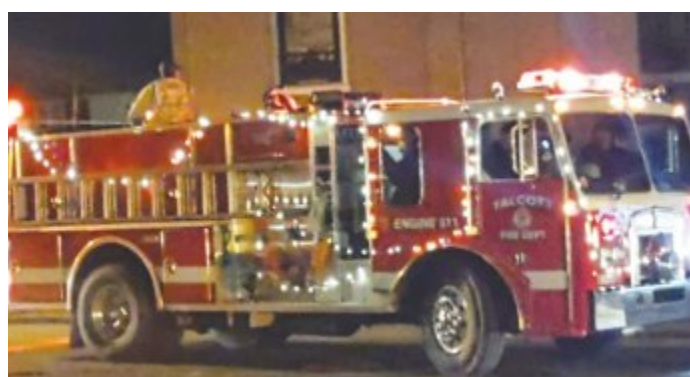
BY REBECCA STALNAKER

Like the quaint, picturesque towns depicted in movies and television shows, Hinton decked the halls for the holiday season. With lights and decorations shining and sparkling, the downtown area set a picture-perfect background for the annual Hinton's Hometown Christmas Festival.

Vendors filled the downtown buildings and lined Temple Street:

local businesses offered specials and discounts; a horse-drawn carriage provided rides around the block. Overall, the picture stemmed straight from a storybook.

Later in the evening, floats, firetrucks, various types of vehicles and the Summers County Comprehensive High School Marching Band traveled through town for the Christmas Pa-



A decorated firetruck rolls through the Christmas parade.

rade. Mr. and Mrs. Claus stood atop Tower 21, the City of Hinton Fire Department's ladder truck, waving to the gathered crowd. The scene appeared magical as cheers sounded for the procession.

After the parade concluded, Santa and Mrs. Claus joined a group of observers in City Park to light the town's Christmas Tree.

Even though the main

festival has now come and gone, the Christmas Magic is not over. Hinton's Hometown Christmas still has multiple events scheduled for the remainder of the season.

For more information about holiday events in Summers County, visit [hintonnews.com](http://hintonnews.com). To see a complete list of Hinton events and activities, visit the Hinton's Hometown Christmas Facebook page.

## Another Successful Year for Beyond Wishes Therapeutic Riding Program



Tina Hannah's Middle School Class along with volunteers and Instructor Mareelyn McQuaig. Photo by Beyond Wishes

Beyond Wishes Therapeutic Riding Program (BWTRP) recently finished its 12th active season with everyone saying so long until next year. Beyond Wishes, a local non-profit 501(c)(3) in Hinton WV offers Equine Assisted Services to individuals with disabilities and special needs. The active season is from April 15th to October 15.

In addition to private sessions on the farm, Beyond Wishes offers several specialty programs. There is a hands-on interaction with a miniature horse in long-term care facilities and schools. Military veterans and their families can participate at no cost. Also included are field trips, equine educational days, student competition and opportunity and devel-

opment for teenagers at high risk. Beyond wishes has partnered with the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) for the last two years to provide a Family Strengthening Program, which was very successful.

This program would not survive without its generous donors, compassionate volunteers, sweet horses, and devoted staff. Trained and internationally certified instructors Toni and Mareelyn McQuaig, Windle McQuaig, Executive Director who oversees the operation and takes pictures, lots and lots of them.

For more information on Beyond Wishes Therapeutic Riding Program, check out Facebook or the website at [www.beyondwishes.org](http://www.beyondwishes.org), email at [beyondwishes@beyondwishes.net](mailto:beyondwishes@beyondwishes.net) or call 304-466-0431.

## West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program announces updates

CHARLESTON, W.VA (Hinton News) — Homeowners affected by the COVID-19 pandemic can now access more assistance through the West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program. Now, eligible West Virginia homeowners can receive up to \$20,000 in mortgage assistance, up from \$15,000. Those who need help with their down payment assistance loans can now receive \$1,000, up from \$500. Homeowners who are at least 60 days behind in their mortgage payments may now apply for mortgage assistance.

"West Virginia has the highest homeownership percentage in the United

States. These changes will help us better meet the needs of West Virginians struggling to make payments to keep roofs over their heads and their utilities on," said Erica Boggess, Executive Director of the West Virginia Housing Development Fund, which administers the Homeowners Rescue Program.

"Our experience in operating this program for the past eight months tells us that we can help more people by increasing our limits and allowing applicants to access assistance sooner. After receiving nearly 9,000 applications, we can clearly see that to ensure housing stability and to reduce the financial

burden to homeowners, the program needs to pay more and provide help before a homeowner gets too far behind in their mortgage payments. These changes will allow us to do that."

Applications that did not meet previous eligibility requirements may be reconsidered. Homeowners who were rejected but meet the new eligibility requirements and still need help should call 1-844-542-0035 to speak to a program representative about getting their applications reopened. Applicants who have already received assistance through the program are not eligible to reapply for

additional assistance.

Since launching in March, the West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program has paid nearly \$10 million in federal funds to help eligible homeowners with their past-due mortgages, utilities, property taxes, homeowner's insurance, and other housing costs. This money is tax-free to the applicant and does not need to be repaid. Financial institutions that have not signed on to participate in the program are encouraged to become part of a national effort to get borrowers caught up on their payments.

For more information, visit [www.wvhomerescue.com](http://www.wvhomerescue.com).





# A look ahead to winter sports in Summers County

**BY LAWSON JONES**  
Summers County's football, volleyball, golf, and cross-country seasons have concluded, and both basketball teams have been in practice for a few weeks now.  
The coaching staff for both teams is the same as in the past. Coach Chad Meador heads the Lady Bobcats, and Coach Robert Bowling heads the boy's team.  
Both basketball teams only

lost one senior at the conclusion of last season. The teams have had to make some adjustments since they are without Bryson Keaton and Maggie Stover this year.  
This year there are numerous seniors on both teams. Liv Meador, Sullivan Pivont, Ashley Cooper, and Jesse Ward lead the Lady Bobcats as seniors. Meador commented on how she is feeling about her senior season.

"We're all a year older, we have everyone back except one girl, and we're more experienced. I feel confident about this season and getting back to the state tournament. We're just trying to take it one game at a time and focus on our goal," Meador stated.  
Cruz Testerman, Peyton Miller, Ethan Eerenberg, Duke Dodson, Ferrell Mann, Sonny Whitt, and Michael Judy are the seniors on the boy's team.

Testerman is feeling optimistic about his senior season.  
"I am excited for this year because I feel our team is more aggressive than last. We just have to play our game and do the things that are important to win. Our season should be better than last year having a couple new players, and returning players as well," Testerman stated.  
The Lady Bobcats opened their season on the road Tuesday,

day, December 6, at Shady Spring with an 84-46 win. Their next two games were part of the Vision Homes Invitational in Morgantown. Those games took place on Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10.  
The Bobcats opened their season on Friday, December 9, at home against Midland Trail.  
Come out and support the youth of Summers County this winter!



## Ascend West Virginia announces expansion

**BY REBECCA STALNAKER**  
Ascend West Virginia, a remote work program, is expanding. In a press conference on Nov. 29, program founders and other officials announced that the greater Elkins area is joining Ascend's other three locations.  
During the round-table discussion, the application period to join the program at the new location officially opened. Between 25 and 30 new Ascenders will join the almost 150 individuals who are already part of Ascend West Virginia.  
The goal behind Ascend is to bring remote workers from across the country to West Virginia. With the current lo-

cations in Morgantown, the Greenbrier Valley and the Eastern Panhandle, Ascend has already brought quite a few people to the Mountain State with a 98 percent retention rate. The individuals were chosen from a pool of 20,000 applicants.  
"The heart behind this program really boils down to these three principles: community, purpose and the outdoors. Those who have already made the move to West Virginia are already planting roots here and making a difference. We are thrilled to share our home among the hills with more remote workers and look forward to adding this new option in our state's Potomac Highlands region," said Co-Founder of the

Wing 2 Wing Foundation Alys Smith.  
Elkins Mayor Jerry Marco, who was also part of the press conference, noted the many reasons to visit or live in Elkins. The art community, outdoor recreation opportunities and shopping area were among the things Marco spoke on. When speaking about visiting the area, he said, "we want it to be an experience, something that sticks with you..." He continued by talking about the people of the area saying, "it's the people that make it magical and pull everything together."  
"The Greater Elkins Area is an ideal location for Ascend WV as it is the western gateway to the Monongahela National For-

est which provides a lifetime of outdoor recreation opportunities," West Virginia University's Danny Twilley said. "Coupled with a deeply caring and committed community, our future West Virginians will find a great place to live, work, and play."  
Those who join Ascend West Virginia gain several incentives. This list includes a \$12,000 relocation incentive paid in installments over two years. Additionally, they cite one year of free outdoor recreation, co-working space, professional advancement and networking opportunities.  
To learn more about Ascend West Virginia or to sign-up for the new location, go to ascendwv.com.

## Location of Talcott Community Christmas Dinner announced

The Talcott Fire Department Auxiliary recently announced that it will hold a free community Christmas dinner on Dec. 18 between 1 and 3 p.m. or until food runs out. A new announcement lists the dinner location as the Talcott Elementary School cafeteria.  
To volunteer or make a monetary donation to the dinner, reach out to [tfd.auxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:tfd.auxiliary@gmail.com)

## Remaining Christmas events in Summers County

**Free Christmas Movie at the Ritz:** Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theater.  
**Mrs. Claus Market:** Dec. 16 between 5 and 7 p.m. at McCreery Conference Center.  
**Talcott Fire Dept. Parade of Light:** Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. Through the Talcott/Pence Springs/Forest Hill area.  
**First Baptist Church Cantata:** Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. At First Baptist Church.  
**TFD Auxiliary Community Christmas Dinner:** Dec. 18 between 1 and 3 p.m. At Talcott Elementary School.  
**Christmas Preaching and Singing:** Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Building.  
**The Ministry Place Annual 200 Bag Christmas Groceries Giveaway:** Dec. 21 between 3 and 6 p.m. at 221 Temple Street, Hinton.  
**Free Christmas Movie at the Ritz:** Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theater.  
\*If you would like to add an event to this list, email [news@hintonnews.com](mailto:news@hintonnews.com)

## SCCHS Band to hold Christmas concert

The Summers County Comprehensive High School Band is holding a Christmas concert on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. For more information, reach out to the high school.

## The Ministry Place Annual 200 Bag Christmas Groceries Giveaway

The Ministry Place, located at 221 Temple Street, Hinton, WV, will be hosting its Annual 200 Bag Christmas Groceries Giveaway on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to come and be blessed with the fixings for your Christmas Meal. For questions, please call Pastor Robbie Rodes at 304-466-8200.

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Dec. 24th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



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### Beetle Bailey

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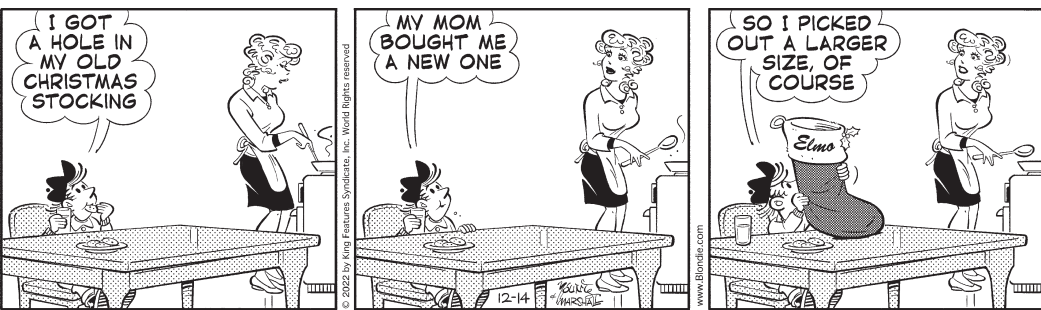
THE GENERAL HAD A FULL HEAD OF HAIR BACK THEN

THAT PHOTOGRAPH IS OLDER THAN I AM

GREG T-MORT WALKER 12/14

### Blondie

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I GOT A HOLE IN MY OLD CHRISTMAS STOCKING

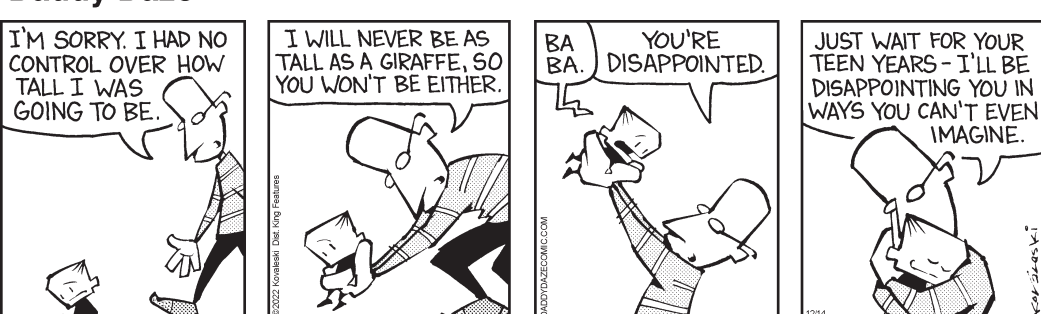
MY MOM BOUGHT ME A NEW ONE

SO I PICKED OUT A LARGER SIZE, OF COURSE

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### Daddy Daze

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I'M SORRY. I HAD NO CONTROL OVER HOW TALL I WAS GOING TO BE.

I WILL NEVER BE AS TALL AS A GIRAFFE, SO YOU WON'T BE EITHER.

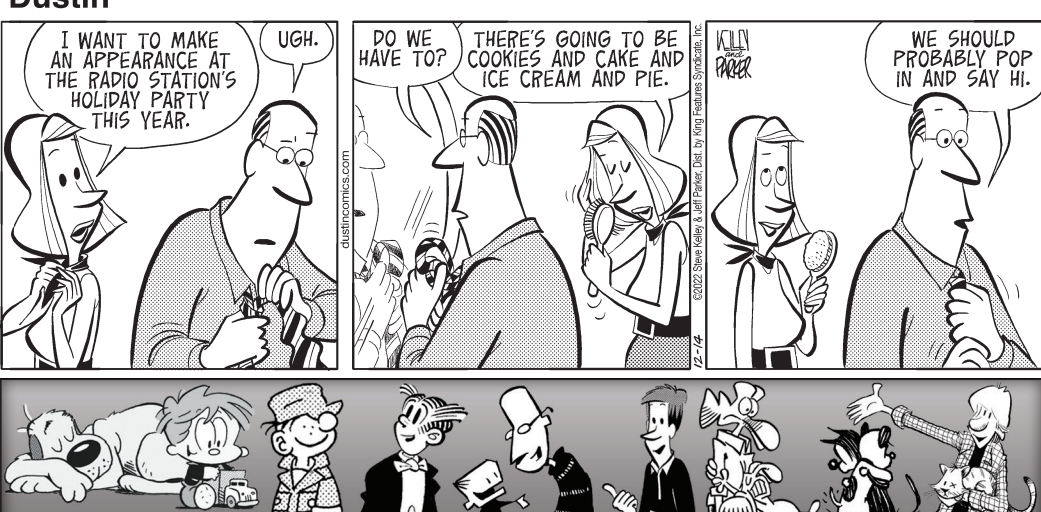
BA. BA. YOU'RE DISAPPOINTED.

JUST WAIT FOR YOUR TEEN YEARS - I'LL BE DISAPPOINTING YOU IN WAYS YOU CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE.

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### Dustin

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I WANT TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE AT THE RADIO STATION'S HOLIDAY PARTY THIS YEAR.

UGH.

DO WE HAVE TO?

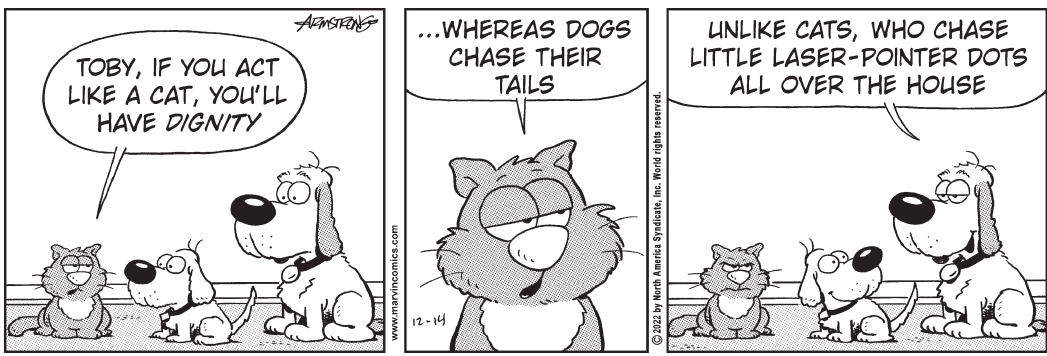
THERE'S GOING TO BE COOKIES AND CAKE AND ICE CREAM AND PIE.

WE SHOULD PROBABLY POP IN AND SAY HI.

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### Marvin

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TOBY, IF YOU ACT LIKE A CAT, YOU'LL HAVE DIGNITY


...WHEREAS DOGS CHASE THEIR TAILS

UNLIKE CATS, WHO CHASE LITTLE LASER-POINTER DOTS ALL OVER THE HOUSE

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### Mother Goose and Grim

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WHAT A SNOB... SHE CLAIMS HER WINTER COAT IS PRADA

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SHANTA'S COMING OUT OF ANOTHER STORE.

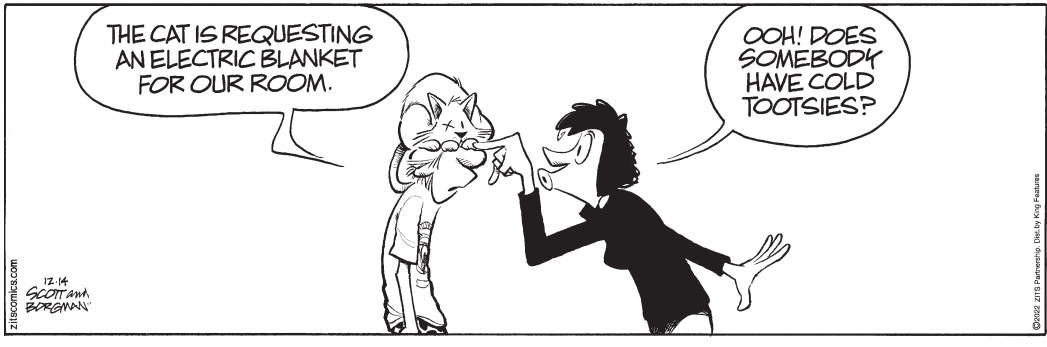
WITH NO SHOPPING BAGS!!!

HE PROBABLY FORGOT HIS LIST.

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### Zits

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THE CAT IS REQUESTING AN ELECTRIC BLANKET FOR OUR ROOM.

OOH! DOES SOMEBODY HAVE COLD TOOTSIES?

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## ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

#### MOON ALERT:

After 4 a.m. EST today (1 a.m. PST), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Virgo.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

for Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022:

You are enthusiastic and curious, and you love change. You need to be stimulated! You are also very playful! This is a year of change for you, which means you need to be flexible. Let go of anything that holds you back. Seek out new opportunities and trust your intuition.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

3★ Do not get sucked into someone else's agenda or their persuasive propaganda today, especially regarding politics, religion or racial issues. Think for yourself today. It's very easy to be seduced by someone who is convincing but who might be completely out to lunch. Trust yourself. Tonight: Listen.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

3★ Do not make important decisions today about inheritances, shared property or debt, because there's an element of confusion. Postpone these decisions for another day. Meanwhile, this is a great day to schmooze and have fun with others, especially people

who are "different." Tonight: Learn something.

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

3★ Tread carefully today, because you might feel confused about what to do. For example, you might get mixed messages from parents, bosses, partners or close friends. That's because there is genuine confusion happening today. However, it's a great day to socialize at home. Tonight: Check your finances.

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

3★ If you have doubts about something at work -- especially if it's related to the instructions from a supervisor or a boss -- then do nothing. Wait until this can be cleared up to-

morrow or another day. Avoid making a mistake. Your better choice is to have a fun conversation with someone. Tonight: Cooperate.

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

3★ Romance might be disappointing today. Ask yourself if you were clear about what you wanted. Unexpressed expectations almost always lead to disappointment. Fortunately, you might find comfort with a co-worker. A sympathetic ear is helpful. Tonight: Work.

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

4★ This is a lovely day to relax and enjoy the company of others in social situations. Accept invitations to go out or meet people for coffee, a drink or happy hour. However, family discussions, especially with parents, might be confusing. Do nothing if you're unsure about what to do. Tonight: Socialize.

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

4★ Keep a low profile today, because mixed messages might confuse you. Nevertheless, you have a strong need to talk to someone. Be aware that your mind will indulge in fantasies and daydreams. You might even misread a situation. Postpone important decisions.

Tonight: Cocoon.

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

3★ This is a poor day to make important financial decisions, because you might be confused -- you might even be deceived. Perhaps you don't have all the facts. Or perhaps the information you have is erroneous. The thing is, you don't know. A conversation with a friend will help you. Tonight: Stay busy.

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

4★ This is the perfect day to play hooky, because your energy level is lower. Yes, you need the day off. It's also easy to feel discouraged or beaten down by situations happening around you. Fortunately, a boss or parent might reassure you. Take it easy today. Pamper yourself. Tonight: Check your money.

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

2★ You might feel full of self-doubt today or question what you're doing. Take this seriously. We all have days like this. It's the human condition. Meanwhile, you can enjoy a lovely conversation with someone from another culture or someone who is "different." Trust your intuition. Tonight: Conversations.

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

3★ If talking to friends and groups today, avoid making a financial commitment, which you will be tempted to do. Don't do it. There's a lot of fuzzy thinking going on today. And for your sign, it could impact you financially. Instead, relax and converse with someone about your ideas. Do not commit. Tonight: Do research.

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

3★ It's easy to get mixed signals or misread what bosses, parents or people in authority want from you today. Since this is the case, don't volunteer for anything. Don't agree to anything important. Remember: What the large print giveth, the small print taketh away. Enjoy schmoozing with a friend. Tonight: Relax.

#### BORN TODAY

Actress Natascha McElhone (1971), actress Michaela Watkins (1971), actor Matthew McNulty (1982)

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## SHEFFER CROSSWORD

#### ACROSS

1 Audubon subject  
5 Dog's foot  
8 Early TVs  
12 Poet  
13 Promising words?  
14 Close  
15 Editing site for news stories  
17 "La Dolce —"  
18 Caper  
19 Hire  
21 Pisa  
23 Hit show  
24 CBS forensic drama  
25 Spiked club  
28 "Peter Pan" pooch  
30 Pop  
31 Hit show letters  
34 Stop-watch button  
35 Flamenco cheer  
36 Baseball's Hodges

#### DOWN

1 — Raton  
2 "— a roll!"  
3 En-grossed  
4 Over-night-package cooler  
5 Chart format  
6 Billboards  
7 Stirred  
8 Answers an invitation  
9 Spicy ballpark frank  
10 Car  
11 Remain  
16 601, in old Rome  
20 Future doc's exam

#### 22 Fresh

23 Caravan stops  
25 Food additive  
26 "Entourage" agent  
27 Sparkling wine  
29 Octavia's spouse  
31 Frazier foe  
32 Dict. info  
34 C&W artist  
36 Entire  
38 Swaps  
40 "The Sopranos" restaurateur  
42 Branch  
43 Beer ingredient  
44 Beyoncé's "If I Were —"  
45 Wound cover  
47 Freshens lawns  
48 Ninny  
49 Picnic intruders  
52 Past  
53 Tony winner Salonga

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ERA	DARCY	
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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.

KYISL

RRROE

TBMOOT

SENPOR

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answer: APRON DEPTH CLOUDY JESTER

Jumbles Answer: They sold more movie tickets at the theater than they — HAD PROJECTED



I hope Arnie isn't being a pest.

He just wants some getting.

He's helping us forget our scores.

UNLIKE THE GOLFERS, THE CAT IN THE CLUBHOUSE WANTED ---

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## SUDOKU PUZZLE

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

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:

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF  
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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, December 14, 2022  
**Claim Deadline:** Sunday, February 5, 2023  
**Estate of:** WANDA DARE LILLY  
**Fiduciary:** JEANIE WARD  
**Estate of:** MARTHA SUZANNE HUMPHREY  
**Fiduciary:** WILLIAM T. HUMPHREY  
**Estate of:** JAY COLEMAN TAYLOR  
**Fiduciary:** ANTHONY J. TAYLOR  
**Estate of:** JIMMIE RUTH FITZPATRICK  
**Fiduciary:** ROBERT TIMOTHY FITZPATRICK  
**Estate of:** SHAWN D. ADKINS  
**Fiduciary:** KELLY R. LANKFORD  
**Estate of:** MICHAEL WAYNE PALMORE  
**Fiduciary:** DONNA PALMORE  
**Estate of:** TAMMY MARIE GRIMMETT  
**Fiduciary:** BRADLEY TRIVETT  
**Estate of:** SALLIE ELIZABETH THOMPSON  
**Fiduciary:** EDWARD THOMPSON SR.  
**Estate of:** VALERIA CAROLYN BRAGG  
**Fiduciary:** LOIS ELAINE WALKER  
**Estate of:** MICHAEL D. MCNEER  
**Fiduciary:** DEBORA JUNE MCNEER  
**Estate of:** MARY JOSEPHINE HATCHER  
**Fiduciary:** WILLIAM J. HATCHER  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on November 29, 2022.  
Donald R. Basham Jr.  
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County (7,14de)

NOTICE OF  
TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under authority of that certain Deed of Trust dated June 10, 2005 from Ernest C. Smith and Virginia R. Smith to E. Dennis White, Jr., Trustee, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book No. 216, at page 250, securing a promissory note in the principal amount of \$46,062.06, payable to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., and default having been made under the promissory note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust and sale requested by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the front door of the Summers County Courthouse in Hinton, West Virginia, on January 17, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., subject to all reservations, exceptions, easements and other matters which appear of record, and subject to all unpaid taxes, if any, all of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with all improvements thereon and easements and appurtenances thereto belonging, situate in Greenbrier District, Summers County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:  
BEGINNING at a small white oak S. 29 3/4 E. 225 feet to a large oak, S 3 1/2 E. 119 feet to a stake at the County Road, N. 29 E. 193 feet to a small white oak by the County Road, N. 87 1/4 E. 148 feet to a stake by the road; S. 39 1/4 E. 114 feet to a chestnut stump by the Road; S. 72 1/2 E. 105 feet to an ash at the branch, and down the same N. 21 W. 399 feet to a gum by the cliff, N 53 3/4 W. 106 feet to a large birch; N. 65 W. 94 feet to a stake on John J. Gill old line, and with the same S. 19 1/2 W. 59 feet to a small sourwood, corner to John J.

Gill old line N. 75 3/4 W. 225 feet to a bunch of lynns, thence S. 14 1/2 E. 10 poles to a bunch of chestnut sprouts; N. 75 3/4 W. 103 1/2 feet to a sassafras sprout; S. 15 W. 10 poles to a poplar and sugar tree on the N. 75 3/4 W. line and with the same about 71 1/2 E. 68 feet to a double dogwood; S. 56 1/2 E. 105 feet to the beginning, containing five (5) acres, more or less by survey made by H. L. Batten.

Being part of the same property conveyed by Carol J. Bowles and Earl R. Bowles, Jr., her husband, to Virginia R. Smith, by deed dated the 27th day of September 1993, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 178, at Page No. 129.

**Terms of sale:** Ten percent nonrefundable cash deposit due at sale. Ninety percent balance of purchase price due within thirty days of date of sale.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of December, 2022.  
*/s/ Marc B. Lazenby*  
Substitute Trustee  
(14,21de)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF SUMMERS COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA  
Child Abuse and Neglect  
Number 22-JA-22  
IN THE INTEREST OF:  
WYATT JOSEPH VANDALL  
PETITIONER.  
ORDER OF PUBLICATION  
The Hinton News  
188 Foster Street  
Lewisburg, West Virginia  
24901  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

The purpose of this action is to determine the guardianship of Wyatt Joseph Vandall. Petitioner, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, is seeking continued legal and physical custody of said child and Termination of Parental Rights.

It appearing that the whereabouts of anyone claiming paternity to said child, may presently be in the Summers County, West Virginia area, it is ORDERED that anyone claiming paternity of said child appear in person at West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Child Protective Services Division, 320 Summers Street, Suite A, Hinton, West Virginia 25951, on or before December 9, 2022 at 3:15 p.m. of that day and object or make other defense to the Petitioner. Otherwise, guardianship of the child may be granted to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and the parental rights of the father to said child may be terminated.

Further, it is hereby ORDERED that anyone claiming paternity of said child be advised of his or their rights to have counsel at every stage of these proceedings, and that counsel will be appointed if they cannot pay for the services of counsel and that such proceedings may result in the severance of parental rights and the transfer of custody of said child to the Petitioner.

Entered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia, on the 23rd day of November, 2022.  
STACY D. FORD, CLERK  
(7,14de)

**PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION  
OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON  
CASE NO. 22-0817-S-CN  
CITY OF HINTON SANITARY  
BOARD, Summers County,  
West Virginia**

Application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to upgrade/replace sewer services to residents of the described project area in the City of Hinton, West Virginia, and located in the County of Summers.

NOTICE OF FILING

On August 31, 2022, the City of Hinton Sanitary Board (City) filed a duly verified application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to upgrade/replace sewer services to residents of the described project area in the City of Hinton, West Virginia, and located in the County of Summers.

The City intends to expand water, sewer, flood, and storm drain systems during this project in Bellepoint or near the City of Hinton, Summers County, West Virginia which will service no new customers.

The application is on file with and available for public inspection at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, in Charleston, West Virginia.

The City estimates that construction will cost approximately \$4,820,000. It is proposed that the construction will be financed as follows: HUD Community Development Block Grant (\$1,500,000), Appalachian Regional Com-

mission Distressed Counties Grant (\$1,550,000), WV DEP Clean Water State Revolving Fund Debt Forgiveness Loan (\$1,000,000), WV DEP Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan (0.75%, 0.25% admin fee, 30 yrs) (\$270,000), and WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council District 3 Grant (\$500,000).

The City does not seek a rate increase in connection with this project and will continue to charge its existing rates for its customers, pursuant to its current sewer tariff on file with the Public Service Commission. The City's current rates were enacted and became effective on May 1, 2018, in accordance with the Public Service Commission's rules for municipal rate change.

The City does not have any resale customers.

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene in this Certificate proceeding should file a written protest or request to intervene within thirty (30) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your right to protest aspects of this certificate case or to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state 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. All protests and requests to intervene should be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

In the absence of substantial protests received within said thirty (30) day period, the Commission may waive formal hearing and render its decision on the application based on the evidence submitted with said application and its review thereof.  
(14de)

HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED:** Summers County Public Library in Hinton WV seeks its next Library Director. The qualifications include: Masters Degree in Library Science or a Bachelor Degree and a willingness to take graduate classes toward a Library Degree. Previous library experience including a record of successful reporting to a governing board. Ability to evaluate situations, meet people easily, and work effectively with other community groups, government agencies, and the Library Board of Trustees. Ability to manage and analyze data and to prepare reports to be used in decision-making, experience with QUICK-BOOKS preferred but not required. Skills in personnel management and the ability to train, supervise, and inspire staff. The starting salary range is \$32,000-\$36,000 depending on education and qualifications. (PEIA Insurance is available). To apply, send cover letter, resume, and references to Search Committee, Summers County Library, 201 Temple Street, Hinton WV 25951 or summerscopubliclibrary@gmail.com. 14-28decc



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Marriages

Andrew Dean Hamm to Nancy Bell Rowe;  
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Jonathan Paul Ellison to Alisa Sue Lane.

Fiduciaries

George Brian Taylor, Administrator of the Pauline Elizabeth Richmond estate;  
Martin Owen Wilson and Robert Owen Wilson, Administrators of the Patricia Lilly Wilson estate;  
Betty Lightner, Administrator of the Lloyd William Lightner estate;

Pamela Kathleen Lyons, Administrator of the Lake Lewis Lyons estate;  
Rebecca A. Williams, Administrator of the Shirley Geraldine McGraw estate.

Land Transfers

Melissa Lynn Humphreys and Rebecca Kay Wianny and Joshua Kimball Stone to Lonnie Ray Hatcher II and Charles David Hatcher, 6.21 acres more or less, Jumping Branch District;  
William Dale Kinder and Harold Joseph Kinder and Ruth Ma-

rie Kinder Beverina and Delores Ann Kinder and Charles Eugene Kinder and Richard Edward Kinder to Christopher Kinder and Tara Kinder, 1 lot, 0.33 acres more or less, Green Sulpher District;

Clifford Shephard to Anthony Pack and Min- dy Pack, Lot 20 Section D, Pipestem District;  
Delma Coleen Sawyer and Debora Lynn Fasciana and Stanley Paul Fleshman and Dale Patrick Fleshman and Joyce Marie Ward to Jacob Woodrum, 2 Tracts, Talcott District.

Concord University to participate in statewide initiative by providing life-saving measures on campus

**ATHENS, W.Va.** (Hinton News) – Concord University is participating in an overdose prevention initiative, created for West Virginia college and university campuses, entitled, “Be The One.” The initiative is the first of its kind and will focus on opioid overdose prevention from a bystander’s perspective, encouraging students, staff, and faculty to Be The One to save a life.

A project of the initiative includes the distribution and installation of the ONEbox.™

The ONEbox™ is an on-demand, one-of-a-kind, technology-enabled opioid overdose rescue response kit that contains two doses of opioid reversal medication, and naloxone. The box also contains instantaneous video instructions that are activated when ONEbox™ is opened. This video talks the responder through the overdose emergency and administration of naloxone. A training mode is also available for use during a non-emergency.

The Be The One Initiative was created by the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Program (WVCRN) and the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute (WV DII), with the goal of increasing prevention and recovery efforts on West Virginia campuses, educating individuals in medication safety, and training them how to properly respond to an overdose. The ONEbox was created by Murphy Media, Inc. and is managed by the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute, Inc.

“Concord is proud to be a part of this life-saving initiative,” said Dr. Sarah Beasley, Dean of Students at Concord University.



“We are committed to the safety and well-being of our students and the surrounding community.”

“We believe naloxone should be easily accessible everywhere and through our partnerships with WV-DII, colleges and universities around the state we are decreasing stigma and providing vital resources to help save lives,” explained Susie Mullens, director of the WVCRN.

As someone who worked on college campuses for 25 years, and responded to campus overdose, Dr. Susan Bissett, president of the WV DII believes that this initiative is much

needed. “College campuses are representative of the communities in which they are housed; and they are often the hub for activity in their town,” said Dr. Bissett. “Our campus buildings have AEDs, first aid kits and fire extinguishers and so the ONEbox is just one more way to keep our campuses, our students and our communities safe.”

For more information regarding Concord University’s participation in the Be the One initiative, contact Brandon Whitehouse at brandonwhitehouse.susanmullens20@marshall.edu, or call (681) 205-2287.



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## Memories of the Past: Uncle George and me

BY LISA ABSHIRE

Some people touch our lives so profoundly that we are forever changed by having known them. We see things from a different perspective. Our lives are so enriched that we are never the same.

Nothing could be more true for my Uncle George. The few short years I had with him left me a much better person in ways that touch my life to this day. Being an only child, I have no experience with siblings, but I feel like my Uncle George came close to being the big brother I never had. We shared secrets and laughs; he was always my fiercest protector and defender.

Even after all these years, I still remember him singing the George of the Jungle theme song and telling me it was about him. He had a wonderful sense of humor. He loved the TV show The Jeffersons. Since there was a George on the show, he gave me the only nickname I've ever had by calling me Wheezie after the other main character on the show.

George loved to read. The bigger the book, the better. He had a habit of watching TV while reading. I always accused him of not knowing what was going on with both. He could give me the exact details of the book and TV show. He also loved to fish and play guitar. Sometimes he and my Dad would play guitar together.

One winter, when he was house-sitting for my grandparents, it was an especially cold and snowy time. The walkway became frozen over. We decided to make a skating rink on it. We



got to sliding so fast we went right on through the gate, and down it went. We dissolved into fits of laughter. My Mom heard and thought we had fallen. We kept on laughing. George never did get mad. He got the tools, put the gate back, and said something like, "Mommy will never notice."

My Grandpa had a blue Ford Maverick that was having brake problems. George had changed the brakes and needed to test it out to see if it had fixed the problem. I jumped in the car with him. I remember he looked at my Mom and explained that he didn't know what would happen if the brakes didn't catch. I stayed in the car. I always fully trusted my Uncle. It never occurred to me that he wouldn't do everything possible to keep me safe. I truly won the uncle lottery and was blessed with George.

One time he decided to go hitchhiking across the country. I was young, but I was worried. Every so often, a postcard would show up, letting us know he was okay. He knew I loved all things from the old south, so he toured

some of the plantation homes so he could tell me about them. Love is the everyday things people do that remind us we matter.

My Uncle told me before I got married that if the guy hurt me, he would answer to him. He passed away before he got to know anything about my adult life. I miss having someone who cares enough to worry about what is going on in my life. It wasn't actually wanting intervention.

The last day he lived still haunts me. I knew he wasn't acting like himself, but I had no idea why. The happy, jovial George was gone. I

remember it like it was yesterday. He stood by my chair and simply cupped my cheek, never saying a word, which was so out of character. I've replayed that day a million times in my mind. What if I had done this, said that? I can't imagine the pain he was feeling to have taken his life. I would have done things so differently, had I known.

If you think someone you love is acting differently or might need help, don't hesitate to reach out. I miss him now as much as ever. I wish he could have known my kids, but my heart is forever fuller for having known my Uncle George.

## Lady Bobcats bring home home first win of the season

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

In an epic face-off, the Lady Bobcats secured a win in the first game of the season. The Bobcats are now 1-0 after the Dec. 6 game against Shady Spring. The final score was 84-46.

Multiple players scored in the double

digits. Sullivan Pivont scored 21 points, Gracie Harvey scored 16, Abby Persinger scored 12, Avery Lilly scored 11, and Liv Meadow scored 10.

The Lady Bobcats also played Frankford on Dec. 9 in the Visions Home Invitational at Trinty High School.

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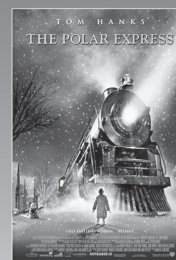
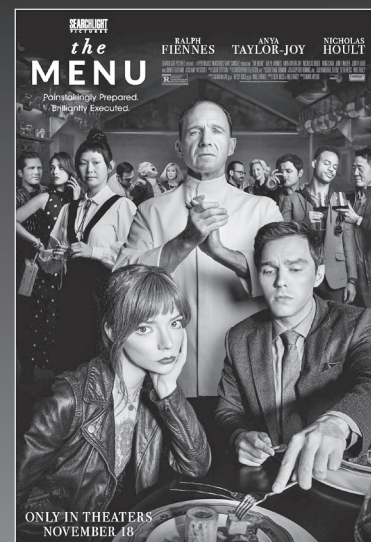
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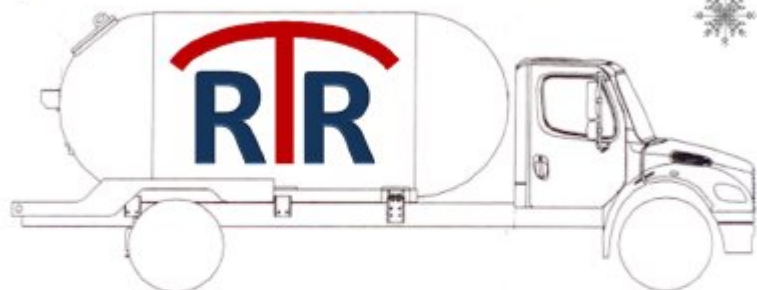


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