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**City of Hinton  
demos first of 20  
properties**

Rebecca Stalnaker

Earlier this year, the City of Hinton announced that the City received a \$170,500 grant from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to demolish dilapidated structures. According to an announcement on Monday, Dec. 19, the first property on the list has come down. The remaining buildings will be demolished over the coming four to six weeks.

In the announcement, Mayor Scott is quoted as saying, “This is a lengthy process and takes a lot of legal work, but so well worth it for our community. It is a necessary step for our efforts to rebuild our housing sector.”

Stick with Hinton News for the latest information as this project continues.

**ARH facilities New  
Year’s schedule**

The Summers County ARH Clinics, Home Care Store, Home Health and the Summers County ARH Pharmacy will be closed on December 30. For more information, contact any of the ARH facilities.

**REACHH closed  
through holidays**

REACHH in Hinton will be closed through the holidays. According to a recent announcement, the facility is closed from Dec. 21 until Jan. 2. The site will reopen on Jan. 3 at 8 a.m. If an emergency occurs during this time, call 911.

Additionally, the REACHH food pantry is closed between Dec. 26 and 30.

**Jan. meetings in  
Summers County**

SUMMERS COUNTY, (Hinton News) - Here is a comprehensive list of January meetings taking place in Summers County.

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. in the Summers County Comprehensive High School Auditorium.

Summers County Commission - Regular Meeting - Jan. 11 at 9 a.m. in the Commission Room at the Summers County Courthouse.

Library Board of Directors - Regular Meeting - Jan. 12 at 5 p.m. in the library.

Hinton City Council - Regular Meeting - Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. in the Summers County Comprehensive High School Auditorium.

Friends of the Summers County Public Library Book Group - Regular Meeting - Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in the library.

\*This list is subject to change.

\*\*If you would like to add a meeting to this list, send an email to [news@hinton-news.com](mailto:news@hinton-news.com)

**West Virginia Hive Names Botany Tropicals in  
Hinton 2022 Small Business Startup of the Year**

Hinton, W.Va. (Hinton News)– The West Virginia Hive has selected Botany Tropicals, co-owned by Jordan Casey and Steven Jones, as its 2022 Small Business Startup of the Year.

“Innovation, response to adversity, and measurable accomplishments are key criteria businesses must meet to earn this recognition,” said Judy Moore, executive director of the WV Hive and deputy director of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority. “Jordan and Steven have met and exceeded all expectations in these objectives.”

The owners of Botany Tropicals came to the WV Hive after deciding to turn their hobby of cultivating houseplants into a business and realizing they had no idea how to succeed. The WV Hive helped Casey and Jones develop a business

plan and financial projections, hire their first employee and learn how to operate a business. Botany Tropicals has also applied and been approved for WV Hive technical assistance to create a logo, promotional video, and website.

Botany Tropicals at 321 3rd Avenue in Hinton offers a fun, unique plant shop with personal, one-of-a-kind, interactive experiences. Customers dive “hand-first” into the dirt to build terrariums, attend plant parties, and find the best houseplant for their home. The newest addition to their offerings is an innovative service called Plant 911. This service will launch early in 2023 and will feature a complete rescue package to help revive and restore a sick plant. The first step of this process is a houseplant consultation, including recommendations of products to ensure

a plant is brighter, happier, and healthier than ever. A lighting assessment will also be done to assist with plant selection and placement. The Plant 911 service won the STEM award in the Pitch Southern WV small business competition held at WVU Tech in September 2022. Botany Tropicals was one of six businesses that “pitched” to judges, and it also won the third-place prize in the overall competition.

The WV Hive is the entrepreneurship program of the NRGRDA and the administrator of the Country Roads Angel Network. Its 13-county service area includes Raleigh, Fayette, Summers, Nicholas, Webster, Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Monroe, Mercer, McDowell, Wyoming, Logan, and Mingo counties. More information about the WV Hive can be found at <https://wvhive.com/>.



**Left to right at the awards presentation, Judy Moore, executive director of the WV Hive and deputy director of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority (NRGRDA); Mary Legg, business advisor at the WV Hive; awardees Jordan Casey and Steven Jones, Botany Tropicals; Jina Belcher, NRGRDA executive director; and Ryan Thorn, state director of the West Virginia office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development. Image provided by West Virginia Hive**

**Annual Parade of Lights  
brings joy for third year**



**Some of the decorated trucks lined up at John Henry Park.**

Rebecca Stalnaker

TALCOTT, (Hinton News) - The quiet town of Talcott turned into a bustle of activity on Saturday, Dec. 17, as participants prepared for the annual Parade of Lights. Firetrucks decked out in Christmas lights lined up along with a big rig, 4-wheelers, side-by-sides and personal vehicles. As the parade began, a glow was visible through the trees, and the sound of sirens and air horns filled the air.

While the event may sound mundane, it holds a special place in the community’s collective heart. The tradition, hosted by Talcott Fire Department, began in 2020 during the height of the pandemic. With most businesses closed down and little to look forward to, the Parade of Lights provided a momentary respite, a point of hope.

Together, the procession wound through Talcott, Pence Springs, Hilldale, and part of Forest Hill. People stood and parked along the route to watch. Some individuals came out of their homes and watched from porches and front yards.

Bumblebee Mountain



**Fire Chief Bill Costomiris with Santa and the Grinch.**

Outreach provided beautiful, handmade hats and scarves to the people watching, giving extra warmth to the recipients for the winter season.

After the parade made its way back to Talcott, the vehicles joined gathered community members at John Henry Park for a bonfire, cookies and cocoa. Santa and the Grinch, who had been riding in the fire trucks, were met with shouts and giggles from the group of children present at the park. Both magical beings spent time taking photos with and

talking to anyone who wanted to see them.

As the evening went on, embers from the bonfire danced in the air like so many fireflies. Laughter rang throughout the park, and the cookie and cocoa supply quickly dwindled. At the end of the evening, the congregated community members headed home with smiles and laughter left in their wake.

For more information about Talcott Fire Department and its events, go to the official Facebook group and request to join.

**New exhibit opening in  
Campbell-Flannagan-Murrell  
House Museum Gallery**



**A glimpse at the History in Education display.**

Through the remainder of December and January, “A History of Education”, curated by Linda Emrich, will exhibit artifacts from the past 100 years of educational developments, in the home, within the Public School System, and on through Graduate School. Among the local educators featured are; Helen Lee Arrington (dance school instructor) and Mildred Murrell.

Miss Murrell, a beloved elementary teacher was the last family member to live in the CFM House at 422 Summers Street. Miss Murrell retired from her first and second-grade teaching position at the Greenbrier School in Hinton in 1972. Follow

Miss Murrell’s timeline and the materials she would have used.

At the CFM Gallery Exhibit, you will be able to read accounts of memories written by two of her grade school students. We welcome more memories that anyone might want to share of Miss Murrell as their teacher, friend or neighbor.

Campbell-Flannagan-Murrell House Museum is open for tours on Saturdays from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. We also give tours by appointment. We will be closed on December 24th and 31st. For appointment tours and any other information, call 304-660-8093. You may also reach us on Facebook or [cfm-fmh.org](http://cfm-fmh.org).



# Summers County Courthouse News

SUMMERS COUNTY, (Hinton News) - Summers County Courthouse news for Dec. 14 - 20.

**Marriages**  
None.

**Fiduciaries**

Debora June McNeer, Administrator of the Michael D. McNeer estate; Pamela Cayton, Administrator of the Jean Ann Ballengee estate; Gerald Brennan, Administrator of the Dorothy Jean Boley estate; Charles W. Rodes III and Debora R. Cyrus, Ad-

ministrators of the Opal Juanita Rodes estates; Bobbie Rex Ratliff, Administrator of the Garnett Imogene Ratliff estate; Johnnie M. Plumley, Administrator of the Freddie Amos Plumley estate.

**Land Transfers**

Melissa Renee (Buckland) Richmond to Jesse J. Moore, Lot Number 85, Talcott District; Emily Fox to Solar Mo-saic LLC, 1 Lot, City of Hinton District; Myrtle E. Grimmitt

to Gary F. Braden and Melissa A. Braden, one-half acre more or less, Talcott District; Summers County Council on Aging to Mountainplex Properties LLC, 6 Parcels, City of Hinton District; Pamela J. Trail to Jose M. Luzarraga Jr., 122 acres more or less, Pipestem District; Marsha B. Farrish to Justin Farrish, 3 Tracts, Jumping Branch District; Bennie D. Hostetler by his Attorney-in-Fact Jo-

seph B. Hostetler and Sylvia A. Hostetler to David B. Hostetler and Martha J. Hostetler, 2 Tracts, Forest Hill District; Sheila Walker-Davis and Gregory D. Walker by their Attorney-in-Fact Lenna B. Walker and Lenna B. Walker by her Attorney's-in-Fact Sheila Walker-Davis and Gregory D. Walker to Marsha Walker, Lot, Talcott District; Sea Land Partners to Roland Bowie Jr., Lot 25, Forest Hill District.

# Memories of the Past: New Year's Reminiscing

Lisa Abshire

I've always been a person who is prone to sentimentality and melancholy on New Year's. It's extremely difficult for me to let go of things, even though once I do, I know it is for the best. As I've lost more and more loved ones, I tend to wonder more and more about what the new year will bring. I'm trying this year to be very optimistic.

That being said, I can remember a few memorable New Year's memories worth talking about. The first time I remember the decades changing was 1979/80. Instead of celebrating with my family, I remember writing all night about how I loved the 70s and would miss them. Even at a young age, the melancholy was already strong within me.

In the mid to late 70s, I remember my Mom

wanting to go at the last minute to get ingredients to make her favorite punch. My Dad agreed to take her, and off we went. We had just passed the sight of where Pizza Hut now is, and our car gave up the ghost. Dad knew he had to get help because it was freezing cold. He decided to walk to the nearest payphone. My Mom and I sat in the car cold and scared until Dad returned. He had gotten hold of his step Dad Gene, and he was coming to get us. We only have to make it in the cold for a bit longer. We had to have the car towed. We never did get the punch ingredients, but we sure were thankful to get back home in the safety and warmth of the house.

The next New Year's Eve that sticks out in my mind, is when all of America was holding its breath to see



The author, as a teen with her mother and Uncle Bob.

if the Americans held hostage in Iran got released. My Uncle Bob and Aunt Ruth came up, and we all played rummy and ate snacks until we heard the good news; the Americans were being set free. We commenced jumping around and shouting. Ruth went out, honked the car horn and kept shouting, "happy new year." That year there was no time for melancholy.

New Year's Day was

not without tradition in my family. My Granny Graham wouldn't let New Year's Day see daylight without cooking a pot of cabbage with sterilized silver coins. Whoever found the coins as they were eating would supposedly have money all year. Cornbread and pork had to accompany the cabbage. Now I carry on the tradition. I like to believe that my Granny is looking down from heaven, smiling at me for remembering.

# Community Obituaries



Warren Douglas Adkins, Sr. ADKINS

Warren Douglas Adkins, Sr., 79, of Winchester, VA, passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at Winchester Medical Center.

Warren was born June 27, 1943, in Sandstone, WV, a son of the late Forest Wesley and Madeline Meadows Adkins. He graduated from Hinton High School, was a supervisor and retiree of Crown Cork and Seal, and was a production worker for Fortessa Tableware Solutions. He married his wife, Lisa Virginia McBride, on July 3, 1999. In his free time, Warren

enjoyed talking politics, gardening and tending to his fruit trees, fishing, and spending time with his family and friends.

Along with his loving wife, Lisa Adkins, Warren is survived by his children, Angel Mae Adkins of Winchester and Jennifer Adkins of Woodstock, VA; grandchildren, Brittany Detwiler and Riley Bean; great-granddaughter, Amelia Detwiler; sisters, Carol Thompson and Wanda Ball; and brothers, Steven Adkins, Robert Adkins, and Farrell Adkins.

He was preceded in death by his son, Warren D. Adkins Jr.; and brothers, Gary Adkins, Charles Adkins, and Vernon Adkins.

The family received friends Monday, December 19, 2022, at Jones Funeral Home in Winchester from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A funeral service was held Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at Jones Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Burial followed at Shenandoah Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be left at [www.jonesfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jonesfuneralhomes.com).

Information submitted by Jones Funeral Home of Winchester, VA.

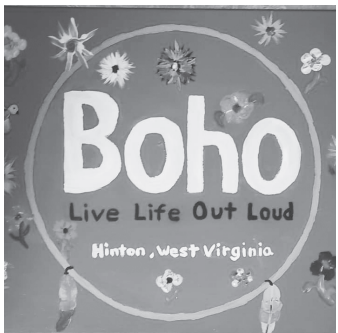
# Another Hinton business closing

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON, (Hinton News) - Another Hinton establishment is closing its doors. Earlier in December 2022, Boho, a locally owned shop, will permanently close before the end of the year. According to a recent announcement, the business's last day is Dec. 29 between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

During Boho's last few days, the shop is offering a discount on many of its items. Many beautiful pieces are up to 50 percent off.

Over the years that Boho has been a part of the Hinton community, they have participated in a multitude



of activities, including the recent Cookie Express event.

Be sure to stop in the store before 7 p.m. on Dec. 29 to take advantage of the sales and let the owners know that the shop will be missed.

For more information on the store's hours and sales, visit the Facebook page @ Boho.



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my late 30s. I have had a few failed relationships and a marriage that ended in divorce. At one point, I juggled three lovers at a time. I like being in a committed relationship, but I have yet to be faithful to any partner I have ever dated.

In my teens, I was raped by an 18-year-old guy and molested by a man who was in his 40s. I received counseling and therapy starting in my late 20s. I love the thrill of meeting someone new and learning what they want for a little while. I mimic and mirror their emotions and make them fall in love. Then I get bored and move on to the challenge of conquering the next man's heart.

I don't want to continue being a cheater, but I lose interest in my lovers quickly. I crave the thrill of the chase. How can I learn to be faithful and not be so fickle in

love? -- UNFAITHFUL IN THE SOUTH

DEAR UNFAITHFUL: Are you still working with a therapist? If the answer is no, find another one and work out the answer to that question. Self-help groups can also help people recover from sex and love addictions. In your case, it might make sense for you to do both.

DEAR ABBY: I need to address a family problem that has arisen due to the engagement of my 45-year-old son. We have been estranged since his mother passed away 15 years ago, and we have had no contact since then. He is being married for the first time.

There's some conjecture about whether I will be invited to the wedding. "Save the date" notices have gone out via Facebook, and I have been asked by some guests if I received one. Of course I haven't. I feel the current state of our relationship states the obvious, and I, as the senior adult, have accepted his silence. I intend to send a card wishing him well, but I feel that's all I should do. Your advice is wanted. -- GROOM'S FATHER IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR GROOM'S FATHER: I wish you had mentioned what caused the estrangement from

your son after his mother's death. However, I see nothing wrong with sending him a congratulatory card under the circumstances. If you do, I hope it is a first step in healing the breach between you.

DEAR ABBY: I have a real problem with my cousin and her husband. I have two sons, 13 and 14, and both are on the autism spectrum. I home school, so we live on their disability. We also receive food stamps. My cousin and her husband live in the same town and stop by unannounced, but only at dinnertime after we've gotten our food stamps.

I told them this has to stop. Our food stamps barely cover us for a

month, honestly. They told me I was rude and they keep coming! What else can I do to get them to stop, besides yell at them? -- TAKING CARE OF MY OWN

DEAR TAKING CARE: Don't yell. Yelling would be rude. When they drop by, do not invite them in. Admit them only if they have brought food with them. Once you quit feeding them, those freeloaders will soon disappear. Trust me on that. Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.Dear-Abby.com](http://www.Dear-Abby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



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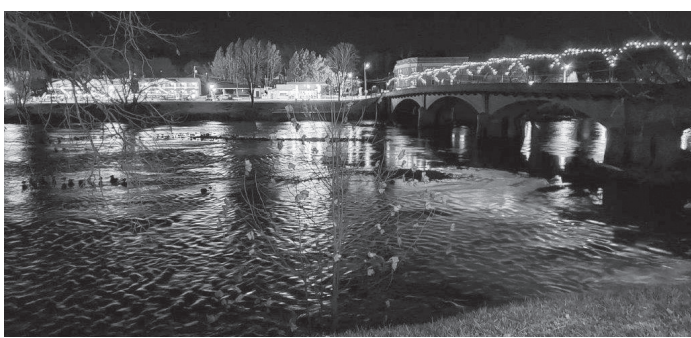
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# Decorating contest winners in Alderson announced

Alderson, W.Va. (Hinton News) - One of the best and worst jobs of the Christmas season is to be a judge of the Home and Business Decorating Contest sponsored by Alderson Main Street. The judges (who prefer to remain anonymous) say that it is such a pleasure to drive around and view the wonderful, creative decorating and such a hard job to decide on the winners. Alderson Main Street thanks everyone who participated.

This year, the judges would also like to recognize two areas for special commendation. On the Monroe side, the section of Railroad Avenue with the old bank and the Wigglesworth Building; Main Street Apartments, Alderson Medical Center, Christ Our Saviour of the Valley Lutheran Church and Fritz's Pharmacy are particularly festive when viewed as a whole. On the Greenbrier side: three adjacent residences on Riverview Avenue between Washington Street and Virginia Street stand out with their wonderful decorations. The winners in each cate-



**Alderson Memorial Bridge and lights in the river.**

gory are as follows:

Best Nativity  
James and Anita Falls, 1st place  
Theresa and Gordon Massie, Honorable Mention  
Old Fashioned Christmas  
LisaMarie Cropper, 1st place  
Amy and Brandon Catron, Honorable Mention  
Jennifer and Jeremy Dors-ey, Honorable Mention  
Children's Fantasy  
Rebecca and Robert Hambrick, 1st place  
Hollie Howard, Honorable Mention  
Stephanie Morgan and Jeremy Rickard, Honorable Mention

Spirit of Christmas  
Joyce Mott and Phil Mer-shon, 1st place  
Amanda and Billy Thomas, Honorable Mention  
Julie and Anthony Hed-rick, Honorable Mention  
Gem of the Hills  
Jeri and David Martin, 1st place  
Donna and Rick Sims, Honorable Mention  
Karen Lobban, Honorable Mention  
Festival of Lights  
Samantha and Chase Reed, 1st place  
Holly and Chuckie Gore, Honorable Mention  
Eddie Bowyer, Honorable Mention

Large Business  
Riverview Motel & Cafe, 1st place  
Small Business  
Alderson Artisan Gallery, 1st place  
Alderson's Store, Honor-able Mention  
S & M Auto Repair, Honor-able Mention  
Also this year, citizens, businesses and groups were invited to decorate lamp posts with snowmen in the spirit of the season. AMS member Fawn Valentine said, "Individually handmade decorations catch people's attention and interest so much more than ones they may have seen elsewhere. The fact that people took time to make something for public display reflects very well on Alderson and fosters a sense of community." Don Sutherland, AMS secretary, coordinated this effort, and participants were Theresa and Beth Massie, Jeri Martin (two posts), Greenbrier Valley Special Olympics, Alderson Artisans Gallery, VFW Tri-county Memorial Post 6723, Riverview Motel and Café, and Stephanie Mullins.

## Lady Bobcats triumph over Lady Tigers

Lawson Jones

SUMMERS COUNTY, (Hinton News) - Summers County's Lady Bobcats and Shady Spring's Lady Tigers took to Wayne Ryan Court in Hinton on Tuesday, December 20. The Lady Bobcats triumphed over the Lady Tigers 65-22.

This match-up must've been one with some nostalgia for Shady's Coach, Tabitha Barnes. Barnes is from Summers County and once played as a Lady Bobcat under Coach Wayne Ryan.

For Summers County, Gracie Harvey led the scoring with 19 points. Abby Persinger followed with 10. Liv Meador and Avery Lilly each contributed 9 points. Many other Lady Bobcats also contributed to the win. See the score report below.

Harvey, who led the scoring, commented on the win. "Coach told us start off the game with a fast pace and

get things done. That's what we did." Harvey stated.

Kendra Pizzino led the scoring for the Lady Tigers with 6 points. Kylee Barnes and Braylie Wiseman followed with 4 points.

The Lady Bobcats also traveled to Bluefield to take on the Lady Beavers on Thursday, December 22. Their next game is on December 30 at 5 p.m. against Chapmanville Regional High School. The next home game is January 5 against Nicholas County.

— Lady Bobcats 65 Shady Spring 22

Gracie Harvey 19, Abby Persinger 10, Liv Meador 9, Avery Lilly 9, Sullivan Pivont 6, Cheyenne Smith 4, Ashley Cooper 2, Claire Fox 2, Quincie Stennett 2, Kaylee Cole 2.

Kendra Pizzino 6, Kylee Barnes 4, Braylie Wiseman 4, Austyn Barnes 2, Meagan Hendrick 2, Kendall Lilly 2, Gracie McCallister 2.

## Dear Recycle Lady

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Dove bar soap comes in a cardboard box that is highly scented. Can this box be recycled with cardboard? **Like Scented Packaging**

**Dear Likes Scented Packaging,**

Yes, the scented box can be recycled with cardboard. Interestingly, Dove has committed to packaging their cosmetic soap bars in paper boxes that are free of plastic, according to Globalrecycle.net. They are also making progress on creating their bottles from 100% post-consumer recycled plastic. Eco-friendly soap packaging boxes are also now becoming available as is the practice of using less packaging. Thankfully, more manufacturers and businesses are working toward the development and use of zero-plastic materials.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

A couple weeks ago you stated that aluminum pans can be used in the microwave. What about aluminum foil? Can it be used in a microwave? **Surprised**

**Dear Surprised,**

As with putting aluminum pans in the microwave, there are two schools of thought on putting aluminum foil in the microwave. Some say yes, there are ways to do use it safely; others say no, as there is a danger of sparks or fire. I put a sheet of aluminum foil on the glass turntable, and there were no sparks. I also placed a piece of aluminum foil on top of a glass bowl, and that was also OK. One word of caution: be careful that the aluminum foil is on a glass or ceramic turntable and that the foil does not touch the sides of the microwave. Never put food wrapped in aluminum foil in the microwave. The food will not heat, as it will be unable to absorb the microwaves and it may cause sparks. Small pieces of foil can be used as shields to prevent overcooking of food, such as wings or drumsticks

on poultry. You may have seen some foil-wrapped packaged foods that are safe to put in the microwave. Be sure to read the manufacturer's directions before you begin.

A microwave heats foods from the top, so it is recommended that only food that is less than 2 inches thick be heated in a microwave. This recommendation is like the recommendation that aluminum pans put in the microwave should be less than 1.5 to 2 inches high. Also, be sure you are watching when you first start the microwave. If you notice sparks quickly, open the door. The argument against put aluminum foil in the microwave, according to up-gradedhome.com, is that a thin piece of aluminum foil can get hot very quickly and even light on fire. The food itself also could ignite and burn. They caution that, if you must put aluminum foil in the microwave, watch it carefully, so you can open the door immediately if you see sparks flying or smell burning.

**Interesting Information:** Scruff, the recycling border collie, has collected thousands of plastic bottles on his daily walks, and his community loves him for it! This clever 13 year old is bringing attention to the problem of plastic pollution in a unique way. (fto.com)

Dear readers, the Greenbrier Recycling Center, Greenworks and I send you best wishes and much joy for this holiday season. We greatly appreciate all your questions, comments and encouragement. Please, keep them coming in 2023.

Have questions about recycling or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recycle-lady@greenbrier-swa.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

## Tuition freeze, the perfect gift from West Liberty University

WEST LIBERTY (Hinton News) - Just in time for the winter holidays, West Liberty University is freezing undergraduate base tuition for the 2023-2024 academic year.

"We realize the financial conditions that many are facing and want our students and families to know that we are doing our best to keep tuition affordable. Our goal is to provide our students with a great return on their investment," said Lori Hudson, vice president of fiscal affairs.

Currently, the undergraduate base tuition per semester is \$4,358 for in-state students, \$7,118 for metro students (those residing in certain counties in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia), and \$8,550 for out-of-state students. These rates will remain frozen throughout the 2023-2024 academic year.

"It is important that we support our students' educational goals in trying



**Lori Hudson**

to make an already affordable college experience even more affordable," said Hudson. "We think everyone will agree that this is good news as we celebrate the new year and plan our finances for 2023."

Students return from holiday break and to the classroom on Jan. 9, 2023.

For complete information on West Liberty University and its opportunities for financial aid, academic degrees and its Net Price Calculator, visit westliberty.edu/freeze.



**West Liberty University has announced a tuition freeze.**

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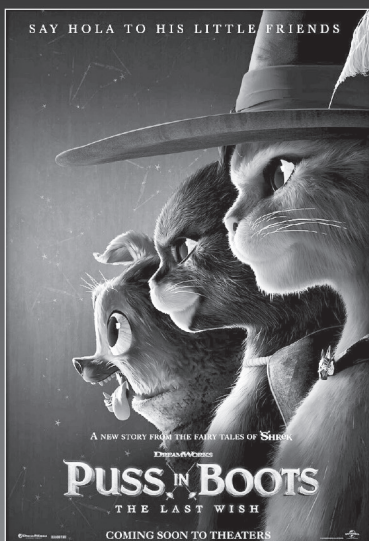
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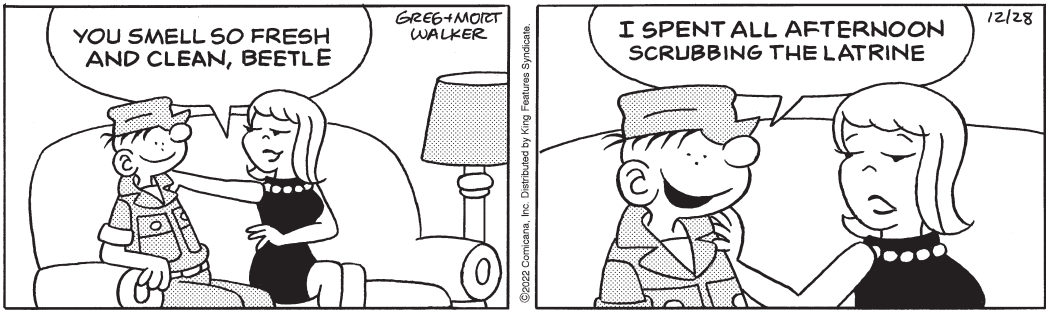
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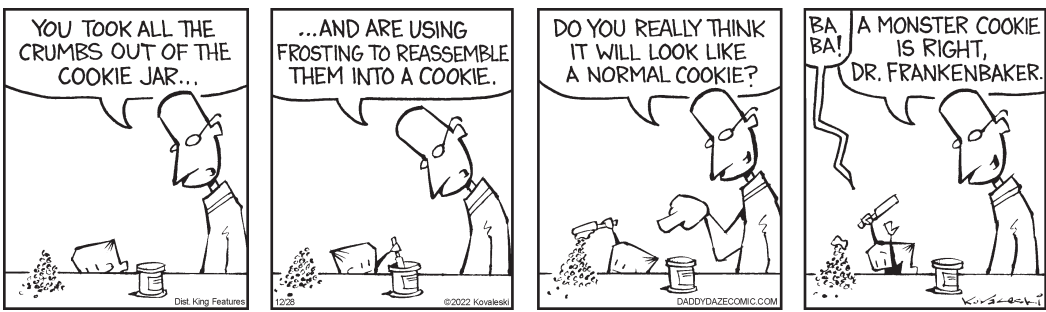
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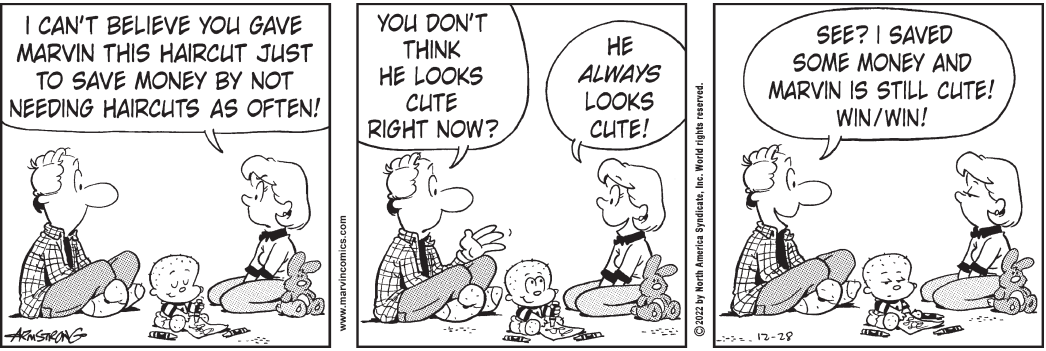
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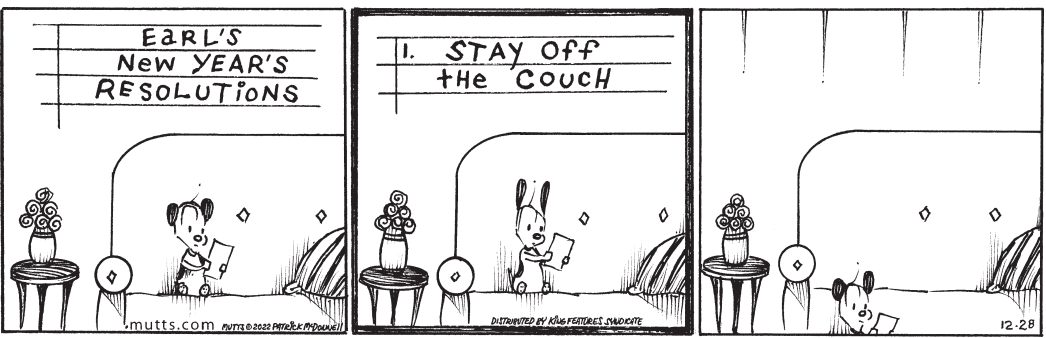
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# ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

**MOON ALERT:** There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today until 10 p.m. PST. The Moon is in Pisces.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022:

You're careful, deliberate and organized in everything you do. You are also friendly and easygoing when dealing with others, which often hides your sensitive side. This year is the first year of a new cycle for you, which means you can be courageous. Get ready to explore new paths and directions!

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★ This is an uplifting day. You might do something behind the scenes that ultimately impresses bosses, parents and people in authority. Romantic vibes are in the air, which means some of you might begin a romance with a boss. Tonight: Happy solitude.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
4★ This is a warmhearted, friendly day! Make plans to travel now or in the future with a friend. You also might feel attracted to someone who is "different." A discussion with someone about future goals will be encouraging to you. You see that anything is possible.

Tonight: Intense discussions.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
4★ You make an excellent impression on others today, especially parents, bosses and authority figures, which is why this is a good day to advance your agenda or do whatever you can to go after what you want. People will give you support and their endorsement. Tonight: You are heard.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
5★ Relations with others are excellent today! It's easy to get along with partners and close friends. You also might encounter an ex-partner or old friend from your past and be happy to discover that re-

lations are pleasantly smooth. Even your dealings with the general public are positive. Tonight: Explore!

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
4★ Work-related situations are positive today. You will find it easy to get the support and cooperation of others, including financial and practical assistance. This is also a good day to deal with financial matters related to inheritances, shared property and insurance issues. Tonight: Check your finances.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
5★ It's a playful day! Not only is this a playful day, it's also a romantic day. Today and tomorrow, exciting flirtations might lead to a new connection or relationship. Children will be a source of joy today as well. Accept invitations to socialize. Enjoy sports events and fun times with kids. Tonight: Cooperate.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
4★ This is a lovely day to entertain at home or to relax in the privacy of your own home. Interactions with family members will be loving and mutually supportive. Expect to be in contact with family members

you haven't heard from in a while. Tonight: Get organized.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
5★ Because you're in a good mood today, you are eager to enjoy the company of others, especially daily contacts. Reach out to siblings, relatives and neighbors, and tell them that you care. You're in such good spirits, you will appreciate your daily surroundings. Tonight: Romance!

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

4★ Business and commerce are favored today. Possibly, something might look better than it is, so be careful. If shopping, you will be tempted to go overboard buying extravagant, beautiful things. Save your receipts just in case. Sometimes you do things in a big way! Tonight: Cocoon.

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

5★ Relations with others are good today! Don't hesitate to reach out and contact others. They will be happy to hear from you. This is also an excellent day for teachers, lecturers and anyone who has to speak to the general public, because others will identify with your

words. Tonight: Listen.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
4★ If you have a chance, you will enjoy your privacy in a very peaceful, blissful way today. You might see solutions to old problems. Very likely, you are sensing that the year ahead will be a much better year for you. And this is the truth! Tonight: Maintain your possessions.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
5★ It's a lovely day to socialize! Enjoy the company of friends. Interact with clubs and groups, because relations with others will be supportive and uplifting. In fact, a romance with a friend might begin. This is a good day to ask for someone's help; you will likely get it. Tonight: You win!

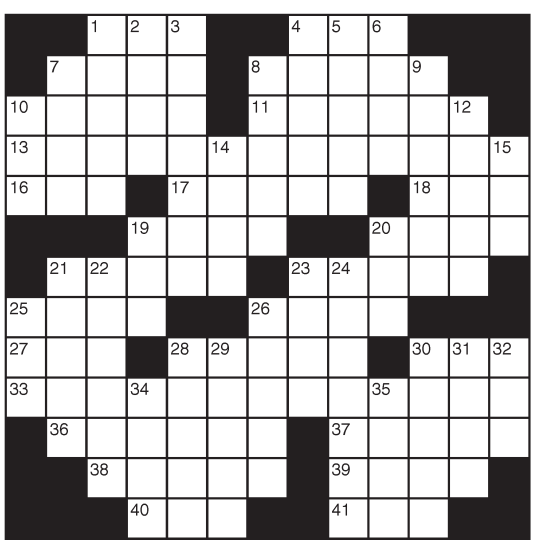
**BORN TODAY**  
Actor Denzel Washington (1954), singer-songwriter, actor John Legend (1978), actress Maggie Smith (1934)

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Spill catcher
  - 4 Transcript
  - 7 Long story
  - 8 Bridge support
  - 10 "Evita" surname
  - 11 Eagles' homes
  - 13 French cubist painter
  - 16 New England cape
  - 17 Minnesota's 10,000+
  - 18 Strike caller
  - 19 Della's role on "Touched by an Angel"
  - 20 Singer Lovato
  - 21 Wash off
  - 23 Amtrak express
- DOWN**
- 1 Tycoon
  - 2 Inventory
  - 3 Bracelets
  - 4 Loon's cousin
  - 5 Engine hums
  - 6 China setting
  - 7 Viewed together
  - 8 To-do list items
  - 9 "Part II"
  - 10 Links org.
  - 28 Blitzen's boss
  - 29 Door sign
  - 30 Coffee bar order
  - 31 Concerning
  - 32 "Suits" network
  - 34 Smile broadly
  - 35 Adam's grandson
- 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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Where'd they all come from? They're so cute!

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EVEN THOUGH RABBITS AREN'T INSECTS, THEY CAN BE ---

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

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(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers

Jumbles: GROVE ADMIT INLAND IMPAIR Answer: They had to delay letting customers test out the new cars because of the — DRIVING RAIN

# SUDOKU PUZZLE

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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:**

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned Campbell Woods, PLLC, Substitute Trustee by Notice of Substitution of Trustee which notice is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Commission of Summers West Virginia, and by Deed of Trust dated April 16, 2004, executed by Linda E. Foley to BB&T Collateral Service Corporation, Trustee, which deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of Summers County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 206 at Page 426, the undersigned Substitute Trustee has been requested, in writing, by the beneficiary of said deed of trust to sell the real estate described below, as there has been a default under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust. Therefore, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell the real estate described in the Deed of Trust, at a public auction on **January 11, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.** to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of said County of Summers in Hinton, West Virginia, which real estate is more completely described as follows:

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in SUMMERS County, West Virginia, known as:

PARCEL NO. 9.1, MAP NO. 16, TICKET NO. 10624, ACCOUNT NO. TO FOLLOW, BRIEF LEGAL 5.71 AC, and further described as follows:

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TERMS OF SALE

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

8. Such other terms as may be announced at the time of Sale.

Given under my hand this 13th day of December, 2022  
Campbell Woods, PLLC, Substitute Trustee  
By:  
J. Patrick Jones, Member  
304-529-8560  
(21,28de)

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA Civil Action No. 22-D-80

IN RE:

The Marriage of:

Nikkita Smith,  
Petitioner,  
and  
Cody Martin,  
Respondent  
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
**THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT. To the Above-Named Respondent:**

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Cody Martin is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Cody Martin serve upon Nikkita Smith, Petitioner whose address is Nikkita Smith, 512 Temple St., Hinton, WV 25951, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before January 23, 2023. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk’s Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court December 13, 2022.  
Stacy D. Ford  
Clerk of the Court  
(21,28de)

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 QUICKBOOKS 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](mailto:summerscopubliclibrary@gmail.com). 14-28decc

# WVDNR police officers to get raise

CHARLESTON (Hinton News) – At an event announcing the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) new K-9 Program, Gov. Jim Justice made a surprise announcement of a \$6,000 pay raise for all WVDNR Police officers.

The wage increase will take effect immediately and will apply to all active WVDNR Police officers and new hires going forward. It will be paid for through an already-funded special revenue account.

“Our WVDNR police officers do an incredible job every day protecting our state’s natural resources and keeping our state parks and forests, wildlife management areas, lakes, riv-

ers and streams safe for folks to enjoy,” said Justice. “They deserve to be compensated for the hard work and dedication they put in day in and day out and I am proud to announce this pay raise, which I believe will help us attract and retain the best and brightest to this important role.”

WVDNR police officers are responsible for enforcing the state’s game and fish laws and rules relating to littering, forestry, state parks, environmental and solid waste, pleasure boating and whitewater rafting.

WVDNR police officers also police the Hatfield-McCoy Trails system and assist the state police and other law en-

forcement agencies and first responders and oversee the state’s hunter education and boating safety education programs.

“We are grateful to Gov. Justice for his commitment to our WVDNR Police officers and all the ways he recognizes and supports the important work they do,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “This pay raise is long overdue and will help us attract and retain the highly qualified officers we need to protect our state’s natural resources and to keep our citizens safe.”

The WVDNR police, which is the state’s oldest law enforcement agency, celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2022.

“We are an agency built on 125 years of integrity, 125 years of loyal service to the people of West Virginia and 125 years of pride in who we’ve been and who we’ve become,” said Col. Bobby Cales, chief of the WVDNR’s Law Enforcement Section. “We’re thankful for all the ways Gov. Justice supports our agency and the outpouring of support this year for the 126 dedicated men and women who make up the WVDNR Police. They are widely recognized, highly trained and well respected within the ranks of our nation’s fish and game protectors. This raise will go a long way in recognizing them for all the long hours and sacrifices they make for our state.”

## Scientists Reveal Secrets to Burping Black Hole with the Green Bank Telescope

The National Science Foundation’s Green Bank Telescope (GBT) has revealed new information about mysterious radio bubbles surrounding a supermassive black hole.

In a new paper studying the galaxy cluster MS0735, “We’re looking at one of the most energetic outbursts ever seen from a supermassive black hole,” says Jack Orlowski-Scherer, lead author on this publication, “This is what happens when you feed a black hole and it violently burps out a giant amount of energy.” At the time of the study, Orlowski-Scherer was a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania and is now a research fellow at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Supermassive black holes are found deep within the centers of the enormous galaxies at the heart of galaxy clusters. The plasma filled atmospheres of galaxy clusters are unbelievably hot – about 50 million degrees celsius – but these hot temperatures usually cool over time, allowing new stars to form. Sometimes, the black hole reheats the gas surrounding it

through violent outbursts jetting from its center, preventing cooling and star formation, in a process called feedback.

These powerful jets carve out immense cavities within the hot cluster medium, pushing that hot gas farther from the cluster center and replacing it with radio-emitting bubbles. Displacing such a large volume of gas requires an enormous amount of energy (several percent of the total thermal energy in the cluster gas), and understanding where this energy comes from is of great interest to astrophysicists. By learning more about what’s left behind filling in these cavities, astronomers can begin to deduce what caused them in the first place.

The team of astronomers used the MUSTANG-2 receiver on the GBT to image MS0735 using the Sunyaev-Zeldovich (SZ) effect, a subtle distortion of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) radiation due to scattering by hot electrons in the cluster gas. For context, the CMB was emitted 380 thousand years after the Big Bang, and is the afterglow of the origin of our universe 13.8 billion years ago.

Around 90 GHz, where MUSTANG-2 observes, the SZ effect signal primarily measures thermal pressure.

“With the power of MUSTANG-2, we are able to see into these cavities and start to determine precisely what they are filled with, and why they don’t collapse under pressure,” elaborates Tony Mroczkowski, an astronomer with the European Southern Observatory who was part of this new research.

These new findings are the deepest high-fidelity SZ imaging yet of the thermodynamic state of cavities in a galaxy cluster, reinforcing previous discoveries that at least a portion of the pressure support in the cavities is due to non-thermal sources, such as relativistic particles, cosmic rays, and turbulence, as well as a small contribution from magnetic fields. “We knew this was an exciting system when we studied the radio core and lobes at low frequencies, but we are only now beginning to see the full picture”, explains co-author Tracy Clarke, an astronomer at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory and VLITE Project Scientist

who co-authored a previous radio study of this system.

In contrast to earlier research, new imaging produced by the GBT considers the possibility that the pressure support within the bubbles could be more nuanced than previously thought, mixing both thermal and non-thermal components. In addition to the radio observations, the team incorporated existing X-ray observations from NASA’s Chandra X-ray Observatory, which provide a complementary view of the gas seen by MUSTANG-2.

Future observations across multiple frequencies can establish more precisely the nature of how exotic the black hole eruption is. “This work will help us better understand the physics of galaxy clusters, and the cooling flow feedback problem that has vexed many of us for some time,” adds Orlowski-Scherer.

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Senator Ryan Weld

### W.Va. State Senator Weld requests Governor prohibit ‘TikTok’ and ‘WeChat’ apps from state government devices

CHARLESTON (Hinton News) - On Monday, West Virginia State Senate Majority Whip Ryan Weld, R-Brooke, shared a letter he sent to Gov. Jim Justice requesting the Governor issue an executive order that would prohibit the downloading and use of the Chinese-owned apps TikTok and WeChat on state government phones, computers and other devices.

Weld said at least 16 other states and several federal agencies have already banned these apps based on the serious security threats they pose.

“As a former Air Force intelligence officer, I am all too familiar with the significant threats this nation faces from cyberattacks and how sensitive personal and govern-

ment information is gained through them,” Weld wrote in the letter. “I am also acutely aware of the fact that many of the individuals and organizations behind these types of attacks are located within the People’s Republic of China – acting either in an official government or military capacity, or as state-sanctioned third parties.”



## WVPA Foundation accepting college student applications for 2023 scholarship-summer internship awards

CHARLESTON (Hinton News) - The WVPA Foundation is now accepting applications from students for 2023 summer internships at West Virginia newspapers and 2023 college scholarships.

Newspapers interested in hosting an intern should contact WVPA Executive Director Don Smith at donsmith@wvpress.org. The interns and hosting newspapers are determined and matched by interest, location and an approved work plan.

If awarded, there will be an undetermined number of \$3,000 paid internships. The WVPAF also assists with unpaid internships at newspapers across West Virginia.

If scholarships are awarded, the WVPAF provides college scholarships up to \$1,000.

The two awards are often combined for a \$4,000 total package.

Foundation president



Ed Given, publisher of the Braxton Democrat, said, “The West Virginia Press Association Foundation’s mission of improving the quality and future of West Virginia newspapers and the communities they serve in West Virginia is more than just rhetoric: The industry puts its money back into the communities.”

In 2022, four West Virginia students were awarded packages each totaling \$4,000.

- Kate Aluisse, WVU, \$3,000 Internship with The Herald-Dispatch of Huntington, and a \$1,000 scholarship
- Chase Hughart, WVU, \$3,000 Internship with The Register-Herald

of Beckley, and a \$1,000 scholarship

- Jade Ruggieri, WVU, \$3,000 Internship with The Dominion Post of Morgantown, and a \$1,000 scholarship
- Sadaf Nikzad, WVU, \$3,000 Internship completed with the WV Press Association in Charleston, and a \$1,000 scholarship

In 2021, with COVID limiting opportunities, the Foundation awarded five \$1,000 scholarships. In 2020, four West Virginia students were awarded packages each totaling \$4,000.

The application deadline is Jan. 31, 2023. The awards will be announced by March 1, 2023.

The programs are open to students in fields such as journalism, business management, human resources, advertising, social media and marketing. Preference will be given to students in at least their sophomore year of college.

Applications may be downloaded from the WVPA website: <https://wvpress.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2023-WVPA-Foundation-Scholarship-Application-Form-2022.pdf>

Once the PDF application file is downloaded to the desktop, the application can be electronically completed and emailed.

For additional information or to have the applications mailed, email or call Executive Director Don Smith at donsmith@wvpress.org, 304-550-0454 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.

## USDA Forest Service Closing Dolly Sods Roads for Public Safety January 3

PETERSBURG, W.Va., (Hinton News) – Monongahela National Forest

officials will implement the annual winter road closures in the Dolly Sods area by closing the gates on Forest Roads 19 and 75 January 3, 2023, the first business day after the holiday. These roads are closed to motor vehicle use from January to early or mid-April annually to provide for public safety due to variable road conditions. Non-motorized use of the roads is allowed.

“The road closures are put in place to ensure the safety of both visitors and employees,” said Cheat-Potomac District Ranger Jon Morgan.

“Forest visitors and emergency responders are put at unnecessary

risk without the road closures.”

Both roads usually open again by mid-April. “We will monitor road conditions in March and April, and reopen the roads as soon as weather permits,” Morgan said.

Staff from Monongahela National Forest work with local landowners and residents affected by the road closures to ensure they have access to their property. Landowners and residents who need access behind the gates should contact the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District office in Petersburg for assistance at (304) 257-4488.

Information about the status of roads and facilities is also available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf/>.

## WVU recaps first ‘normal’ semester since 2019, looks ahead to 2023

MORGANTOWN (Hinton News) - West Virginia University’s Board of Governors gathered on Dec. 16 to offer a commencement weekend of events on the Morgantown campus.

“During our meetings through the year, we talk a lot about every detail of the university’s functioning — budgets, facilities, academic programs, employee policies, student recruitment,” President Gordon Gee said. “But each commencement ceremony reminds us why we are here and how each decision we make culminates in better lives for our graduates and better futures for West Virginia.”

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Maryanne Reed told board members that students seemed “very glad” to be back and have a full on-campus experience this fall.

“All in all, it was a good semester, our first truly ‘normal’ semester since COVID,” Reed said.

As the spring semester approaches, Reed noted that WVU Tech will have a new president in Southern West Virginia native and WVU alum T. Ramon Stu-



Gordon Gee

art. The announcement was made earlier this month as Carolyn Long prepares to retire at the end of December.

“Dr. Stuart is extremely personable and committed to improving student outcomes, as well as attracting new students to higher ed,” Reed said

Across the WVU system, Reed said academic transformation efforts have recently shifted to graduate programs with 2023 goals anticipated to include increased focus on graduate student success.

The board also accepted the annual financial statements and audit compliance report for the WVU Research Corporation and



Maryanne Reed

approved honorary degree recipients to be announced at a later date.

Additional actions included approvals for:

- Annual PRT agency safety plan;
- Transfer of property to the West Virginia Department of Transportation for a right of way as part of the Van Voorhis Road widening project;
- Renaming of two WVU Tech buildings (Finance Business Services and Adventure Recreation Management);
- Granting authority to transfer of buildings and property in Montgomery to the State Armory Board;
- New BA degree in sport leadership;

- Dining club addition at the WVU Coliseum; and
- Café Evansdale kitchen renovation project

Chairman Tom Jones was celebrated for being named an honorary member into Upsilon Phi Delta, the national honor society for health administration, an honor he received for his distinguished career in healthcare.

And Gee praised students, faculty and staff who supported WVU’s annual United Way campaign by raising almost \$200,000 for 27 community service agencies in Monongalia and Preston counties, as well as those who donated more than 500 toys to the 23rd Annual Toy Mountain drive. Christian Help will distribute the toys to more than 900 underprivileged children in the Morgantown area.

“I am grateful to all Mountaineers for their generosity,” Gee said.

The next regular BOG meeting is scheduled for Feb. 17.

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