



Library Board of Directors to meet

The Summers County Public Library Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 5 p.m. in the library.

For more information, contact the library at 304-466-4490.

Summers County Board of Education to meet

The Summers County Board of Education will hold two regular meetings in January. The first will be on January 10 at 6 p.m. in the Summers County Comprehensive High School Auditorium. Another meeting will take place on January 24 at 6 p.m. in the Summers County Comprehensive High School Auditorium.

Agendas and board minutes are available in the Board of Education office Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on the website at <https://www.scsww.us/page/board-of-education>.

Special board meetings will be advertised on the website. There is also an app. Go to the App Store on iPhone and the Play Store on Android and search “Summers County Schools.”

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)

2022: A review



Groundbreaking for Summers County Schools addition.



Equality march in Hinton.



Mary Beth Merritt, longest-serving Summers County Clerk.



Nymeriah, the popular pup.



Summers County Youth Football Team prepares for Super Bowl.

**Rebecca Stalnaker**

Editors Note: Hello, dear reader. Throughout 2022, our small community and surrounding areas experienced a multitude of newsworthy events. Some brought celebration, and others, devastation. Through it all, our team strove to keep the community up-to-date as we cheered and cried alongside you. As we enter the new year, I want to bring attention to some of last year's biggest headlines. This list is by no means exhaustive but highlights some of the area's goings on for 2022.

Longest serving Summers County Clerk announces retirement - January 2022.

Botany Tropicals Opens in Hinton - January 2022.

John Henry Days officially returning - February 2022.

Candidate signs vandalized in Summers County - March 2022.

Summers County opens season with win at Pike View - March 2022.

New Green Space coming to Hinton - April 2022.

A Hinton dog has gained local popularity - May 2022.

High-speed pursuit leads to arrest - May 2022.

Chief Deputy presented with commendation - May 2022.

Hinton Outfitters join the ranks of local businesses - June 2022.

A march for equality made its way through Hinton - June 2022.

Candlelight vigil held in honor of Haley Weikle - July 2022.

A look at the legend that inspired John Henry Days - July 2022.

Amanda Wheeler named Summers County Teacher of the Year - August 2022.

Willowwood Bridge named after Donald Wheeler - August 2022.

Bobcats keep Battle of the Bluestone hardware - September 2022.

Little Bluestone Community Forest Project receives grant - September 2022.

A community mourns the loss of popular establishment Kirk's Restaurant - September 2022.

Talcott Fire Department is celebrating five years of service - September 2022.

Hinton Railroad Days returns - October 2022.

Summers County Schools breaks ground for new \$12 million addition - October 2022.

Temporary bridge completed on Route 20 - November 2022.

Secretary of State honors County Clerk - November 2022.

Summers County Youth Football plays Super Bowl - November 2022.

John Henry Park gets running water - December 2022.

Hinton's Hometown Christmas brings holiday cheer - December 2022.

Happy New Year to Beyond Wishes from Skewes Family Foundation with a \$10,000 Donation

Skewes Family Foundation has been a major donor to Beyond Wishes Therapeutic Riding Program since its beginning. This year is no different with their very generous donation of \$10,000. Skewes Family Foundation has been a cornerstone to Beyond Wishes' success. This donation will be used for horse care, sponsorship, continuing education, facility upkeep, and insurance to mention a few. This donation is used wherever it's needed. The Skewes Family Foundation was started in 2004 by William G. Skewes, Sr. to provide charitable financial support to community development projects in the coal fields of Southern West Virginia and Southwest Virginia.

With the cost of everything from hay to hoof dressing going up, donations are more important than ever.

Beyond Wishes Therapeutic Riding Program is a small non-profit that helps individuals with special needs have an equine experience that carries many benefits. There are not only physical but cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual benefits that come when working with horses.

Many students come on a weekly visit but also Beyond Wishes has a variety of specialty programs. Miniature horses travel to long-term care facilities, schools, camps, etc. With COVID more under control, Beyond Wishes is hoping to have more mobile trips this coming season. Also provided upon request is a free Veterans program, field trips, day camps, student competition and development for high-risk youth. These specialty programs are all sponsored and at no cost to the groups or individuals.

Beyond Wishes Therapeutic Riding Program is an all-volunteer program with many special people making it a success. Of course, the equine partners make it all happen and are our biggest assets. Thanks again to Skewes Family Foundation and everyone else that makes this possible. For more information check us out on Facebook, the website is [beyondwishes.org](http://beyondwishes.org), or email at [beyondwishes@hughes.net](mailto:beyondwishes@hughes.net). Phone contact is 304 466-0431.







# Summers County Courthouse News

## Marriages

None.

## Fiduciaries

Amy L. Mann, Administrator of the Andrew S. Monti estate; Dewey Lee Stickler, Administrator of the William David Stickler estate.

## Land Transfers

Richard A. Burgess to James B. Standard and Josephine S. Standard, Lot 18, Talcott District; Alice Y. Riffle, Trustee of the Alice Y. Riffle Trust and the Alice Y. Riffle Revocable Trust to Liberi LLC, 10.509 acres, Talcott District; Robin W. Johnson to Chester

E. Summers, Land Contract, 3 Tracts, Talcott District; Norman S. Bennett and Phyllis B. Bennett to Tommy J. Bragg, 15.777 acres, Green Sulphur District; Anthony Ferraraccio and Anna Ferraraccio to Brian T. Crook, 1.11 acres more or less, Pipestem District; Seth W. Thompson to Timothy S. Robine Jr. and Victoria Bernice Robine, Warranty Deed, Lot Number 1, Jumping Branch District; Mark Edward Shipowick to Alexander Wills and Sita Thapa, 7.52 acres more or less, Green Sulphur District.

# SCCA January menu

**Monday, Jan. 2** - Center Closed.

**Tuesday, Jan. 3** - Smoked sausage, cabbage, green beans, pudding, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Wednesday, Jan. 4** - Smothered pork, mashed potatoes, corn, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Thursday, Jan 5** - Spaghetti, salad, pudding, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Friday, Jan 6.** - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, cupcake, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Monday, Jan. 9** - Hamburger, steak fries, mixed fruit,

and milk to drink.

**Tuesday, Jan. 10** - Fish nuggets, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, pudding, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Wednesday, Jan. 11** - Tomato soup, cheese sandwich, mixed fruit, and milk to drink.

**Thursday, Jan 12** - Pinto beans, cabbage, cornbread, pudding, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Friday, Jan 13.** - Fish, coleslaw, buttered potatoes, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Monday, Jan. 16** - Lasagna, salad, pudding, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Tuesday, Jan. 17** - Pork BBQ sandwich, coleslaw, buttered potatoes, mixed fruit, and milk to drink.

**Wednesday, Jan. 18** - Pinto beans, cabbage, cornbread, pudding, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Thursday, Jan 19** - Breaded chicken sandwich, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit, and milk to drink.

**Friday, Jan 20.** - Beef tips in gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, pudding, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Monday, Jan. 23** - Pork BBQ patties, peas, corn, mixed fruit, and milk to drink.

**Tuesday, Jan. 24** - Crab

cakes, coleslaw, baked beans, pudding, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Wednesday, Jan. 25** - Vegetable soup, chicken salad sandwich, mixed fruit, and milk to drink.

**Thursday, Jan 26** - Chicken and dumplings, peas, corn, pudding, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Friday, Jan 27.** - Beef stew, spinach, cornbread, mixed fruit, margarine, and milk to drink.

**Monday, Jan. 30** - Taco salad, mixed fruit, and milk to drink.

**Tuesday, Jan. 31** - Navy beans, mixed greens, cornbread, pudding, margarine, and milk to drink.

# Gov. Justice announces Form Energy will site first American battery manufacturing plant in Weirton, creating hundreds of jobs

CHARLESTON, WV (Hinton News) – Gov. Jim Justice announced on Thursday, December 22, 2022, that Form Energy, Inc. (Form Energy) will partner with the State of West Virginia to build its first iron-air battery manufacturing facility on 55 acres of property in the northern panhandle of West Virginia, along the Ohio River, in the city of Weirton. The new battery manufacturing plant is expected to create a minimum of 750 new full-time jobs and will represent a total investment of up to \$760 million.

“Weirton is long overdue for some incredible news,” Gov. Justice said. “At one point, Weirton was one of America’s most important steel towns—a national leader in steel production. Now, this historic city is looking toward the future, and it’s very bright with Form Energy opening its doors. We structured a unique financial incentive package worth up to \$290 million in asset-based, performance financing to support their decision to locate in Weirton.

“The funds put toward this project are guaranteed, secured, and collateralized through ownership of all land and buildings by the state. The West Virginia Economic Development Authority allocated \$75 million toward the purchase of land and the construction of buildings in Weirton this morning. I plan on working with the West Virginia Legislature and our federal partners to obtain an additional \$215 million needed to finalize our agreement. Resiliency and reliability of power resources for America will be produced in West Virginia, once again, allowing Weirton to be a national leader of this growing industry.”

The electric grid faces a challenge: how to manage the multi-day variability of renewable energy without sacrificing reliability or cost. Form Energy is an American energy storage technology and manufacturing company that is developing and commercializing an iron-air battery capable of storing electricity for 100 hours at system costs competitive with legacy power plants. The company’s pioneering multi-day battery will reshape the electric system to reliably run on 100% low-cost renewable energy, every day of the year.

“After a year-long nationwide site selection process that started with identifying over 500 candidate locations across 16 states, it became abundantly clear that Weirton, West Virginia – a historic steel community that sits on a river and has the rich heritage and know-how to make great things out of iron – is the ideal location for our first commercial battery production factory,” Mateo Jaramillo, Co-founder and CEO of Form Energy said. “We look forward to working with Weirton community leaders in the coming months to determine how we can best support the needs of local residents in the area through lasting community partnership and engagement.”

“We appreciate West Virginia’s pro-business landscape, streamlined processes, and commitment to workforce development,” Jaramillo added. “We are especially thankful to Governor Jim Justice, Secretary Mitch Carmichael, Speak-

er of the House of Delegates Roger Hanshaw, Senate President Craig Blair, and the local officials in Hancock County for their collaboration and support, which will bring well-paid, full-time employment opportunities and cost-effective, safe batteries to advance American innovation.”

“We are so glad that Form Energy said yes to West Virginia and are excited to welcome the company to Weirton,” West Virginia Department of Economic Development Secretary Mitch Carmichael said. “We will continue to support them in any way we can. Creating 750 jobs and investing \$760 million in our state is not something to take lightly, and we can’t wait to see how this company will thrive with our strong workforce. I hope that West Virginia will continue manufacturing batteries for years to come.”

Form Energy expects to start construction of its Weirton factory in 2023 and begin manufacturing iron-air battery systems in 2024 for broad commercialization.

“The entire state should share in our excitement today as Form Energy, with its revolutionary technology, is choosing West Virginia,” Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates Roger Hanshaw said. “Not only will this facility and this investment truly change the Northern Panhandle as we’ve known it for the past generation, but it also will build on the state’s prominent role of powering the nation as we lead the way in bringing affordable, reliable, renewable energy to the marketplace.”

“I could not be more excited about today’s announcement with Form Energy and this incredible opportunity for both the City of Weirton and the State of West Virginia,” West Virginia State Senator Ryan Weld said. “While this announcement is tremendous news for us all, it’s also personal for me: I grew up in downtown Weirton, and my grandfathers worked at Weirton Steel. If Weirton’s past tells us anything about its future, it is that the people there will make this an incredibly successful endeavor. I look forward to working with officials from the state and Form Energy as we begin this new chapter in Weirton’s history.”

“Today’s announcement is welcome news for Weirton and the entire Mountain State,” U.S. Senator Joe Manchin said.

“Form Energy’s new manufacturing plant will bring clean and innovative energy technologies to West Virginia and put to good use the vast skills of our people to help ensure our country’s energy security. West Virginia continues to be a leader in energy innovation, and the good-paying jobs and new economic opportunities this will bring are exactly what I had in mind as I negotiated the Inflation Reduction Act. I have said it time and again: The path forward is innovation, not elimination, and with this announcement West Virginia and Form Energy are doing just that.”

“Once again, West Virginia has won a highly competitive process to bring new jobs and opportunities to the Mountain State,” U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito said. “Today’s announcement was truly a collaborative effort, and I want to congratulate Governor Justice, Secretary Carmichael, and the leadership of the West Virginia Senate and House of Delegates in working together to bring Form Energy to our Northern Panhandle. If West Virginia is going to continue to be an energy state, we must embrace new technologies, but also tell our story on a national and global level. I look forward to working with the visionary leadership of Form Energy as they ramp up their production in West Virginia, and look forward to more positive developments for our home state in the future.”

# Both Bobcat Basketball teams take on new opponents

Rebecca Stalnaker

SUMMERS COUNTY, (Hinton News) - Both the Bobcats and the Lady Bobcats faced off in separate games on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

The Lady Bobcats went up against Wyoming East but unfortunately did not secure the win. Gracie Harvey scored 13, Abby Persinger scored 6, Liv Meador scored 5, Avery Lilly

scored 4, and Sullivan Pivont scored 2. The game ended with Summers County 30 and Wyoming East 53. Additionally, the JV Lady Bobcats team also played Wyoming East with a final score of Summers County 22 and Wyoming East 47.

On the other side of the Bobcat basketball court, the boy’s team took the victory over Man High School. The game ended with an outstanding

score, Summers County 72, Man High 26. Cruz Testerman led the score with 18 points with Brandan Isaac adding 17 points and 8 rebounds. Ryan Oliveros scored 11 points. Additionally, the JV team went up against the Hillbillies, crushing their opponent 61 to 37.

Stick with Hinton News for the latest scores from the beloved Bobcat teams.

# SCCA January activities

**Monday, Jan. 2** - Center Closed.

**Tuesday, Jan. 3** - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by bible study with Burtch Honaker at 11 a.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 4** - Frosted candle jar at 10 a.m. and Summers County Senior Center Quilters at the same time.

**Thursday, Jan. 5** - Noodle ball at 10 a.m. followed by speaker Jason Grose with Hinton Fire Department on the topic of Fire Safety at 11 a.m.

**Friday, Jan. 6** - Special birthday party with singing by The Gospel Tones at 11 a.m.

**Monday, Jan. 9** - Winter penguins craft at 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 10** - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by bible study with Gary Trout at 11 a.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 11** - Noodle ball at 10 a.m. followed by speaker Lesley Woodrum, Extension Agent for Summers County on the topic Active for Life at 11 a.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 12** - Chit chat at 10 a.m. followed by speaker Jan Adkins, Regional

Ship Counselor on the topic of Medicare Minutes for January at 11 a.m.

**Friday, Jan. 13** - Movie and popcorn at the center at 9:45 a.m.

**Monday, Jan. 16** - Center closed for Martin Luther King Day.

**Tuesday, Jan. 17** - GLUCO check by Robin Chianuba, Direct of Nursing at Summers County ARH at 9:30 a.m. followed by DIY polymer clay game pieces at 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 18** - DIY game board craft at 10 a.m. and Summers County Senior Center Quilters at the same time.

**Thursday, Jan. 19** - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by bible study with Chris Campbell at 11 a.m.

**Friday, Jan. 20** - Wii games at 10 a.m. and a blood

pressure clinic by Liz Goodman at 10:45 a.m.

**Monday, Jan. 23** - Games and Things at 10 a.m. followed by group singing at 11 a.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 24** - Noodle ball at 10 a.m. and speaker Joann Miller, Family Support Center at REACHH on the topic of Community Resources at 10:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 25** - Canvas painting at 10 a.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 26** - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by bible study with Robbie Rodes at 11 a.m.

**Friday, Jan. 27** - Morning at the Ritz, bus leaves the center at 9:15 a.m.

**Monday, Jan. 30** - Winter rock painting at 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 31** - Wii games at 10 a.m. and SCCOA site meeting at 11 a.m.



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## Editor's Picks for 2022

# Local gardener breaks state and world records

Rebecca Stalnaker

Editor's note: This article originally ran in October of 2022. I chose this story because it shows some of the accomplishments of the local community.

JUMPING BRANCH, (Hinton News) - A local grower is taking the world by storm with their record-breaking giant fruits and vegetables. Ryan Cook recently broke multiple state and world records with his impressive crops.

Cook has been gardening since 2008 but only recently began growing giant crops. He noted that his father grew some large pumpkins in 2016. That helped spark his interest in the hobby. Several years later, Cook's giant crop journey began after purchasing pumpkin seeds that claimed they could grow up to 1000 pounds. While that batch did not live up to the potential Cook hoped, he said he did not get disheartened.

"I spent all summer watching YouTube videos from giant growers, and I learned a lot to

use for 2021 which was last year. I grew a world record butternut squash, 83 pounds one ounce. I also grew a pumpkin that was 1016 pounds. That was my biggest one last year, and I grew a couple of other giant things but this year I stepped it up. I learned a lot from last year, and all winter long, I traded seeds and stuff and I got 37 to 38 different varieties of giant vegetables and fruit to grow."

Once all of his giant crops began to grow, Cook started breaking records. He stated that he currently holds six state records and anticipates that number going up to seven or eight by the end of the season. He also broke two world records as certified by the World Record Academy. One world record is for the World's Heaviest Butternut Squash. Cook's squash tipped the scale at 83 pounds and 1 ounce. His other world record is for the most varieties of giant fruits and vegetables grown in a single season with 36 varieties.

Breaking a state or world record is an incredible feat.

Speaking about breaking his first record, Cook said, "It was a huge sense of accomplishment." That initial record break was a state record for the giant sunflower head diameter. He went on to talk about breaking a world record. He said, "When I broke the world record, it was awesome because I had growers that had been growing for years and years, 20 plus years, you know, reaching out to me for advice on something. Sometimes it's overwhelming, but it's very good. It just gives you a good sense of being able to accomplish something and being proud of it and wanting to do better and strive to do better."

Cook said his best advice for new giant growers is to go in with as much knowledge as possible. He said, "If you have basic knowledge of garden skills, you can manage one [giant crop garden] pretty well. But you need to watch some of those YouTube videos for the more specific things directed toward giant pumpkins, you know, burying the vines and how to maintain, and keeping a

giant pumpkin on the vine and healthy and all those things; how we fertilize, how we water, those types of things. That would be the first thing I would recommend."

"A second thing would be to stay away from the store-bought seeds and find growers. There are lots of growers. I got elected to be the Mountain State Giant Growers president of the club. So there's that club, it's on Facebook, many of those growers, you can reach out to them and they're local to wherever you're at. They can help you. You can reach out to them for seeds and things like that. You can buy seeds from the clubs. Every state has a club, you can buy seeds from them. There are websites that you could reach out to and buy seeds from, and then there are auctions in the wintertime for these seeds. Those auctions support the clubs and the weigh-offs those clubs have and for prize money and stuff. We will be having a weigh-off next year, here in West Virginia. It'll be the first one that West Virginia has had.



There's one in Milton but it's not a GPC weigh-off. GPC is the Giant Pumpkin Commonwealth. They are recognized worldwide as the premier club."

Cook's final bit of advice is to keep trying and not give up. "The only other advice I would have is if you don't succeed the first time just keep on trying until you do because there are so many different variables at play."

If anyone is interested in getting involved in the giant growing hobby, reach out to Mountain State Giant Growers. The group is available through

an official Facebook page, and experienced growers are available to help. Cook noted that the hobby is fun for all ages and encourages adults and children alike to get involved.

According to Cook, the Mountain State Giant Growers are planning to hold several weigh-off events next year, and everyone, growers and spectators, are invited.

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## Memories of the Past: Horror Halloweens with Dad

Lisa Abshire

Editor's note: This article originally ran in October of 2022. I chose this piece as one of my picks because it pulls to light the value of family, especially in small towns.

I can't remember a time when horror wasn't a part of my life. My Dad always told me that Jaws was the first movie he ever took me to. That might explain why I still love shark attack movies.

I was never one of those girls that wanted to be a princess when I was growing up. Morticia Addams was always who I dressed up as and tried to emulate. Never Wednesday, oh no. Always Morticia. I still have a Morticia costume in my cosplay wardrobe.

As Halloween draws ever closer, one of my best memories is of my Dad sitting around and trying to recreate the Wolf Man makeup. Dad was always a huge fan of the Universal Monsters and the make-up genius of Jack Pierce. He told me of the monsters from the time I was around five years old and up. I remember thinking that all Dads must talk about things like that, so imagine my surprise when all I got was funny stares when I brought it all up to my friends at school.

This was all back in the day before Spirit Halloween existed, so my Dad bought wolf masks and repainted them. He would purchase gray granny wigs and color them for the



hair. In my mind's eye, I can still see my Dad sitting mixing paint, trying to get the perfect Wolf Man colors. His next favorite was Dracula. Finally, he found a licensed Universal Studios Wolf Man full-head mask. That thing was his pride and joy. It holds a place of honor in my horror collection right to this day.

Nothing made my Dad happier than to pull off a scare with his Wolf Man makeup. He managed some elaborate pranks in his time. I believe the one that stands out most in my mind is when Dad was going to scare someone but ran into a prowler on the way. I'm not sure who was more frightened. It was a while after that before Dad planned any more pranks.

As Dad aged, he loved to dress as the grime reaper and come to my door trick or treating to try and fool me. What fun and wonderful memories. This Halloween, I hope to keep even a fraction of Dad's memory alive and celebrate the holiday in style.

## Summers County Schools breaks ground for new \$12 million addition

Lawson Jones

Editors note: This article was originally published in October of 2022. I chose this story as one of my picks because it demonstrates the progress happening in the community.

Summers County, (Hinton News) - Summers County Schools broke ground for the new middle school addition at the Summers County Comprehensive High School campus on Friday, September 30.

Students and staff from all schools in the county were present, as well as stakeholders and dignitaries. Among those present were the state superintendent, David Roach and a state board member Deborah Sullivan.

Student ambassadors were responsible for helping get the elementary students off the buses and greeting the dignitaries. The student ambassadors included Student Body President Sarah Turner, Student Body Vice President Sully Pivot, Xander Hudgins, Lawson Jones, Brandon Isaac, Peyton Miller, Liv Meador, Ashley Cooper, Carly Richmond, Karsyn Davis, Brianna Foreman, Aubrey Petrey, Peyton Matheny, Morgan Meador, Madison Adkins, Emilee Smith, Jacob Smith, Robey Brown and Noah Bragg.

The ceremony started with the Hinton Area Elementary Patriot Team leading everyone



in the pledge and folding the flag to present to SCCHS Principal Al Hudgins. That flag will fly at the addition after construction is complete. Following the presentation of the flag, the SCCHS band played the national anthem. Principal Hudgins then welcomed all of the guests who were present.

Dignitaries were invited to come up and say a few words about the addition. Some who spoke were Roach, Sullivan, Commissioner Ted Kula, Senator Jack David Woodrum, Senator Stephen Baldwin, and Summers County BOE member Kenny Brogan.

All the dignitaries then stood at the shovels while student ambassadors took to the stage. The dignitaries broke the ground as the SCCHS band played the Summers County fight song.

Dignitaries, administrators, and student ambassadors moved to a reception, and students from all across the county were dismissed as the band played Crazy Train by Ozzy Osbourne.

Construction began on Mon-

day, October 3. The construction company is Radford & Radford Inc. out of Beckley, WV. This project is being funded in full by the WV School Building Authority.

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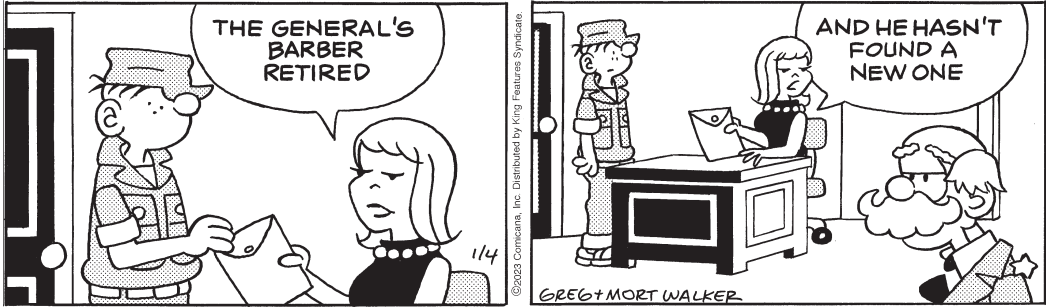
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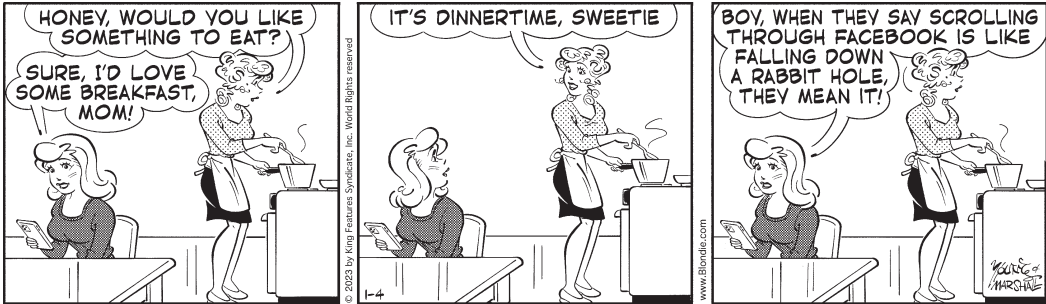


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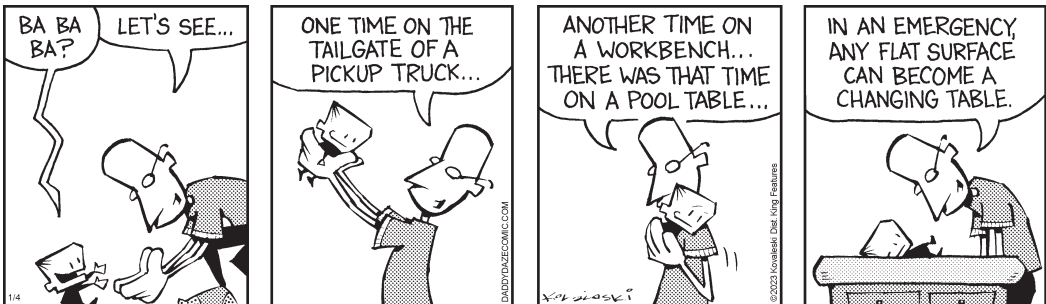
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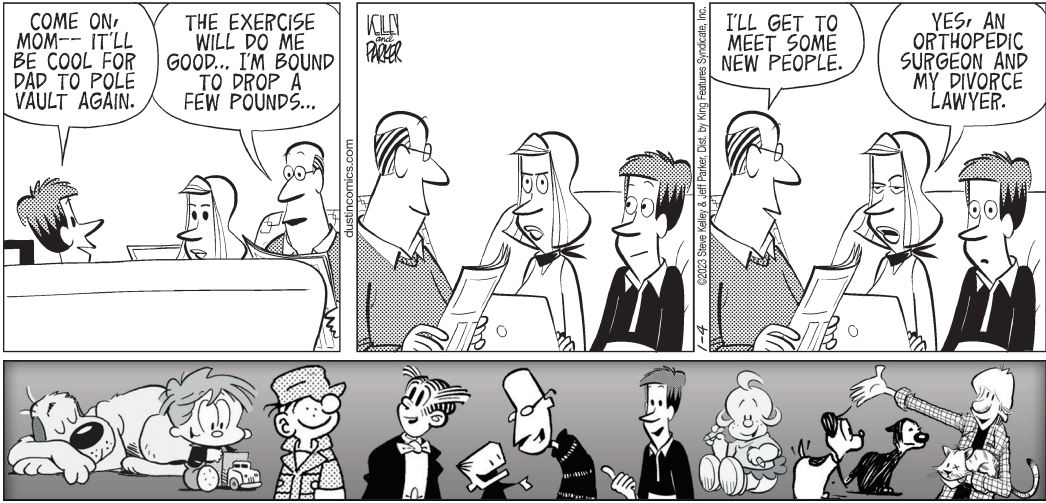
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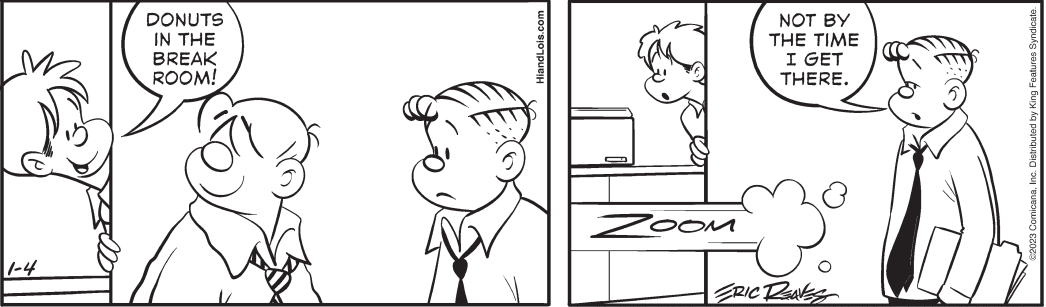
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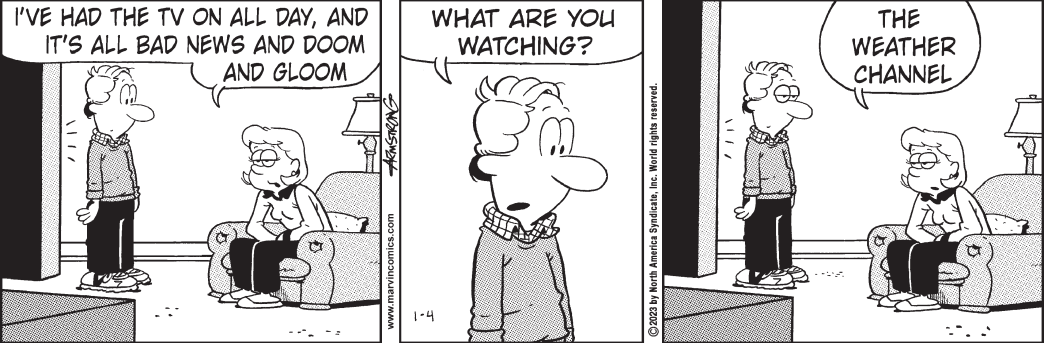
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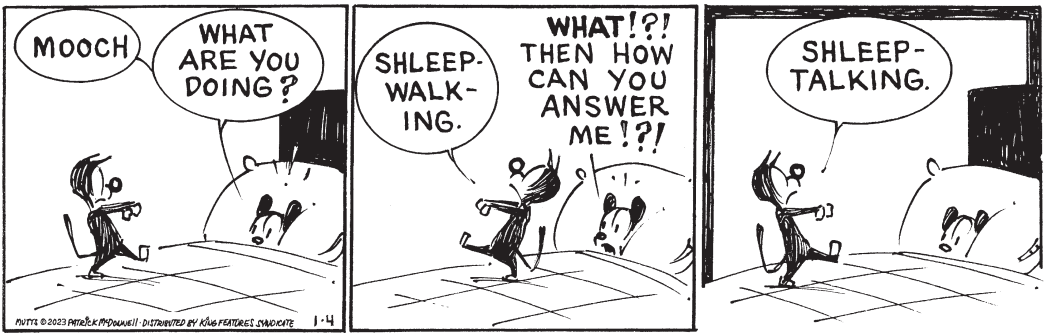
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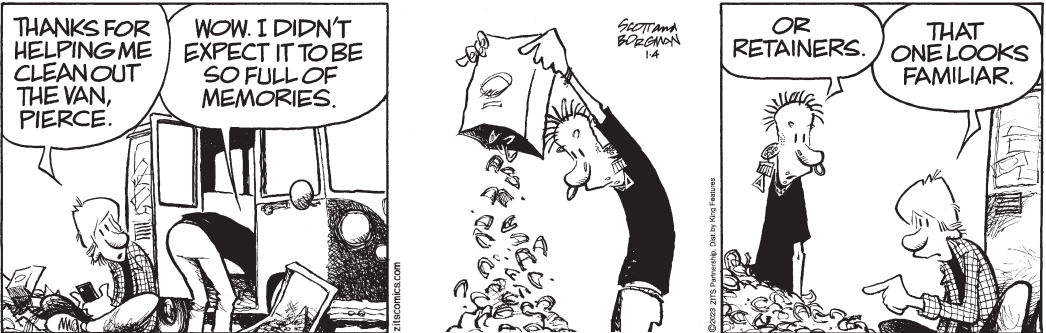
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## Mutts



## Zits



# ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

**MOON ALERT:** Avoid shopping or important decisions after 7 p.m. EST today (4 p.m. PST). The Moon is in Gemini.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023:

You are fun-loving, aware and sensitive to everything around you. You have a quirky charm and are a great team player. This is a wonderful year to socialize and enjoy life! Let your guard down and loosen up a bit! Welcome old friends back into your world.

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

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

5★ This is an excellent day to work with others, especially friends and groups. In particular, you will make good headway discussing long-range plans or future goals. You're not afraid to think big today, and yet you won't overlook details. (An unusual combination.) It's a productive day! Tonight: Listen carefully.

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

5★ Business and commerce are favored today. For starters, you might get some behind-the-scenes help from someone. Certainly, people admire you right now. Meanwhile, you are personally prepared to talk to someone in au-

thority to get approval for what you want to do. Do it! Tonight: Double-check your money.

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

5★ It's a wonderful day to make long-range travel plans or explore prospects about publishing, higher education, medicine and the law. Grab every opportunity to learn something new. You'll enjoy dealing with people from other cultures, because they might teach you something. You love to learn. Tonight: Be alert.

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

4★ Financial arrangements and negotiations will go well for you today, because you can attract money to you. This is an excellent day to ask for a loan, a

mortgage or to do fundraising. You might work from behind the scenes; nevertheless, you'll get results! Tonight: Caution.

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

5★ This is a marvelous day to schmooze with partners, close friends and members of the general public. You can accomplish a lot now because you're keen to work. You can especially wrap up old business. On top of this, others will cooperate because you're so charming. Tonight: Avoid confusion.

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

4★ Whatever you want to do today, be aware of the fact that you can get more done by cooperating with others. This is an excellent day for meetings, conferences and working with groups or units. You might get the practical and financial support you need from someone as well. Tonight: Assume nothing.

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

5★ It's a playful day! Enjoy sports events, social outings, the entertainment world and fun activities with kids. This is also a good time to make long-range plans for future travel or higher education. Publishing discussions will go well, along with proposals about legal or

medical matters. Tonight: Test ideas.

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

5★ This is the perfect day to entertain. Stock the fridge and invite the gang over. In addition, you might set some time aside today to plow through paperwork. Your mind can handle a lot of details. It will feel good to tie up loose ends about shared property, inheritances and banking matters. Tonight: Check your finances.

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

4★ You feel sociable today, which is why you will enjoy contact with siblings, relatives and neighbors. You will love learning new things. Study will be easy. You're so optimistic, as you look around you, you'll appreciate your daily surroundings more. This is a feel-good day! Tonight: Listen carefully.

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

4★ Business and commerce are favored today. Value your moneymaking ideas. Go after moneymaking plans; they will succeed, especially if they involve foreign countries or dealing with people from other cultures. You've got the smarts, the patience and the know-how. Tonight: Expect confusion.

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

4★ Today you're content and at peace with the world, which is why you feel benevolent to others. This generous feeling might even influence financial enterprises. In fact, legal matters and anything to do with investments, medicine or the law will go well! Tonight: Social disappointments.

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

4★ You might meet a new friend today. For some of you, this friend could become a lover, a secret romance. Meanwhile, a private discussion could bring about some practical improvements to your home or a family member. Everything to do with your wealth and your assets is favored today. Tonight: Scrutinize family.

**BORN TODAY**

Musician Michael Stipe (1960), actress Julia Ormond (1965), actor, comedian Dave Foley (1963)

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# SHEFFER CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Cardinal cap letters

4 The "A" of UAE

8 Not that

12 Debtor's letters

13 Bankers

14 Apiece

15 Secret-protecting doc.

16 Com-muter zone, perhaps

18 Dutch cheese

20 Swiss peak

21 Okla-homa city

24 Indulges, with "on"

28 Vague situation

32 Band-leader

33 Brink

34 Toyota model

36 Takeoff stat

37 Detail

39 Restricted zone

41 Craze

43 Subject, usually

**DOWN**

1 Warble

2 Commo-tion

3 Hawaiian feast

4 Fact book

5 Shad product

6 Do some-thing

7 Tora —, Afghani-stan

8 Oolong brewer

9 Guffaw syllable

10 "Rocks"

11 — Na Na

17 Vintage

19 Susan of "L.A. Law"

22 Persia, today

23 Fiend

25 Wedding cake layer

26 Diminutive suffix

27 Pop book

28 Bleak

29 Actress

30 "So be it"

31 Golden Fleece ship

35 Lurch's line on "The Addams Family"

38 Powerful

40 Yucatan year

42 Actor Vigoda

45 Pre-college exams

47 Allows

48 Actor Estrada

49 Picture of health?

50 "— had it!"

51 Apprehend

52 Airport screening org.

53 LBJ's successor

54 Perfume label word

**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.

ZIPER

NFILA

SPYPAN

SUFEDE

**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

When I was your age, he was my favorite player. He threw the very first Super Bowl touchdown.

Did he invent the word "superstar"?

ALL THE TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS THROWN BY BART STARR WERE ---

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



**THE " " "**

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers

Jumbles: SPURN FRESH SPRUCE GLOBAL

Answer: Even though rabbits aren't insects, they can be — GRASS HOPPERS

# SUDOKU PUZZLE

**Conceptis Sudoku** By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/04

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:**

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/04





LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345  
TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT MODIFICATION  
Public Notice No.: L-131-22

Public Notice Date: January 04, 2023

Paper: Hinton News

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit Modification for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WV0024732

Applicant:  
HINTON, CITY OF  
SANITARY BOARD  
322 SUMMERS ST  
HINTON, WV 25951

Location: HINTON, SUMMERS COUNTY

Latitude: 37:42:05

Longitude: 80:53:17

Receiving Stream: NEW RIVER

Activity:

To acquire, construct, install, operate, and maintain a wastewater collection system combined sewer overflow (CSO) Abatement Project - Phase 1, consisting of the installation of approximately 5,395 LF of HDPE storm pipe ranging in size from 10 to 24 and 49 catch basins. The project will also include replacement of approximately 265 LF of 12 inch, 10 LF of 15 inch and 360 LF of 18 inch PVC sanitary sewer pipe, 640 LF of 6 inch, 1,740 LF of 8 inch, 605 LF of 10 inch, 1,540 LF of 12 inch, 2,475 LF of 14 inch and 415 LF of 18 inch DIP sanitary sewer pipe, 49 sanitary sewer manholes, replacement of the existing Bellepoint lift station, installation of two (2) grinder lift stations, surface restoration, reconnection of existing lines and all other necessary appurtenances. These facilities are to serve approximately 6.250 per-

sons in the City of Hinton and surrounding environs including the community of Brooks and the community of Barksdale, and discharge treated wastewater through Outlet 001 to the New River, approximately 59.7 miles from its mouth, of the Kanawha River.

The wastewater collection system upgrade project shall be constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications approved the 6th day of June 2022, and any approved addenda thereto, prepared by E.L. Robinson entitled "City of Hinton CSO Abatement Project (Phase 1) SRF Project No. C-54450."

Business conducted: Municipality

Implementation: NA

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit modification and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP  
ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting Section  
601 57th Street SE  
Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins January 04, 2023 and ends February 03, 2023.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit modification application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit Modification(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit modification and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of

Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days. (4ja)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

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

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

First Publication Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Claim Deadline: Sunday, March 5, 2023

Estate of: SHIRLEY GERALDINE MCGRAW

Fiduciary: REBECCA A. WILLIAMS

Estate of: LAKE LEWIS LYONS

Fiduciary: PAMELA KATHLEEN LYONS

Estate of: PATRICIA LILLY WILSON

Fiduciary: MARTIN OWEN WILSON & ROBERT OWEN WILSON

Estate of: GARNETT IMOGENE RATLIFF

Fiduciary: BOBBIE REX RATLIFF

Estate of: NOAH BERNARD RICHMOND SR.

Fiduciary: ANITA L.

RICHMOND  
Estate of: JEAN ANN BALLENGEE  
Fiduciary: PAMELA CAYTON  
Estate of: DOROTHY JEAN BOLEY  
Fiduciary: GERALD BRENNAN  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 28, 2022.  
Donald R. Basham Jr.  
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County (4.11ja)

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

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

I have before me the Final settlements and Proposals for the estates of the following deceased persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Summers County, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Hinton, West Virginia on the 11th day of January, 2023 at or near 10:00 a.m. These proposed settlements and short form settlements have been presented to me by the fiduciary of such estates which settlements I have approved as indicated below :

Estate: ERIE ADKINS

Fiduciary: WILFRED E. ADKINS & VINCENT H. ADKINS

Estate: DELSIA ARBUTUS GILL

Fiduciary: JESSE GILL JR.

Estate: LLOYD WILLIAM LIGHTER SR.

Fiduciary: BETTY LIGHTNER

Estate: DAVID HAROLD SPROUSE

Fiduciary: HEATHER ANN SPROUSE

Estate: WILLIAM DAVID STICKLER

Fiduciary: DEWEY LEE STICKLER

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

Given under my hand this the 28th day of DECEMBER, 2022.  
Donnie Basham  
Fiduciary Supervisor (4ja)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: January 4, 2023

Summers County Commission

Post Office Box 97  
Hinton, WV 25951  
(304)-466-7100

On or after January 12, 2023, the Summers County Commission will submit a request to the West Virginia Department of Economic Development for the release of West Virginia/HUD Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Summers County Commission - Talcott Area Broadband Expansion Project

Purpose: The Summers County Commission is proposing a broadband expansion project that will provide broadband cable and Internet service to residents in Summers County in the Talcott community. This project will serve an estimated 78 residents in this community to provide approximately 1.67 miles of aerial fiber at a minimum broadband service level of 25 megabits per second (mbps).

Location: The project limits are from Routes 12 & 3 in Talcott along Pat Ball Road, Bill Perdue Road, Briercliff Road, Pitt Row, and Blankenship Road in Summers County, WV.

Estimated Cost: Total estimated project cost is \$220,500 which is HUD Community Development Block Grant.

The activities proposed: The site will be using existing power poles for the installation of aerial fiber to make the proposed broadband enhancements to the project area. There will be no ground disturbance in the project area. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Region I Planning & Development Council, 1439 E. Main St., Suite 5, Princeton, WV 24740 and (304) 431-7225 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:00 P.M by appointment and in accordance with COVID-19 prevention protocols.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Summers County Commission c/o Region I Planning & Development Council, 1439 E. Main St., Suite 5, Princeton, WV 24740, Attention:

Charles Saunders, President. All comments received by January 11, 2023 will be considered by the Summers County Commission prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Summers County Commission certifies to West Virginia and HUD that Charles Saunders in his capacity as President consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's/ West Virginia's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Summers County Commission to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of West Virginia/ HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Summers County Commission's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Summers County Commission; (b) the Summers County Commission has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/ West Virginia; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Mr. Todd Goddard, Broadband Development Project Manager, at the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East; Building 3, Suite 600, Charleston, WV 25305. Potential objectors should contact West Virginia Department of Economic Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Charles Saunders, President (4ja)

REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Hinton is in the process of obtaining qualifications from consulting engineering firms interested in providing advice and services for a project that will make necessary improvements and upgrades to the City's sewer collection and treatment system with emphasis on addressing combined sewer overflow (CSO) issues throughout the system. The consultant will work closely with the City of Hinton and Region I Planning & Development Council, and other members of the project team.

Professional services for the activity funded include: (1) Construction design in accordance with all State, Federal, and Local regulations that pertain to the proposed project; (2) Preparation of bidding and contracting documents; (3) Participation in the evaluation of bids received and (4) Monitor and inspect construction activities on a periodic basis to ensure compliance with plans and specifications (5) Preparation and delivery of final "As Built" data in GIS format (shapefile, geodatabase, etc.) with data georeferenced to and assigned real-world coordinates and accompanied by comprehensive descriptive metadata.

Procurement of said services shall be in accordance with West Virginia Code Chapter 5G and 2 CFR 200. Consultants interested in being considered for this project must submit a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management and staffing capabilities, and related prior experience.

The object of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality of service. Accordingly, technical qualifications and experience will be weighed heavily. Selected respondents will be interviewed, and the firm judged most qualified will be selected. The selected consultant's eligibility to receive federal funds will be verified at <http://www.sam.gov> prior to contract award.

Please submit one (1) original, three (3) copies, and one (1) digital format submission of all requested information to the City of Hinton and one (1) copy and one (1) digital format submission to Region I Planning and Development Council, by 10:00 a.m. on January 17th, 2023.

City of Hinton  
Cris Meadows, City Manager  
322 Summers Street  
Hinton, West Virginia 25951

Region I Planning & Development Council  
RFQ Engineer – City of Hinton CSO Issues  
Attention: Eric Combs, Project Manager  
1439 East Main Street, Suite 5  
Princeton, West Virginia 24740  
Digital Submissions: [tyler@regiononepdc.org](mailto:tyler@regiononepdc.org)

Should you have any questions, please contact Eric Combs at [ericc@regiononepdc.org](mailto:ericc@regiononepdc.org). Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project may be undertaken through funding sources including, but not limited to, HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), Economic Development Administration (EDA), USDA Rural Development, West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJDC), and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

The City of Hinton will afford full opportunity for minority business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in the contract award.

The City of Hinton reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all submissions.  
Jackson L. Scott, Mayor  
City of Hinton



REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Hinton is in the process of obtaining qualifications from consulting engineering firms interested in providing advice and services for City of Hinton Flood Mitigation, in which the City of Hinton will construct storm water infrastructure improvements to reduce flood hazards in the city. The consultant will work closely with the City of Hinton and Region I Planning & Development Council, and other members of the project team.

Professional services for the activity funded include: (1) Construction design in accordance with all State, Federal, and Local regulations that pertain to the proposed project; (2) Preparation of bidding and contracting documents; (3) Participation in the evaluation of bids received and (4) Monitor and inspect construction activities on a periodic basis to ensure compliance with plans and specifications (5) Preparation and delivery of final "As Built" data in GIS format (shapefile, geodatabase, etc.) with data georeferenced to and assigned real-world coordinates and accompanied by comprehensive descriptive metadata.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Eric Combs at [ericc@regiononepdc.org](mailto:ericc@regiononepdc.org). Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project may be undertaken through funding including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Program.

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Jackson L. Scott, Mayor  
City of Hinton





# War Ridge Free Will Baptist Church Christmas Program



Three Kings

The War Ridge Free Will Baptist Church held two Christmas Plays on December 10. The first play was an adaptation of the play “New Star”. Our cast is pictured above, from left to right. First-row townswoman, played by Bonnie Galford; shepherd, played by Brooke Fox; two townswomen, played by Makena Mann and Makenzie Marks; Elizabeth played by Lisa Madison-Howell. Second-row townsman, played by Ashley Marks; Mary, played by Isabel Marks; Joseph, played by Grant Fox; Angel Gabriel played by Ayden McNicholas; Old Star, played by Betty Richmond and

new Star played by Laura Rand. The play tells the story of an Old Star welcoming a brand New Star to the night sky and since the New Star knows nothing about Christmas the Old Star proceeds to tell her the story as she witnessed it over 2000 years ago. You see the Old Star was the Star of Bethlehem that appeared in the night sky proclaiming the birth of Jesus and leading the wise men to the Messiah. Some of our players can be seen in their various costumes in the other pictures from left to right. Our angels: Makenna Mann: Ayden McNicholas as Angel Gabriel, and



Mary, Joseph and young Jesus

Makenzie Marks. Our three wise men: Makena Mann, Brooke Fox and Makenzie Marks. Joseph and Mary with the young Jesus between them: Grant Fox, Hunter Mann and Isabel Marks. The second play was an adaptation of the play “That Stupid Christmas Play”. The play tells the story of the Bryant family and their youngest sons’ questions concerning how some Christians don’t act much like Christians at all. Our players (no picture is available) were the Bryants: Dennis Galford, Bonnie Galford, their children played by Faye Mann, Grant Fox and Susan Fox; and their

pastor, Doctor Rogers, played by Tommy Webb. At the end of the program, the audience joined our cast for refreshments at the church fellowship hall. We wish to thank everyone that came out and made our program a success. The War Ridge Free Will Baptist Church is the only church on War Ridge Road; our address is 3134 War Ridge Road, Wayside. Our Sunday services are: Sunday School, at 10 a.m. with Worship Service at 11 and Sunday Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Kid’s Club start at 7 pm. We hope to see you there.



The Angels



Full cast

## Treasurer Moore Announces 16th Annual SMART529 ‘When I Grow Up’ Statewide Essay Contest

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. (Hinton News) – State Treasurer Riley Moore on Tuesday kicked-off the statewide 2023 SMART529 “When I Grow Up” student and teacher essay contest at Potomack Intermediate School in Martinsburg. The annual essay contest gives students around the state the chance to win up to \$5,000 in SMART529 savings for higher education. Teachers have an opportunity to win a \$2,500 cash prize. “It’s critical for children to start thinking about their future careers as early as possible,” Treasurer Moore said. “The annual SMART529 When I Grow Up essay contest gives students an opportunity to explore potential job pathways and understand how they can achieve their dreams through post-secondary

education, whether that is attending college or a trade school.” In its 16th year, the SMART529 When I Grow Up essay contest gives kindergarten through fifth-grade students a chance to win both SMART529 savings for higher education and cash prizes for their schools. Essay entries will be judged among five regions in three age groups (K-1, 2-3, 4-5), making for a total of 15 regional winners. The regional breakdown is as follows:

- Region I – Beckley/Bluefield area
- Region II – Charleston/Huntington area
- Region III – Clarksburg/Weston area
- Region IV – Martinsburg area
- Region V – Wheeling area

The 15 winners will be

awarded \$500 invested into SMART529 college savings accounts. Out of the regional winners, one grand prize winner will be randomly selected to receive a total of \$5,000 in SMART529 scholarship money during an awards ceremony next fall at the state Culture Center in Charleston. Each winner’s school will also receive a \$500 cash award. Teachers of grades kindergarten through fifth also have the opportunity to compete in the teacher portion of the essay contest. This year’s winning teacher will receive a \$2,500 cash prize. The SMART529 When I Grow Up essay contest allows students to submit, in 100 words or less, an essay that explains what they want to be when they grow up. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity

and the importance of post-secondary education. Entry forms for both students and teachers are available at [www.SMART529.com](http://www.SMART529.com). In addition, entry forms will be available at elementary schools throughout the state. The deadline for entry forms and essay submissions is Friday, February 24, 2023. SMART529 is a qualified tuition program issued by the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings Programs and administered by Hartford Funds. Complete information about SMART529 plans and investment options is available at [www.SMART529.com](http://www.SMART529.com).

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