



Annual Holiday Event raises \$1,250 for Hinton area civic, educational, and social organizations



Five community organizations will each receive a \$250 check from donations generated by the 20th Annual PracticeLink - MountainPlex friends & family Christmas event at the McCreery Banquet and Event Center in the Hinton National Historic District. Beneficiaries of the 2022 event include: The Summers County Comprehensive High School Bands, Hinton Area Foundation, The Summers County Toy Fund, The Yummy Bags Ministry, Summers County Library, and the Hinton Area Foundation. These funds come from cash donations by more than one hundred fifty event attendees and are matched by the

Allman family. The dinner and festivities were provided and sponsored by the PracticeLink and MountainPlex companies which include The Market on Courthouse Square, Otter & Oak, Otter Cafe, Rivertown Gallery, The Ritz Theatre Cinema and Performing Arts, The Guest House Inn on Courthouse Square, and MountainPlex Media stations - ESPN Radio 102.3 The Ticket and Classic Hits 98.3FM. The gourmet holiday dinner was prepared by Chef Craig Lilly who said, “ It was hard work, but definitely a labor of love. A love for my hometown. It felt so amazing to be back home



in Hinton personally serving old friends and familiar faces. A very special thanks to my managers Chloe, Bridgette, and Ashley for all their hard work. There is absolutely no way I could have done it without them.” The meal was served by The MountainPlex Hospitality Team. The following day, PracticeLink and MountainPlex associates were treated to a holiday luncheon catered by the Lucky Rivers Café and Catering. About PracticeLink - Hinton-based PracticeLink.com - The Physician Career Advancement Resource, launched in 1994, was one of the first online physician

job boards and is the largest and most widely used physician job search and recruitment platform. PracticeLink assists more than 1,000 hospitals, medical groups and healthcare organizations of all types throughout the United States and beyond. In addition to its Hinton-based headquarters, PracticeLink also has offices in St. Louis, Missouri and Chandigarh, India. About MountainPlex - MountainPlex Properties, Ltd. was founded in 2007 as a subsidiary of PracticeLink to provide accommodations, entertainment, and hospitality services to thousands of residents and visitors to the Hinton area.

First John Henry Days meeting of the year planned

According to a recent announcement, the first John Henry Days meeting of the year is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. in the basement of the Talcott Trinity Methodist Church. Planning is set to begin on the 26th annual John Henry Days Festival. The statement also says there will be an announcement regarding the bands for the 2023 festival during the meeting.

Community members are invited to attend the meeting and provide suggestions for the 2023 parade theme, as well as other ideas, and volunteer with the committee. Anyone who is not able to attend the meeting, but wants to share an idea, is invited to comment on the original post on the John Henry Days Facebook page. For more information, reach out to the John Henry Days Facebook page.

Attorney General Morrissey’s Mobile Office to visit Hinton

CHARLESTON (Hinton News) – West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with central and southeastern West Virginia residents in January to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions. “These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure.” Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

Jan. 10: Noon to 1 p.m. – Wendy’s, HC 30 Box 182AA, 38232 Midland Trail E., Caldwell
Jan. 11: 11 a.m. to noon – Hinton Town Hall, 322 Summers St., Hinton
Jan. 13: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Tudor’s Biscuit World, 107 Bolt Road, Glen Daniel
Jan. 17: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Tootsie’s Place, 728 Main St. E., White Sulphur Springs
Jan. 19: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Marlinton Town Hall, 709 Second Ave., Marlinton
Jan. 24: 11 a.m. to noon – Tudor’s Biscuit World, 323 N. Court St., Fayetteville
Jan. 26: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Raleigh County Commission on Aging, 1614 S. Kanawha St., Beckley
Jan. 27: Noon to 2 p.m. – Greater Beckley Christian School Office, 140 Crusader Drive, Prosperity
Jan. 31: 11 a.m. to noon – Appalachian Coffee House, 32 Bounds Lane, Mt. Nebo
For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees should contact Justin Arvon at 304-590-6462

Summers County ARH and the City of Hinton partner for The Biggest Loser contest

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Summers County ARH Hospital and the City of Hinton are joining forces to encourage area residents to prioritize their health in 2023 by participating in Hinton’s Biggest Loser competition. Modeled after the popular weight loss program The Biggest Loser, the contest, now in its second year, will include weekly weigh-ins, mini-challenges and classes designed to educate and encourage participants. The 6-week contest will kick off Jan. 10 at Bobcat Fitness Center, a facility owned by the City of Hinton. Fitness center employee Ginny Hatcher says the participants are asked to stop by

the gym that day between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to register and weigh in. The first of six Tuesday evening classes will take place that day at 5:30 p.m. Classes, according to Bobcat Fitness employee Ginny Hatcher, will cover a variety of topics from exercise tips to healthful cooking techniques. Hatcher, who began working for the gym after participating in the contest in 2022, says she hopes for a good turnout, as she knows firsthand how life-changing it can be. “I couldn’t put my own shoes on. I couldn’t breathe,” she says, explaining a doctor’s visit prompted her to make a change.

Hatcher dropped 16 pounds during the contest and lost another 27 pounds by continuing to exercise and eat well. “My health wasn’t good at all,” she says. “I still have issues but I’m getting there. This competition saved my life.” Summers County ARH rehab director Kristi Scott says results like Hatcher’s are the reason for the competition. “We want to help people become healthier,” she says. “This is a fun way to help people get started in making healthy lifestyle choices.” Hatcher agrees, adding she believes the community aspect of the competition will help encourage others to take

that first step. “Change is scary,” she says. “Losing weight and making healthy lifestyle changes is hard when you don’t have the knowledge and the support. We just want to help give people the information on how to do it and let them know they’re not alone. “We can do this together,” she says. “You don’t have to be by yourself. Let’s build a community, have some fun, win some prizes and get healthy.” Registration for Hinton’s Biggest Loser is \$10 for members of the Bobcat Fitness Center and \$15 for non-members. Membership to the gym, which includes a 24-hour access

key, is \$30 per month with a one-time fee of \$10. At the conclusion of the program, prizes will be awarded to the male and female “Biggest Loser” as well as to the team with the largest weight loss percentage. For more information, contact Bobcat Fitness at 304-309-4181. Bobcat Fitness Center, of which Summers County ARH is a sponsor, is located at 301 Summers St. in Hinton. Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH), is a not-for-profit health system operating 14 hospitals in Barbourville, Hazard, Harlan, Hyden, Martin, McDowell, Middlesboro, Paintsville, Prestonsburg, West Liber-

ty, Whitesburg, and South Williamson in Kentucky and Beckley and Hinton in West Virginia, as well as multi-specialty physician practices, home health agencies, home medical equipment stores and retail pharmacies. ARH employs more than 6,500 people with an annual payroll and benefits of \$330 million generated into our local economies. ARH also has a network of more than 600 active and courtesy medical staff members. ARH is the largest provider of care and the single largest employer in southeastern Kentucky and the third-largest private employer in southern West Virginia.



Summers County Courthouse News

Marriages

Branden Lee Weeks to Brandi Alexandra Hazelwood.

Fiduciaries

Michael D Osborne and Jeffrey Ritter Osborne and Anna Michelle Osborne Durham, Administrators of the Sarah Ann Osborne estate; Martha Alice Martin and Sherry Burris, Administrators of the Donnie Edward Martin estate; Laura Ann Dinert, Administrator of the Betty Lou Elwood estate.

Land Transfers

Richard L. Mansfield and Johnny W. Mansfield to Jacob S. Parker and Thomas D. Sears. 4.52 acres more or less, Greenbrier Rural District; Daniel E. McCoun Jr. and Phillip Michael McCoun and Brooke Lilly Kottkamp (Dyson) to The West Virginia Land Trust Inc., 48.75 acres more or less, Jumping Branch District; Brentmoore LLC to Robin S. Crawford and Patricia A. Crawford, 1 Rear Lot, City of Hinton District; Hinton, WV Properties LLC to Hinton Sani-

tary Board, Real Estate, City of Hinton District; Patricia Ann Whittard and James Robert Parsley and Garland P. Parsley Jr. to Three White Dogs LLC, Lots Number 8 & 9, Talcott District; Phillip M. McCoun to West Virginia Land Trust Inc., Tract A: 5.04 acres more or less, Tract C: 17.73 acres, jumping Branch District; Casey L. Forren to Ronald G. Harbert and Jessica Meadows Harbert, Tract One: Lots Number 10 & 11 Block F, Tract Two:

0.057 acres more or less, City of Hinton District; Sea Land Partners to Meghan McLaughlin Dudley and Ralph E. Dudley Jr., Lot 24, Forest Hill District; Jeff Lyon to Christopher S. Craig and Ronald L. Craig, Lot 8 and Lot 9, Pipestem District; Patricia L. (Hughes) Richmond to Kristen Brogan Meador, Lot 50, 51 & 52, Talcott District; Stephen Ronald Pack Jr. to Almost Heaven Rentals LLC, 2 Parcels, City of Hinton District.

A call for young actors

The 3Rivers Youth Theater will be holding a four-week theater workshop beginning February 6. This workshop is for young people from 4th to 12th grades, who are interested in learning new or improving their existing acting skills. Actors who complete the four-week workshop are eligible to perform in three performances in 2023.

Course Description: In this creatively inspiring four-week workshop, students will develop skills, engage their imaginations, grow in confidence, and learn to work together. Students will work on theatre

games, monologues, scenes, and improvisation. Vocal selections from musicals will also be introduced for those who want to sing. Students don't need prior theatre experience to be a part of this group. However, they will need to be ready to learn and be willing to work as a team member.

Workshop Dates, Times, Location:

- February 06 from 4 to 6 p.m., Memorial Building
- February 13 from 4 to 6 p.m., Memorial Building
- February 27 from 4 to 6 p.m., Memorial Building
- March 6 from 4 to 6 p.m., Memorial Building

Instructor & Director: Lisa Colombo, lisaanncolombo8760@gmail.com

Instructor & Assistant Director: Cheryl Kula, Cheryl.kula@gmail.com

Cost: The workshop is free, but space is limited, so you must register in advance. Good attendance is a requirement. Since space is limited, do not register if you cannot attend all dates – you will be taking a spot from someone else.

To Register: To participate, please email or message Lisa Colombo or Cheryl Kula. We need the young actor's name, grade, and a good phone number or email

address. This workshop will focus specifically on acting skills. Those interested in costumes, set designs, and stage crew activities may reach out to express interest in those activities as we plan for future workshops and events.

Performances in 2023 will include:

- April – Monologues and Scenes
- August – Play or Musical (Title to be determined based on ages and interest of the actors)
- November – Play or Musical (Again, title to be determined)

Winners of the 2022 Summers County Student Writing Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the Summers County Student Writing Contest. All first-place winners received \$40, all second-place winners received \$20, and all third-place winners received \$10. All

winners also received a certificate and a ribbon. Also, thanks to our judges for taking the time to read each anonymous entry.

Third-grade short story winners include first place for Isaiah Fitts (Talcott),

second place for Kobe Wynnes (Talcott), and third place for Anniston Ward (Talcott).

Fourth-grade short story winners include first place for Aria Buckland (Jumping Branch), second place for Payton Mauro (Jumping Branch), and third place for Kylee Smith (Talcott).

Fifth-grade short story winners include first place for William Harvey (Talcott), second place for Colton Weikle (Talcott), and third place for Tanner Plumley (Talcott).

Seventh-grade short story winners include first place for Lilly Perkins (SCCHS) and second place for Lieschen Kula (SCCHS).

Ninth-grade short story winner includes first place for Trinity Lambert (SCCHS).

Tenth-grade short story

winner includes first place for Avery Lilly (SCCHS).

Eleventh-grade short story winner includes first place for Dominick Floria (SCCHS).

Please consider making a donation to this writing contest to help us to motivate students to write and hone their writing skills. The Jones Writing Fund and the Student Writing Contest Pass-Through fund has been established with the Hinton Area Foundation, a 501c3 organization. Donations can be made to the fund by sending money to Hinton Area Foundation, PO Box 217, Hinton, WV 25951. For more information about the contest, or to volunteer to judge, please contact Cheryl Kula at Cheryl.kula@gmail.com.

Free writing workshop coming to Hinton

Instructor: Belinda Anderson, Author and WV Literary Treasure

Course Description: Lights, camera, action! Directing Your Manuscript

Date: January 14, 2023

Time: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Cost: Free - This workshop is sponsored by grants from the Literacy Fund and the Hinton Area Foundation.

Workshop Description: You have an idea. Or a lot of material that could become a manuscript. Or the beginning of a manuscript. Or a draft that is yet to be fully realized. Join us for this workshop and walk away with a game plan. Just like movie directors, writers benefit from having their characters and setting ready before the plot starts unfolding. Learn how to assemble your cast and start production. There will be opportunities for writing, and for questions. Known for the humor in her writing, Belinda will include cartoon illustrations of the points in her presentation -- and a cartoon avatar of herself. Writers can apply what they learn to both fiction and nonfiction projects.

Location: This workshop will be offered virtually, with a max enrollment of 25 total to allow interaction between instructor and students. For anyone with "unreliable internet," we will also be meeting in person to use the internet at the Parmer Center (Hinton Area Foundation building) at 104 James Street, Hinton. A virtual link will be emailed to participants a week prior to the event.

Registration: The cost is free but due to limited spots, registration will be first come/first served. Please contact Cheryl Kula directly to register (Cheryl.kula@gmail.com or through FB messenger).

Belinda Anderson Bio: Belinda Anderson, an award-winning freelance writer, is the author of four books, published by Mountain State Press. Her first three books are short story collections: The Well Ain't Dry Yet, The Bingo Cheaters and Buckle Up Buttercup. Jackson Vs. Witchy Wanda: Making Kid Soup, is a middle-grade novel. Her literary work was selected for inclusion on the first official literary map of West Virginia, published by Fairmont State University. West Virginia Writers, Inc., recognized her with a Just Uncommonly Good Works Award "for Uncommonly Good Service to West Virginia's writers and to the writing community through your excellent mentoring." The former newspaper reporter holds a master's degree in liberal arts studies. With a background in journalism, Belinda has extensive credits in nonfiction. Most recently, she has produced nine volumes for a history booklet series commissioned by Alderson Main Street and has researched history articles promoting tourism for the Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau. Belinda teaches workshops and also works individually with writers on manuscript development.

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Community Obituaries



Elmore Lee Patton, Jr. PATTON

Elmore Lee Patton Jr., 88, of Bluefield, WV, formerly of Cross Lanes, WV, passed away December 27, 2022, at Mercer Nursing and Rehab Center in Bluefield, WV.

He was born January 29, 1934, in Hinton, WV, to Elmore Lee Patton Sr., and Lena (Shiplette) Patton. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Betty Jo (Maddy) Patton, and his parents.

Lee was a 1952 graduate of Hinton High School, where he was senior class president. He was a veteran and served in the US Army Security Agency in Germany. He graduated from Marshall University with a degree in Chemistry.

In 1960, the Pattons moved to Willoughby, OH, and after 8 years, returned to West Virginia, spending the next 48 years in Cross Lanes, where they were members of the Cross Lanes United Methodist Church. He retired from Dow Chemical in Institute, WV.

Lee loved singing in the choir and was a member of the Herb Smith Quartet. He also loved spending time at his camp on the New River

with his family, to whom he was devoted; fishing; and visiting with old friends.

Lee is survived by his three children, Steven Mark (Yvonne) of Pipestem, WV, Lee Ann of Charlotte, NC, and Don Keith (Karin) of Atlanta, GA; granddaughters, Amber (Jaye) Parsley of Lima, OH, and Janthe (Brandon) Cogar of Cowen, WV; and four great-grandchildren.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Mercer Nursing and Rehab for their dedicated assistance to our father for the last four years. Also, a special thanks to Hospice Compassus of Princeton for all their support.

Lee elected to donate his body to the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, WV. There will be a memorial service at a later date.

Information submitted by the family.

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Concord University announces fall 2022 Dean's List

ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) –The following students are on the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Concord University. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who were registered for a minimum of 12 Concord credit hours and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the end of the semester.

WEST VIRGINIA

ALDERSON: Erica Merrill, Skyler McCallister, Ivana Morris, Caroline Telano
ALMA: Kyndra Pilant
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ASHFORD: Opal Toney
ATHENS: John Allen, Lauryn Avery, Brittany Blevins, Emily Curry, Derrick Ferguson, Jared Grubb, Kristi Grubb, Camden Houchins, Kristin Lawson, Matthew Mullins, Erin O'Sullivan, Nubia Potosme Trejos, Nikota Shrader, Robert Stiles

BAISDEN: Skyler Mounts
BALLARD: Madison Bragg, Sierra Broyles, Maggie Friend

BEAVER: Brooklyn Gibson, Emily Jones, Marcus Sheik, Eric Shrewsbury

BECKLEY: Alyssa Austin, Hallie Bair, Shara Bowman, Cari Burns, Emily Cole, Caitlyn Cormack, Connor Cormack, Madison Cornett, McKenna Entsminger, Arora Gill, Hannah Gwinn, Heather Hansford, Shannon Jarrell, Alexis Johnson, Melinda Kostenko, Kinsley Mankin, Moira Mason, Amanda Morgan, Andrew Pettry, Sydney Rector, Madison Sears, Haley Shumate, Thomas Stafford, Melissa Stiltner, Madison Taylor, Amber Williams, Dawn Wills, Brittany Worley, Amy Wray

BEESON: Gabriella Gray
BELLE: Brooke Murray
BIG BEND: Savannah Cunningham
BLUEFIELD: Emilee Beggs, Ty Beggs, Ashton Burgess, Nathan Cadle, Jakob Caywood, Amber Delp, Brady Ellison, Mona-Kazan Fields, Arielle Garrett, Erica Hancock, Jaylin Harris, Erica Hartwell, Joshua Keiser, Amber Kinser, Megan Lavake, Amy Lawrence, Matthew Peters, Seth Siers, Amber Tabor, Melissa Woolwine

BRADLEY: Alexis Foster
BRADSHAW: Kristen Calhoun
BRENTON: Britney Cochran
BRIDGEPORT: Allison Bender, Allison Giannone
BUD: Jared Sandy
CAMP CREEK: Makenzee Shrewsbury

CHARLESTON: Taylor Bohan, Allison Dunbar, Cheyenne Ford, Emily Lewis, Ada Lively, Brandy Spaulding
CHLOE: Josie Montgomery
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COAL CITY: Cole Blake
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COVEL: Emily Graham
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CRAWLEY: Amberlie Wilson
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DAVISVILLE: Jasmine Seebaugh

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er, Maggie McAllister, Carlie Smith, Courtney Smith, Lauren Vaught, Emma Workman

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FOREST HILL: Landrie Martin

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GERRARDSTOWN: Sophia Clutter

GHENT: Hannah Bone
GILBERT: Jesse Hatfield, Lauren Thomas

GIVEN: Courtney Edwards
GLEN FORK: Clayton Brown

GLEN MORGAN: Serenity Brooks, Ashleigh Gabbert

GREENVILLE: Harley Graham, Dakota Spurgin

HARPERS FERRY: Natalie James
HEDGESVILLE: Rachel Belice, Hailey Emerick

HERNDON: Taylor McKinney
HINTON: Logan Bennett, Baylee Bentley, Jessica Dorsey, Roman Harvey, Asher Keeling, Tyler Plumley, Dawson Tolbert

HUNTINGTON: Emma Londeree, Alaina Mills, Gretchen Mills, Corbin Snider

IAEGER: Christa Comp-ton

IKES FORK: Michael Paul Hare

JESSE: Julianna Brown, Tammy Brown

JOSEPHINE: Emily Tucker

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KEGLEY: Jami Rust
KIMBALL: Shauna Belcher

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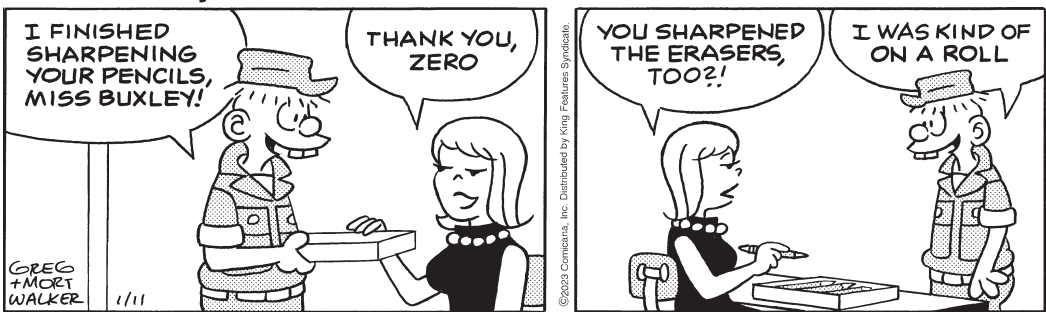
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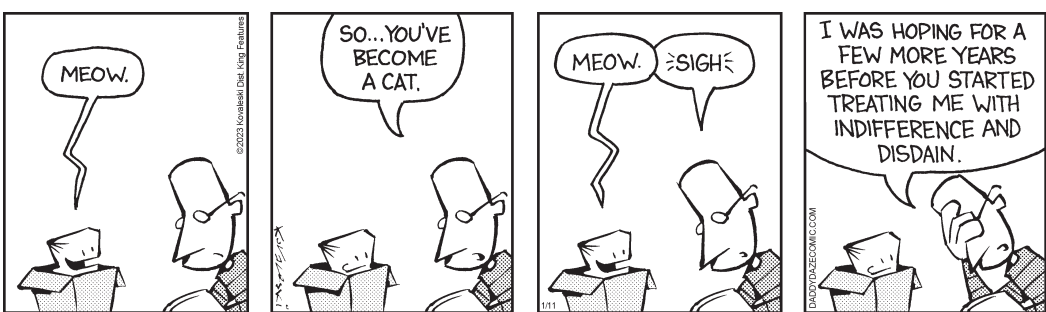
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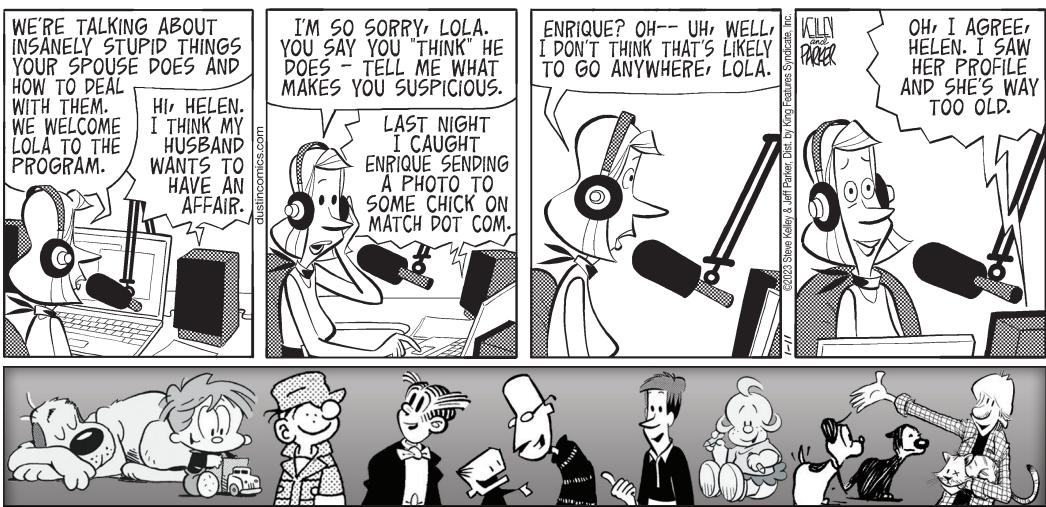
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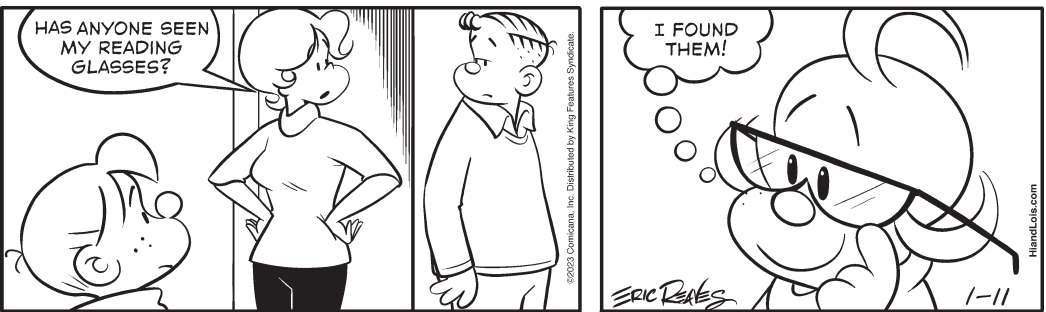
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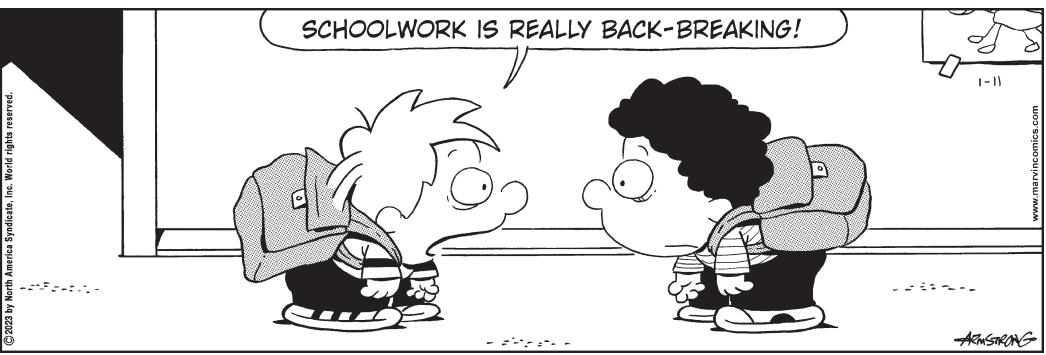
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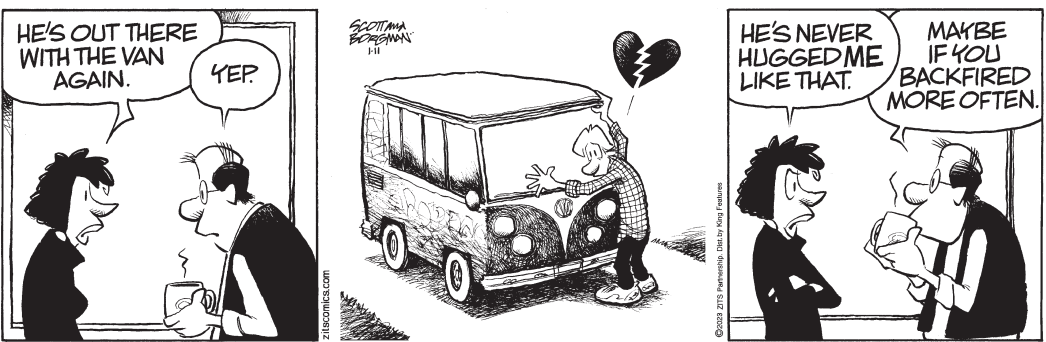
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023:

You are idealistic, imaginative and intelligent. You are also self-disciplined and trustworthy. Because you are caring and compassionate, you will help those in need. This year is the beginning of a new nine-year cycle for you. Be courageous! Be open to 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)
3★ Give yourself extra room today to cope with the unexpected. You might be wise to start early, because your workday will have interruptions due to technological problems, shortages, power outages or being understaffed. Do yourself a favor and plan ahead. Tonight: You're admired.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
3★ Parents should be vigilant today because this is an accident-prone day for their kids. Likewise, social plans will suddenly change. Something might be delayed or cancelled -- a fun outing, a movie, the theater or a sports event. Romance also might encounter some

speed bumps. Tonight: Explore!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
3★ Your home routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Perhaps someone unexpected will knock at your door. Get dressed and have some food on hand so you're ready for anything. Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
3★ Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is an accident-prone day for your sign. However, you also might meet new faces, see new places and hear interesting news. Part of you will like the thrill of adventure. Part of

you won't. Tonight: Cooperate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
3★ Keep an eye on your money and possessions today. Make friends with your bank account so you know what is happening. Protect what you own against loss, theft or damage, because something unexpected will impact your wealth for today. On the other hand, it might be a windfall! Tonight: Work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
3★ Guard against knee-jerk reactions to unexpected events today. Someone might say something that catches you off guard, and you're tempted to respond in a way you will later regret. Be cool. Count to three before you react so you are in control of the situation. Tonight: Play!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
4★ You feel restless today. You have the feeling that you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. This is because something has surprised or perhaps will surprise you in a behind-the-scenes way. This means you might even sense it coming. Stay focused on home and family. Social outings will be fun. Tonight: Entertain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
4★ You might meet a real character today. Or perhaps someone you already know will say or do something that surprises you. This is because your interactions with friends and groups will be the source of something unexpected. You might find this interesting. Or you might be intimidated because "strange" can be disconcerting. Tonight: Conversations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
3★ This is a tricky day. For starters, you are high-viz, which means people notice you. They will also notice that something unusual has caught you off guard. You might hear surprising news that creates a reaction in you. Or perhaps you are the source of surprise to someone else. Stay tuned. Tonight: Count your money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)
3★ Travel might be delayed or canceled, or alternatively, you might have to travel when you did not expect to do so. You also might meet someone unusual, from another country or a different culture. Something in the media might surprise you. Tonight: Old friends are back.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
3★ Double-check financial matters, especially anything dealing with debt, credit cards, banking, inheritances or insurance issues. Something unexpected will impact these areas. Stay in the know, because this is the kind of situation where you snooze, you lose. It's your money and your wealth. Tonight: Solitude.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
4★ A partner or close friend might say or do something that catches you off guard today. Knowing this ahead of time, you can psych yourself up so you don't overly react, especially if you want to look cool. You don't have to react right away. Give yourself time to process things. Tonight: Be friendly!

BORN TODAY
Singer-songwriter Mary J. Blige (1971), automotive designer, driver Carroll Shelby (1923), author Diana Gabaldon (1952)

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Red planet

5 Language akin to Thai

8 Mimicked

12 Skip

13 College URL

14 New Delhi dress

15 One of a fairy-tale trio

17 Egyptian deity

18 Commercial cow

19 Fabric sample

21 Hammer target

24 Out — limb

25 Robbers' foes

28 Eye drop

30 Occupation, for short

33 "Entourage" role

34 Heat to near boiling

35 Docs' bloc

36 Favorite

DOWN

1 Sulk

2 Lawyer

3 Splits

4 Wood applications

5 Country music star

6 Okla-homa city

7 Partially mine

8 Chinese or Korean

9 Buffet area for carb lovers

10 Idle or Bana

11 Platter

16 Actress

17 Arthur

20 Dictionary entry

22 Craving

23 Tether

25 Upper limit

26 Metal source

27 Relentless fighters

29 Medicinal plant

31 "Little Teapot"

32 Sharp turn

34 Chimney grime

38 Snowman's nose

40 Ignited anew

42 Arctic explorer

43 Pal

44 Sitarist's music

45 Tater

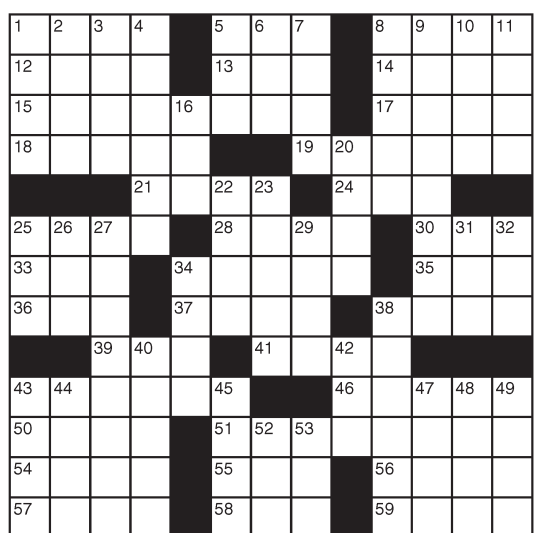
47 "Fernando" group

48 Lure

49 Pvt.'s superiors

52 Arles pal

53 Skillet



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MOHOP

GAAAD

GTRREE

LNOIEN

Print answer here: "□-□□□□-□"

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers

Jumbles: PRIZE FINAL SNAPPY DEFUSE

Answer: All the touchdown receptions thrown by Bart Starr were — IN THE "PASSED"





LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S JUDICIAL SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, **E. KENT HELLEMS, SPECIAL COMMISSIONER**, by virtue of that certain Order entered the 18th day of November, 2022, in that certain civil action now pending before the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia, styled *Betty Lightner, Plaintiff, v. Janet Quiambao, Kimberly Ann Adkins, Misty Dawn Crowe, Melvin Crowe, Cherrie Gill, Robin Crowe Kessler, Janet Gibson, Mary Ann Garrett Pilson, Angela Catherine Martin, Owen Bert Crowe, Jamie Lee Crowe, Matthew L. Crowe, Lloyd D. Gill, Pamela Dillon, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Child Support Enforcement on behalf of Brittany Jo Cline Crowe, the West Virginia State Tax Department (Compliance Division), Unknown Heirs and Creditors of the Estates of Sylvester Glenn Carr, Aretta Marie Carr, Carolyn June Carr Crowe, Bobby Crowe, Betty Jo Crowe, and Helen Gill, Defendants*, Civil Action No. CC-45-2022-C-24, the said Court having directed the Special Commissioner to make sale of the real estate that is the subject of said Civil Action, the undersigned Special Commissioner will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder on the 27th day of January, 2023 at 1:30 PM, at the front door of the Summers County Courthouse in the City of Hinton, Summers County, West Virginia, the real estate or premises that is the subject matter of said Civil Action, being and consisting of the following:

FIRST

Tract No. 1: BEGINNING at a sugar tree a corner to Gwinn and with same 14 1/2 degrees W. 54 1/2 poles to a buck stump corner to the same, thence N. 66 1/2 W. 9 3/4 poles to a rock corner to same near road, thence N. 20 W. 20 poles to a rock corner to same, thence S. 71 W. 38 1/2 poles to a cucumber corner to same, thence N. 81 W. 21 3/4 poles to chestnut and chestnut oak on a hillside corner to same, thence S. 29 1/2 E. 69 poles to a white oak corner to Noah Flint, thence S. 81 E. 36 poles to the beginning, containing 17 acres, more or less.

Tract No. 2: BEGINNING at a sugar tree corner to George Gwinn's land and running west to the top of the mountain to white oak corner to Noah Flint and A. W. Kirby, thence running northwest to a gum near Noah Flint's watering trough, thence east to a sugar tree, the place of beginning, adjoining the said Tract No. 1 or the 17 acres above described, and containing 1 acre more or less.

And being the same property conveyed to Sylvester G. Carr from Joe Eary and May Eary by Deed dated February 14, 1962, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia in Deed Book 96 at page 536. Said property is shown on the 2022 Summers County Land Books as Tax Map 6 Parcel 0029 and listed in the name of Carolyn Carr Crowe, et al.

SECOND

Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 in Block Letter I, Riverside Rest No. 2; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, in Block Letter 3, Riverside Rest No.2; Lots 10 and 20 in Block Letter 4 of Riverside Rest No. 2, as shown on a map and plan of Riverside Rest No. 2.

And being the same property (15 lots) conveyed to Sylvester G. Carr and Marie A. Carr (sic), his wife, from S. D. Burnett and Jeanetta P. Burnett, his wife, by Deed dated March 18, 1954, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia in Deed Book 88 at page 617.

Said property is shown on the 2022 Summers County Land Books as Tax Map 12A Parcels 0001, 0004, 0013, and listed in the name of Carolyn Carr Crowe, et al.

The above described real estate shall be offered for sale as two separate tracts (Tract 1 - consolidated 18 acres. Tract 2 - 15 lots Riverside Rest 2), and shall further be sold subject to any assessments, taxes, restrictions, covenants, conditions and encumbrances as against the same other than the duly recorded lien creditors named as Defendants in this matter.

Title shall be conveyed by the Special Commissioner with covenants of special warranty. The 2022 property taxes have been paid in full. The 2023 taxes shall be prorated on a calendar year basis between the Purchaser and the Seller (as of the date of sale January 27, 2023). The Seller shall pay the costs of deed preparation and the transfer tax only; the Purchaser shall pay all other closing costs.

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

Given under my hand this the 28th day of December, 2022.

/s/ E. Kent Hellems
E. Kent Hellems
Special Commissioner

I, Stacy Ford, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Summers County, certify and attest that E. Kent Hellems, Special Commissioner, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §55-12-3, posted bond with Corporate Surety thereon in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) with my office.

/s/ Stacy D. Ford
Attest Stacy Ford

Clerk of the Circuit Court of

Summers County
(11,18,25ja)

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until February 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):
Call: 001
Contract: 2021000702
State Project: S389-STR/IP-23 00
Federal Project: STP-2023(010)D
Description: PAVEMENT MARKINGS ROADWAY STRIPING DISTRICT WIDE
COUNTY: FAYETTE, GREENBRIER, NICHOLAS, SUMMERS
DBE GOAL: 10 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT.
BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.
REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the

grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.
(11,18ja)

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 BRENAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 28, 2022.
Donald R. Basham Jr.
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County
(4,11ja)

Secretary of State Mac Warner Reports 784 New WV Business Registrations for December of 2022

Charleston, W. Va. (Hinton News) – The WV Secretary of State's Office registered 784 new businesses statewide during the month of December according to Secretary of State Mac Warner.

Lincoln County led the state in the percentage of new business growth through December with a total of eight new business registrations, a 1.93% increase. The Secretary of State's Business & Licensing Division reported that Doddridge, Pendleton, Logan and Jefferson Counties also experienced notable growth during the month.

A total of four new business entities were registered in Doddridge County in December of 2022. Pendleton County successfully registered eight businesses. Logan County reported 16 registrations for the month and Jefferson County reg-

istered 47 new businesses with the Secretary of State's Office.

Counties that lead the state in total businesses registered for December were Kanawha, Berkeley, Jefferson, Monongalia and Harrison. Kanawha County successfully registered 95 businesses while Berkeley County reported 70 new registrations. Jefferson County and Monongalia County both had 47 new businesses register. Harrison County totaled 44 registrations for the month.

Statewide, West Virginia registered 12,714 new businesses in the previous 12-month period, from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. Summers County led all 55 counties with a 23.79% growth rate during the one-year timespan. To review county-by-county growth, visit our Business Statistics Database.

Summers County Public 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. The board

meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month.

For questions or concerns, call the library at 304-466-4490.

Updated 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.

The Friends of the Summers County Public Library - Regular Meeting - Jan. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

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.

John Henry Days Committee - Regular Meeting - Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. in the basement of Trinity Methodist Church in Talcott.

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

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.

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 Flood Mitigation
Attention: Eric Combs, Project Manager
1439 East Main Street, Suite 5
Princeton, West Virginia 24740
Digital Submissions: tyler@regiononepdc.org

Should you have any questions, please contact Eric Combs at 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.

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 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.

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City of Hinton





Attorney General Morrisey Shatters Multiple Records for West Virginia in 2022

CHARLESTON (Hinton News) — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is entering 2023 with such momentum from a record-breaking 2022—his office kept up a vigorous fight on several fronts, sought to beat back energy policies that could destroy jobs, continued to combat opioid abuse and won historic victories in landmark court cases.

The crown jewel of the AG’s Office’s 2022 was the major victory at the U.S. Supreme Court in West Virginia v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which marked the most consequential development in environmental law since Attorney General Morrisey won a historic and unprecedented stay of the Obama-era Clean Power Plan at the Supreme Court in February 2016. West Virginia v. EPA also proves to be of high importance as far as administrative law is concerned.

The Attorney General in 2022 also defended—and won—one of the broadest school choice programs in the nation: the Hope Scholarship Act.

In 2022, the AG’s Office and West Virginia political subdivisions negotiated and secured the highest per capita opioid settlements in the nation—this was preceded by the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the state and most county and city governments throughout West Virginia to make sure the money from opioid settlements was distributed in the most fair and equitable way.

Attorney General Morrisey also was relentless in his fight against federal overreach as far as Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) woke policies are concerned—the Attorney General continues to be front and center in ensuring the rights of the people are protected and defended.

“This past year was unprecedented with several victories at the Supreme Court, best in the nation per capita opioid settlements with manufacturers and pharmacies and navigating continued federal overreach by the Biden administration,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “While it’s great to reflect on our progress, we must also continue to press onward and continue fighting for the people of West Virginia. We have laid a solid foundation upon which we can build another record of success in 2023.”

- Victories at the Supreme Court

In January 2022, Attorney General Morrisey, working with other state attorneys general, won a stay from the Supreme Court of the Biden administration’s mandate that all employees of large employers must receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The court ruled the federal agency implementing the mandate lacked authority to do so.

Then in June, the Supreme Court issued two

landmark decisions. The first was the Dobbs case, which West Virginia supported in an amicus brief and which overturned Roe v. Wade. The second was West Virginia v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which the AG’s Office led and won. This pivotal case was integral to stopping President Biden’s radical climate change agenda. It marks the most consequential development in environmental law since Attorney General Morrisey won a historic and unprecedented stay of the Obama-era Clean Power Plan at the Supreme Court in February 2016.

There’s also a Second Amendment case the Attorney General joined in with 25 other states: the Supreme Court found a New York state law that placed onerous requirements on concealed carry permits infringes on the right to carry firearms in self-defense. Attorney General Morrisey followed up to ensure other states modify their gun policies in light of that decision, including sending a letter to the governor of nearby Maryland asking the chief executive to recognize West Virginia concealed weapons permits.

- Addressing Opioid Abuse
- In 2022, Attorney General Morrisey did not relent in his committed fight against opioid abuse.

Earlier in the year, the Attorney General traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas with his fellow attorneys general to highlight how the Biden administration’s lax immigration policies have allowed deadly fentanyl to be trafficked across the nation, including the Mountain State.

In an effort to make sure the money from opioid settlements was distributed in the most fair and equitable way, the Attorney General established a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the state and most county and city governments throughout West Virginia. The MOU creates a private, nonstock, nonprofit foundation—the West Virginia First Foundation—for the purposes of distributing settlement or judgment funds awarded from litigation for abatement purposes.

The overall amounts thus far secured from opioid settlements is nearly \$900 million.

He also continued more than six years of drug abuse prevention outreach efforts to students, including the annual “Kids Kick Opioids” PSA Contest and high school football “Games of the Week” in the fall.

The AG also wrote a letter to social media companies on the duty they have to better police their platforms for such things as illegal fentanyl sales, especially with the emergence of nitazenes, which are 10 times more deadly than fentanyl.

Additionally, on several occasions, he pushed the Biden administration to

classify fentanyl as a weapon of mass destruction.

He further called on the new Republican House majority to conduct extensive oversight of the U.S. Department of State’s efforts and lack thereof to address fentanyl in dealings with China and Mexico. Specifically, Attorney General Morrisey asked for congressional hearings to have U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken testify on what the Biden administration has done or failed to do with respect to the fentanyl crisis.

- Supporting Responsible Energy Policy

The West Virginia v. EPA decision was the culmination of a years-long, multistate lawsuit against the EPA. But the Attorney General’s Office has continued to push for responsible energy policy.

Recently, for example, Attorney General Morrisey led two coalitions that filed amicus briefs in a lawsuit against the EPA and NHTSA. In both cases, the agencies proposed rules that would have prematurely forced Americans into electric vehicles without considering the consequences.

Additionally, he led the fight against the Biden administration’s other efforts to illegally impose environmental regulations, including onerous regulations pertaining to methane and ozone, other greenhouse regulation and more.

And he has led the fight on woke Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) policies. For instance, he led coalitions in filing multiple comment letters against proposals from the Securities and Exchange Commission to saddle American businesses with crippling ESG-related disclosure requirements. He also fought back against the Commodities Futures Trading Commission and bank regulators when they proposed to do much the same.

- Victory for West Virginia Parents and Students

At the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, a lower court put an injunction on funding for the Hope Scholarship Act, which would fund alternative private schooling choices to public education. Attorney General Morrisey took the case to the state Supreme Court of Appeals and won: the court vacated the injunction. Funding is expected to start flowing to families again this January.

- Winning and Advocating for West Virginia and the Nation

The Attorney General also won success for West Virginians in many other areas.

On many occasions, he fought for state residents against scams such as smishing, phishing, computer repairs, identity theft, elderly abuse and more.

He filed a brief at the U.S. Supreme Court with 23 other attorneys general on behalf of a Washington state football coach’s right to practice his religion and engage in free speech by

praying at his games. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the coach.

The Attorney General was a frequent correspondent in other areas, as well, using the power of the pen to advocate for West Virginia on both state and national issues to make both places the best they can be and to stand up for citizens’ rights.

He led a 21-state coalition in filing formal comments opposing any Commodity Futures Trading Commission initiative that would require derivatives markets to make policy changes in the name of climate change.

And remember the baby formula shortage? Attorney General Morrisey led a multistate coalition in a letter to the FTC stating that overregulation and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children-related market distortions exacerbated a formula shortage already worsened by the Biden administration’s flat-footed response to problems at a critical manufacturing facility—the Abbott facility in Michigan.

Other accomplishments include the following:

- Joined West Virginia to a nationwide, bipartisan task force that will take legal steps to stop unlawful robocalls.
- Took steps to stop robotexts with the Federal Communications Commission.
- Alerted the public to consumer protection issues, including outreach during National Consumer Protection Week, International Charity Fraud Awareness Week and the West Virginia AG’s Holiday Consumer Protection Week.
- Wrote a brief in support of the Hill Top Hotel project in Harpers Ferry, which was part of the effort that persuaded a judge to dismiss a lawsuit against the town of Harpers Ferry and the project.
- Fought to protect Second Amendment rights and maintained concealed carry recognition with a majority of states across the nation.
- Joined with 17 other state attorneys general asking companies such as UPS and FedEx to clarify new policies that allow them to track firearm sales with unprecedented specificity and bypass warrant requirements to share that information with federal agencies.
- Led a multi-state coalition in a lawsuit against the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the U.S. Department of Justice over the ATF’s new rule redefining “frame and receiver” to regulate most gun parts as firearms.
- Continued consumer outreach, including scam awareness presentations to senior centers and a weekly Consumer Protection Minute that appeared on television and radio stations across the state.
- Assisted with obtaining a

guilty plea from a Putnam County contractor on two felony charges stemming from an investigation that he had violated state consumer protection laws with home improvement projects in Putnam, Kanawha, Mason and Jackson counties.

- Filed several suits against unethical businesses, including one against an unlicensed contractor who took consumers’ money and did not start or finish home improvement and other projects in Kanawha and Putnam counties.

- Joined a brief against a new rule implemented by the Biden administration’s Consumer Financial Protection Bureau that seeks to unlawfully expand its authority to encompass many practices that Congress chose not to grant the agency with the power to regulate, including the investigation and pun-

ishment of all acts of supposed discrimination in the consumer finance industry.

- Supported efforts to preserve school sports teams based on biological sex by championing a Women’s Bill of Rights.

- For the first time since it was created, the AG’s Office’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit is now looking to recover losses incurred by West Virginia’s Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) due to provider fraud in addition to the state’s Medicaid losses on a case-by-case basis.

“There’s a lot more that needs to be done and my office will not falter in fighting and advocating for the rights of West Virginians,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “I’m excited to build upon these successes in 2023.”

Bobcats score third win in four games

Rebecca Stalnaker

The Summers County Bobcats faced off with Meadow Bridge on Monday, Jan. 2. Securing 13 points each, Cruz Testerman and Michael Judy led the scoring, leading the team to a 59-44 win. Adding to the point total, Ryan Oliveros and Ferrell Mann scored 10 and 9 points, respectively.

The team hosted Pikeview for a game on Jan. 10. Updates are available at hintonnews.com.

Additionally, the JV Bobcats team won their game against the Wildcats, 63-37. All 13 players scored during the game.

Keep check at hintonnews.com for the latest scores and updates.

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.scs.wv.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.”

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