



## Wild, Wonderful & Healthy Summers County announces first Community Champion



Jeanie Cales-Gunter, Wild, Wonderful & Healthy Summers County Community Champion. Photo by Carol Huber

SUMMERS COUNTY, (Hinton News) - Wild, Wonderful & Healthy Summers County recently announced its first Community Champion, Jeanie Cales-Gunter. According to the announcement, she has been involved in the local community for more than 50 years.

Some of the many ways she helps the community are by inviting folks to events and programs. Additionally, she enjoys spreading “joy and love everywhere she goes.” WWHSC stated that community members describe Jeanie as always willing to lend a helping hand, gen-

erous and caring. “Jeanie gives 110 percent even on her bad days.” The announcement stated, “We appreciate everything you do for our community, Jeanie! Thank you for being involved in community events, caring for our neighbors, and having the biggest heart around.”

The original announcement is located on the Wild, Wonderful & Healthy Summers County Facebook page. Community members are invited to comment and react to congratulate Jeanie Cales-Gunter on being the first WWHSC Community Champion.

## New River CTC expands class offerings at Summers County ARH

HINTON, W.Va., (Hinton News) - New River Community and Technical College will be offering Rolling Start Options classes at Summers County ARH Hospital starting in March. The eight-week accelerated classes will be designed for those interested in pursuing a career in the nursing and allied health fields at New River CTC.

The college is hosting an open house in the New River CTC classroom space at Summers County ARH Thursday, February 16, 2023, from 4 to 7 p.m. College faculty and

staff will be on-hand to answer student questions about programs at New River CTC, and the application process.

“By offering prerequisite courses for our practical nursing program at Summers County ARH Hospital, we are able to increase accessibility for those students who are interested in earning their certificate in practical nursing,” explained Interim Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Richard Underbakke.

New River CTC also offers the practical nursing program at campuses in Lewisburg,

Summersville and Beaver. New class starts for the program are scheduled each fall, and once students are accepted into the program, they can earn their practical nursing certificate in 11 months.

Applications for practical nursing classes starting this fall are being accepted now through May 1, 2023.

For information about New River CTC, visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu) or call 866-349-3739.

New River Community and Technical College serves nine

counties in southeast and south-central West Virginia: Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Webster. The College offers classes online, in Beaver at the Raleigh County Campus, in Ghent at the Advanced Technology Center, in Hinton at Summers County ARH Hospital, in Lewisburg at the Greenbrier Valley Campus, in Marlinton at One Room University, in Princeton at the Mercer County Campus and in Summersville at the Nicholas County Campus.

## Lady Bobcats still on fire

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON, (Hinton News) - The Lady Bobcats continue their winning streak with a 49-36 victory against Pikeview on Tuesday, Feb. 7. This win puts the Lady Bobcats at 15-4 for the season.

Gracie Harvey led the scoring with a whopping 21 points. Avery Lilly added 10, Abby Persinger 6, Liv Meador 4, Sullivan Pivont 2, Ashley Cooper 2, Cheyenne Smith 2, and Kaylee Jones 2.

The team also had games on Feb. 9, 11 and 13. Check [hintonnews.com](http://hintonnews.com) for the latest scores.

Next up for the team is state sectionals on Feb. 17. Hinton News will bring you all of the latest on that.

## New River CTC hosts publisher, poet and activist Crystal Good

BEAVER, W.Va., (Hinton News) - New River Community and Technical College’s diversity series continues Feb. 16, 2023, at 6 p.m. with acclaimed publisher, poet and activist Crystal Good speaking on the history of the Black press in the state, her nontraditional route to writing and the opportunity for intersectional storytellers through her publication, Black by God. The event will be streamed at New River CTC’s four campuses in Beaver, Lewisburg, Princeton and Summersville and available through Zoom video conferencing.

The presentation is the second of four events

funded by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission’s Diversity For Equity grant and invites members of the college and local communities to come together to learn about and foster an appreciation for diversity, working toward more inclusive and successful communities.

The event is open to the public and community members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available for those attending on-campus.

Visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu), or call 866-349-3739 for information about New River CTC.

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## Child missing in Summers County found safe

Rebecca Stalnaker

JUMPING BRANCH, (Hinton News) - A child went missing in the Jumping Branch area on Thursday, Feb. 2. The Summers County Sheriff’s Office asked for the public’s assistance to locate an 11-year-old male runaway in a public Facebook post. They asked that individuals who live or have property in the area check any outbuildings, barns, vehicles or anywhere on their property where the boy could be hiding.

Later that night, around 4 a.m. on Friday, rescuers halted foot searches until daylight. Search efforts resumed that morning with first responders and community volunteers meeting at the Bluestone Baptist Church to organize. Multiple agencies, groups and individuals became involved, lending various equipment, manpower and other resources.

A country-wide tone went out to all of the local fire departments, with members responding from each. Fire Department’s from Monroe,

Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer and Raleigh counties also responded. In addition to officers with the Summers County Sheriff’s Office, officers from the West Virginia State Police, Hinton Police Department, Princeton Police Department and deputies from Raleigh and Mercer County assisted. Other involved agencies included The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, Summers County EMS, Jan-Care, and The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

Additionally, members of the Bluestone Baptist Church provided resources by allowing first responders to stage at the church and providing food and drinks.

Around 1:30 p.m. on Friday, after close to 24 hours of searching, rescuers located the child. According to reports, the boy was found “safe and healthy.” According to an update from the Sheriff’s Office, the child was being treated for possible hypothermia but was safe and “in good spirits.”

Stick with Hinton News for all the latest news in Summers County and surrounding areas.

## Bobcats defeat River View

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON, (Hinton News) - The Bobcats defeated River View on Friday, Feb. 3, 77-55, putting the team at 8-7 for the season after winning four consecutive games. With 17 points, Cruz Testerman led the scoring. Several team members added the remaining points. Ethan

Erenberg - 13, Brandon Isaac - 12, Ryan Oliveros - 9, and Sonny Whitt - 8.

The team will face off against Man High School on Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. The following game against James Monroe on Feb. 21 is the last before sectionals on Feb. 24. Check in at [hintonnews.com](http://hintonnews.com) where we will have all of the latest scores.

## Two CMF House Board of Trustees members selected as 2023 West Virginia Heroes of History



Dwight Emrich and Lynda Lancaster from CFM House Museum.

HINTON, (Hinton News) - Campbell-Flannagan-Murrell (CFM) House Museum is pleased to announce two members of their Board of Trustees have been selected as 2023 West Virginia Heroes of History. They will receive their awards and be recognized in a ceremony on February 23, 2023, at the WV Department of Culture and History.

Dwight Emrich, a founding member of the CFM Museum and Trustee for over 30 years has been recognized for his tenacity of service and dedication to preserving the historic CFM House. The House Museum is located in the Hinton Historic District at 422 Summers Street.

Lynda Lancaster, Trustee for 3 years has been recognized

for curating an exhibit of Black History in Summers County and assisting the Summers County Historical Society in listing Summers Countians of color who have served in the U.S. military.

The Black History in Summers County is currently exhibiting at Bluefield State University Library as a tribute to Black History Month. Lynda Lancaster will be on hand at the exhibit on February 22nd. from 10 AM to 2:00 PM to speak about Black History and to answer any questions.

The CFM House Museum is located in Hinton’s Historic District at 422 Summers Street. Tours are given every Saturday from 1-4 PM or by appointment (304-660-8093).





# Concord Charlie predicts early spring – Rusty Sarver honored



**L-R: President Kendra Boggess, Rusty Sarver, and Sarah Turner, VP of Advancement**

**ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News)** – Concord Charlie sent President Kendra Boggess a text on this snowy Groundhog Day

morning to tell her he did not see his shadow—we can expect to see spring right around the corner!

Nearly 80 guests gath-



**President Kendra Boggess.**

ered in University Point's Pais Fellowship Hall this morning to enjoy Concord University's annual breakfast buffet, to hear Charlie's prediction, and to honor Rusty Sarver '94, this year's Grand Groundhog Watcher.

Sarver is co-owner of Main Street Builders, Eastern Door and Glass, Cloverleaf Properties, Eastern Aluminum Fabrication, Longview Properties, and Melrose Enterprises. He has served as a board mem-



**A student attending the event.**

ber at Princeton Community Hospital since 2011, serving as Board Chair since 2017.

The Concord Charlie tradition was originated in 1978 by the late Professor R.T. "Tom" Hill. As chair-

man of both the geography department and the Appalachian Studies program at Concord, Hill started the Groundhog Day Breakfast as a means to celebrate a bit of Appalachian heritage and highlight the program.

## Summers County Courthouse news

### Marriages

None.

### Fiduciaries

Linda Turner, Administrator of the Helen Leola Mock estate; Joshua J. Houchins, Administrator of the James Warren Houchins estate.

### Land Transfers

Christopher Sean Foren to Allison Pennington, Lot, Talcott District; Charles W. Saunders and Debra E. Saunders and Sandra S. Lowe and Glenn R. Lowe and Ronda G. Rowan and Rodney Rowan to Carolyn L. Fitzsimmons, Quitclaim Deed, Lot Number 29 Section D, Greenbrier Rural District; John Lacy Smith to Robert D. Bragg and Kaylee M.

Bragg, 50.31 acres more or less, Green Sulphur District; James M. Whiteside and Brenda Sears Whiteside to Paul Joseph Briggs and Michelle D. Briggs, 3 Tracts, Green Sulphur District; Charles W. Saunders and Debra E. Saunders and Sandra S. Lowe and Glenn R. Lowe and Ronda G. Rowan and Rodney Rowan to Carolyn L. Fitzsimmons and Brent F. Johnson, Lots 11 & 12 Block R, City of Hinton District; Pence Springs Flea Market LLC to Flea Market of Pence Springs WV LLC, 3 Parcels, Talcott District; Ronald E. Bower to Mark Davis and Tina Davis, 4.488 acres more or less, Talcott District.

## Remaining Feb. Meetings in Summers County

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. at Summers County Comprehensive High School.

Hinton City Council Meeting - Regular Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Friends of the Summers County Public Library Book Group - Regular Monthly Meeting

- Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in the library.

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. at Summers County Comprehensive High School.

\*This list is subject to change and update.

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

## Summers County Public Library Board of Directors Feb. Meeting

The Summers County Public Library Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9 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.

## Letter to the Editor

### Dear Editor-

The WV African American Tobacco Prevention Network would like to encourage all West Virginians to celebrate the Great American Smoke Out on November 17. The Great American Smokeout is an opportunity for people who smoke to commit to healthy, smoke-free lives - not just for a day but year-round. The Great American Smokeout provides an opportunity for individuals, community groups, businesses, health care providers, and others to encourage people to use the date to make a plan to quit or plan in advance and initiate a smoking cessation plan on the day of the event. The Great American Smokeout event challenges people to stop smoking and helps people learn about the many tools they can use to help them quit and stay quit.

We educate African Americans on how tobacco

use is the leading preventable cause of death and how smokers die about 10 years earlier than those who have never smoked. It has also been proven that smoking is a significant cause of heart disease, cancer, and stroke, which are the three leading causes of death for African Americans. Approximately 45,000 individuals have died from a smoking-related disease. If current smoking rates persist, an estimated 1.6 million black Americans alive today under the age of 18 will become regular smokers, and 500,000 will die prematurely from a tobacco-related disease.

We challenge all tobacco users to call the WV Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW. Remember that "Knowledge is Power." You can also visit: <https://wvto-baccoquitline.com/>

**- Rhonda Robinson,  
MSW WVAATPN  
Coordinator**

## Character writing workshop scheduled at New River CTC

VIRTUAL, (Hinton News) - Author Belinda Anderson is launching a special writing workshop on March 9, 2023, offered through New River Community and Technical College.

Her newest class is titled "Mega March Madness: Chasing Characters." The community education course will include a new focus on the technique of developing characters before they are seen and before they speak.

"In this class," Anderson said, "one of the examples will be Captain Ahab from 'Moby Dick.'

"The book's title is about the whale being chased," Anderson said. "But here the reader is chasing the character of the captain, with the author building anticipation for the captain's arrival. It is a powerful technique for a writer's toolbox."

The class is designed both for experienced and beginning writers and may be applied to nonfiction as well as fiction.

Starting March 9, 2023, "Mega March Madness" will meet for three weeks on Thursdays at 10 a.m. This is an audio-only conference call course.

Students can attend the class either by phone or through an internet conference call connection (high-speed internet is not required). Class meetings will include lecture, time for questions and participant sharing, and group e-mail follow-up as needed.

Anderson concentrates on character development in her own writing, including the nonfiction stories she relates in an ongoing history series commissioned by Anderson Main Street.

Anderson is the author of four books of fiction. Her literary work was selected for inclusion on the first official literary map of West Virginia, published by Fairmont State University.

"Her characters aren't afraid to take up residence in the reader's mind and stay there," author Gretchen Moran Laskas wrote about Anderson's work.

Tuition for the class is \$75, and the registration deadline is Feb. 23, 2023. Participants will be emailed the conference call number and access code after registering and paying for the class.

Visit [www.newriver.edu/](http://www.newriver.edu/) for information on upcoming community education classes or register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, [gkincaid@newriver.edu](mailto:gkincaid@newriver.edu)).

Learn more about Anderson and her work online at <http://www.BelindaAnderson.com>.

New River CTC's Workforce Education Division provides community education classes and employable educational opportunities including noncredit courses, workforce development programs and customized training.

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Monongahela National Forest Selected to Provide 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree

ELKINS, W.Va. – selected tree around West Virginia and surrounding states before delivering it to the Architect of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. The initiative is made possible with support from the presenting sponsor, 84 Lumber, and with cash and in-kind contributions from companies large and small, along with vital support from volunteers locally and across America.

“The annual journey is only possible with the help of strong partnerships throughout West Virginia and beyond state lines,” said Bruce Ward, president of Choose Outdoors. “We’re proud to welcome 84 Lumber back as presenting sponsor for the second year and look forward to bringing people together to celebrate our public lands, our diversity and the joy of the holiday season.”

“It’s wonderful to have this opportunity to celebrate the diverse and complex natural ecosystems and cultural heritage that thrive here in central Appalachia. Monongahela National Forest and West Virginia really are endlessly wild and wonderful, and we are excited to share these special places over the next year on a national level, reaching both residents and folks who may have never experienced our home among the hills,” said Shawn Cochran, Forest Supervisor.

Follow the journey of the 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree and be a part of the festivities at [www.uscapitolchristmastree.com](http://www.uscapitolchristmastree.com), <https://www.facebook.com/USCapitolChristmasTree> or the Monongahela National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> and <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>.

For more information:

- Read about the history of the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree on the Architect of the Capitol’s website at <https://www.aoc.gov/what-we-do/programs-ceremonies/capitol-christmas-tree>.
- Contact Choose Outdoors President Bruce Ward at [bruce@chooseoutdoors.org](mailto:bruce@chooseoutdoors.org) to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.
- Contact 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Project Manager Amy Albright at [amy.albright2@usda.gov](mailto:amy.albright2@usda.gov) for more information about the project and to get involved.

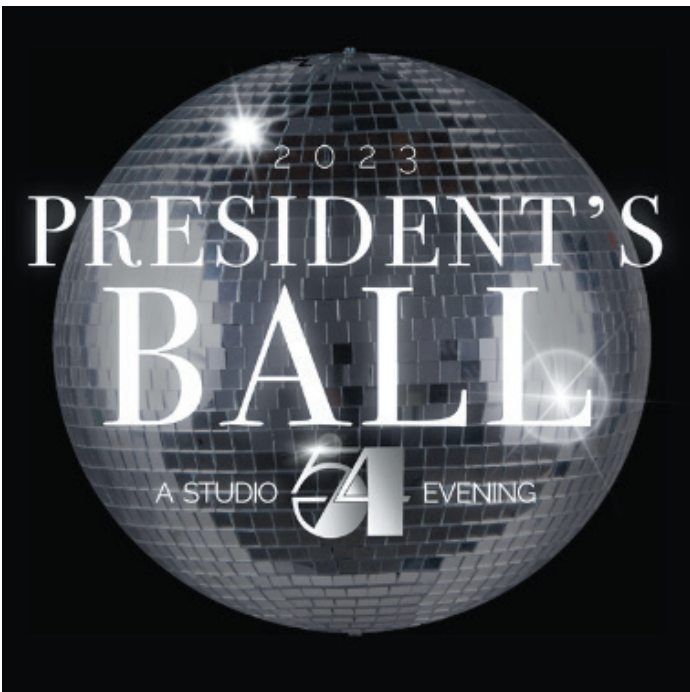
Monongahela National Forest has partnered with the non-profit Choose Outdoors to assist in the creation of a year-long conservation education campaign about the multi-use mission of the Forest Service in support of a multi-stop tour in November that will take the

Community invited to welcome new library director

The Summers County Public Library is welcoming a new director, Kristina Kellan. A reception is planned for Feb. 16 between 4 and 6 p.m. in the library. The community is invited to attend the event and welcome Ms. Kellan to her new position.

For more information, call the library during business hours at 304-466-4490.

2023 President’s Ball—A Studio 54 Evening



ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) – In the 1970s, Studio 54 was the place to see and be seen, an exclusive club at the door but very inclusive on the dance floor. Like the freedom felt in New York City’s famous nightclub, Concord University celebrates the diversity of our campus community, and we want to see you all on Saturday, February 25 as we celebrate the founding of Concord University at the 2023 President’s Ball—A Studio 54 Evening.

You don’t have to be Cher or the most famous person in the Rolling Stones to get in the door, but you do have to be ready for a night of dancing to award-winning Performance DJ Nick Scott, who has opened for artists such as Flo Rida, Salt N Pepa, Earth Wind & Fire, Blake Shelton, and more. Be creative with your formal attire—show us your disco best!

VIP admission tickets are \$50 for community members and \$40 for students, faculty, and staff. This includes full access to the event, including a formal dinner, unlimited access to the professional photo booth, refreshments and

sweets bar, themed drinks and a cash bar. VIP ticket holders may enter the ballroom in the Jean and Jerry Beasley Student Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. These tickets must be purchased by Monday, February 20.

General admission begins at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$20 (\$10 for CU students). These tickets can be purchased at the door on the night of the event. General admission covers the entertainment portion of the evening, unlimited access to the professional photo booth, refreshments and sweets bar, themed drinks, and a cash bar.

All guests will receive a pair of “Disco Vision” glasses for the dance floor.

For more information about the event and to purchase tickets, visit [concord.edu/presball](http://concord.edu/presball) or call the Office of Advancement at 304-384-6311. There are gold, silver, and bronze level sponsorship opportunities for this event (your office wants to come, and we want to promote your business!). Contact Blake Farmer at [bfarmer@concord.edu](mailto:bfarmer@concord.edu) or 304-384-6056 for more information.

Concord University named among most military-supportive colleges in the region



ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Concord University has been named as one of the most military-supportive colleges in the southeast region by MilitarySupportiveColleges.com.

Even though each school listed—including Concord—offers Yellow Ribbon program funding to every eligible applicant, and fully funds that program to cover all tuition over and above what the regular GI Bill benefits cover, they go further and provide benefits such as tuition discounts to military-affiliated students and family members who may not qualify for full GI Bill@/Yellow Ribbon Program benefits; preferential admissions policies to service members, vets, and their families; college credit for the military training and experience veterans and service members already have; on-campus counseling for veterans; and dedicated administrative and academic advisors to help

make the transition from service to student seamless. Through the Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success (CEVSS), Concord University provides a one-stop shop for student veterans and streamlines the various processes they require as they progress through college from application to graduation and beyond.

CU also has a variety of amenities, including a veteran’s lounge space with a library of textbooks, a kitchen with coffee and refreshments, a restroom, computer workstations, a wide-screen television, free printing, and comfortable furniture.

Concord’s program is also a member of Student Veterans of America and has a charter for SALUTE, the only National Veterans Honor Society.

For more information about how Concord University serves veterans and their families, visit [concord.edu/veterans](http://concord.edu/veterans).

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**Proposed Tax Cuts Threaten Medicaid Services In WV**

Governor Justice and the Republican-led Legislature are proposing significant cuts to the state’s revenue stream. Proposed cuts to the state personal income taxes for the wealthiest West Virginians could reduce total state revenue by 25%. The tax cuts are a threat to the West Virginians who depend on Medicaid-funded health insurance including the CHIPS, Children’s Health Insurance Program.

More than 600,000 West Virginians depend on Medicaid-funded health insurance, and every hospital in West Virginia depends on Medicaid to keep its doors open. Medicaid is a great deal for West Virginia. Every dollar that West Virginia spends on Medicaid services is matched by three federal dollars. Getting the maximum federal matching dollars is a smart way to provide health care for West Virginians and to keep our rural hospitals open.

Before considering cutting income taxes, the legislature must prioritize meeting the state’s responsibility to keep West Virginians healthy and to keep our rural hospitals open.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
Civil Action No. CC-45-2022-C-30  
RALPH VINES, Plaintiff,  
V.  
MARJORIE SHEPARD, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE BY SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of that certain Order entered on January 3, 2023 and that certain Amended Order entered January 26, 2023, in the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia, Civil Action No.: CC-45-2022-C-30, Ralph Vines v. Marjorie Shepard, the Court found that certain property consisting of approximately 115 acres, 113 poles, and 75 square feet, to be the same, more or less, and being that tract of land conveyed to Mary E. Shepard, Callie Marie Shepard Vines, and Dempsey Shepard in which the parties originally received title to the Subject Real Estate from two deeds. The first deed is dated April 28, 1928, and is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 59 at page 461 from O.T. Lively and Lowell Lively to Mary E. Shepard and her children. The second deed is dated February 18, 1930, and is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 59 at page 331, from L.A. Lively and Virginia Lively, his wife, to Mary E. Shepard, Callie Shepard, and Dempsey Shepard, not partitioned in kind and ordered that it be sold at partition sale by David L. Ziegler and Paul W. Roop, II., Special Commissioners.

Notice is hereby given that the following described property will be sold at a partition sale, which said sale shall occur on the front steps of the Summers County Courthouse, West Virginia, on **March 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**

All that tract of land situate in Green Sulphur District of Summers County, West Virginia and being more particularly described as follows:

**PARCEL ONE:**  
**LAYING** on the westerly side of County Route 7, a corner to Cales and Dempsey Shepherd, and proceeding in an easterly direction 30 feet to County Route 7 and proceeding then in a southerly direction with the line of said County Route 7 50 feet and thence returning to the place of **BEGINNING**, and containing 75 square feet, more or less.

**AND BEING** the same property conveyed unto Callie Vines and Dempsey D. Shepard from Owen Adair Reed by deed dated November 17, 1987, of record in the Office of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 159 at Page 7.

**PARCEL TWO:**  
**BEGINNING** at an X on a rock; thence N. 74 W. 18 poles to a point; thence N. 28 W. 16 poles to a Ch. Stump; thence S. 55 W. 6 poles to a point; thence S. 25 W. 16 poles to appoint;

thence S. 40 W. 16 poles to a point; thence S. 35 W. 18 1/2 poles to a post; thence N. 74 W. 63 poles to two cherries; thence N. 74 W. 31 poles to a chest; thence N. 1 30' E. 38 poles to a sourwood; thence N. 16 W. 36 poles to a hickory; thence 42 E. 100 poles to a locust; thence S. 38 E. 28 poles to a chest; thence S. 53 E. 40 poles to a sugar; thence S. 12 E. 18 poles to a sugar by a cliff; thence S. 74 45' E. 98 poles to a maple; thence S. 35 15' W. 48 poles to the point of **BEGINNING**, and containing 115 acres and 113 poles, as shown on a map of said tract being made by C.J. Lilly, County Surveyor.

**AND BEING** the same property conveyed unto Callie Marie Shepard Vines from Dempsey Dennis Shepard by deed dated March 19, 1984, of record in the Office of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 147 at Page 734.

Said real estate will be sold as two tracts with a total acreage of 115 acres, 113 poles, and 75 square feet, more or less, as is, where is, without any warranty express or implied as to the condition of the premises. Any deed to be delivered to a buyer at this sale will be by special warranty deed.

The Special Commissioners reserve the right to reject any bid deemed inadequate.

Terms of sale: Ten percent cash in hand on day of sale, to be held in escrow pending approval by the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia. Balance due within 30 days after confirmation of sale by the Court.

*/s/David L. Ziegler*  
David L. Ziegler  
Special Commissioner  
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I, Stacy Ford, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the Special Commissioners have posted bond before me in the amount of \$200,000.00, as required by the Order of the Circuit Court of Summers County entered on January 3, 2023 and the Amended Order of the Circuit Court of Summers County entered on January 26, 2023.

Given under my hand this the 26th day of January, 2023.  
Attest: */s/ Stacy D. Ford*  
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# Concord University offers Building Bridges to a Better Community training

**ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News)** –Any-one interested in reentry or community development is invited to register for Building Bridges to a Better Community, a free two-day training to teach participants more about the barriers and the difficulty transitioning to the community once a person has been absent. This training will take place at University Point in the Pais Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 14 and Wednesday, February 15 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Although the training is specifically designed to focus on barriers to

reentry by returning criminal offenders, it is also applicable to other segments of our population including veterans, those returning from in-patient substance abuse recovery, and others.

Beverly Sharp, founder and executive director of The REACH Initiative, will lead the workshop. She has worked in law enforcement and corrections for over 30 years, holds a Global Career Development Facilitator Certification and is a National Institute of Corrections certified trainer in offender workforce development.

Sharp has been director of reentry initiatives



for the West Virginia Council of Churches for the last three years and has developed nine re-entry councils across West Virginia.

Continuing education credit for social workers will be available. All participants must register prior to attending by emailing Lori Pace, CU Criminology Instructor, at [lpace@concord.edu](mailto:lpace@concord.edu).

## Unanimous, Bipartisan Support for Senate Tax Plan

CHARLESTON, (Hinton News) - Today (Feb. 8) the Senate met to consider meaningful tax relief for West Virginians.

The Senate plan would result in an immediate 15% personal income tax cut, plus rebates for personal vehicle taxes, small business equipment and inventory taxes, and homestead property taxes for service-disabled veterans. In out years, a 105% improvement of sales tax revenue over the previous year would trigger additional income tax cuts.

“The House of Delegates’ version of the tax plan relies on unfounded financial assumptions.

Russian invasion of Ukraine has triggered a skyrocketing of coal and natural gas severance tax revenues. There is no rational basis to predict this level of revenue will be sustained,” said Senate Minority Leader Mike Woelfel (D-Cabell). “West Virginia has been showered with one-time federal CARES Act Money and ARPA money. The influx of these millions provides the mere illusion of prosperity in our future. I fully support the Senate legislation.”

Senator Mike Caputo (D-Marion) raised objections to the fast-tracking of the plan. “We still have 30+ days of Session left.

I don’t see why we had to suspend rules and pass the bill the day it’s originated in committee. I voted for the bill because it’s the best plan we’ve seen, but I would have liked to have given it a more thorough review. A bill of this magnitude concerns me; I would have preferred the Republican leadership would have chosen not to fast-track it so I could have had more time to hear from my constituents. I am, however, happy to vote for a tax cut for the people.”

Senator Robert Plymale (D-Wayne) agreed that the bill is the best plan Democrats have seen put before them. “Tying fur-

ther income tax reduction to sales tax income is smart,” he said. “Sales tax is a good indicator of true growth, and I appreciate that we are considering much-needed relief in a responsible manner. This strengthens West Virginia’s position for future economic development growth.”

The committee substitute for Senate Bill 424 passed the Senate unanimously.

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## Concord University Presents Inside--->Out: Incarceration

**ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News)** –Inside--->Out: Incarceration is an instillation of artwork created by incarcerated artists in the West Virginia Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (WVDCR), and the community is invited to see this touring exhibit at Concord University’s Alexander Fine Arts Center February 6 through March 3.

The installation is a collaborative project between artists in the WVDCR and Reentry Advocates. It explores the humanity of incarcerated individuals using their abilities to put good into the world, even while being excluded from it, and engages with the social issues of incarceration and reentry.

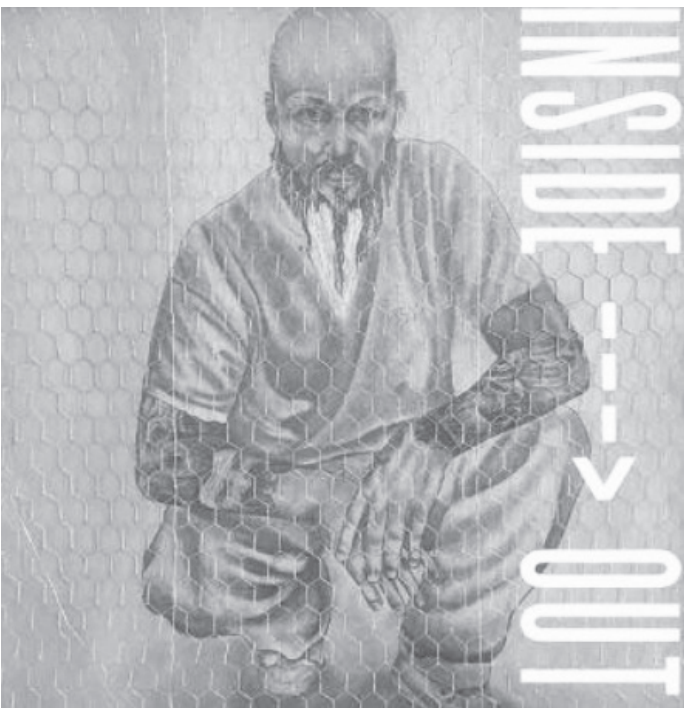
“The Sociology Department is excited to bring this unique multi-media art show curated from artists in

West Virginia prisons and jails to our region,” said Lori Pace, instructor of criminology at Concord University. “This exhibit will take you through a journey representing trauma, incarceration, and accountability.”

Some of the artists risked sanctions for using innovative materials that would be considered contraband once altered: toilet paper, bread, broken pencils, color-soaked from candy.

“The resilience of the human spirit and desire to communicate through art is inspiring,” said Pace.

Nationally, about 95% of inmates will eventually return to our communities and many of the felonies in West Virginia are drug involved in some way. Some of the artists in the exhibit are serving life sentences, but most will be paroled or released at some point.



“The art in this show helps us see them as a human, not just a felon,” said Pace.

The pieces will be displayed in the Butcher Art Gallery from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through

Friday. There is no admission cost. This grant-funded event is sponsored by Uplift West Virginia, The REACH Initiative - Education and Training, and the Just Trust.

inally brought Monroe IV to Three Rivers was present for the release. The young bird is now able to join the other bald eagles who are currently in the area around Bluestone Lake.

For more information, visit Three Rivers Avian Center on Facebook.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF WEST VIRGINIA **CHARLESTON**  
CASE NO. 22-0836-E-IMM  
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY AND WHEELING POWER COMPANY  
Petition to Update the Broadband Surcharge Rates Currently in Effect.

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

On September 7, 2022, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies) filed a petition seeking to update their Broadband Surcharge (BBS) rates currently in effect. The Companies proposed to increase the BBS currently in effect by \$3.6 million, an increase of 0.266%.

If approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
Residential	\$0.48	0.296%
Commercial	\$1.09	0.264%
Industrial	\$7.40	0.047%

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including an evidentiary hearing on March 7, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission’s office at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV. Interested persons should monitor the Commission’s web docket and website because this hearing may be cancelled for good cause.

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in this case should file a Petition to Intervene on or before February 15, 2023, complying with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible although protests will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests and Petitions to Intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us) by clicking the “Submit a Comment” then “Formal Case” link.

**APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY**





# 2023 Inspiration Tour of West Virginia with The Laurel Fork Falconer

WEST VIRGINIA, (Hinton News) - The Laurel Fork Falconer is traversing the state of West Virginia and wants you to come along with him! Collin Waybright, known as the Laurel Fork Falconer, is a licensed Master Class Falconer and one of the youngest Master Class Falconers in the state of West Virginia. He is now taking reservations for his **2023 Inspiration Tour of West Virginia**.

Waybright, 22, experienced an outstanding year in 2022 by logging over 10,000 miles of presentations all across West Virginia and surrounding states. One special highlight was a falconry demonstration for the Embassy of the Czech Republic and the European Union in Washington DC in September 2022 for their Mountaineering Day event. He said he hopes to add even more miles to this year's journey to teach others about his passion, falconry.

He is stepping into 2023 with the goal to inspire "West Virginia to look up!" Laurel Fork Falconry not only

specializes in engaging educational presentations for schools, libraries, organizations, and public events but also gives falconry demonstrations and Hawk Walks at the Laurel River Club Bed & Breakfast in Jennings, West Virginia. Waybright has recently made some impressive additions to his already amazing lineup of birds, including the newest team member, a Peregrine Falcon. Others raptors used by Waybright include Rico the Red-Tailed Hawk, Charleston the Barred Owl, and Eddy the Harris's Hawk.

He embarked upon his initial falconry adventure at age 14 when he trapped his first Red-Tailed Hawk, Ace, from the wild. In addition, Waybright has trained an American Kestrel for the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh, PA, and is one of the youngest people in the US to work with a Bald Eagle. Known as Mr. Spectacular, the Balk Eagle is a non-releasable bird and is now an educational ambassador, used to teach others about falconry.

Waybright was homeschooled and upon graduating high school in 2018, he spent 10 months working at the Ararat Ridge Zoo located at the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY. His nine+ years of experience as a West Virginia Falconer, working with a West Virginia raptor rehab center and the Ararat Ridge Zoo, has allowed Collin to work with a number of different birds including some a raptor might even consider "lunch". Waybright spent over a year as the Executive Director of a raptor rehab center in West Virginia, gaining valuable knowledge to add to his obvious joy of working with these birds. People are often amazed at Collin's God-given talent of working seemingly effortlessly with birds. Of course, if you ask him, he will assure you that there is certainly more to training birds than what meets the eye.

Each Falconry/Bird of Prey presentation is tailor-made for the intended audience and lasts about an hour, he said. Whether you want to learn about the art



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of falconry, the ecology of raptors and why they are so important to the environment, or whether an owl can really turn its head 360 degrees, any of the Laurel Fork Falconers programs can provide answers. Waybright can supply the material and live birds to keep any age audience fully engaged in the

learning process and separate fact from fiction. Find out what it takes to become a falconer in the state of West Virginia and the proper care of these amazing birds while learning the fascinating story of how Waybright became a falconer at age 14.

For more information on the Inspiration Tour of

West Virginia, pricing or to reserve your presentation, please visit [www.laurelforkfalconry.com](http://www.laurelforkfalconry.com), call the Laurel River Club Bed & Breakfast at (304) 402-7095, or email [laurelforkfalconry@yahoo.com](mailto:laurelforkfalconry@yahoo.com). You can find the Laurel Fork Falconer on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, and Tiktok.

# Nelly returning to the State Fair of West Virginia

LEWISBURG (Hinton News) - Fair officials announced Monday Grammy Award-winning rap superstar Nelly will return to the State Fair of West Virginia on Friday, Aug. 11. Tickets for the show will go on sale Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at 10 a.m.

"Nelly put on an amazing, sold-out show here in 2021," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins said. "When the opportunity presented itself, we knew we had to book him again."

Diamond Selling, Multi-platinum, Grammy award-winning rap superstar, entrepreneur, philanthropist and actor, Nelly has continually raised the bar for the entertainment industry since stepping on the scene in 2000 with his distinctive vocals and larger-than-life personality. His collaboration with Florida Georgia Line received Diamond status and he is only one of seven rappers to reach this honor. He is touring around the globe and recently was the first artist to play in Saudi Arabia with a mixed gender/family crowd. He is the first hip hop artist to play with multiple symphonies nationwide and played himself in BET's Real Husbands of Hollywood with Kevin Hart. His sports knowledge and love of all sports secured him a gig as a sportscaster with Skip Bayless. 2019 is going to be a huge year



Nelly returns to the State Fair of West Virginia on Aug. 11.

for the hip hop mogul, currently Nelly is in the studio preparing for new music to be released in addition to several business ventures to be announced in the first quarter.

Nelly embarked on his music career with Midwest hip hop group St. Lunatics in 1993 and signed to Universal Records in 1999. Nelly entered the spotlight with the release of Country Grammar in 2000, spending seven weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Top 200 and spawning the massive hits "Ride Wit Me," "Country Grammar" and "E.I." The album landed Nelly four Grammy Award nominations and sold over 9 million

copies worldwide. "Country Grammar" is Nelly's best-selling album to date, selling over 8.4 million copies in the United States.

Nelly kept the momentum going with the 2002 release of "Nellyville." The album debuted at No. 1 on top of scoring Nelly his first two Grammy Awards for "Hot in Here" – Best Male Rap Solo Performance – and "Dilemma" [feat. Kelly Rowland] – Best Rap Song Collaboration. This album was highly successful and was certified 6x multi-platinum by the RIAA on June 27, 2003. He has since gone on to win multiple American Music Awards, a Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award,

Soul Train Music Awards, MTV Video Music Awards and was crowned "Top Pop, Rap and R&B/Hip-Hop Artist of The Year" by Billboard. He has been referred to by Peter Shapiro as "one of the biggest stars of the new millennium," and the RIAA ranks Nelly as the fourth best-selling rap artist in American music history, with over 21 million albums sold in the United States. On Dec. 11, 2009, Billboard ranked Nelly the No. 3 Top Artist of the Decade.

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