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SUMMERS CO. COURTHOUSE NEWS





Mouth of Indian Creek closed

Rebecca Stalnaker

INDIAN CREEK, (Hinton News) - According to public statements from Summers County Camping and Summers County Commissioner Mike Gore, the temporary causeway at the bridge located at the Mouth of Indian Creek is closed. The announcements state that the bridge is not being worked on at this time.

No other information is available, including a time-frame for the closure. Hinton News will provide updates as more information is released.

City of Hinton receives \$500,000

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON, (Hinton News) - According to a recent announcement, the City of Hinton has received \$500,000 from a "Congressionally Directed Spending request secured by Senator Joe Manchin III."

The announcement further states the funds will be used for the Batteau Beach project at Hinton Landing. The project will kick off in the spring.

In the City of Hinton's statement, thanks were issued to Senator Manchin. It said, "Thank you, Senator Manchin, for working to secure this investment that will benefit us West Virginians for years to come!"

Bobcats headed to sectionals - JV plays last game of the season

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON, (Hinton News) - The Bobcats defeated Montcalm 75-42 in their most recent game. Brandon Isaac led the scoring with 19 points. Cruz Testerman followed close behind with 17 points, and Ferrell Mann added 13.

On March 1, the Bobcats opened sectional play against Bluefield. Check hintonnews.com or next week's edition for the scores from that game.

Additionally, the JV team played their last game of the season against the Generals. The team secured the win 55-33, giving them nine wins and eight losses for the season. Robey Brown led the scoring with 20 points. Eli Franklin and Matthew Cox added 9 and 8, respectively.

Stick with Hinton News for all of the latest scores from Summers County Sports.

Lady Bobcats punch ticket to Charleston



The Lady Bobcats after becoming 2023 Sectional Champs. Photo provided by Kathy Blevins - Summers County Athletics.

Lawson Jones

HINTON, (Hinton News) - Summers County defeated Mingo Central 29-27 when they met on Tuesday evening for the Class AA, Region III championship game. Despite the 3.5-hour drive for Mingo fans from Delbarton, both teams had large and enthused fan groups. Fans from both teams were visibly anxious the entire game due to the close scoring.

This year is the third in a row that the Lady Bobcats and Lady Miners have met for the regional championship. Additionally, this marks the second year (in a row) Summers has won.

Gracie Harvey led the scoring for the Lady Bobcats with 15 points and had the game-winning basket. Sullivan Pivont scored 5, Abby Persinger scored 4, Avery Lilly scored 3, and Cheyenne Smith scored 2.

For Mingo Central, Addie Smith led with 15 points. Madisyn Curry and Jenna Sparks followed with 4 points. Delaney Grimmatt and Bella Hall each added 2.

Summers County will now head to the state tournament as the #1 seed in Class AA. They will take on #8 Frankfort on Wednesday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m. Please make the drive to Charleston to support your Lady Bobcats!

Attorney General Morrissey's mobile office sets March stops

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) - West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey has announced a representative from his office will meet with central and southeastern West Virginia residents in March 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," 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:

- March 8: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - The Chocolate Moose, 1818 Harper St., Beckley;
- March 10: 12-1 p.m. - Greater Beckley Christian School office, 140 Crusader Drive, Prosperity;
- March 14: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Wendy's, 38232 Midland Trail E., Caldwell;
- March 16: 12-1 p.m. - Sutton mayor's office, 450 4th St., Sutton;
- March 21: 12-1 p.m. - Webster Springs mayor's office, 146 McGraw Ave., Webster Springs;
- March 23: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Marlinton Town Hall, 709 2nd Ave., Marlinton; and
- March 28: 12-1 p.m. - Tudor's Biscuit World, 107 Bolt Road, Glen Daniel.

John Henry Historical Park hiking event



TALCOTT, (Hinton News) - Active Southern West Virginia is holding a hiking event at the John Henry Historical Park in Talcott on Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m. Community Captain Victoria will be leading the hike and everyone is invited to participate. All participants are encouraged to dress for the weather and wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes. Boots are recommended due to the terrain being slightly uneven. Walking sticks/hiking poles are allowed. Additionally, participants are encouraged to bring sunscreen and their own water.

For more information, visit the Facebook event page John Henry Historical Park Hike.

Spring burning law in effect

Rebecca Stalnaker

SUMMERS COUNTY, (Hinton News) - Several Summers County fire departments have taken to social media to remind citizens that, as of March 1, the West Virginia 5 p.m. burning law is in effect for the spring season. The season runs from March 1 until May 31. During this time, it is not legal to burn between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

After 5 p.m., there are regulations that must be observed. According to The West Virginia Division of Forestry, the following rules apply. Do not leave a fire unattended for any amount of time. The area where the burn is taking place must be cleared down to mineral soil for a minimum distance of 10 feet around what is being burned. If a fire does escape, the individual is liable for the costs of fighting the fire and any damage it causes to others' property.

The minimum fine for violating this law is \$1000. If you have any questions regarding the burning law, contact your local fire department or the WVDF online or by calling 304-558-2788. The West Virginia Arson Hotline number is 1-800-233-FIRE (1-800-233-3473).



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## A peek into Summers County's past: From Stockyard to Pence Springs



**Carpet tack boxes featuring the store name "Rhodes & Pyles" and William Jones**

Rebecca Stalnaker and William Jones

PENCE SPRINGS, (Hinton News) - Learning about and preserving history carries importance for many people. One such person, William Jones, is sharing his collection of items with local historical significance exclusively with readers of The Hinton News. In this edition of A Peek at Summers County's History, Jones takes us back to the late 1800s before Pence Springs carried that name.

Among the items in Jones' collection are four ledger books, a receipt and two carpet tack boxes. The receipt and one of the books originate from 1899 when the area was still known as Stockyards, West Virginia. It would not be until after the turn of the century that the area would be named Pence Springs. The new name was in honor of Andrew Pence and the sulfur springs resort he established.

"One of these ledger books and original receipts are from 1899 and are from Stockyards, W. Va. They are the only pieces I have ever seen in my 30-some years of collecting local memorabilia where the name 'Stockyards' was used," Jones said. "The

three other ledger books from the early 1900s, after the town's name changed to Pence Springs. They were given to me by Cotton Walker, who lives in Pence Springs, to add to my collection of local pieces."

The parents of the individual who passed the items on to Jones purchased what was once the home of W.D. Rhodes in 1982. Jones spoke about Rhodes saying, "Mr. Rhodes was a prominent businessman in Pence Springs at the time and was the owner of W.D. Rhodes Store, from which all of these items came. A little known fact about Mr. Rhodes is that he had two brothers. One of them had a store and a home in Lowell, WV. And the other was L.G. Rhodes, who had his store and home in Talcott. L.G. was the original owner of L.G. Rhodes General Store, built in 1905 which eventually became Dillon's Superette in Talcott." Dillon's Superette has since been donated and transformed into the John Henry Museum. Although, it remained in operation until the early 2010s.

Jones went on to say, "An interesting aspect involving this piece is that Mr. Rhodes had married Mrs. Kate Pyl-

es in 1915. The Pyles family was well known among the locals in Pence Springs. There were seven Pyles siblings, two boys, and five girls, they were all well educated and involved in many businesses in the county, and two of the sisters were teachers."

"It is a well-known fact that women were treated second to their husbands in the era and not as their equals," Jones said. "Mr. Rhodes had already established a successful business in what is now Pence Springs for roughly 15 years prior to marrying Kate under the name of 'W. D. Rhodes, Dr' as can be seen in this receipt that uses the name Stockyard on it." Jones goes on to talk about the progressive move Rhodes made to include his wife's name on his business. "He then changed his store name to Rhodes-Pyles Store, as can be seen with these 1910s carpet tack boxes after he married Mrs. Kate Pyles and continued operation until the 1940s."

Be sure to check back next week for another peek into Summers County's past. If you have a local history story you would like to share with us, send an email to [news@hintonnews.com](mailto:news@hintonnews.com).

## Community Obituaries



**Nancy Jo Morris MORRIS**

Nancy Jo Morris of Lakeview, AR, took her last ride in her two-seater Ford Thunderbird on January 29, 2023, in Lakeview, AR, at the age of 99.

She was born August 22, 1923, in Hinton, WV, the daughter of Charles and Vera Lilly Young. Nancy was a 1941 graduate of Hinton High School. She went on to graduate from Clifton Forge RR Hospital School

of Nursing and became a Nurse Cadet assigned to Camp Lee, VA, to provide care for the German prisoners of war and then Huntington, WV, C&O RR Hospital, where she met the love of her life, Gilmer Staton Morris, JR.

They were married May 31, 1946, in Huntington, WV. They moved to Peru, IN, where she finished her nursing career at Dukes Memorial Hospital and Grissom AFB. Over the years, Nancy drove a new Ford Thunderbird, every three years, from 1959-1997.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Nancy Gail Berkheiser of Lakeview, AR; brothers, Jack Young of Peru, IN, and David (Kyra) Young of West Lafayette, IN; grandchildren, Neisha (Mark) Anderson of Batesville, AR and Kylene (Jason) Maxwell of Flippin, AR; great-grandchildren, Julia and Landon Gross and Brayden, Noah and Ryley

Jennings.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son-in-law, Jim Berkheiser; and sister-in-law, Pat Young.

A Funeral Service for Nancy was 2:30 p.m., Sunday, February 19, 2023, at Kirby & Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bull Shoals, AR, with Reverend Trent Means officiating. Visitation was Saturday, February 18, 2023, 3-5 p.m. Entombment was in Kirby's Tucker Memorial Mausoleum, Mountain Home, AR.

Memorials may be made to the Multiple Hereditary Exostoses Research Foundation, 8019 Harbor View Terrace, Brooklyn, NY 11029 in honor of her great-granddaughter.

Visit an online obituary and guestbook at [www.kirbyandfamily.com](http://www.kirbyandfamily.com).

Arrangements are by Kirby and Family Funeral and Cremation Services - Bull Shoals, AR.



**Maxine Ann Moten Coyer COYER**

Maxine Ann Moten Coyer, 78, of Jumping Branch, went home to be with the Lord, February 27, 2023, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Born November 18, 1944, at Slab Fork, WV, she was the daughter of the late Charley Lewis Moten and Roxie Jane Lilly Moten.

Maxine had worked at Inland Mutual Insurance in Huntington and the Coast to Coast Motel in Hinton. She was a faithful member of the Nimitz Missionary Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sisters, Edna Eades-Gillen and husband, Walter, of Hinton, and Wanda Dillon of Jumping Branch; a brother, Charles Moten of Jumping Branch; a niece,

Rebecca Dillon Rine and husband, Josh, of Charlotte, NC; two nephews, Richard Eades of Hinton and Christopher Dillon and wife, Tara, of Jumping Branch; two great-nephews, Logan Rine and Triton Dillon; and a great-niece, Dillon Rine.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. Thursday, March 2, 2023, at the Nimitz Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Don Hannah officiating. Burial followed in the Lilly-Crews Cemetery at Nimitz. Friends could call from 10 a.m. until time of services, Thursday, at the Nimitz Missionary Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Johnny and Zachary Bowling, Greg Angell, Jim Price, Walter Gillen, and Joey Cox.

Condolences may be

sent to the family at [www.ronaldmeadowsfp.com](http://www.ronaldmeadowsfp.com).

Arrangements are by the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors of Hinton.

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## Summers County man wanted in Greenbrier County



**Hunter Ross Thompson mugshot from May 2022.**

Rebecca Stalnaker

GREENBRIER COUNTY, (Hinton News) - According to a social media announcement on Feb. 26 from the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department, officers are requesting the public's assistance locating an individual. Said individual is allegedly wanted on multiple felony charges, which include armed robbery and grand larceny.

The statement also says that the department has active arrest warrants on the person they identified as Hunter Ross Thompson, 25, originally from Summers County. Thompson is described as being 5 feet and 6 inches tall and 198 pounds. Additionally, he is said to have a plethora of tattoos. The Greenbri-

er County Sheriff's Department's statement said Thompson was last seen in the Fort Springs area on Feb. 25. Allegedly, Thompson fled into a wooded area. Officers believe he may have been picked up and taken to another location.

Thompson was previously arrested in Summers County in May 2022 following a high-speed chase.

Anyone with information on Thompson's location is asked to contact Greenbrier County 911 at 304-647-7911. The statement encourages citizens not to approach Thompson as he is believed to be armed and dangerous.

At the time of writing, Thompson has not been located. Check [hintonnews.com](http://hintonnews.com) for any recent updates.

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SCCOA March menu

Wednesday, March 1 - Pinto Beans, cabbage, corn-bread, pudding, margarine, and milk to drink.

Thursday, March 2 - Spaghetti, salad, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

Friday, March 3 - Ham, sweet potato casserole, green beans, cupcake, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

Monday, March 6 - Chili, salad, pudding, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

Tuesday, March 7 - Beef tips in gravy, egg noodles, broccoli, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

Wednesday, March 8 - Hamburger, steak fries, pudding, and milk to drink.

Thursday, March 9 - Pork chops, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

Friday, March 10 - Crab cakes, coleslaw, baked beans. pudding, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

Monday, March 13 - Navy beans, mixed greens, corn-bread, mixed fruit, margarine, and milk to drink.

Tuesday, March 14 - Pork BBQ patties, peas, corn, pudding, and milk to drink.

Wednesday, March 15 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

Thursday, March 16 - Breaded chicken sandwich, sweet potato fries, pudding, and milk to drink.

Friday, March 17 - Lasagna, salad, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

Monday, March 20 - Vegetable soup, chicken salad sandwich, pudding, and milk to drink.

Tuesday, March 21 - Chicken alfredo, corn, peas, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

Wednesday, March 22 - Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pudding, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

Thursday, March 23 - Sloppy Joe, coleslaw, oven-roasted potatoes, mixed fruit, and milk to drink.

Friday, March 24 - Chicken, cheesy potatoes, vegetable medley, pudding, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

Monday, March 27 - Taco salad, mixed fruit, and milk to drink.

Tuesday, March 28 - Hot dogs, steak fries, coleslaw, pudding, and milk to drink.

Wednesday, March 29 - Chicken and dumplings, peas, corn, pudding, whole wheat bread, margarine, and milk to drink.

Thursday, March 30 - Pinto beans, cabbage, corn-bread, pudding, margarine, and milk to drink.

SCCOA March activities

Wednesday, March 1 - Morning at The Ritz - Jesus Revolution, the bus leaves the center at 9:15 a.m. Summers County Senior Center Quilters meet at 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 2 - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by bible study with Butch Honaker at 11 a.m.

Friday, March 3 - Special Birthday Party with singing by Bonnie Galford at 11 a.m.

Monday, March 6 - Noodle ball at 10 a.m. followed by speakers Jennifer Adkins and Doris Selko from REACHH on the topic of a Healthy Grand Family Program at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 7 - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by bible study with Gary Trout at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 8 - Reminiscing the Past Penny Pass Game at 10 a.m. followed by speaker Justin Faris, Sheriff of Summers County on the topic of Scams & Fraud at 11 a.m.

Thursday, March 9 - Noodle ball at 10 a.m. followed by speaker Jan Adkins, Regional Ship Counselor on the topic of Medicare Minutes for March at 11 a.m.

Friday, March 10 - Game time at 10 a.m. followed by speaker Hope Cooper, Administrator at Summers County Health Department at 11 a.m. Shopping trip to Lewisburg.

Monday, March 13 - Spring rag-wreath craft at 10 a.m. followed by speaker Lesley Woodrum, Extension Agent for Summers County on the topic of Active for Life at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 14 - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by a blood pressure clinic by Liz Goodman at 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, March 15 - Noodle ball at 10 a.m. Summers County Senior Center Quilters meet at the same time.

Thursday, March 16 - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by bible study with Larry Cox at 11 a.m.

Friday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day party and dance at 10 a.m. Remember to wear your green.

Monday, March 20 - Game time with dominoes, cards, and board games at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 21 - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by bible study with Robbie Rodes at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 22 - Show and Tell at 10 a.m. followed by This Is The Way We Were: Guess Who We Are? at 11 a.m.

Thursday, March 23 - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by speaker Kristi Scott, Physical Therapist at Summers County ARH on the topic of Muscle Cramps at 11 a.m.

Friday, March 24 - Spring-time suncatcher craft at 10 a.m. followed by a blood pressure clinic by Lix Goodman at 10:45 a.m.

Monday, March 27 - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by speaker Lesley Woodrum, Extension Agent for Summers County on the topic of Active for Life at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 28 - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by an SCCOA site meeting at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 29 - Summers County Senior Center Quilters meet at 10 a.m. and Drums Alive at 10:45 a.m.

Thursday, March 30 - BINGO at 10 a.m. followed by speaker David Richmond, W.Va. Agriculture Agent for Summers County on the topic of General Gardening at 10:45 a.m.

Friday, March 31 - Morning at The Ritz, the bus will leave the center at 9:15 a.m.

Summers County Courthouse news

**Marriages**

None.

**Fiduciaries**

Patricia Ann Hartwell, Administrator of the Jackie Lee Hartwell estate; Jessica Nicole Peal, Administrator of the Teddy Kenneth Willey Jr. estate; Donna Sue Scott, Administrator of the Jack-son Lee Scott Sr. estate; Sommer Leigh Carter, Administrator of the Pauline Farley Meadows estate; Sandra Humphries, Administrator of the Janet Lee Richmond estate; Rhonda Renee Gilbert, Administrator of the Vivian M. Gilbert Plumley estate.

**Land Transfers**

Kenneth S. Hall and Lois J. Hall to Kenneth Steven Hall and Lois Jeanette Hall Family Trust, Lot 82 and part of Lot 81, Talcott District; Sandra L. Ball to Brain Huffman and Jessica Huffman, Tract 1: 55.45 acres more or less, Tract 2: 0.39 acres more or less, Jumping Branch District; Jesse James Rose and Betty L. Rose to John Fitzgerald Rose, 1 acre more or less, Pipestem District; Sharon L. Zbikowski and Donald Foehr to Michael Wyant and Cassandra Johnson, 0.07 acres more or less, City of Hinton District; Peggy S. Ward and James R. Ward to John S. Ward, Lot Number 26, Pipestem District; Peggy S. Ward and Patty A. Lyon and Roger G. Phillips and Hobert Leslie Phillips Jr. to John S. Ward, Lot Number 25, Pipestem District; Franklin R. Givens and Beatrice A. Givens-Anderson and Amber Hatcher Parks to Beatrice A. Givens-Anderson, 2 Tracts, Deed of Partition, Jumping Branch District.

Real estate pre-licensing class planned at New River CTC starting in March

LEWISBURG, W.Va., (Hinton News) - New River Community and Technical College is offering a 90-hour real estate pre-licensing class at the Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg starting March 28, 2023. The 10-week class will be held Tuesday through Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Students in the class will be equipped to take the West Virginia Real Estate Licensure Examination upon completion of the course.

The cost for the class is \$500, plus the cost of the book, and registration is required by March 17, 2023.

Visit <https://www.newriver.edu/workforce/> for information on upcoming classes or to register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, [gkincaid@newriver.edu](mailto:gkincaid@newriver.edu)).

New River CTC's Work-

March meetings in Summers County

Summers County Commission - Regular Meeting - March 8 at 9 a.m. in the Commission Room at the Courthouse.

Summers County Public Library Board of Directors - March 9 at 5 p.m. in the library.

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

John Henry Days Committee - Regular Meeting - March 16 at 6 p.m. in the basement of Talcott Trinity Methodist Church.

Hinton City Council - Regular Meeting - March 21 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Friends of the Summers County Library Book Group - Regular Meeting - March 22 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Dilapidated Structures Committee - Regular Meeting - March 27 at noon in the Roosevelt Room in the Memorial Building.

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

\*All meetings listed are subject to change

\*This list may be changed at any time as more information becomes available

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

Sean Herrmann of Jumping Branch honored at University of Wyoming

WYOMING, (Hinton News) - The University of Wyoming lists Sean Herrmann of Jumping Branch, W.Va., on the 2022 fall semester academic Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Rolls.

The honor rolls consist of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade-point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade-point average.

To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

The University of Wyoming provides quality undergraduate and graduate programs to 11,100 students from all 50 states and 78 countries. Established in 1886, UW is a nationally recognized research institution with accomplished faculty and world-class facilities. Offering 200 areas of study, UW provides an environment for success. A low student/faculty ratio allows for individual instruction and attention, and undergraduates often participate in cutting-edge research projects.

For more information about the University of Wyoming, view the webpage at [www.uwyo.edu](http://www.uwyo.edu).

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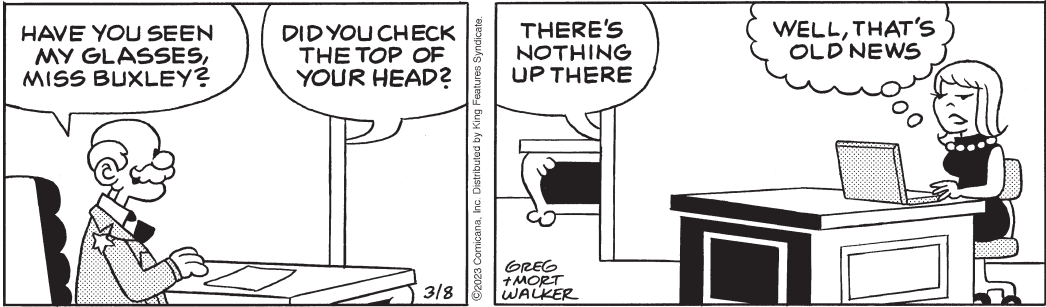
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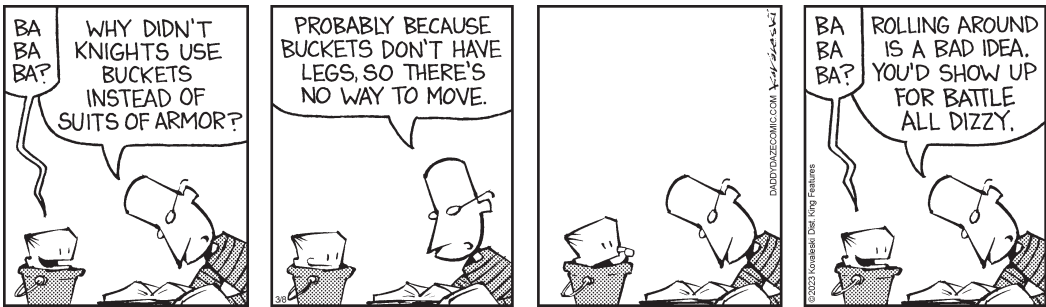
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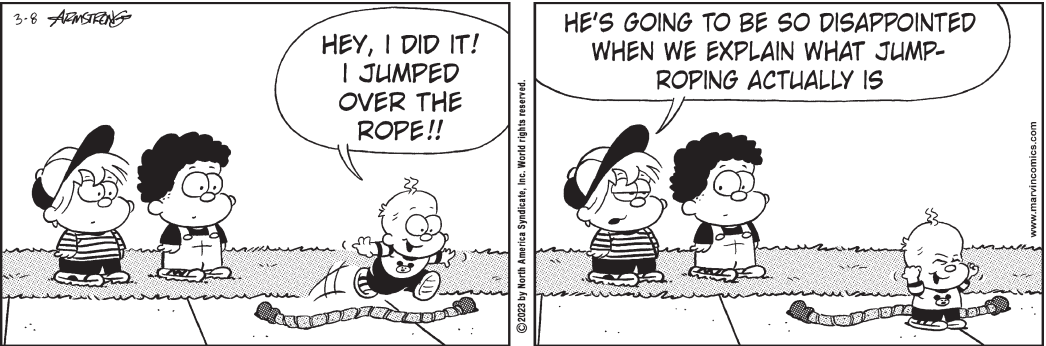
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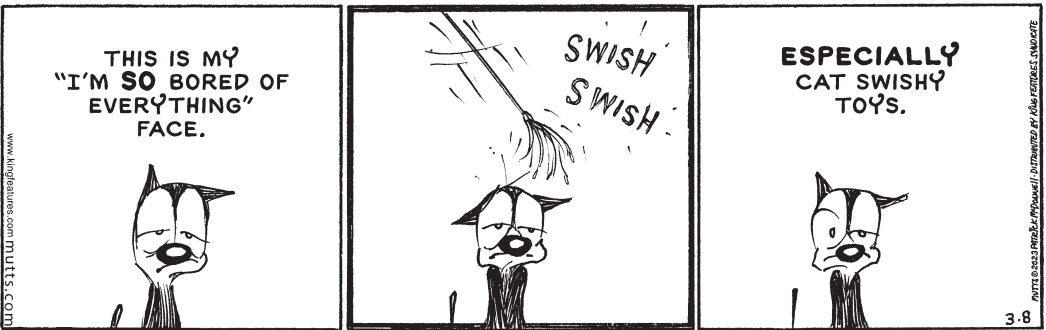
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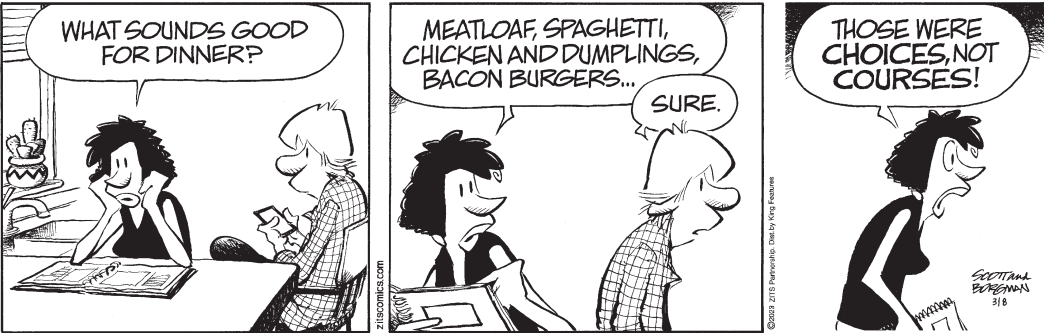
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# ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

**MOON ALERT:** Avoid shopping or important decisions from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. EST today (6 a.m. to 7 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Virgo into Libra.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, March 8, 2023:

You appear friendly and easygoing; however, you have strong convictions, and you hold to them. You value your independence. This year is the last year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to let go of anyone and anything that is holding you back.

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★ Once a month, the Moon is opposite your sign for a couple of days, and when this occurs, you have to be accommodating. It's best to go along to get along. This is why today it's in your best interests to cooperate with others, especially partners and close friends. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

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

3★ You might be more focused on your health today. Meanwhile, at work you will want the help of others and, at the same time, you might

have to give your assistance to help someone else. Yes, it's a two-way street. A pet might require your attention today. Tonight: Be friendly.

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

4★ This is a playful day! Make a point of setting aside time for enjoyment and pleasure -- anything from a long lunch, to a coffee break with a friend, to a few laughs at happy hour, or time with your favorite TV show. Give yourself a treat. Fun activities with kids will appeal to you. Tonight: Take a bow.

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

3★ Despite your desire to travel, explore and learn new

things at this time, today you are happy to cocoon at home. Maneuver things so you can relax where you live among familiar surroundings and take it easy. Deep contemplation might be thought-provoking. Tonight: Explore!

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

4★ Today you want others to hear what you have to say, because you really do want to enlighten someone. This is why you will be irritated or impatient with people who just want to chat about meaningless trivia. Life is short! Let's get down to it. Tonight: Check your finances.

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

3★ Today you might feel a bit possessive about something that you own, which is why you don't want to lend it to someone. Or you might be fussy about taking care of it. That's OK, we all feel this way at times. ("My precious!") Sort out banking details. Tonight: A meaningful conversation.

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

4★ Because the Moon is in your sign today and tomorrow, your feelings will be heightened. If you have a

bigger reaction to something that goes on around you, no biggie. The good news is that your luck will improve slightly, which gives you an edge over all the other signs. Tonight: Work.

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

3★ Solitude in pleasant surroundings will appeal to you today. This is a playful time, which is why you might be socializing, attending sports events or enjoying fun activities with kids, as well as romantic diversions. Take time out today to catch your breath. Tonight: Play!

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

4★ A heart-to-heart talk might be meaningful for you today. You will welcome even a slight suggestion that there is a bond between you. It's good to have bonds with others. We like to feel needed, loved and appreciated. Tonight: Cocoon.

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

3★ Today and tomorrow, for some reason, you will be high-viz. This means people will notice you more than usual. In fact, they might know

personal details about your private life. (Whaaat?) Do be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Tonight: Moneymaking ideas.

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

4★ This is a playful time for you. And today in particular, you will love to travel or do something different. You want to learn new things and have a bit of adventure! Therefore, do something different. Explore your neighborhood. Tonight: Assess your values.

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

3★ This is a good day to tie up loose ends about banking details, inheritances and anything that you own jointly with others. This also might include issues related to inheritances and shared property. Tonight: Be confident.

**BORN TODAY**

Actor Aidan Quinn (1959), tattoo artist Kat Von D (1982), actor Freddie Prinze Jr. (1976)

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# SHEFFER CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Ballpoints
  - Binge
  - Crook
  - "Zip -- Doo-Dah"
  - "Caught ya!"
  - TV explorer
  - Farm storage site
  - "Phooey!"
  - Overact
  - Aromas
  - Capital of Italia
  - "Bow-wow!"
  - Damp at dawn
  - Spanish cheers
  - Unprocessed
  - Granada gold
  - Dickens' Heep
  - Actress Longoria
  - Scratch
  - Till bills
  - Campus bigwig
  - "There's -- in team"
- DOWN**
- Literary Jane
  - Lunar craft
  - "West Side Story" song
  - Altar vows
  - Eye-glasses variety
  - Sala-mander
  - French article
  - Actor Omar
  - Catches some rays
  - Physician's nick-name
  - Kick back
  - Biz bigwig
  - Moolah
  - "Encore!"
  - Skirt
  - Monk's title
  - Historic time
  - Fatigued
  - Not difficult
  - Director DuVernay
  - Pallid
  - Gas co., for one
  - More beloved
  - Expels story
  - Pres. after LBJ
  - Gum flavor
  - Classic theaters
  - Barak of Israel
  - Mature
  - Rap-scallions
  - Admin. aide
  - Yoko from Tokyo
  - Fun and games
- Solution time: 23 mins.**
- Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)**



## JUMBLE

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

VANIA

ZALEB

TGRATE

HETRAR

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Listen up boys, unless you want to sleep in the dirt tonight.



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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Jumbles: CURLY FURRY SORROW GASKET

Answer: When the two attorneys talked business while playing basketball, it was a -- COURT OF LAW



# SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★★★

3-8

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column, or box.

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

**Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:**

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

Difficulty: ★★★

3-1





LEGAL NOTICE

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, March 1, 2023  
**Claim Deadline:** Sunday, April 30, 2023  
**Estate of:** DANIEL E. HARMON  
**Fiduciary:** ANNA R. ZIEGLER  
**Estate of:** GLORIA JUNE WILLEY  
**Fiduciary:** GARRY S. WHEELER  
**Estate of:** RITA M. DENINGER  
**Fiduciary:** DENNIS DENINGER  
**Estate of:** CHARLOTTE AUDREY SUMMERS  
**Fiduciary:** CHARLES WIL-LARD SUMMERS  
**Estate of:** ADAM MATTHEW FREEMAN  
**Fiduciary:** DAVID LEE ADKINS  
**Estate of:** OPLE HUBERT YOUNG III  
**Fiduciary:** TABITHA YOUNG  
**Estate of:** ERIC LEROY KING  
**Fiduciary:** CHRISTOPHER A. KING  
**Estate of:** ELTA LORETTA ROACH  
**Fiduciary:** TARA HUGHES  
**Estate of:** HAROLD EMERSON MEADOWS JR.  
**Fiduciary:** MARGIE DIANE MEADOWS  
**Estate of:** EUNICE VIRGINIA RAINES  
**Fiduciary:** ROBERT D. MCPHERSON  
**Estate of:** JACKSON LEE SCOTT SR.  
**Fiduciary:** DONNA SUE SCOTT  
**Estate of:** BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HAMMONDS  
**Fiduciary:** TINA HAMMONDS  
**Estate of:** DONNIE LEE BRAGG  
**Fiduciary:** RUSSEL BRAGG  
**Estate of:** PAULINE FARLEY MEADOWS  
**Fiduciary:** SOMMER LEIGH CARTER

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 22ND of FEBRUARY, 2023.  
Donald R. Basham Jr.  
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County  
(1,8fe)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
CIVIL ACTION NO.: CC-45-2023-P-4  
KRISTIN R. COOK, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, EX. REL. HINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
Petitioner,

v. IBRAHIM ALKAAITI, and AHMED SAEED ALI MOHSEN, and THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS

(\$34,689.68) IN U.S. CURRENCY,  
Respondents.

NOTICE OF PUBLICA-TION

The object of this suit is to seek an Order forfeiting the herein described property pursuant to the West Virginia Contraband Forfeiture Act (Chapter 60A, Article 7 of the West Virginia Code, as amended).

TO: Any Claimant of the right or interest in said property.

You have the right to file a claim on the herein described property on or before March 31, 2023. Any such claim must clearly state the identity of the Claimant and an address where legal process can be served upon said Claimant.

The property seized and subject of this suit is described as follows:

**Thirty-Four Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Nine Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$34,689.68) US Currency**

The Law Enforcement Agency responsible for the seizure is at the Hinton Police Department.

The seizure took place on or between December 10, 2022, and December 12, 2022, in Summers County, West Virginia.

That the **THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$34,689.68) IN U.S. CURRENCY,** is located at the office of the Hinton Police Department, in Hinton, West Virginia.

That after the date set for filing said claims, an Order of the Court directing forfeiture of the seized property to the State and vesting ownership of said property shall be sought.

If you fail to file a claim, thereafter an Order, upon proper hearing, may be entered against you for the relief demanded for in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the under-signed Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of this Court on the 27th day of February 2023.

/s/ Stacy D. Ford  
STACY D. FORD,  
CIRCUIT CLERK OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
(8,15mr)

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2021-S-00000013  
Summers County  
To: ALICE ROOKSTOOL ESTATE, BETTY PUCKETT, PATRICIA LYNN WILLIAMSON, ROY ROOKSTOOL, ROY ROCKSTOOL, ALICE ROCKSTOOL ESTATE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT GREEN SULPHUR MAP 2 PARCEL 0008 0000**

You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000013, 31 ACRES, SURF & TIMBER, WALLOW HOLE MOUNTAIN, located in GREEN SULPHUR, which was returned delinquent in the name of ROOKSTOOL ALICE EST &, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Summers County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 19th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 23, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 22, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 22, 2023 .....\$434.85

Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 22, 2023 .....\$333.58

Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation

of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023 .....\$904.88

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023 .....\$261.42

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable Justin Faris, Sheriff and Treasurer of Summers County** .....\$1,934.73

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor** .....\$35.00

You may redeem at any time before April 22, 2023, by paying the above total less any un-earned interest.  
(8,15,22mr)

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2021-S-00000019  
Summers County  
To: OCCUPANT, WEST VIRGINIA TIMBER LLC, JUSTICE CORP, WEST VIRGINIA TIMBER LLC C/O JUSTICE CORP, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT GREEN SULPHUR MAP 28 PARCEL 0006 0000**

You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000019, 92 ACRES AND 47 POLES LAUREL CREEK, located in GREEN SULPHUR, which was returned delinquent in the name of WEST VIRGINIA TIMBER LLC, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Summers County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 19th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 23, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 22, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 22, 2023 .....\$1,174.42

Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 22, 2023 .....\$1,056.38

Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023 .....\$1,006.73

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023 .....\$400.71

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money

order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable Justin Faris, Sheriff and Treasurer of Summers County** .....\$3,638.24

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor** .....\$35.00

You may redeem at any time before April 22, 2023, by paying the above total less any un-earned interest.  
(8,15,22mr)

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2021-S-00000006  
Summers County  
To: RANDALL WARD, STEPHANIE DRESSLER, JACQUELINE WARD, DELFORD WARD, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA RALEIGH COUNTY MAGISTRATE COURT, RANDALL WARD, RANDALL WARD, JACQUELINE WARD, RANDALL WARD, RANDALL WARD, JACQUELINE WARD, JACQUELINE WARD, OCCUPANT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT GREENBRIER MAP 1 PARCEL 0013 0000**

You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000006, CONS: 1/13 & 2/15 17 ACRES, located in GREENBRIER, which was returned delinquent in the name of WARD RANDALL LIFE, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Summers County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 19th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 23, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 22, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 22, 2023 .....\$291.92

Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 22, 2023..\$188.92

Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023 \$1,085.61

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023 .....\$682.84

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable Justin Faris, Sheriff and Treasurer of**

**Summers County**\$2,249.29

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor** .....\$35.00

You may redeem at any time before April 22, 2023, by paying the above total less any un-earned interest.  
(8,15,22mr)

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2021-S-00000007  
Summers County  
To: RONNIE LEE WARD JR, BONNIE JEAN WARD, RONNIE LEE WARD, OCCUPANT, RONNIE WARD, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT GREENBRIER MAP 7 PARCEL 0010 0000**

You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000007, 5 A. 102 P. GBR. RIVER HILLS, located in GREENBRIER, which was returned delinquent in the name of WARD RONNIE LEE JR, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Summers County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 19th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 23,

2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 22, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 22, 2023 .....\$140.39

Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 22, 2023 .....\$43.01

Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023 .....\$942.23

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023 .....\$217.85

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable Justin Faris, Sheriff and Treasurer of Summers County** .....\$1,343.48

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor** .....\$35.00

You may redeem at any time before April 22, 2023, by paying the above total less any un-earned interest.  
(8,15,22mr)

HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED:** Lawn maintenance for camp in Forest Hill. Call Pat 304-356-0906/581-3413. 8&15marp

Hope Scholarship applications for next school year now open

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News)- Applications to use the Hope Scholarship education savings account program for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year that starts this fall are now available online.

Applications are available online at [www.HopeScholarshipWV.com](http://www.HopeScholarshipWV.com). The application period will remain open from March 1-May 15.

The Hope Scholarship is an education savings account program available for kindergarten through 12th-grade students. It is designed to allow parents and families to use the state portion of their child's education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for their child.

To qualify for the Hope Scholarship, a student must be a West Virginia resident and be either:

1. Eligible to be enrolled in a kindergarten program.
2. Enrolled full-time

in a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for the entire instructional term during the current academic year (2022-2023) immediately preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program.

3. Or, enrolled full-time and attending a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for at least 45 calendar days during an instructional term at the time of application.

In addition to filling out the application, state law also requires participating families to fill out a notice of intent to participate in the program with their local county superintendent. A sample template for that notice is also available online at [HopeScholarshipWV.com](http://HopeScholarshipWV.com).

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# Additional concerts announced for State Fair of West Virginia



Whiskey Meyers

LEWISBURG (Hinton News) - State Fair Officials have announced the addition of Whiskey Myers, Zach Williams and Riley Green to the 2023 State Fair of West Virginia concert lineup.

Zach Williams will take the stage Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 8 p.m., and Riley Green will perform Thursday, Aug. 17, at 8 p.m. Whiskey Myers will appear at the State Fair on Friday,



Zach Williams

Aug. 18, at 8 p.m. Tickets for each show will go on sale Friday, March 3, at 10 a.m. “We are thrilled with the additions of Whiskey Myers, Zach Williams and Riley Green to the 2023 con-

cert series,” State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. “Routing for the artists featured in this year’s lineup truly worked in our favor, and we cannot wait for the 98th annual State Fair of West Vir-



Riley Green

ginia.” Tickets will only be available via ETIX at <http://statefairfwwv.com/entertainment/> or by calling 1-800-514-ETIX (3849) Monday through Friday 9

a.m.-6 p.m., or Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets will not be sold at the State Fair box office until later this spring. The 98th annual State Fair of West Virginia is slated for Aug. 10-19.

## Just Transition Fund launches broadband initiative to help coal communities close the digital divide

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (Hinton News) - The Just Transition Fund (JTF), the only national philanthropic initiative focused solely on coal community economic transition, has announced its Broadband Initiative, including nearly \$1 million of investments in eight projects that have the potential to leverage \$59 million in federal funding and subsidies to connect over 52,000 households in communities affected by coal mine and power plant closures.

As part of the organization’s Federal Access Center, the Broadband Initiative offers grants and technical assistance to organizations working to equitably expand broadband in their communities and equip them to apply for federal funding. The JTF is prioritizing broadband and investing in groups leading the charge to improve access and affordability in rural energy communities because it is essential to the organization’s mission of creating inclusive and equitable local economies.

“Roughly one-third of residents in the rural and tribal areas we serve cannot access high-speed internet — an inequity that restricts work, education, health care, public services, and civic engagement in coal communities that already face economic challenges from the energy transition,” said Natalie Roper, director of special projects at the JTF.

Despite a massive increase

in federal broadband funding to address this problem — a combined nearly \$100 billion in the CARES Act, the American Rescue Plan, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and 2021 and 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Acts — many communities lack the resources to develop inclusive plans and apply for public investment.

“That’s why Just Transition Fund’s Broadband Initiative pairs direct investments with technical support to build both immediate and long-term local capacity to help communities overcome the obstacles to applying for federal broadband funding,” said Roper.

The Just Transition Fund’s Broadband Initiative is made up of two components: early-stage and application-ready support. Through early-stage support, the JTF helps organizations build the long-term capacity they need to be competitive for federal funding within the next two years. Through application-ready support, the JTF helps organizations with immediate needs like grant writing to develop and submit applications for current broadband funding opportunities.

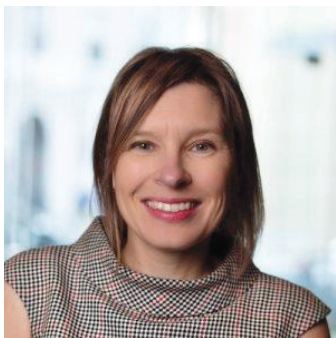
“Funding for digital equity makes up less than one percent of overall giving by large foundations — and we intend to change that. By ignoring our nation’s broadband crisis, philanthropy is missing a huge

chance to create economic opportunity in some of the hardest-hit places in rural America. Our first round of investments represents organizations working in some of the places that have received the least attention from philanthropy to help close the digital divide,” said Heidi Binko, executive director and co-founder of the JTF. “We’re committed to accelerating investment in energy communities that need digital infrastructure, but for too long have lacked the resources to access it.”

To kick off the Broadband Initiative, the JTF has invested nearly \$1 million in eight organizations working to close the digital divide in coal-impacted communities across the U.S.

Through larger investments of up to \$150,000 and technical assistance, the JTF is supporting four organizations to build staff capacity to develop broadband projects for future federal funding. These grantees are Generation West Virginia in West Virginia, Greater Peoria Economic Development Council in Illinois, Native Renewables in Navajo Nation and Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning in Colorado.

With grants of up to \$25,000 and technical assistance, the JTF supported SOAR KY in Kentucky, Computer Reach in rural Pennsylvania, Marshall University Division of Community Health in West Virginia and Campbell County



Heidi Binko, executive director and co-founder of the JTF

Council of Community Services in Wyoming to apply for the Federal Communication Commission’s Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program and enroll more households in the available monthly broadband subsidy, which received \$14 billion in additional funding in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

There are broadband grant deadlines coming up in the next few months, including for the Appalachian Regional Commission’s POWER program and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Community Connect program. Interested organizations can apply for grants and assistance from the JTF to help develop and submit competitive applications. More information about the Broadband Initiative and the first round of funded projects can be found on the JTF’s website.

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