



Friends of the Summers County Public Library to begin 2023 Fund raising events

HINTON, (Hinton News) - The Friends of the Summers County Public Library have announced plans to resume their popular Spring Salad Luncheon event to be held on April 21, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St Patrick's Church, Temple St., Hinton. This will be the first Salad Luncheon post the COVID pandemic.

As in past years, the meal will consist of a variety of three (3) salads, cake, bread and bottled water. The cost will be \$10.00. You may eat in the church or have your meal delivered.

During the week of April 14, members of the Friends will visit local businesses with a flyer detailing the above information and will be accepting pre-orders at that time. Orders may also be placed by calling the Library at (304) 466-4490.

During the COVID lockdown, the Library had to cancel several of its most popular fundraisers and is very pleased to be able to once again offer this particular delightful event! All funds raised will benefit the Library. Current needs include window repairs and a new outside paint job. Funds will also go to help support some of the special programs that are so very popular within the community such as the upcoming summer reading program.

Finally, the Friends are always hoping for new members to help meet the challenges of supporting a full-time library in a small community. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Library for more information on becoming a Friend!

Summers County Courthouse news

- Marriages**
- None.
- Fiduciaries**
- Oscar R. Sanford II, Administrator of the Frances Dacal Sanford estate; Rebecca A. Williams, Administrator of the Shirley Geraldine McGraw estate.
- Land Transfers**
- Robert D. McPherson and Franklin McPherson and Stevie Joseph Raines and David Wayne Raines and James William Raines to Robert D. McPherson, Lot, City of Hinton District; Adam Bragg and Gary Bragg, Trustees of the Lick Creek Baptist Church and the Lick Creek Baptist Church to Phillip J. Gwinn and Regina G. Eckle, Lot, Green Sulphur District; David D. Dent and Jennifer P. Dent to West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways, 3 Parcels, City of Hinton District; Frances Rae Sandford Freeman and Oscar Rayborne Sanford II and Earl Lee Sanford, as Beneficiaries of the Estate of Frances Dacel Sanford estate to Oscar Rayborne Sanford II, Lots 1, 2, 13 & 14 Block I, Talcott District.

Lady Bobcat Softball covering new ground



Junior Molly Mann plays shortstop in a game against Montcalm on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

Lawson Jones

HINTON, (Hinton News) - After a four-year hiatus, Summers County Lady Bobcat Softball is back and covering new ground. Despite the school going without a team for a few years, they are determined to succeed. Made up of mostly freshmen and a few sophomores and juniors, this

is a young team.

Molly Mann, a junior, commented on the return of softball.

"We're super excited to have a team this year. Especially since we didn't have one since Covid," Mann stated.

Under the direction of Coach Danielle Richmond, the team opened their season on March 23 and has been



Coach Richmond and three players speak at home plate prior to a game against Montcalm on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

putting in the work ever since. Home games are being played at Bellepoint Park. Mann commented on the hard work of her teammates.

Mann said, "All of us have been working really hard and have improved since the first practice and game."

The softball team still has a few games left in their season. Come out and give them your support. Mann also made a comment on the future of their season.

"We hope to continue the season with a greater aspect. We're truly thankful for any amount of support and help," said Mann.

— REMAINING LADY BOBCAT SOFTBALL GAMES according to WVSSAC.ORG

April 18 5:30 p.m. AWAY- RIVER VIEW DH
April 19 4:30 p.m. AWAY- BLUEFIELD DH
April 21 7:00 p.m. AWAY- JAMES MONROE
April 25 5:30 p.m. AWAY- GREENBRIER WEST
April 26 5:30 p.m. HOME- PIKE VIEW DH
April 27 5:30 p.m. AWAY- MONTCALM

We will celebrate the Earth!

HINTON, (Hinton News) - Everything we need to sustain our lives comes from the earth. The water we drink, the air we breathe, the food we eat, the materials we use to build homes and heat our homes come from the earth. This planet is a living, breathing sphere of life!

Without this earth, there would be no life. Therefore, we celebrate its goodness. We also need to protect what it gives us. It is a fragile and delicate organism.

On April 22, from 1 till 3 in the afternoon at Bellepoint Park in Hinton we will celebrate. This will be an event filled with ideas, displays, food, animals, music, plants, tree seedlings and lots of fun for the whole family. It is all free and there are lots of give aways!

There are many ways to care for and invest in our planet. Lots of them involve simple ways as to how we live our lives.

They consist of eating habits, the ways we move from one point to another, the ways we shop and the ways we deal with out trash. The plant and animal life around us are so important. There are hundreds of simple things you can do to show your love for this earth!

It is important how we treat the animals that share this earth with us. At 2 PM there will be a service for the blessing of the animals. Bring your pets to be blessed and receive a St. Francis medallion. Animals must be caged or on a leash.

It's a fun afternoon for the whole family and there are lots of activities for kids. There will

be free books and stories read aloud. The bookmobile will be there. Kids will have a chance to make things - bird feeders and bookmarks. There will be a tattoo station for kids - or adults if you like!

Recycling is an important part of caring for the environment and the recyclers will be there. Also see displays on quilting (recycling cloth), home-made bags (recycling clothing) and weaving (recycling yarn).

What you eat is very important and makes a huge difference in the life of the earth. Taste and see how eating a more vegetable based diet can improve our lives.

Learn from displays by the Migration Center and the Sierra Club. You can take home a baby dogwood or willow sprouts that



Lifesize animal pictures will be on display at the Earth Day event.

increase the oxygen content of our atmosphere.

We hope you join us in this celebration on the earth during the doming of spring! It's an amazing earth!

This event is sponsored by the Summers County Huddle and Ascension Episcopal Church.

3Rivers Youth Theater Program Announces First Performance for 2023

HINTON, (Hinton News) - first performance of the 3 Rivers Youth Theater Program will occur on April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Building. The performance, Character Shorts, will include a variety of monologues and short scenes with two to five actors. Admission is free – come out to support the young actors of our community!

The 3 Rivers Youth Theater Program was formed by Lisa Colombo and Cheryl Kula with the goal of providing a theater program for grades 4 to 12. The goal of the program is to give the actors a chance to build their confidence to speak in front of groups, to be comfortable in their own



Students practicing lines. Photo provided by Cheryl Kula

skin, to give them an appreciation of the arts, and of course, to have as much fun as possible.

The young actors attended a four-week workshop in February 2023 where they worked on monologues, scenes, theater games, and

improv. Since February, they have been preparing for their April performance. Every class, they warm up with tongue tanglers and practice performing on stage alone and with their fellow actors. They have put a lot of time and effort into mastering a lot

of material.

3Rivers wants to especially thank the Hinton Area Foundation, particularly the Ziegler & Gunnoe fund, and thank Kiwanis for the funds for this program. We also want to recognize the County Commission for giving us

access to the Memorial building for the classes, rehearsals, and of course, performances.

As a follow-up, we have scheduled two additional performances – one in August and one in November for larger performances. Follow us on Facebook for updates!

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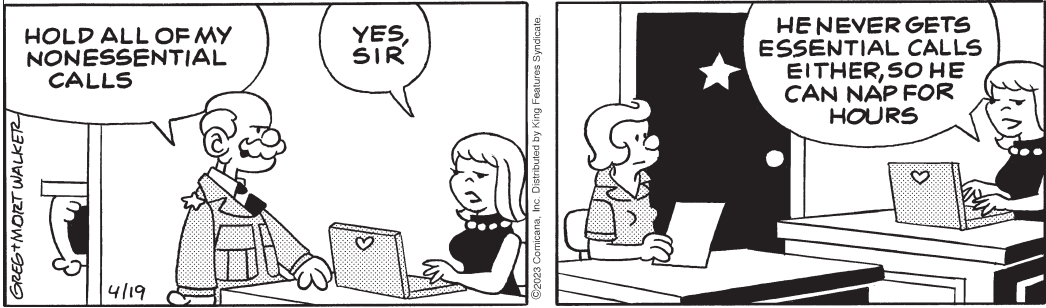
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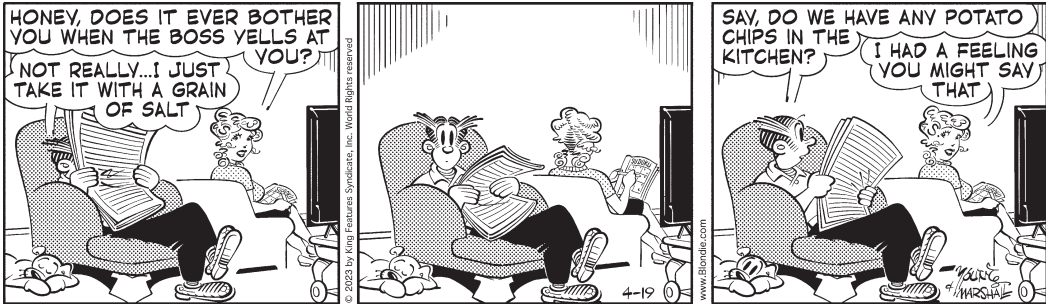
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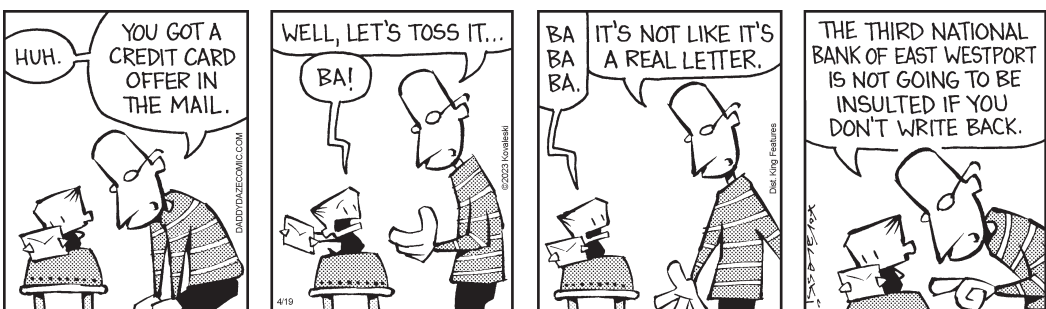
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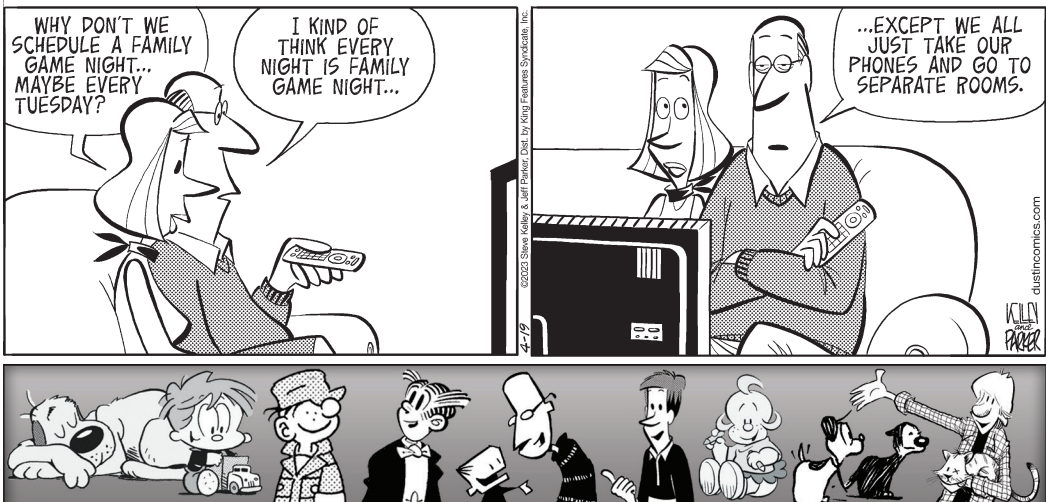
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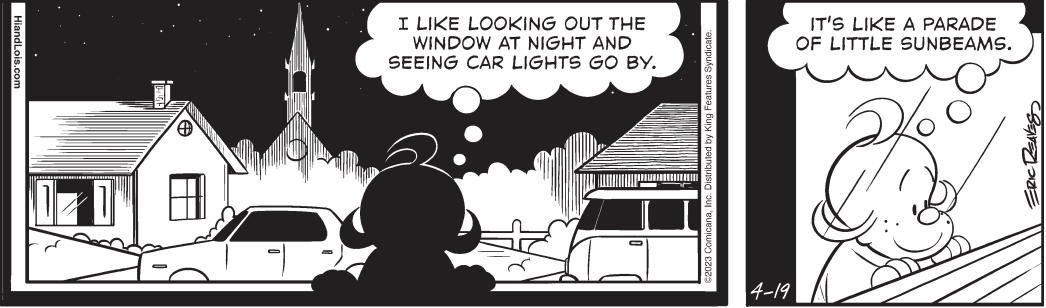
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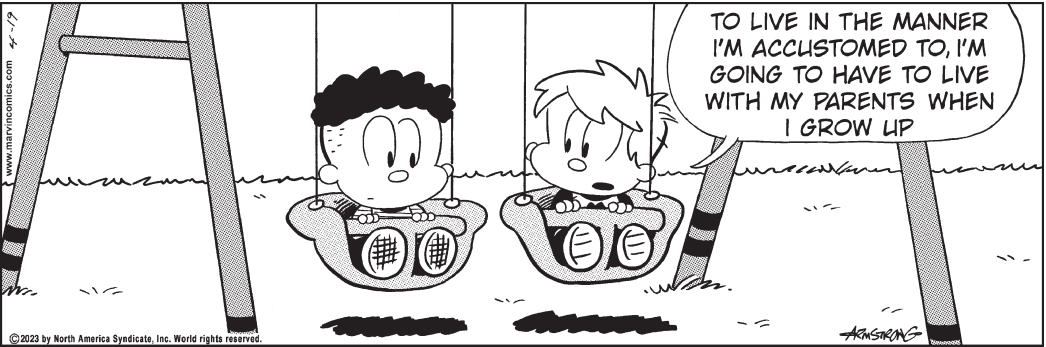
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping from 9 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. PDT today. After that, the Moon moves from Aries into Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 19, 2023:

You have perseverance and ambition -- a marvelous combo that helps you achieve success in whatever you pursue. You are also competitive and will protect your independence. This is a wonderful year to socialize and enjoy yourself. Have fun, but don't lose sight of your goals. Old friends might reappear.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic;

4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-Soso; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

5★ This is the best day of the year to take a realistic look in the mirror and check out what you project to your world. How does it stack up? Can you make improvements? Haircut? Wardrobe? Shoes? Remember: You never get a second chance to make a first impression. Tonight: Money quarrels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

4★ On this special New Moon Day, you have an opportunity to think about the spiritual dimensions of your life. What do you believe when the

lights are out? The New Moon is the perfect time to set intentions or make resolutions. Ideas? Tonight: Stay chill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

5★ This is the perfect day to think about the role friendships play in your life. Do you hang out with quality people? What kind of friend are you? These are questions to consider on this New Moon Day. Tonight: Quiet times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

4★ Today the only New Moon all year at the top of your chart is happening, which means it's the perfect time to think about your life direction. Are you headed where

you want to go? Is the direction you're going your choice or someone else's? Tonight: Avoid arguments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

5★ Once a month the New Moon offers us a chance to set intentions. Today's New Moon offers you the chance to consider what further education and training might improve your job or your life in general. What travel might enrich your world? Tonight: Show respect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

4★ This is an excellent day to think about your responsibilities to and for others. It's also a good time to think about your values and how they might differ from the values of someone else. Some people prefer potatoes, some prefer rice, some prefer bread. Tonight: Avoid controversy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

3★ Today the only New Moon all year that is opposite your sign is happening. This means this is your best day of the year to think about what you can do to improve your closest relationships. Don't worry about what they're do-

ing or not doing. What can you do? Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

4★ Today's New Moon is very handy for you. You have a chance now to improve your health and improve your job or get a better job. These are the exact opportunities today's New Moon offers to you. How can you improve your chances in these areas? Tonight: Listen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

5★ We are a work-oriented society. But it's very important to recognize our need for play and a chance to express our creative talents. Do you feel you have a balance of doing this in your life? Today's New Moon is in the part of your chart that triggers this question. Tonight: Work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

4★ We all need a nest. We need to know where we are going to sleep tonight. The New Moon today is an opportunity for you to think about how you can improve your home and where you live, as well as how you can improve

your relations with family members. Family is gold. Tonight: Go gently.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

4★ We are gregarious. We need to talk and be heard. We need to see people and we need to be seen. Today is the best day of the year to think about your style of communicating to others. Are you clear? Do others understand you? Tonight: Patience.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

4★ We need money and resources for food, shelter, pleasure and a chance to be generous. But sometimes our money and possessions can end up owning us, instead of the other way around. What is your relationship to your wealth? Think about this today. Tonight: Avoid disputes.

BORN TODAY

Tennis champ Maria Sharapova (1987), actress Kate Hudson (1979), actor Tony Plana (1952)

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Rock concert booster

4 Nourished

7 Israeli carrier

8 Attorney's load

10 Musical set in Argentina

11 Super-market sections

13 Sounds that follow close calls

16 Corral

17 Nursery items

18 Resort

19 Pleads

20 During

21 Loan shark's crime

23 — nova

25 Small bills

26 Pan covers

DOWN

1 Set straight

2 Algebra or trig

3 Wall coating

4 Savoir — mark

5 Road curves

6 Secluded valley

7 Pop singer

8 Bistros

9 Earth tremors

10 Sixth sense

12 Old photo tint

14 Wild revelry

15 Passing craze

19 Clear the tables

20 Donkey

21 Render defenseless

22 Soon-to-be grad

23 Willy Loman's son

24 Homeric work

25 Sphere

26 Pride members

28 Urged (on)

29 Bargains

30 Shrek and others

31 "— a Lady"

32 Enterprise letters

34 Sketched

35 "— you an apology"

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.

TURFI

SUYOL

COSLIA

RAFITF

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

You've got to like everyone being "punctual."

It's nice to see. Who knew that a play on words could be so much work?

THE MANUFACTURING PLANT WAS IN FULL OPERATION, AND EVERYTHING WAS ---

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

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Last Wednesday's Answer: Jumbles: SLANT INEPT COOKIE HAIRDO Answer: The director's feedback regarding the scene they'd just filmed was — HIS TAKE ON IT

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★★★

4-19

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:

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

Difficulty: ★★★

4-12



Connections between Concord University and Summers County: Part two

Richard Keith Lilly -
Instructor of History -
Concord University

SUMMERS COUNTY, (Hinton News) - Editor's note: Here is the second part of the "Connections between Concord University and Summers County series.

Armistead Abraham Lilly, often known as "Cousin Abe," was a native of Summers County for whom Concord was a key stop on the road to success. Born in Jumping Branch on March 25, 1878, Lilly was the son of Robert C. and Virginia Lilly. He attended public schools in Raleigh and Mercer counties before graduating from Concord in 1898. Lilly taught school for a short time in Mercer and then Fayette County. Concord provided him with the basis for further higher education as Lilly went on to earn a law degree from the Southern Normal University in Tennessee. Admitted to the West Virginia bar in 1900, "Cousin Abe" practiced law in Raleigh County. A man of large stature and a gifted orator, Lilly was elected to the state legislature in 1900 and took his seat as the youngest lawmaker in Charleston. In 1904, at age 26, Lilly was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Raleigh County. An already prominent Republican, he served in 1908 as a Presidential Elector, casting his vote for William Howard Taft. Lilly ran a campaign for Congress in 1910. Although unsuccessful, the campaign, as former Governor George Wesley Atkinson stated, "gave him a state-wide reputation and made him a

factor to be reckoned with in the future." The height of Lilly's political career came in 1912 when "Cousin Abe" was elected West Virginia's Attorney-General.

As Attorney-General, Lilly handled several major issues dealing with cases from railroad rates to charges of corruption against members of the state legislature. Perhaps the most momentous issue was the Virginia debt settlement. West Virginia's 1863 constitution vaguely committed the new state to assume a portion of the 1861 Virginia debt. In the wake of the 1872 constitution, West Virginia's leaders usually sought to avoid making payment. The debt issue was so volatile that former Governor William MacCorkle wrote years later that "opposition made me afraid to advocate openly the Virginia debt, and in fact, like many men in public life, I was afraid to face a question which was loaded with political disaster." In 1911, the United States Supreme Court ruled that West Virginia was bound by the state constitution to pay a third of the antebellum Virginia debt. Lilly oversaw West Virginia's motion to reopen the case before the nation's highest Court, which determined in 1915 that the mountain state owed the Old Dominion \$12,393,929.50. Working in the administration of Governor Henry Hatfield, Lilly helped start the process of retiring the debt through the sale of bonds. West Virginia would pay the last installment to Virginia in 1939.

Hatfield's activist regime split West Virginia Repub-

licans between progressive and conservative wings. Clashing often with Hatfield on political and personal issues, Lilly led the conservative faction as a gubernatorial candidate in 1916 in what Atkinson described as "the most spirited contest ever known in West Virginia." Lilly focused his campaign primarily on a need to lower taxes. The Attorney General declared on the day he announced his campaign that "I believe that no more taxes should be levied than will meet the actual necessities of government, economically administered. Taxation has come to be a serious burden to the people." Making speeches throughout the state, Lilly lost the nomination by 134 votes to the progressive Judge Ira Robinson. Initially contesting the election, Lilly eventually reached a compromise with Robinson, who lost to Democrat John Cornwell of Hampshire County in the general election.

After unsuccessfully running for the United States Senate in 1922, Lilly focused more on his legal practice and business efforts. Lilly served as a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Rubber Company, which elected him company president in July 1921. "Cousin Abe" also became

president of the Williamson Pain Manufacturing Company in 1923. Both successful companies were based in Charleston.

Maintaining a connection with southern West Virginia, "Cousin Abe" organized the Lilly Reunion Association in 1929 and served as the organization's first president. Under his leadership, the Lilly Reunion held its first gathering in August 1930. One Hinton newspaper, The Leader, reported on August 21, 1930, that attendance at the two-day event was around 28,000. The former Attorney General was himself the primary speaker at the reunion and told his audience that though the meeting was "intended for pleasure and enjoyment," it had a greater objective. In his address, Lilly asserted that the event would be a failure "unless it has awakened in us the need of progressive advancement and added purpose to serve; has created in us an ambition worthy of the present and prophetic of the future."

The majority owner of the Ruffner Hotel in Charleston, Lilly resided in the penthouse until his death in 1956. "Cousin Abe" left behind a legacy as one of the most noteworthy Concord graduates and natives of Summers County.

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April 24, 2023

9:00 A.M. – Wyoming County Commission,
911 Cedar Street, Pineville, WV
3:00 P.M. – Raleigh County Commission,
116 ½ N. Heber St., Beckley, WV

April 25, 2023

10:00 A.M. – Summers County Memorial Building,
Conference Room, 451 1st Avenue, Hinton
2:00 P.M. – Monroe County Rescue Squad Building,
11 Pump Street, Union, WV

April 26, 2023

10:00 A.M. – Mercer County Commission,
1501 W. Main Street, Princeton, WV
2:00 P.M. – McDowell County Commission
– Old Armory Bldg., 600 Stewart Street, Welch, WV

If you have questions about the meetings, feel free to contact Kim Odle, Executive Assistant, at kimodle@regiononepdc.org or 304-431-7225 ext. 209.

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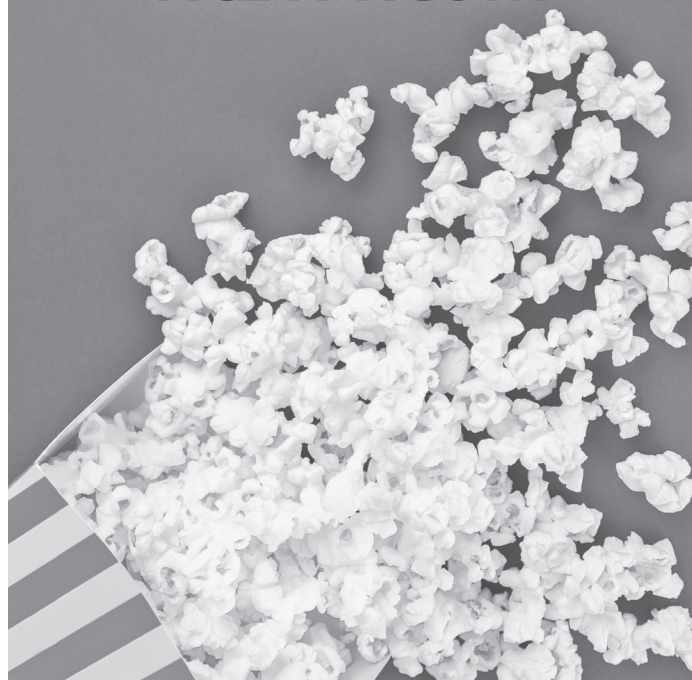
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR APPRAISER & REVIEW APPRAISER

Big Bend Public Service District, Summers County, West Virginia is in the process of hiring an appraiser and a review appraiser to provide the necessary professional services to complete the Big Bend Public Service District Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. The selected professionals will work closely with Big Bend Public Service District, Region I Planning & Development Council, and other team members.

Procurement of said services shall be in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 (b)(2). Contracts are to be awarded on familiarity with and expertise on this type of project, as well as on a fixed basis for services. All those interested in being considered for this must submit a proposal detailing qualifications and staffing capabilities, related prior work experience, fee schedule, and ability to complete work as needed on

this project in a timely manner.

Contracts will be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is within the competitive range and determined to be the most advantageous to the project; price and other factors considered including familiarity and expertise with this type of project.

The consultant's eligibility to receive federal funds will be verified at <http://www.sam.gov> prior to contract award.

If interested in providing this service, please submit an original, three (3) copies, and a digital submission of all requested information to Big Bend Public Service District, and one (1) copy and a digital submission to Region I Planning & Development Council no later than close of business Friday, May 5th, 2023.

Big Bend Public Service District

RFP Appraiser

P.O. Box 114

Talcott, West Virginia 24981

Region I Planning & Development Council

Attention: Courtney Neese, Project Manager

1439 E. Main St., Suite 5

Princeton, WV 24740

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Courtney Neese, Project Manager, at courtney@regiononepdc.org.

Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project may be undertaken through funding including but not limited to WV DEP CWSRF Loans and IJDC Soft Cost Grant.

All work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by the funding sources and the State of West Virginia appertaining thereto. The selected firm(s) will be required to comply with Executive Order 11246, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access of Records, Title VI and Section 109.

NOTICE

The **Summers County Commission** is accepting proposals for a **security officer** for the Summers County Courthouse.

The proposal needs to include contract rate for a uniformed, armed security officer who will patrol the courthouse, check and regulate pedestrian traffic inside the courthouse. The hours of coverage will include all days the courthouse is open to the public. The term of the contract will be for the period of one year (365 days).

Please send proposals to Summers County Commission, 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 203, Hinton, WV 25951. Proposals need to be submitted by the Summers County Commission by 4:30 p.m. on April 21, 2023.

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

Big Bend Public Service District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals. Big Bend Public Service District also reserves the right to negotiate the fee for services. Debra Bower, Chairwoman Big Bend Public Service District (12,19ap)

NOTICE

The Summers County Board of Education will hold a Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Budget of the Summers County Schools for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the purpose of hearing any person(s) wishing to speak regarding parts or all

of such budget. Proposed budget documents available for public inspection beginning April 7, 2023.

Date: April 18, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Summers County Central Office 418 Temple Street, Hinton, WV 25951 (12,19ap)



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EEO/M/F/Disabled/Vet Employer & a Drug-Free Workplace.

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
County of: Summers, West Virginia

In accordance with WV Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Summers County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

General Fund	Estimated Revenues
Fund Balance	\$ 559,994
Property Taxes Current year	2,514,396
Prior Year Taxes	191,403
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	68,675
Property Transfer Tax	154,008
Gas and Oil Severance Tax	44,712
Wine & Liquor Tax	2,328
Hotel Occupancy Tax	272,630
Miscellaneous Energy Tax (Coal Bed Methane)	4,919
Licenses	118
Building Permits	1,133
Federal Grants / Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	65,000
Sheriff's Service of Process	9,000
Sheriff's Earnings	7,933
County Clerk's Earnings	39,180
Circuit Clerk's Earnings	13,600
Prosecuting Attorney's Earnings	588
Accident Reports	528
Motor Vehicle License Fee	2,980
Map Sales	12
Parks & Recreation Fees	86,529
Rents & Concessions	26,400
Franchise Agreement	47,023
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	60,458
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	759
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement	16,516
Interest Earned	3,969
Miscellaneous Revenue	103,721
Gaming Income	42,022
Video Lottery	3,872
Refunds/Reimbursements (External Sources)	124,186
General School Reimbursements	36,235
Magistrate Court Reimbursements	4,448
Worthless Check Reimbursements	480
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund	75,488
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$ 4,585,243
Coal Severance Tax	Estimated Revenues
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 4,500
Coal Severance Tax	15,500

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
County Commission	\$ 237,902	\$ -
County Clerk	307,149	-
Circuit Clerk	208,324	-
Sheriff - Treasurer	311,604	-
Prosecuting Attorney	241,061	-
Assessor	288,486	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund	75,488	-
Statewide Computer Network	20,352	-
Fiduciary Supervisor	45,000	-
Agricultural Agent	9,000	-
Elections - County Clerk	88,480	-
Purchasing Department	425,000	20,000
Courthouse	370,394	-
Other Buildings	41,000	-
Regional Development Authority	12,000	-
Economic Development	15,750	-
County Clerk Operations	9,753	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,706,743	20,000

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
PUBLIC SAFETY	-	-
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	715,417	-
Sheriff - Service of Process	9,000	-
Regional Jail	320,000	-
Police Special Duty	96,334	-
Emergency Services	11,411	-
Flood Control	16,548	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,168,710	-
CULTURE AND RECREATION	-	-
Parks & Recreation	71,937	-
4 - H Camp	181,098	-
Visitor's Bureau	136,315	-
Library	6,000	-
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	395,350	-
CAPITAL PROJECTS	-	-
General Government	300,000	-
Courthouse	14,440	-
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	314,440	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,585,243	\$ 20,000

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year

SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

Certificate of Valuation	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	14.30	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 296,231,010	28.60	\$ 847,221
Personal Property	1,701,856		4,867
Total Class II	\$ 297,932,866		\$ 852,088
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 128,439,970	57.20	\$ 734,677
Personal Property	48,942,962		279,954
Public Utility	92,964,676		531,758
Total Class III	\$ 270,347,608		\$ 1,546,389
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 33,578,030	57.20	\$ 192,066
Personal Property	18,948,356		108,385
Public Utility	20,315,074		116,202
Total Class IV	\$ 72,841,460		\$ 416,653
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 641,121,934		\$ 2,815,130
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	7.00%		197,059
Less Tax Discounts	2.00%		52,361
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			2,565,710
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)	2.00%		51,314
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 2,514,396

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF SUMMERS

I, Lynn Reed, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 29TH DAY OF MARCH 2023.


(Signature)



Letter to the editor: Barbara Daniels

Barbara Daniels

West Virginians have dodged a bullet--for now. The WV Senate tabled a bill at the end of this session that would have allowed our industry-friendly Department of Environmental Protection--the agency who let the MCHM spill happen and who banscientists from recording radioactivity at frack sites--to oversee radioactive waste.

This matters because the nuclear industry has just persuaded WV to permit small nuclear reactors in this state.

Although the lobbyists claim small reactors gener-

ate less waste, Stanford and British Columbia University studies found that the volume of radioactive waste from small reactors will be 2 to 30 times morethan that of large reactors and that small reactors create more spent fuel per unit of energy produced.

Stored in pools and casks at reactor sites around the United States, spent fuel rods are accumulating at a rate of about 2,000 metric tonnes per year. Should there be a prolonged cooling interruption, the water in these pools can boil off, releasing radioactive particles into the atmo-

sphere. Further, for needed storage efficiency, US regulations risk nuclear criticality by permitting rod rearrangement.

Though such facilities are carbon-free, they would take over ten years to construct, but according to scientific consensus, climate change needs to be addressed immediately.

New research, however, suggests that the temperature of the Earth beneath West Virginia is capable of supporting commercial-scale, geothermal energy. EnterAdvanced Geothermal Systems,

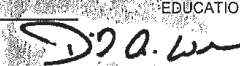
a new type of geothermal power using enclosed loops of horizontal wells in shallower rock. Only requiring temperatures of 150°F, AGS has no carbon footprint, no toxic emissions and supplies the essential 24/7 baseload missing from all other green energy technologies.

TheDept of Energy's Wells of Opportunity Initiative plans to convert abandoned gas and oil wells--of which there are thousands in West Virginia--to geothermalenergy as well - since most of the work has already been done.

Promoted by nuclear profiteers for 60 yearsyet still

heavily dependent on subsidies and the ability to influence governments, the industry continues to have radioactive waste challenges. Geothermal's clean, base-load, energy canthus win the day.

- Barbara Daniels

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES				
SUMMERS		COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION		
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024				
The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by SUMMERS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 14th day of March 2023:				
	Column E	Current Expense Levy		
	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	
Class I				
Personal Property	\$ -	19.40	\$ -	-
Public Utilities	-		-	-
Total Class I	-		-	-
Class II				
Real Estate	296,231,010	38.80	1,149,376	
Personal Property	1,701,856		6,603	
Total Class II	297,932,866		1,155,979	
Class III				
Real Estate	128,439,970	77.60	996,694	
Personal Property	48,942,962		379,797	
Public Utilities	92,964,676		721,406	
Total Class III	270,347,608		2,097,897	
Class IV				
Real Estate	33,578,030	77.60	260,566	
Personal Property	18,948,356		147,039	
Public Utilities	20,315,074		157,645	
Total Class IV	72,841,460		565,250	
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections		\$ 641,121,934	\$ 3,819,126	
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies		3.00%	(114,574)	
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts		2.00%	(74,091)	
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)			-	
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund			3,630,461	
Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		2.00%	(72,609)	
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected			\$ 3,557,852	
Note: Copies of all approved excess and/or bond levy orders and certified copies of the canvass of votes must be on file with the State Auditor's Office and the State Department of Education before excess or bond levy rates can be approved.				
SIGNED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH 2023, BY				
David Warvel		SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION		
				
		Signature		

WVDE 11-20-36 (Revised 3-10-15)

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APPENDIX A				
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON				
TARIFF FORM NO. 10 NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES BIG BEND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT CASE NO. 22-0979-PWD-19A				
On November 7, 2022, the Big Bend Public Service District filed a Rule 19A application to increase its water rates and charges and for emergency interim rates.				
The Staff of the Public Service Commission has reviewed the application and has recommended the Staff Recommended rates and charges. Staff Recommended rates are designed to produce \$55,053 annually, or 19.94%, in additional review over current rates. The current approved rates and Staff Recommended rates are as follows:				
	Current	Staff Recommended		
	Rates \$	Rates \$	Increase \$	Increase %
Usage Charge				
First 2,000 gallons used per month	11.05	13.35	2.30	20.81%
Next 4,000 gallons used per month	10.26	12.39	2.13	20.76%
Next 4,000 gallons used per month	8.42	10.17	1.75	20.78%
Next 15,000 gallons used per month	7.63	9.21	1.58	20.71%
Next 75,000 gallons used per month	7.24	8.74	1.50	20.72%
All over 100,000 gallons used per month	5.81	7.02	1.21	20.83%
Service Charge				
Minimum Bill				
5/8 inch meter	22.10	26.70	4.60	20.81%
3/4 inch meter	33.15	40.05	6.90	20.81%
1 inch meter	55.25	66.75	11.50	20.81%
1-1/2 inch meter	110.50	133.50	23.00	20.81%
2 inch meter	176.80	213.60	36.80	20.81%
3 inch meter	331.50	400.50	69.00	20.81%
4 inch meter	552.50	667.50	115.00	20.81%
6 inch meter	1,105.00	1,335.00	230.00	20.81%
Leak Adjustment per 1,000 gallons	0.89	1.45	0.56	62.92%
Private Fire Protection Service				
For Fire Hydrant (per year)	60.04	72.54	12.50	20.81%
For Sprinkler System (per year)	240.16	290.15	49.99	20.81%
Anyone desiring to review the Staff recommendation reports may do so on the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to protest the changed rates and charges must do so, in writing, within ten (10) days of the date of publication of this notice. All protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand-delivered to the Public Service Commission. To help the Commission determine the justification for additional review and investigation, protests must be specific as to reasons that the changed rates and charges should be modified.				
The Commission may adopt rates and charges which are the same as, greater than or less than the Staff-recommended rates and charges.				
BIG BEND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT				

CLASS III-o LEGAL
SUMMERS COUNTY LAND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of SUMMERS have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Memorial Bldg Auditorium on the 9th of May, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts of lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME	AMOUNT DUE
DESCRIPTION			DISTRICT	
2022-C-000002	2021	200	COCHRAN VIRGIL & EVELYN	
LOT 3, SEC. G, HOLLY GROVE			FOREST HILL	\$246.86
2022-C-000004	2021	584	LESTER GALE	
4.713 ACRES CEDAR BRANCH			FOREST HILL	\$718.65
2022-C-000005	2021	672	MEADOR RANDOLPH "LIFE"	
1 ACRE NEAR MARIE			FOREST HILL	\$182.02
2022-C-000007	2021	746	NIMICK MALCOLM & SALLY W/S	
32.729 ACS M/L			FOREST HILL	\$4,030.41
2022-C-000008	2021	782	PITZER STEPHEN & AMY W/S	
LOT 110X170X300, FOREST HILL			FOREST HILL	\$1,239.02
2022-C-000009	2021	988	TOMPKINS JOE & DORIS W/S	
LOT A6, CHEROKEE STRIP			FOREST HILL	\$203.22
2022-C-000010	2021	989	TOMPKINS JOE R & DORIS J	
LOT 4 SEC A			FOREST HILL	\$203.22
2022-C-000011	2021	990	TOMPKINS JOE R & DORIS J	
LOT 5 SEC A			FOREST HILL	\$415.15
2022-C-000013	2021	1079	WHITMORE CHARLES & MARY W/S	
LOT E-6, CHEROKEE STRIP			FOREST HILL	\$245.97
2022-C-000014	2021	1145	WRONKE K L	
TRACT C OR 0.99 A.			FOREST HILL	\$364.20
2022-C-000015	2021	1152	YEAGER CHARLOTTE	
LOT E-7 60 X 90 SURFACE			FOREST HILL	\$206.39
2022-C-000018	2021	1932	MADDY JESSE LESTER & ADA ANN GREENBRIER	\$205.36
PT LOT 13 & 5 FT OF 12			MEADOR ZELLA	
2022-C-000019	2021	2006	GREENBRIER	\$247.77
LOT GREENBRIER RIVER			BALLENGEE VIRGINIA	
2022-C-000022	2021	2694	GREEN SULPHUR	\$175.27
1 LOT NEW RIVER HILLS			BRAGG J G & ETALS	
2022-C-000024	2021	2905	"ESTATE"	
11 ACRES AND 47 POLES			GREEN SULPHUR	\$284.48
2022-C-000025	2021	3257	EVANS ERIC G	
16 ACRES			GREEN SULPHUR	\$875.62
2022-C-000027	2021	3477	HARLESS LILLIAN FAYE	
0.33 ACRES			GREEN SULPHUR	\$1,698.31
2022-C-000030	2021	3733	LIVESAY WILLIAM ROGER & RUTH W/S	
17 1/2ACRES M/L			GREEN SULPHUR	\$949.09
2022-C-000031	2021	3744	LUCAS CHRISTINE A	
2 ACRES, NEW RIVER HILLS			GREEN SULPHUR	\$399.76


CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME	AMOUNT DUE
DESCRIPTION			DISTRICT	
2022-C-000033	2021	3949	81 ACRES 55 POLES	
2022-C-000034	2021	3950	58 ACRES 105 POLES	
2022-C-000035	2021	4145	1 AC & 2ND HOUSE	
2022-C-000040	2021	4675	1 LOT 26500 SQ FT	
2022-C-000041	2021	5153	CONSD: 11/11 & 11/12	
2022-C-000042	2021	5285	1 LOT LOWER END OF POND STORE	
2022-C-000043	2021	5319	BLOCK 9 LOT 260 MAIN STREET	
2022-C-000044	2021	5320	BLOCK 88 LOT 272	
2022-C-000045	2021	5329	BLOCK 3 PART OF LOT 6	
2022-C-000048	2021	5496	BLOCK 9 LOTS 5-6-7-8	
2022-C-000049	2021	5643	STRIP MAIN STREET	
2022-C-000050	2021	5644	PART LOT 79	
2022-C-000051	2021	6045	1 LOT HERMAN ST	
2022-C-000052	2021	6480	BLOCK 7 LOT 5	
2022-C-000053	2021	6481	BLOCK 7 LOT 6	
2022-C-000056	2021	6825	PART LOT 38	
2022-C-000057	2021	6826	2 LOTS 36-37	
2022-C-000058	2021	7325	6.13 ACRES BIG BLUESTONE	
2022-C-000059	2021	7653	7.95 ACRES	
2022-C-000062	2021	7717	EASTERN AMERICAN ENERGY CORP	
2022-C-000063	2021	7864	121 ACRES MT CREEK	
2022-C-000064	2021	8128	7.844 ACRES FLAT TOP MOUNTAIN	
2022-C-000070	2021	8584	6.13 ACRES BIG BLUESTONE	
2022-C-000071	2021	8618	7.95 ACRES	
2022-C-000072	2021	9475	LOT 8-COOPER S D	
2022-C-000073	2021	9571	6.32 ACRES JUMPING BRANCH	
2022-C-000074	2021	9572	195.20 ACRES WHITE OAK	
2022-C-000075	2021	10540	LOT 30 "SURF"	
2022-C-000076	2021	10541	LOT 31	
2022-C-000077	2021	10542	LOT 32	
2022-C-000078	2021	10543	LOT 33, HOUSE TRAILER	
2022-C-000079	2021	10544	LOT 34, H.T.	
2022-C-000080	2021	10545	LOT 38 H.T.	

NAME	AMOUNT DUE
DISTRICT	
NELSON LAURA K	\$154.36
GREEN SULPHUR	
NELSON LAURA K	\$154.36
GREEN SULPHUR	\$1,174.54
RICHMOND RUTH CAROL	
GREEN SULPHUR	\$704.95
WILKINSON ISAAC	
GREEN SULPHUR	\$3,335.36
BAKER AMANDA JEAN	
HINTON CORP	\$841.63
BROWN MICHAEL A	
HINTON CORP	\$1,139.90
CALES JAMES E II & MICHELLE L	
HINTON CORP	\$875.40
CALES JAMES EDWARD II	
HINTON CORP	\$1,196.24
CALES MARK	
HINTON CORP	\$333.30
DUNCAN DONNA & BONNIE DILLEY	
LISA KLEINTOP	
HINTON CORP	\$267.67
GARCIA BRENDA	
HINTON CORP	\$186.95
GARCIA BRENDA	\$1,590.44
HINTON CORP	\$279.39
MARTIN MARVIN & MARGARET W/S	
HINTON CORP	\$434.98
PROFESSIONAL HOUSING & LAND LL	
HINTON CORP	\$467.02
PROFESSIONAL HOUSING & LAND LL	
HINTON CORP	\$662.23
WHITT ROBERT D & DREMA G	
HINTON CORP	\$333.30
WHITT ROBERT D & DREMA G	
HINTON CORP	\$1,365.60
ANDERSON TYLER & JEFFREY	
JUMPING BRANCH	
BRENTMOORE LLC	\$286.49
JUMPING BRANCH	
CARR GERALD WAYNE JR	\$194.91
JUMPING BRANCH	
COSTOMICIS WILLIAM T	\$190.64
JUMPING BRANCH	
CROOK RUSSELL & BARBARA	\$154.36
JUMPING BRANCH	
DECK O A & NAOMI HILL	\$194.16
JUMPING BRANCH	
FIRST STATE BANK	\$664.25
JUMPING BRANCH	
LATTA WARD H	\$235.19
JUMPING BRANCH	
LILLY BARBARA A	\$446.21
JUMPING BRANCH	
STENNETT TOMMY W	\$1,577.22
JUMPING BRANCH	
TODD BERTHA EST	
1/2 INST (MINS)	\$154.36
JUMPING BRANCH	
TODD BERTHA EST	\$171.93
1/2 INST (MINS)	\$390.03
JUMPING BRANCH	
GARCIA BRENDA	\$322.42
PIPESTEM	
GARCIA BRENDA	\$160.84
PIPESTEM	
GARCIA BRENDA	\$331.02
PIPESTEM	
GARCIA BRENDA	\$170.38
PIPESTEM	
GARCIA BRENDA	\$223.53
PIPESTEM	

CERT #	DESCRIPTION	SOLD	TICKET
2022-C-000081	LOT 39 H.T.	2021	10546
2022-C-000082	LOT 35 "SURF" PIPESTEM WATERS	2021	10547
2022-C-000083	LOT 36 "SURF"	2021	10548
2022-C-000084	LOT 37	2021	10549
2022-C-000085	LOT 9 LILLY S/D H.T.	2021	10550
2022-C-000090	LOT CASHERS HILL 70X200, OLD	2021	10626
2022-C-000091	CONSD: 16A/17 & 16 & 18 & 174	2021	10715
2022-C-000093	2.70 ACRES M/L	2021	11464
2022-C-000098	0.647 ACRES	2021	12697
2022-C-000099	0.278 ACRES	2021	12698
2022-C-000101	1 LOT TALCOTT & 1 LOT 1 ACRE	2021	12828
2022-C-000103		2021	12869
	.60 ACRES		
2022-C-000107	LOT # 3	2021	13317
2022-C-000108	2 LOTS 4 & 5 RE-SURVEY	2021	13318
2022-C-000109	1.432 ACRE GREENBRIER RIVER	2021	13320
2022-C-000110	5.04 ACRES GREENBRIER WATERS	2021	13386
2022-C-000111	INT IN ISLAND	2021	13387
2022-C-000112		2021	13749
2022-C-000113	21.11 ACRES	2021	13811
2022-C-000114	DIV	2021	13814
2022-C-000116	GREENBRIER RIVER	2021	14892
2022-C-000117	W/S	2021	14945
2022-C-000118	W/S	2021	14946
2022-C-000121	GREENBRIER RIVER	2021	15131
2022-C-000122	1/2 LOT 8	2021	15223

Any of the aforesaid tract by any person entitled to pay time prior to the sale by payor of the total amount of thereon up to date of redemption or waste and unduly be redeemed. Payments made close of business the day prior to the sale.

Given under my hands this 14th day of May 2022.



G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of D
and Nonentered lands of
SUMMERS County



A Peek into Summers County Past: Riverside Rest survey map



An original Riverside Rest survey map from 1950. Photo provided by William Jones.

Rebecca Stalnaker
and William Jones

RIVERSIDE REST, (Hinton News) - It is time for another edition of A Peek into Summers County's Past. Each week, local history collector William Jones provides information on and photos of items in his collection. This week, Jones presents a survey map of Riverside Rest from 1950.

Where a small community now sits was once open farmland. Jones said, "Like so many small communities in Summers County, Riverside Rest, WV started as a large area of farmland. This farmland was purchased by S. D. Burnett. In 1950, he had it surveyed by C.J. Lilly, Surveyor in Hinton, and broken up into 253 lots, one tract consisting of 1.83 acres with a large fish

pond. He then commenced selling the lots of what would soon become the community of Riverside Rest."

Jones procured the survey map from a dear friend. The friend's parents owned some of the lots created by S.D. Burnett. He stated, "I purchased this original 1950 survey map of when Mr. Burnett first started selling off the lots for his newly created community from my good friend John 'Chub' Clay's estate auction. 'Chubby' as his friends had always called him, passed away in 2014. He was a 'chubby' child, and that nickname just stuck with him for 80 years. His parents, John and Lucille Clay, purchased six of the 50 ft by 150 ft lots and the fish pond in 1950."

According to Jones, the Clays erected a structure to serve as a convenience store with living quarters on the upper floor. He said, "They built a unique Tudor-style structure that was meant to be a convenience store with living quarters in the second story. They operated the store for several years and had intentions of adding their 'house' to the left of the building, but that plan never came to fruition. Chubby, his father John, and his mother Loucil were all engaged in antique furniture restoration. During their time, they had built up a very successful restoration business that ran in conjunction with their store. It is what would now be referred to as their 'side hustle'."

Additionally, the Clay family were experts in furniture restoration. Speaking about the family, Jones said, "Chubby and John were the local experts in regards to stripping and restoring antique furniture, to replicating missing or broken pieces. Loucil restored the broken wicker and cane in a piece of furniture. If she replaced one cane seat, she did hundreds of them. The Clays were the go to people for the local citizens and the local auctioneers who dealt in antique furniture when they needed something restored or repaired."

Friends are the cornerstone of our lives, and the same is true for the friendship between Jones and Chubby.

"Chubby is one of my friends that got me so deeply into local history and antiques. My great, great aunt and uncle, Tom and Georgia Harrah, also purchased nine lots from Mr. Burnett in 1950," Jones said. "They moved to what had recently become Riverside Rest from White Sulphur Springs, where they had owned and operated a convenience store of their own. They became good friends with the Clays since they were all engaged in similar business and were some of the original residents

of the community."

Multiple businesses arose after the formation of the community. The list included an individual known for his gift at "well witching." Jones noted, "Riverside Rest had numerous other businesses in its day. Smiths Junkyard started as a body shop. Lacy Rowan Honaker, Red as the locals knew him, started Honaker Well Drilling in the community's early days. Red had the gift of performing 'well witching'. The practice of locating water underground by using a forked stick. Current experts refer to well witching as pseudoscience. They say this because they believe it is mistakenly thought to have scientific backing. All I can say about the practice of witching is that as a child, I saw it performed numerous times, and it worked each time. There were numerous other businesses throughout the 70-plus years since the community was founded."

Finally, Jones has a little-known fact about the area to share. He said, "One final interesting aspect involving Riverside Rest that

is unknown by most people currently living, is the spring that comes down the side of the hill going towards Alderson. There is a stone wall and parking spot near the spring. The state of West Virginia built these stone structures at springs throughout the state along main roads in the days of the Model T. This was because cars would easily overheat. Especially when driving around the state on the curvy and mountainous terrain with no way of putting water back in your radiator. So the state utilized these random springs around the state and created a spot where you could pull off the road and do so if your car overheated."

This brings us to the end of another edition of A Peek into Summers County's Past. Be sure to check back next week for more on the local history.

If you have a story from Summers County's past that you would like to share, send an email to news@hinton-news.com.

Blessing of the Animals on April 22

HINTON, (Hinton News) - As we share this earth with many things, animals have always been a blessing for us. They provide us with food. They help us do our work. They provide balance to the earth.

Perhaps the way we appreciate animals the most is through our pets. Pets give us love, companionship and joy.

To celebrate and honor that relationship, there will be a Blessing of the Animals in Bellepoint Park on April 22 at 2 p.m. behind the shelter. All animals are welcome! Bring your cats and dogs, your gerbils and your birds, your goats and horses! Animals will need to be in a cage or on a leash.

Animals will be prayed for and blessed. As will

their owners. Animals will receive a St Francis medalion to wear around their neck.

This blessing will be part of the Earth Day celebration held at Bellepoint

Park on Saturday afternoon from 1 to 3, with the pet blessing at 2 p.m. It is sponsored by Summers County Huddle and Ascension Episcopal Church. All are welcome!

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