



Firefighters battle brush fire amid burn ban

Rebecca Stalnaker

JUMPING BRANCH, (Hinton News) - Firefighters from five departments in Summers and Raleigh counties, along with multiple responders from the WV Division of Forestry, battled a brush fire around nine hours on Tuesday, April 18. The call went out in the early afternoon for a brush fire in the area of Will Dodd Road in Jumping Branch. Crews continued to fight the multiple-acre fire until late in the evening.

The previous day, Governor Justice issued a proclamation banning outdoor burning due to weather conditions exponentially increasing the risk of brush and forest fires.

According to responding firefighters, the cause of the brush fire is under investigation. Hinton News will keep you updated when more information becomes available.

Concord University presents: Wrestling in the Valley

ATHENS, W.Va. – Students in several classes at Concord University are teaming up with Premier Wrestling and CU’s President’s Office to host Wrestling in the Valley on April 26!

The event, featuring wrestling greats such as Jeff James, will take place behind the Jean and Jerry L. Beasley Student Center in “the valley” from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Admission is free, and the public is welcome to attend. All seating will be on the lawn, so attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair to enjoy the outdoor entertainment.

In the event of uncooperative weather, the event will be moved to the Student Center ballroom, located on the third floor.

“This is the ultimate hands-on group project,” says Dr. Susan Williams, professor of marketing. “Advertising and promotion students work with graphic design students to develop all aspects of the event.”

This is the second year that students are bringing Premier Wrestling to Concord. Last year, it was one of the highest-attended events on campus, loved by students and community members.

Summers County LEPC to hold meeting

HINTON, (Hinton News) - The Summers County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 3 in the Roosevelt Room in the Memorial Building. The public is welcome to come and discuss thoughts or concerns at 6 p.m.

For more information send an email to lepc@summers-county.wv.gov

Bobcats defeat Montcalm Generals in blowout win; C. Jones goes yard

Lawson Jones

HINTON, (Hinton News) - Summers County Baseball crushed Montcalm 25-6 on Wednesday night in Hinton.

The Bobcats got things started early when their first batter Ben Lane tripled and scored on an error in the first inning.

Summers County had an even more successful second inning. They scored nineteen runs thanks to RBIs by Lane, Brandan Isaac, Ryan Oliveros, Colten Jones, Devin Mansfield, Peyton Miller, Robey Brown, and Matthew Cox made mound appearances for the Bobcats.

ten Jones’ grand slam, which came one night after his teammate Xander Hudgins knocked one over the same fence. The Bobcats racked up seventeen team hits. Ryan Oliveros led with three. Peyton Miller, Lane, Isaac, Davis, Jones, and Boone each had two hits. John Williams and Hudgins had one each.

Summers County stole two bases on the night. Isaac and Oliveros were each responsible for one.



Colton Jones playing the field. Photo by Lawson Jones

In the landslide victory, Summers County coaches made sure each player entered the game at some point. Beckley Christian on the road Thursday night.

Summers County teacher participating in statewide network leading innovative mathematics teaching improvement effort

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – For the past year, Ellen Holt, a mathematics teacher at Summers County Comprehensive High School, has taken part in the statewide “Mountain-eer Mathematics Master Teachers” (M3T) improvement network after being named a member of the third cohort of “M3T Fellows” last spring. The M3T project network began in 2020 thanks to a six-year, \$3 million grant to West Virginia University from the National Science Foundation’s Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, supported by additional grants from the West Virginia Department of Education. The M3T project builds on previous efforts to support secondary mathematics teacher leadership and instructional improvement across West Virginia, which started in Pocahontas County more than a decade ago.

“Having other teachers from around the state to work with, to share ideas with, to try new things with, is so empowering!”,

Summers County Schools.

“M3T has brought high level learning opportunities for our students. Students have applied their skills in unique and creative ways,” said Adam Coon, Personnel Director for Summers County Schools.

“This has enhanced the level of instruction at our school. We hope the effect of the program continues to grow.” Al Hudgins, Principal of Summers County Comprehensive High School, said, “M3T gives teachers the opportunity to work collaboratively with high-quality educators throughout the state. Collaboration results in more in-depth and engaging lessons that impact our kids in a positive way.”

“Ms. Ellen Holt has embraced the collaborative work of the M3T,” said Renae Jones, Curriculum Director for Summers County Schools. “It has been a pleasure to observe Ms. Holt collaborating with her colleagues as a teacher leader. She also provides a high depth of knowledge

learning activities for her students. Students in her classroom are empowered to think critically and to work hard, which increases engagement and achievement.”

Holt has worked collaboratively with other M3T Fellows over the past year to address students not communicating their reasoning when solving problems in their mathematics classrooms. Guided by the M3T network’s approach to improvement, Holt has tested the use of Harvard University’s Contrasting Cases, which increased student reasoning and communication during the problem-solving process. As a result of the connections formed through her work with M3T, Holt has worked to expand club offerings at the school, starting a Gardening Club as well as a VEX Robotics team with Summers County colleague Marlena Gill. Holt is also planning to begin the National Board Certification process next school year.

Holt has shared their ideas with other mathematics educators across the state—both on M3T network calls as well as through a poster presentation at the annual conference of the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics, held in March. In addition, Holt presented a session on using Vernier Go!Motion sensors, Sphero robots and TI Innovator Rovers alongside M3T colleague and WVCTM Teacher of the Year Michael Harshbarger from Cabell County Schools.

In addition to their classroom improvement work, Holt and other M3T Fellows are currently working to develop deeper understandings of topics related to data and statistics, as relatively new—though vital—content expectations in middle and high school mathematics classrooms. Fellows will share these and other takeaways from the year at the M3T Summer Institute, being held in June in Morgantown. The network will be sharing reports on progress made with educators across the state starting in the fall.

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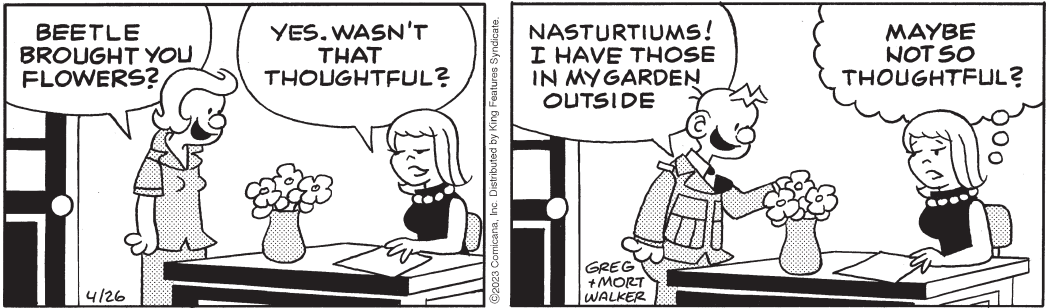
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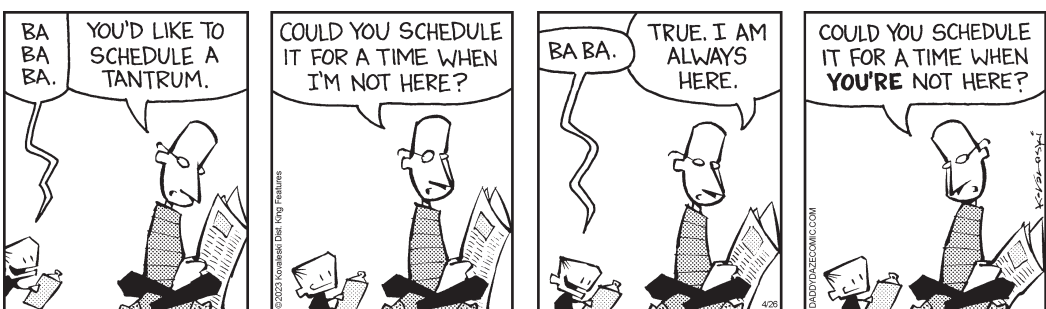
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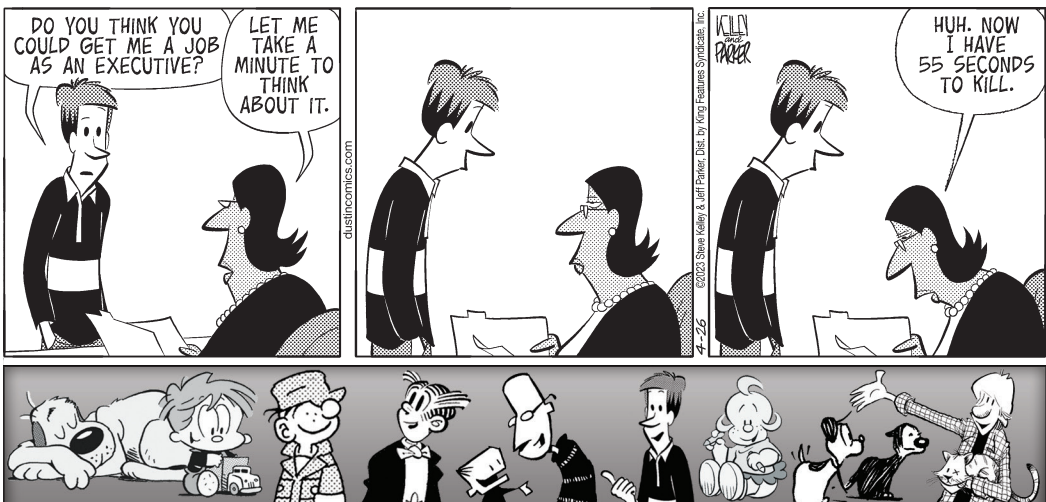
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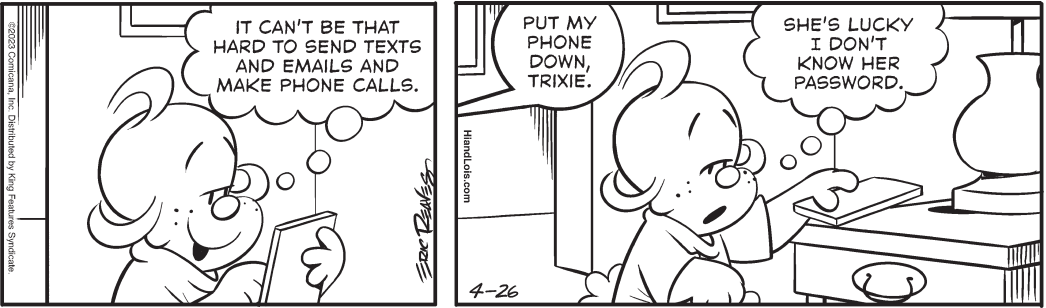
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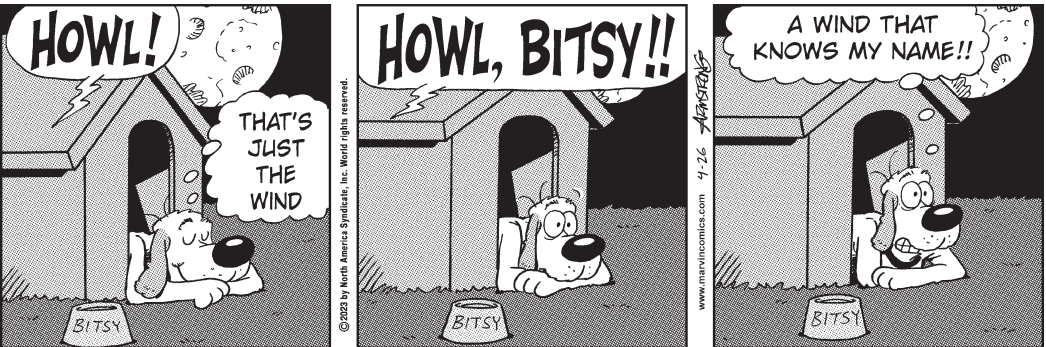
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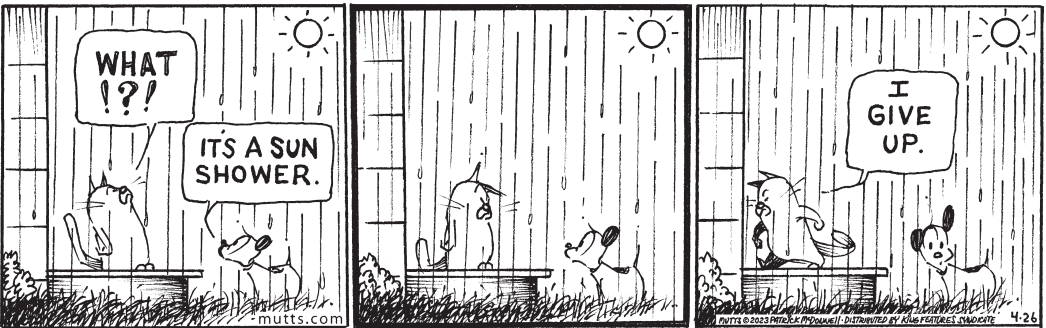
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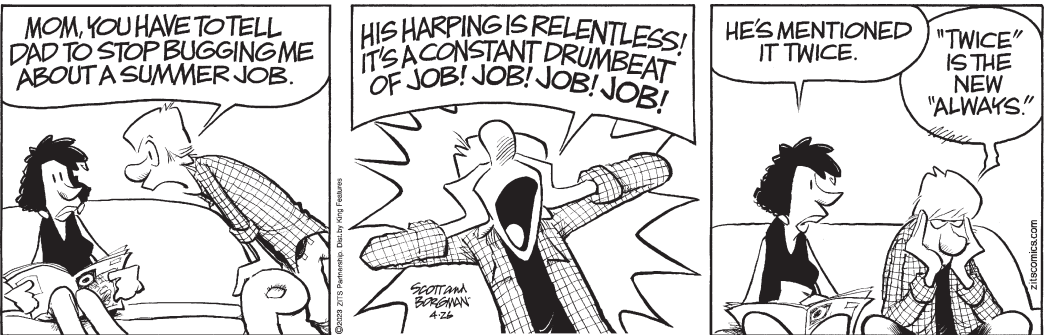
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions after 7:30 p.m. EDT today (4:30 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Cancer into Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 26, 2023:

You are an efficient self-starter. You plan carefully because you like to be prepared. This is a year of new beginnings, adventures and major changes in your life. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities. Be prepared to take on a leadership role.

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★ An unexpected surprise will please you today. This might come from a family member, or it might be a pleasant change that affects your home or possibly your entire family. It will make you feel good. Whatever occurs might inspire you in some way. Tonight: Sympathetic discussions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

4★ This is a feel-good day. This is why you're happy to schmooze with others. It's easy to be generous to people with your time, your advice and your wealth. You feel idealistic about a friend, which is

why you might impulsively do something to help them. Expect a detour to your day. Tonight: Daydreams.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

4★ Something unexpected might make you feel physically enriched today. A gift might come your way or an opportunity to boost your earnings. Someone in a position of authority might be sympathetic and do a favor for you. It could be anything. Keep your eyes open! Tonight: A tempting extravagance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

4★ This is a strong day for you because the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter, Neptune and Uranus.

Sudden opportunities to travel might land in your lap. You might make a great impression on bosses and authority types. A friend might surprise you. Tonight: You're idealistic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

3★ Although you're high-viz, today is another day when you will be happy to play things low-key. Nevertheless, you'll feel fortunate, especially because opportunities to travel or expand your world exist. Bosses, parents and authority figures might suddenly praise you. Good things will come your way! Tonight: Sweet solitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

4★ This is a great day to schmooze with friends or members of groups, especially charitable or nonprofit organizations. Your idealism is aroused, and you are feeling generous. Because of this, you might be able to raise money, or you might donate money. Possibly, someone will be generous to you. Tonight: Friendly admiration.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

4★ You make a marvelous impression on others today, in part because they see that you are kind and sympathetic. You

also might have an opportunity to be generous to someone in need. (True generosity is giving what is needed.) And, of course, what goes around comes around. Tonight: Generosity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

4★ Do something different today. Be bold in your aspirations. Sudden opportunities to travel might materialize. Or you might financially benefit someone far away, or possibly someone will benefit you. It's definitely a lucky day for someone. Tonight: Fantasies and dreams.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

3★ You have financial advantages today, which is why you need to be ready to accept favors that come your way. You might even receive cash or a gift. It's the perfect day to ask for a loan or a mortgage. You also might enjoy a vacation or a fun social occasion. Tonight: Be practical.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

4★ Although you might have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today, something unexpected and pleasant might delight you. It could relate to an unexpected opportunity to socialize -- a fun

invitation to sports events or fun outings with kids. Tonight: Warm discussions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

3★ Something unexpected but pleasant and related to your job will please you today. It could be good news. It might be praise from others. It might be a bonus. For some, this positive surprise could be health-related or possibly related to a pet. You'll be happy! Tonight: Help someone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

4★ Romance is full of fantasies, daydreams and surprises today. Likewise, unexpected social occasions might please you. (Be dressed and ready to go.) Finances are favored. Daily plans will change. This is a day full of exciting possibilities that might come your way! Tonight: You're creative.

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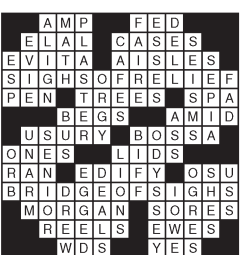
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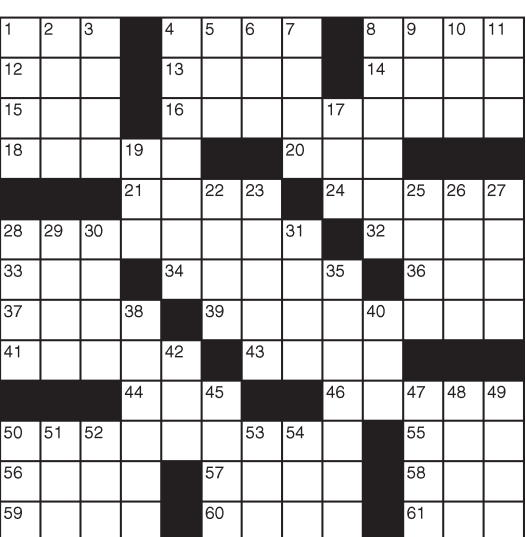
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 - Chemical suffix
 - Turkish title
 - Numerical prefix
 - "Dig in!"

Solution time: 23 mins.



Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)



THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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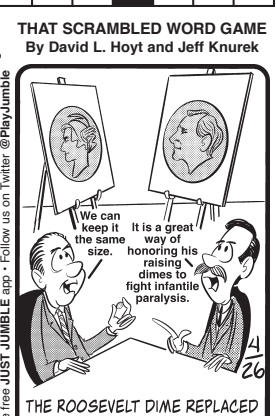
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(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answer

Jumbles: FRUIT LOUSY SOCIAL TARIFF

Answer: The manufacturing plant was in full operation, and everything was — SATISFACTORY



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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

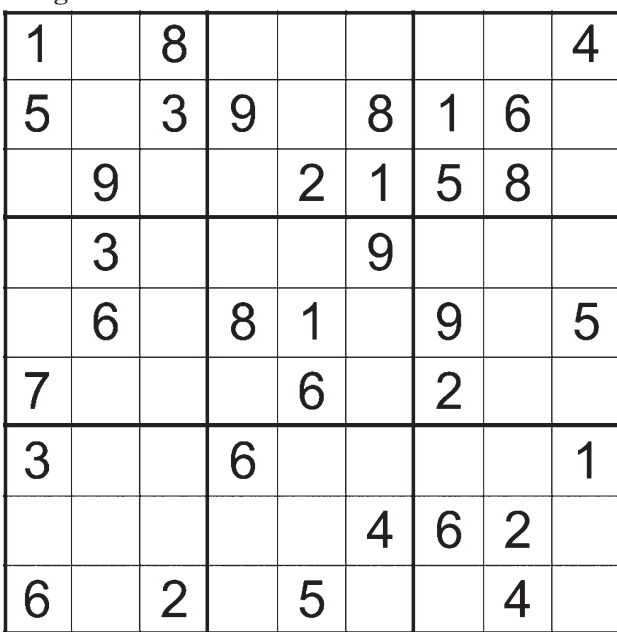
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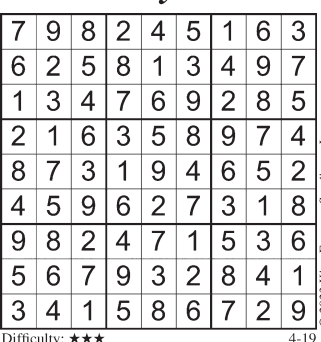


Difficulty: ★★★

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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:



Difficulty: ★★★

4-19



Letter to the editor: Linda Emrich

Linda Emrich

Upon reading about the ‘House Resolution 1 Amendment’, pushing for the completion of the Mountain Valley Pipeline upon us by U.S. Representative Carol Miller, I was most struck by her very poor opinion of the Federal Administration’s efforts to address Climate Change and her dismissal of the policy statement made by the White House Office of Management and Budget “This administration is making unprecedented progress in protecting America’s energy security and reducing energy costs for Americans - in their homes and at the pump. H.R. 1 would do just the opposite, replacing pro-consumer policies with a thinly veiled license to pollute... Instead of protecting American consumers, it would pad oil and gas company profits-already at record levels- and undercut our public health and environment.” (Register Herald, March 28, 2023). U.S. Rep. Miller accuses the Fourth Circuit Court of being a left-wing, radical court and she attempts to create factions by debasing the validity of said court’s decision, intent and jurisdiction.” My amendment...implements a necessary check on the liberal court who wants to stop energy production.” (H.R. 1) “seeks to increase domestic production, reform the permitting process, reverse Biden’s (clean energy) anti-energy agenda, streamline energy exports and boost production and processing of domestic critical minerals.” Early on in the newspaper article Rep. Miller is quoted as saying “All gas from the Mountain Valley Pipeline will supply domestic energy markets...” President Biden vows to veto her version of the bill, a veto that I will applaud and support.

In 2014, when Equitrans Midstream, Next Era Energy was holding public meetings, inviting local citizens to see where the Mountain Valley Pipeline proposed route would be in proximity to our homes and farms, also to find out who would sell their property to the mega-corporation for the MVP project, then we were told that the high pressure in the pipe would make it a natural gas transportation and storage 42” 330 mile pipeline that, due to the pressure, could not give access for providing gas to local communities. Where the planned MVP route included crossing private property that the owners refused to sell to Equitrans Midstream, the corporation hired lawyers to intimidate and sue local citizens, then used Eminent Domain to obtain a right of way from those who stood their ground. There were many squelched protests and local citizens arrested for laying their bodies in the path of the corporate machinery to protest this very unpopular debacle of a project. For 932 days, trees on the Appalachian Trail in the path of the MVP

were occupied by protesters on Peters Mountain, one of, if not the most pristine water table in the world, to protect our life supporting habitat from the pollution and devastation of the proposed project, until the Trinity Co. (company workers from Texas) cut the trees out from under these brave young citizens and arrested them on Trumped-up charges. What is it all for? Energy security? The City Empires of the Earths corporate culture’s unlimited greed for more, more, more electricity in an attempt to depend on this environmentally unsustainable fossil fuel technology? Regardless of the claims that the project is almost completed or less than 55% completed, the pipe that remains to be put in place is on the steepest slopes where steam shovels and bulldozers rolled over and down onto the private property of organic farmers and other citizens. Most of the gas pipeline explosions and oil pipeline leaks occur when the weight of the dirt and rock from surface erosion settles on the pipe and breaks the weldh. Our mountains are not at all conducive to these enormous pipeline projects and the smart money would quit now and put the already laid pipe to a better use, possibly the utilities trunk line for residential mountain estates would better serve our living communities. Since the U.S.Supreme Court passed “Citizens United” of 2010, giving corporations a “voice” in our USA political campaigns by throwing as much money as they want to the candidate of corporate choice, we now find that the United States of America has the best government that big corporate money can buy. “Of the 535 members of the US Senate and House, the #1 recipient of oil and gas campaign cash is West Virginia’s Joe Marchin Among his largest donors is Next Era, the lead operative pushing the Moutain Valley Pipeline.” (Hightower/ Lowdown Oct/Nov. 2022) This year the WV State stature has a punean Super Majority of 31 R Senators to 3 Democrat. In the beginning of the 2023 West Virginia State Legiate Session, realieing they had an 80% majority, the WV Senate acted in case of urgency and s 23 B into linw, hours before they were even posted and with no committee or public review. Furthermore, at the end of the session on March 10, 2023, minutes before the Legislative Session elided, many bills were pushed through into law as the proper procedures outlined in the W.V. State Constitution were tossed aside, for whose urgency? When WV. Senator Robert Karnes (R-Randolph Co.) voiced his protest of the proceedings he was removed by the Sergeant at Arms for being disruptive. Rep. Carol Miller calls the Fourth Circuit Court “radical”, so while we are defining terms by personally

judging actions to make accusations, let us take a quick look at the U.S. Supreme Court, a supposedly unbiased judiciary, that currently has 6 Judges who are actively involved with the Federalist Society (FedSoc), (Hightower/Lowdown May. 2022). The news is just full of stories about, for instance, First Energy being sued by the State of Ohio, WV Governor Jim Justice’s private corporation being sued by an overseas corporation for not delivering coal as contracted. Is this what is meant by “energy security”? I took my energy security leto my own hands and had Mountaineer Gas shut off my service after 2 rate hikes and now an added on ‘pipeline fee’. Rep. Miller’s last words in the Register Herald article are “When we produce energy here, domestic energy costs get lowered and the ability to export energey to our allies increases. Yes, the MVP will streamline our energy exports but not having the pipeline in place has not stopped the “production and processing of domestic critical minerals” at all. When I see the three-mile-long trains of coal cars and natural gas tank cars going through my 150-year-old railroad city, many times a day and on through the night, I see that West Virginia is another natural resources sacrifice state. When the frackers approached us to sell them our family farm in Oklahoma, we thought that our cousins would want to stay so we didn’t make the deal until after our mother died, then we found out that the area was now nothing but sinkholes and earthquakes. Our family was very happy to get out of there and the fossil fuel corporations were most obliging in making the legal arrangements to buy the land from us. I feel very blessed to have spent the last 44 years of my life in Summers County, WV. I plan to stand up to protect and preserve our naturally regenerating, life-supporting habitats for as long as there is breath in my body.

Community Obituaries



James “Jim” Ormond Leitch

James “Jim” Ormond Leitch, of Lowell, Summers County, WV, died on April 9, 2023. He was born on August 14, 1928, in Martins Ferry, OH, to James Kensley Leitch and Helen Kyle Leitch. Jim was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Sally Leitch; and daughter, Rebecca Leitch-Hunt.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Marcia Brandt Leitch; children, Paula Leitch, Helen Saltzgiver, James Leitch, and Anne Weisensale; grandchildren, Kyle and Kensley McKercher, Eric Houskeeper, Izetta Britton, Mary and George Saltzgiver, Michaela Leitch, Hannah Boyd-Thomas, and Henry, Emmett, Otto, and Walter Pagel; great-grandchildren, Eleanor, Jack, Lucy, and Oliver Britton, and Elias and Madelyn Boyd-Thomas; sisters, Mary Martsolf and Helen (Pidge) Diehl; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and their families.

In 1933, Jim’s family moved from Martins Ferry to Steubenville, OH. They lived there until moving in 1942 to Indiana, PA, where he graduated high school in 1946. He then attended Muskingum College in Ohio, a Presbyterian school, where many of his ancestors were educated, and graduated in 1950, prepared for a career in medicine. However, he received the call from God to the ministry, and attended Pittsburgh-Xenia Theologi-

cal Seminary (now Pittsburgh Theological Seminary), from which he graduated in 1953. Jim died one week prior to attending his 70th reunion from the seminary.

In October 1952, the Big Spring United Presbyterian Church in Newville, PA, called Jim to be the student supply pastor until his graduation in May 1953. He was then ordained and installed as the pastor of the church. The congregation co-hosted the United Presbyterian Church of North America General Assembly meeting in June 1953, where Jim officiated at his first communion service.

Jim and Sally Lee Gilbert were married June 17, 1953.

The Leitchs answered a call to camp ministry at Camp Fairfield in Ligonier, PA, in 1955. When the camp closed in 1976, he accepted a call to the Clearwater Forest Presbyterian Camp in Deerwood, MN. During his camp ministry years, he also served as pastor on a regular basis in area congregations, and in 1981, Jim transitioned from camp ministry to pastoring the Crosby-Ironton Presbyterian Church in Crosby, MN. It was during this time Jim’s wife, Sally, passed away, and also where Jim met his second wife, Marcia Lee Brandt, as she was called to serve the church as Director of Christian Education. Jim and Marcia married

in September 14, 1985. Jim also served the Troy Presbyterian Church in Troy, KY, from 1987 until his retirement in 1993.

Upon retirement, Jim and Marcia began their new life creating a wonderful home they call “Dayspring,” in Lowell, WV. Jim poured his love of the earth, creativity, skills, and energy into finishing the log home and developing the property into the gorgeous place it is today. His creativity never stopped coming up with new ideas, most recently a paved path from the driveway to the pond level, with a fire pit along the way, so he would have access to the pond level with his power chair. Dayspring is an illustration of the special bond that Jim and Marcia shared.

Jim’s memorial service is 2 p.m., Saturday, April 22, at the Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg, WV. The Reverend Jeff Binder will be officiating. A reception will follow at the church.

Memorials preferred to Huntington’s Disease Foundation, www.hdsa.org; Old Stone Presbyterian Church; or Bluestone Camp and Conference Center, bluestonecamp.org.

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QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Hinton is in the process of obtaining qualifications from engineering and/or architectural firms. The selected firm(s) will be procured to assist with the planning and implementation of a riverfront park at Hinton Landing. The proposed park will include new recreational, retail, dining, and housing components. The selected architect/engineer will also assist in construction administration and provide design services for the park.

Professional services for the activity funded include: (1) Preliminary environmental and design; (2) Final design; (3) Construction in accordance with all State, Federal and Local regulations that pertain to the proposed project; (4) Preparation of bidding and contracting documents; (5) Participation in the evaluation of bids received; (6) Monitor and inspect construction activities on a periodic basis to ensure compliance

with plans and specifications; (7) Preparation and delivery of final “As Built” drawings and data in GIS format (shapefile, geodatabase, etc.) with data georeferenced to and assigned real-world coordinates and accompanied by comprehensive descriptive metadata.

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

Please submit one (1) original, three (3) copies, and one (1) digital format submission of all requested information to the City of Hinton, and one (1) copy, and (one) digital format submission to Region I Planning & Development Council, no later than close of business on Friday, May 12, 2023. It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure the receipt of the proposal by the date and time specified.

City of Hinton
RFQ – Hinton Landing Park

322 Summers Street
Hinton, West Virginia 25951
Region I Planning & Development Council
RFQ – Hinton Landing Park
1439 E. Main St., Suite 5
Princeton, WV 24740
Digital Submission:
tyler@regiononepdc.org

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Cris Meadows at (304) 466-3255.

Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project may be undertaken through, but not limited to, Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (HUD CDBG), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), Brownfields, Economic Development Administration (EDA), West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJDC), and Congressional Directed Spending Requests (Earmarks).

The City of Hinton will afford full opportunity for minority business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any inter-

ested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin in the contract award.

The City of Hinton reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all submissions. Cris Meadows, City Manager
City of Hinton
(26ap3my)

IN THE FAMILY COURT
OF SUMMERS COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA
IN RE: PETITION OF: Summer Brooks for the name change of I.N.T. to I.N.B., a minor.

CIVIL ACTION NO:
FC-45-2023-D-28
NOTICE OF
CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby served in accordance with Chapter 48, Article 5, Section 1 of the Code of West Virginia of the intention of Summer Brooks to change her daughter's name from I.N.T. to I.N.B.

The Petitioner will appear in person before the Judge of the Family Court of Summers County, West Virginia, in accordance with the petition, on the 18th Day of May, 2023, at

10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard in support of the petition for change of name and anyone having any objection to any such change of name as set forth in this notice may appear on said date and make proper objections thereto. The date of

hearing may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on April 18, 2023.
/s/ Stacy D. Ford
STACY D. FORD
Clerk of Court
(26ap)



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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024 LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT				MUNICIPALITY OF HINTON, WEST VIRGINIA Regular Current Expense Levy FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024			
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPALITY OF HINTON, WEST VIRGINIA				Certificate of Valuation			
In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:				Assessed Value	Levy	Taxes	
The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:				for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied	
REVENUE SOURCE				CLASS I			
Unassigned Fund Balance	35,000			Personal Property	\$ 0	11.62	\$ 0
Property Taxes - Current Expense	369,842			Public Utility	0		0
Property Taxes - Excess Levy	202,985			Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	20,000			CLASS II			
Excise Tax on Utilities	240,000			Real Estate	\$ 28,721,900	23.24	\$ 66,750
Business and Occupation Tax	975,000			Personal Property	18,300		43
Wine & Liquor Tax	35,000			Total Class II	\$ 28,740,200		\$ 66,792
Animal Control Tax	100			CLASS IV			
Hotel Occupancy Tax	24,000			Real Estate	\$ 33,578,030	46.48	\$ 156,071
Amusement Tax	750			Personal Property	18,948,356		88,072
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	10,000			Public Utility	20,315,074		94,424
Licenses	7,000			Total Class IV	\$ 72,841,460		\$ 338,567
Building Permit Fees	6,000			Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 101,581,660		\$ 405,359
Miscellaneous Permits	100			Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	20,268
Franchise Fees	42,000			Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	7,702
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	45,000			Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Parks & Recreation	164,000			Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 377,390
Rents, Royalties, and Concessions	5,000			Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	7,548
Gaming Income	11,000			(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Interest Earned on Investments	26,000			Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 369,842
Sale of Fixed Assets	4,400						
Accident Reports	500						
Video Lottery (LVL)	2,500						
Miscellaneous Revenues	39,958						
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 2,266,135						
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND				MUNICIPALITY OF HINTON, WEST VIRGINIA Excess Levy/ Levies FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024			
REVENUE SOURCE				Certificate of Valuation			
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,800			Assessed Value	Levy	Taxes	
Coal Severance Tax	7,200			for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 9,000			CLASS I			
	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund		Personal Property	\$ 0	6.25	\$ 0
				Public Utility	0		0
				Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES				CLASS II			
Mayor's Office	17,704	-		Real Estate	\$ 28,721,900	12.50	\$ 35,902
City Council	29,788	-		Personal Property	18,300		23
City Manager's Office	80,249	-		Total Class II	\$ 28,740,200		\$ 35,925
Finance Office	66,382	-		CLASS IV			
Police Judge's Office	11,016			Real Estate	\$ 33,578,030	25.00	\$ 83,945
City Attorney	19,400			Personal Property	18,948,356		47,371
Community Development (Housing)	10,000			Public Utility	20,315,074		50,788
Regional Development Authority	2,676			Total Class IV	\$ 72,841,460		\$ 182,104
Elections	10,000			Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 101,581,660		\$ 218,029
City Hall	255,815	9,000		Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	10,901
Other buildings	77,050			Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	4,143
Contingencies	35,000			Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes			\$ 202,985
Police Department	433,961	-					
Fire Department	388,317						
Dog Warden/Humane Society	6,500						
Streets and Highways	483,815	-					
Street Lights	71,175						
Local Health Department	7,084						
Parks & Recreation	19,425	-					
Visitors Bureau	12,000						
Fair Associations/Festivals	25,720						
Swimming Pools	116,936	-					
Community Center	50,713						
Youth Program	10,700						
Library	7,200						
Beautification Programs	10,425						
Aging Program (Senior Citizens)	7,084						
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,266,135	\$ 9,000					

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA	
COUNTY OF	SUMMERS
MUNICIPALITY OF	HINTON
I, _____ Cris C Meadows, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 21 day of March, 2023.	
Cris C Meadows (Signature)	
Hinton City Manager (Official Title of Recording Officer)	



LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: PETITION OF: Summer Brooks for the name change of L.S.T. to L.C.W.B.

CIVIL ACTION NO: FC-45-2023-D-27 NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby served in accordance with Chapter 48, Article 5, Section 1 of the Code of West Virginia of the intention of Summer Brooks to change her son's name from L.S.T. to L.C.W.B.

The Petitioner will appear in person before the Judge of the Family Court of Summers County, West Virginia, in accordance with the petition, on the 18th Day of May, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard in support of the petition for change of name and anyone having any objection to any such change of name as set forth in this notice may appear on said date and make proper objections thereto. The date of hearing may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on April 18, 2023. /s/ Stacy D. Ford STACY D. FORD Clerk of Court (26ap)

City of Hinton receives \$190,000 Congresswoman Miller's Community Funding Project

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON, (Hinton News) - According to a recent announcement, the City of Hinton has received \$190,000 from Congresswoman Carol Miller's Community Funding Project. The funds will go towards repairing sidewalks in Hinton. The City's announcement stated, "We appreciate this investment in our community and look forward to bringing a safer, more accessible, beautiful area!"

A daughter's message to her departed father

Denise Salyers

A message to Dennis Ray "Denny" Andrews, 75, of Hinton who went to his eternal rest on Saturday, April 8.

Dear Daddy, What an incredible milestone you have reached. You have fought the good fight and you have finished the race. You have by now experienced being ushered into the gates by the Angels that have accompanied you into a place of eternal rest and peace. Union and communion with our Creator, Savior, and Lord. Your pain, your sorrow, your crying

eliminated. Your tears have all been wiped away.

I can close my eyes and it brings a smile from my heart when I imagine the joy flooding from your eyes as you met Christ and were reunited with family. You have been awarded the imperishable crown, crown of rejoicing, of righteousness, of glory, and the crown of life. You are Home now and you are with family. What disturbs me is we have all been called to do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, rather in humility

to value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interest of others and if your dying wish was to see me how sad it truly is that one can love you so much but never care to honor and or make a greater attempt to honor your requests and or wishes.

The kids know you loved them, they know you were "Grandpa Denny", but they are hurting and affected in so many ways. One of them stated it is sad that he didn't claim us. I just cannot imagine these

things would be pleasing to you and maybe that is because we all know they would not be.

My Spirit is settled, and I am shadowed under the hand of the Almighty yet saddened greatly that this part of your journey has been excused away so effortlessly by another. As you know, I have shed many tears over the past few days and my heart has been broken. I want you to know that when Debbie and Heather came home on Saturday to be with you; it was about family, Debbie and Heather tried hard

ing for me, they did let the kids know that same Saturday. I was working and it was Easter morning before I found out. Debbie made it clear Daddy, and I do mean crystal clear that your dying wish was to see me, emphasized how very much you loved me, and that I would always be your little girl. You would have been so proud of her that day Daddy; not only did she lose her brother, the last branch of the family tree she had known all these years. She never forgot that I lost my daddy that day too!

to reach out to me to let me know you were ask-

Love Denise

Summers Courthouse news

Marriages

Michael Todd Brown to Rebecca Elizabeth McLaughlin; Jacob Isaiah McBride to Shelby Denise Lester; Don Keith Patton to Karin Louise Fuller.

Fiduciaries

Marva Susan Steele, Administrator of the Paula Rogers Steele estate; Wanda E. Adkins, Administrator of the Kevin Myrl Adkins estate; Dustin Jacob McCallister, Administrator of the Iris Jane McCallister estate; Anthony Taylor, Executor of the Jay Coleman Taylor estate; Debbie Sue Ballard, Administrator of the Randall Scott Ballard estate; Russel Bragg, Administrator of the Donnie Lee Bragg estate; Dwayne Smith, Administrator of the Ruth Marie Smith estate.

Land Transfers

Wendy D. Bolling to Continental Health

Care, Inc., .322 acres, Talcott District; The Village at Rock Ridge Inc. and Nicky R. Blankenship to Richard E. Halstead and Deborah L. Halstead, 0.22 acres more or less, Pipestem District; Sean D. Mann and Alexis B. Bower to Sean D. Mann and Alexis B. Bower, 1 acre more or less, Forest Hill District; Paleontological Research Institution and Robert L. Peck Jr. to Steven I. Richman, 300 acres, half interest, Green Sulphur District; Charles S. Oxley Sr. to West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways, 1,967

square feet more or less, City of Hinton District; Barbara C. Steele and Billy D. Neely to Charles M. Batt, 75 acres, Pipestem District; Continental Health Care Inc. to Stems and Seeds LLC, 3 Tracts, Talcott District; Stephen B. Sams to Stephen B. Sams and Deronda Jean Sams, 5.94 acres more or less, Pipestem District; Ronnie K. Wright to Carolyn S. Foster, half an acre more or less, Jumping Branch District.

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Please come and join us on Saturday, May 6th, for a day full of fun and excitement at Jumping Branch Elementary, as we host our ANNUAL SCHOOL CARNIVAL!

We will begin our day with our country store yard sale, at 7am and will end at 2pm. Come and test your corn hole skills for our Corn Hole Tournament, taking place at 2pm.

Our games this year will include ring toss, dime toss, balloon pop, cake walk, face painting, bowling, basketball and more!

We will end the carnival with our amazing auction that will begin at 8pm and will run until all of our items are gone! Our auction items include a New Zealand big game hunting trip for 4, various zoo passes, various amusement park passes, a night out at Mountaineer Casino, WV stones from Vintage Stone, passes to The Carolina Opry, Winterplace, Leisure Lanes and much more!

Carnival Schedule:

7am-2pm - Country Store (Yard Sale)

2pm-4pm - Corn Hole Tournament (Weather Permitting)

4pm-6pm - Dinner \$7.00, Menu: Oven Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Roll & Dessert.

6pm-8pm - Games and Concessions

Auction 8pm - until all the items are gone!

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 DISTRICT AMOUNT DUE
2022-C-000002	2021	200	LOT 3, SEC. G, HOLLY GROVE
2022-C-000004	2021	584	4.713 ACRES CEDAR BRANCH
2022-C-000005	2021	672	
2022-C-000007	2021	746	1 ACRE NEAR MARIE
2022-C-000008	2021	782	32.729 ACRES M/L
2022-C-000009	2021	988	LOT 110X170X300, FOREST HILL
2022-C-000010	2021	989	LOT A6, CHEROKEE STRIP
2022-C-000011	2021	990	LOT 4 SEC A
2022-C-000013	2021	1079	LOT 5 SEC A
2022-C-000014	2021	1145	LOT E-6, CHEROKEE STRIP
2022-C-000015	2021	1152	TRACT C OR 0.99 A.
2022-C-000018	2021	1932	LOT E-7 60 X 90 SURFACE
2022-C-000019	2021	2006	PT LOT 13 & 5 FT OF 12
2022-C-000022	2021	2694	LOT GREENBRIER RIVER
2022-C-000024	2021	2905	1 LOT NEW RIVER HILLS
2022-C-000025	2021	3257	11 ACRES AND 47 POLES
2022-C-000027	2021	3477	16 ACRES
2022-C-000030	2021	3733	0.33 ACRES
2022-C-000031	2021	3744	17 1/2 ACRES M/L
2022-C-000033	2021	3949	2 ACRES, NEW RIVER HILLS

CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME DISTRICT AMOUNT DUE
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	LOT 23 BY-PASS S/D
2022-C-000062	2021	7717	3 ACRES
2022-C-000064	2021	7864	4/10 AC BEECH RUN
2022-C-000065	2021	7950	EASTERN AMERICAN ENERGY CORP
2022-C-000066	2021	7979	121 ACRES MT CREEK
2022-C-000067	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 DISTRICT	AMOUNT DUE
NELSON LAURA K GREEN SULPHUR	\$154.36
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RICHMOND RUTH CAROL GREEN SULPHUR	\$1,174.54
WILKINSON ISAAC GREEN SULPHUR	\$704.95
BAKER AMANDA JEAN HINTON CORP	\$3,335.36
BROWN MICHAEL A HINTON CORP	\$841.63
CALES JAMES E II & MICHELLE L HINTON CORP	\$1,139.90
CALES JAMES EDWARD II HINTON CORP	\$875.40
CALES MARK HINTON CORP	\$1,196.24
DUNCAN DONNA & BONNIE DILLEY LISA KLEINTOP	\$267.67
GARCIA BRENDA HINTON CORP	\$186.95
GARCIA BRENDA HINTON CORP	\$1,590.44
MARTIN MARVIN & MARGARET W/S HINTON CORP	\$279.39
PROFESSIONAL HOUSING & LAND LL HINTON CORP	\$434.98
PROFESSIONAL HOUSING & LAND LL HINTON CORP	\$467.02
WHITT ROBERT D & DREMA G HINTON CORP	\$662.23
WHITT ROBERT D & DREMA G HINTON CORP	\$333.30
ANDERSON TYLER & JEFFREY JUMPING BRANCH	\$1,365.60
BRENTMOORE LLC JUMPING BRANCH	\$286.49
CARR GERALD WAYNE JR JUMPING BRANCH	\$194.91
COSTOMICIS WILLIAM T JUMPING BRANCH	\$190.64
CROOK RUSSELL & BARBARA JUMPING BRANCH	\$154.36
DECK O A & NAOMI HILL JUMPING BRANCH	\$194.16
FIRST STATE BANK JUMPING BRANCH	\$664.25
LATTA WARD H JUMPING BRANCH	\$235.19
LILLY BARBARA A JUMPING BRANCH	\$446.21
STENNETT TOMMY W JUMPING BRANCH	\$1,577.22
TODD BERTHA EST 1/2 INST (MINS) JUMPING BRANCH	\$154.36
TODD BERTHA EST 1/2 INST (MINS) JUMPING BRANCH	\$171.93
GARCIA BRENDA PIPESTEM	\$390.03
GARCIA BRENDA PIPESTEM	\$322.42
GARCIA BRENDA PIPESTEM	\$160.84
GARCIA BRENDA PIPESTEM	\$331.02
GARCIA BRENDA PIPESTEM	\$170.38
GARCIA BRENDA PIPESTEM	\$223.53

CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME DISTRICT AMOUNT DUE
2022-C-000081	2021	10546	LOT 39 H.T.
2022-C-000082	2021	10547	LOT 35 "SURF" PIPESTEM WATERS
2022-C-000083	2021	10548	LOT 36 "SURF"
2022-C-000084	2021	10549	LOT 37
2022-C-000085	2021	10550	LOT 9 LILLY S/D H.T.
2022-C-000090	2021	10626	LOT CASHERS HILL 70X200, OLD
2022-C-000091	2021	10715	CONSD: 16A/17 & 16 & 18 & 174
2022-C-000093	2021	11464	2.70 ACRES M/L
2022-C-000098	2021	12697	0.647 ACRES
2022-C-000099	2021	12698	0.278 ACRES
2022-C-000101	2021	12828	1 LOT TALCOTT & 1 LOT 1 ACRE
2022-C-000103	2021	12869	.60 ACRES
2022-C-000107	2021	13317	LOT # 3
2022-C-000108	2021	13318	2 LOTS 4 & 5 RE-SURVEY
2022-C-000109	2021	13320	1.432 ACRE GREENBRIER RIVER
2022-C-000110	2021	13386	5.04 ACRES GREENBRIER WATERS
2022-C-000111	2021	13387	INT IN ISLAND
2022-C-000112	2021	13749	MCGRW JOANN
2022-C-000113	2021	13811	MEADOWS JAMES A & NORMA J W/S
2022-C-000114	2021	13814	MEADOWS JANE LOT 99 OF BBB SUB
2022-C-000116	2021	14892	VERDIER NANCY
2022-C-000117	2021	14945	WARREN RAYMOND & JOYCE
2022-C-000118	2021	14946	WARREN RAYMOND & JOYCE
2022-C-000121	2021	15131	WOLFORD MARK A II
2022-C-000122	2021	15223	ZINK JOHN M JR
1/2 LOT 8			TALCOTT

CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME DISTRICT AMOUNT DUE
2022-C-000081	2021	10546	GARCIA BRENDA PIPESTEM
2022-C-000082	2021	10547	GARCIA BRENDA PIPESTEM
2022-C-000083	2021	10548	GARCIA BRENDA PIPESTEM
2022-C-000084	2021	10549	GARCIA BRENDA PIPESTEM
2022-C-000085	2021	10550	GARCIA BRENDA PIPESTEM
2022-C-000090	2021	10626	HALL WINNIE G & SHIRLEY W/S
2022-C-000091	2021	10715	HUDSON JAMES E & FLORENCE A W/S
2022-C-000093	2021	11464	WHITE JAMES BRANDON
2022-C-000098	2021	12697	FISCHER KACIE JO
2022-C-000099	2021	12698	FISCHER KACIE JO
2022-C-000101	2021	12828	GILL ROBERT J & MARG "LIFE"
2022-C-000103	2021	12869	GRAHAM JAMES EDWARD & CLARA LOU
2022-C-000107	2021	13317	KAUFFMAN ANDREW JOHN
2022-C-000108	2021	13318	KAUFFMAN ANDREW JOHN
2022-C-000109	2021	13320	KEATLEY J D JR
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A peek into Summers County's Past: Deva Island

Rebecca Stalnaker
and William Jones

TALCOTT, (Hinton News) - It is time for another edition of A Peek into Summers County's Past. Each week, a collector of items from local history, William Jones, provides photos and information about pieces from his collection. In this edition, we are talking about a painting. The scene shows a house sitting in what looks like a field. A note on the back of the frame states that it is the "original house on Deva Island, Talcott WV."

Jones stated, "I have not uncovered too much information about this week's piece. I randomly stumbled across a Facebook post by Cole Cyrus this past January. Mr. Cyrus has an auction company in Huntington, WV. He posted a photo of this painting on a Summers County page to see if anyone had any information about it." He continued saying, "His auction company is Elm Grove Auction Associates. I started communicating with Mr. Cole about the painting and told him what locals suspected about the piece. I filled out an absen-

tee bidders form and won the historic painting. Mr. Cole then shipped me the piece."

Speaking about the artwork, Jones said, "It is a beautiful little landscape painting on hardboard. It is signed on the back with the inscription 'F.D. Lewis 1938 Original House on Deva Island Talcott, W. Va.' I have searched, and searched where this camp and Deva Island was in Talcott. We know the camp, on the island near the John Henry Museum with the swinging bridge, was known as Gilfillian Island back in the day."

"Mr. and Mrs. S.G. Gilfillian of Ironton, OH, had a camp on the island to the right of the bridge in Talcott. The Gilfillians were a wealthy family in Ohio. They would come to Talcott, WV, to spend their summers and, as can be seen on numerous postcards from the turn of the century, had lots of guests that would come with them. And would always have house parties."

Extensive research has turned up little information on Deva Island. Based on location geography, edu-



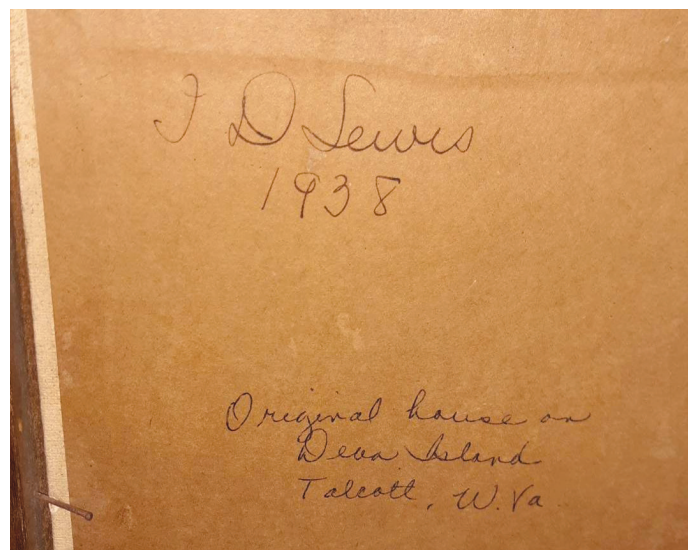
A Painting by F.D. Lewis depicting Deva Island. Photo provided by William Jones.

cated guessing and knowledge from longtime locals, it is believed that the area in question is the island on the opposite side of Talcott Bridge from Gilfillian's Island.

Stories of historical significance are often passed down through generations but are not recognized as such until much later. Jones shares tales from his grandfather that may relate to Deva Island. He said, "My grandfather Bernard Thompson, who was born in Talcott in 1927, would always tell

me stories of another place at that time, a run-down house or what would now be known as a camp on the island to the left of the bridge in Talcott. He would tell stories about how he and his cousins would wander over to the island and go through the abandoned house when he was a child."

Jones consulted multiple other individuals looking for more insight. Speaking about this endeavor, he said, "After talking with several historians in regards to Summers County, we all



The inscription on the back of the painting. Photo provided by William Jones.

came to a general consensus that the island across from the water plant in Talcott must have been known as 'Deva Island'. In talking with a longtime resident of the Talcott area, I discovered that you would get to this island by way of the 'Narrows Road' and the house in this painting must have been the abandoned house that my grandfather told me stories about from his childhood."

This brings us to the end

of another edition of A Peek into Summers County's Past, only found at Hinton News. Have you heard of Deva Island? We would love to garner more information on the area. You can reach us by emailing news@hintonnews.com.

Do you have a story on local history to share? Let us know at the email address above. Be sure to check back next week for another look into the county's past.

Concord University ranked a top school for online Master's in health education for 2023

ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) - Concord University has been recognized as one of the best schools for online learning at the master's level by OnlineMastersDegrees.org (OMD). CU's health education programs earned top honors for overall quality, affordability and commitment to student success.

"I am so proud of our Master of Arts in Health Promotion at Concord," said Dr. Jill Nolan, program director and chair of the Department of Health Sciences. "Our program is extremely flexible, so students from a variety of backgrounds can complete their degree in one or more years. Our graduates are competitive in public health and disease prevention fields, which are growing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic."

See where CU ranked below: Best Online Master's Degrees in Health Education - <https://www.onlinemastersdegrees.org/best-programs/health-education/>

"This year, we focused on the schools making it easier for students to compete in today's increasingly difficult job market," said Kyle Darland, co-founder of OMD. "Each ranked school offers a fully or partially online master's program in health education at a time

when earning a master's has become a minimum barrier to entry for many."

Darland is referencing a recent survey from CareerBuilder, which found that "thirty-three percent of employers are hiring workers with master's degrees for positions that had been primarily held by those with four-year degrees." These employers cited an evolution of the skills needed to perform the jobs as the cause of the shift, and an increase in work quality, productivity and employee retention as the result.

"Providing students with opportunities to get a master's online is only part of our rankings," said Darland. "Top-ranked schools also had competitive tuition rates and/or scholarships to help drive costs down. And with grocery, gas and other expenses on everyone's mind right now, an affordable master's is key."

OnlineMastersDegrees.org analyzed more than 7,700 accredited universities by using data pulled from the schools themselves and from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). After the data was compiled, OMD's data science team then applied a proprietary algorithm to rank all qualifying schools for each of the different master's degrees specialties. Primary data points include:

- Academic counseling services
- Career placement services
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- Amount of school-based aid per student

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