



## June meetings in Summers County

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - June 13 at 5 p.m. at Summers County Comprehensive High School.

Summers County Commission - Regular Meeting - June 14 at 9 a.m. in the Commission Room in the Courthouse.

Summers County Public Library Board of Directors - Regular Meeting - June 8 at 5 p.m. in the library.

Hinton City Council - Regular Meeting - June 20 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Three Rivers Democratic Women - Regular Meeting - June 15 at 5 p.m. on the patio at Kirk's Restaurant.

John Henry Days Committee - Regular Meeting - June 15 at 6 p.m. in the basement of Trinity Methodist Church in Talcott.

Summers County Dilapidated Structures Committee - Regular Meeting - June 26 at noon in the Roosevelt Room in the Memorial Building.

Summers County Republicans - Regular Meeting - June 26 at 6:30 in the Memorial Building.

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - June 27 at 5 p.m. at Summers County Comprehensive High School.

Library Book Group - Regular Meeting - June 28 at 7 p.m. in the library.

\*This list is subject to change in accordance with changes, cancelations, and additions.

\*\*If you would like to add a meeting to this list, contact news@hintonnews.com.

## Summers County Board of Education to hold June Meetings

The June regular board meetings for the Summers County Board of Education will be held on June 13 and 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Summers County Comprehensive High School. Agendas and board minutes are available in our office Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on our website at <https://www.scsww.us/page/board-of-education>

Special board meetings will be advertised on our website. We also have an app! Go to the App Store on iPhone and the Play Store on Android and search "Summers County Schools"!

## HAF raffle prize rescues kittens

When Torula Chanlett-Avery won a raffle for \$500 at the Hinton Area Foundation's spring fundraiser, she already knew where it would go - to Riverside Kitten Rescue (RKS). Torula saw this project needed support to maintain and find homes for the many kittens in their care. The Hinton Area Foundation (HAF) event called "Hats, Horses, and Hinton" was itself a successful fundraiser occasioned by the Kentucky Derby and in memory of Dorothy Jean Boley.

RKS is not a shelter but a foster care program out of Jeff and Krystle Adkins' private home. It is a stepping stone for wild-born kittens, primarily that have had no mother or are able to be weaned from feral cats. Feral-born kittens have a 25 percent chance of survival. Krystle Atkins is dedicated to giving those babies a chance. The rescue makes sure they receive the veterinary care they need to get healthy. The kittens are vaccinated and fixed before adopting them locally or transporting them to other non-profit rescues.

The key ingredient they provide is LOVE. Socializing kittens every day at their home and at monthly vendor events at Botany Tropicals helps these wild-born kittens socialize with many different people and become the most loving adoptable pets.

Riverside Kitten Rescue is funded by Krystle and Jeff. Together they facilitate this enormous and expensive commitment. They finance it in part with vendor events,

supply drives, and frequent yard sales in Hilldale. Krystle says, "We are very lucky to have a local resident let us use their old garage building to store donations we collect and have yard sales once a month when there is good weather." The rescue also has an Amazon Wishlist through their Facebook Page and TikTok where followers from all over the US have been able to send them kitten milk, food, and other supplies.

The rescue has a multi-pronged approach to the problem of feline overpopulation in Summers County. This epidemic will not be solved by adoption alone. So far RKR has assisted in the trapping and fixing of over 270 cats since they started in April 2022. They work with several groups to get vouchers and use grant funds specifically for Trap Neuter Release (TNR) from Summers County Humane Society ACWP, Greenbrier Humane Society, and soon Raleigh County Humane Society. Krystle said, "We thought with over 176 cats fixed in Summers County this past January thru March that we would see a slow start to kitten season, but within two weeks we went from two fosters to 33 fosters with a waitlist of over seven other people in need of our help."

Right now it's just Krystle and Jeff who house and care for litters of kittens. It takes several hours a day to clean and socialize with kittens every morning and evening. Bottle babies require constant care and feeding every two-three hours. Often the



Torula Chanlett-Avery with Jeff and Krystal Adkins. Photo provided by Torula Chanlett-Avery.

kittens that are surrendered are very sick, full of parasites, completely dehydrated, starved, in need of major surgery, or have special needs. "We make sure to take in a limited number of animals so we can continue to provide a safe, sanitized place where they get the quality care they need. We have to tell people we are full on a daily basis, and only have a waitlist to offer them. It feels like we didn't even make a dent with our TNR efforts this past winter, but this just proves that the problem is more than anyone realizes and needs a community solution," says Krystle. They are applying for their non-profit status, but it is a

lengthy and expensive process that will take about a year to complete.

Torula invited HAF director Scott Jarrett to visit Riverside Kitten Rescue to hand over the windfall to a most deserving recipient. Torula said, "I was so thrilled to be able to pass on this blessing. Krystle wants to put together foster kits and training for volunteers and this could supply medicines kittens often need to survive." Krystle and Jeff know they need community help to solve this problem and hope to be able to train volunteers soon and start a foster program to expand. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, need information,

want to adopt, or surrender kittens please reach out via email at [riversidekittenrescue@gmail.com](mailto:riversidekittenrescue@gmail.com).

RKR has donation drop-off locations in Hinton at Botany Tropicals and Avante Guard Hair Studio. Follow them on Facebook and TikTok to see their available kittens and upcoming events. Krystle and Jeff both want to thank Torula and all of their local supporters that share their posts, attend events, and send food and supplies from our Amazon Wishlists. "Without the support of the community, we could not have helped the amount of kittens we have so far," said the Adkins'.

## Virginia Gilbert graduates from Bob Jones University

GREENVILLE, SC (Hinton News) - Virginia Gilbert, a resident of Nimitz, was among over 700 students who graduated from Bob Jones University Friday, May 5.

Gilbert graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA in English.

In addition to 570 students earning bachelor's degrees, 94 students received master's degrees and 58 students received associate degrees. Three candidates earned doctorate degrees.

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# Memories of the past: Gimme that old time religion

Lisa Abshire

SUMMERS COUNTY, (Hinton News) - As the trees once again erupt in glorious buds, my mind can't help but wander back to the springs of my youth. Front porch sitting was all but a national pastime in the country. I was always so excited to see the little wild violets pop up in the yard, seemingly overnight. I never failed to pick a big handful, and Momma would take them to be pressed between the pages of a heavy book so they would last forever. Another memory from

being eight or nine years old in spring is that it always meant revival season was coming to our country church. My Daddy used to tell of tent revivals on the river where he was forcibly dragged up the aisle to repent and come to Jesus. I was half afraid the preacher coming to our church would drag me up the aisle if not careful. Momma always had me dress in my best Sunday go-to-meeting clothes, and here we went to the first night of the revival. Seats were jammed packed like I had nev-

er seen before. We were squeezed between people we didn't know from Adam. Momma whispered in my ear real loud that I had better not squirm. I remember thinking, "How could I?" I could barely breathe, or so it seemed at the time. Daddy always joked that his nose itched, but he ended up scratching the nose of the guy beside him because we were so jammed in the seat. To a nine-year-old kid, preaching never seemed to end during the revival. Then, when they finally got ready to sing, it kept

going a while longer. My squirming little self did not know what to do if the preacher didn't dismiss soon. Finally, the last "Amen" was said, and we headed home. In the car, I told my Mom I didn't think that guy was ever going to stop preaching. I was treated to a dirty look for that comment. Little did I know those were some of the best days of my life; no real worries or responsibilities. Just Mom, Dad, and me getting our fill of that ole time religion. It's still good enough for me.



Photo provided by Lisa Abshire

## Groundworks Nursery crew clean up Route 3



Photo provided by Chris Chanlett.

HINTON, (Hinton News) - A crew consisting of Tony Scardigno, Chris Chanlett, Eddie and Nancy Cales cleaned up a pickup truck load of trash on Rt.

3 in the name of Groundworks Nursery on May 5. They collected 12 bags, two tires, two golf balls, and sundry vehicular debris.

## Virginia Gilbert of Nimitz named to President's List at Bob Jones University



BJU's front entrance sign. Photo by Derek Eckenroth, 2014

GREENVILLE, SC (Hinton News)-- Virginia Gilbert, a Senior English major from Nimitz, was among over 650 Bob Jones University students named to the Spring 2023 President's List. The President's List recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher grade point average for the semester. Located in Greenville, South Carolina, Bob Jones University provides an outstanding regionally accredited Christian lib-

eral arts education purposely designed to inspire a lifelong pursuit of learning, loving and leading. BJU offers over 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in religion, education, fine arts and communication, arts and science, health professions, and business. BJU has over 3,000 students from nearly every state and more than 40 countries. We are committed to the truth of Scripture and to pursuing excellence in all we do.

## Letter to the Editor: Barbara Daniels

Exporting US Natural Gas will raise ratepayer prices exponentially, yet most US natural gas is slated for export. The Mountain Valley Pipeline, for example, will provide NO gas outlets in WV and only one in VA! It plans, instead, to connect to the Transco pipeline going to Gulf Coast LNG-export terminals. Nevertheless, in a letter urging Biden to approve a 4-year extension for the Mountain Valley Pipeline, heavily fossil-fuel-invested WV politicians Joe Manchin and Shelly Moore Capito state, "It is imperative that FERC works to accelerate the development of domestic energy infrastructure so that Americans may have access to a reliable and affordable supply of natural gas." Another signer, Congresswoman Carol Miller, has unabashedly cited the coal and gas industries' "full support" for her campaign. And President Biden has just ap-

proved a crucial permit to fast-track the MVP. Since the start of the fracking boom, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia's biggest gas-producing counties, have seen declines in jobs and population, according to the Ohio Valley Institute. An MIT study further states that Pennsylvania's unemployment rate increased almost a full percentage point during the natural gas boom, while unemployment fell in 46 other states. Moreover, most fracking jobs created in Appalachia no longer exist. Prior to the release of these reports, however, our politicians had continually assured us that fossil fuel projects increase job availability. More incredibly, Bloomberg shows that although average gas well production declines by 60% in the first year, extraordinarily generous government subsidies cover the cost. Thus while more and more gas wells

are required to maintain output, this polluting, destructive practice is being supported by taxpayers! A nation tied to exporting fossil fuels is NOT secure--nor is its environment. Instead, that nation is beholden to foreign governments and corporate bottom lines. Yet according to the letter, "The MVP. . . is still subject to ongoing litigation and permit challenges, to the detriment of American consumers, our national security, . . and the environment". Toxic, rapidly depleted, creating deadly accidents on a massive scale, fossil fuels must be phased out--not enabled! Editors Note: Ms. Daniels has provided a list of links she used while writ-

ing this letter. If anyone would like a copy of those links, send an email to [news@hintonnews.com](mailto:news@hintonnews.com)

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## Dispute over dog ends with one man shot in the hand



Donald Lee Adkins mugshot

Rebecca Stalnaker

MEADOW BRIDGE, (Hinton News) - Officers responded to a disturbance involving shots fired on Wickline Cemetary Road on Tuesday, May 9. After investigation, Donald Lee Adkins, 43, of Meadow Bridge, was arrested. According to the criminal complaint, officers arrived on the scene where they spoke with Adkins, who allegedly stated that he and the victim had gotten into a verbal argument over a dog. Reportedly, Adkins retrieved a 12-gauge shotgun after the victim exited the

residence. The criminal complaint states that Adkins returned to the living room area and shot the firearm at the victim, who remained on the porch, striking him once in the hand. Allegedly, the victim also had a weapon, specifically a 9mm handgun he used to fire in the direction of Adkins. According to the criminal complaint, Adkins' girlfriend was in the living room throughout the incident. At the time of writing, Adkins is in Southern Regional Jail, and his bail is set at \$75,000.

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## Water safety tips for Southern WV and beyond

Rebecca Stalnaker

SUMMERS COUNTY, (Hinton News) - Southern West Virginia (WV) is known for its beautiful rivers, lakes, and waterways, offering locals and tourists alike ample opportunities for water-based activities. As summer approaches and more people head to the water, it's essential to prioritize safety. Here are some water activity safety tips to ensure a fun and secure experience.

### 1. Wear a Life Jacket

Regardless of your swimming ability, always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when participating in water activities such as boating, kayaking, or paddleboarding. In Southern WV, the New River and Gauley River can have strong currents and unpredictable conditions, making it essential to have a life jacket on hand. West Virginia laws require all persons over 13 years old to have a life jacket readily available on a water vessel, while those under 13 must

have it on. The National Park Service encourages everyone to wear a life jacket anytime they are in the water. The NPS water safety tips state, "Most drownings in the New River involve people who didn't plan on being in the water."

### 2. Never Swim Alone

Swimming with a buddy is a crucial safety measure. In case of an emergency, having someone nearby can make all the difference. When visiting popular swimming spots like Summersville Lake or Blue-stone Lake, make sure to swim with a friend or family member.

### 3. Be Mindful of Weather Conditions

West Virginia weather can change rapidly, so it's essential to stay updated on the latest forecasts. Avoid water activities during thunderstorms, as lightning poses a significant risk to those in or near water. Additionally, heavy rainfall can cause rivers to rise quickly, creating dangerous conditions for swimmers and boaters.

### 4. Know Your Limits

Whether you're swimming, boating, or participating in other water activities, it's crucial to know your limits and not push yourself beyond them. If you're inexperienced or unsure about your abilities, ask the local park service or the Department of Natural Resources for locations that are good for inexperienced beginners.

### 5. Learn Basic Water Rescue Techniques

The American Red Cross offers water safety courses that can equip you with essential skills and knowledge. The Red Cross's water safety tips include ensuring every family member knows how to swim.

### 6. Avoid Alcohol

Alcohol and water activities do not mix. Consuming alcohol impairs judgment, balance, and coordination, increasing the risk of accidents. Stay sober when participating in water activities to ensure the safety of yourself and those around you.

### 7. Respect Local



Brooks Falls. Photo by Rebecca Stalnaker

### Rules and Regulations

Southern WV is home to several state parks and recreation areas that have specific rules and regulations in place to ensure the safety of visitors. Familiarize yourself with these guidelines and follow them closely. For example, some areas may have designated swim zones, while others may require permits for certain activities.

### 8. Enable GPS

Before heading out on a trip down the river, enable GPS locating on your cell phone. This way, if you do find yourself lost or in a bad situation, it will be easier for emergency services personnel to locate you. Be sure to place the phone in a sandwich bag or other sealed container so it is not damaged or disabled by water.

Water activities in Southern West Virginia can be a thrilling and memorable experience. By following these safety tips, you can ensure a fun and secure adventure for yourself and your loved ones. So, gear up, stay safe, and enjoy the beautiful waterways of Southern WV.

For more information on water safety, reach out to your local fire department on DNR officials.

## Summers County Courthouse news

### Marriages

Luther Truman Wills to Mary Ann Eggleston.

### Fiduciaries

None.

### Land Transfers

Triennium LLC to Bryson Vannostrand, 1 Lot, City of Hinton District; Judy Williams and Virginia Williams to Raymond E. Ferguson Jr. and Shannon Ferguson, a half acre more or less,

Green Sulphur District; Carl W. Roop and Carrie J. Moricle and Charles H. Moricle to Pioneer Community Bank, Trustee's Deed, 1 acre more or less, Jumping Branch District; Debbie Bowles to Kayla R. Dyson, 1.59 acres more or less, Pipestem District; John Rodney Ford and Linda G. Ford and Richard L. Ford and Robin Ford McNeer and Steven L. McNeer

to Richard Todd Arthur and Rebecca L. Arthur, river lot 85 feet below road, Greenbrier Rural District; Caudill Wesley Wellman Jr. and Judith Carolyn Wellman to David Wesley Wellman and Leslie Michell Wellman, 2 Tracts, Pipestem District; Harmon Cozort and Rosetta M. Cozort to Rocky D. Harris, 0.54 acres more or less, Forest Hill District.

## Join us for Discover Nature Day June 3 at Seneca Rocks Discovery Center

**Elkins, W.Va., (Hinton News)** - Join Monongahela National Forest and our friends and partners, Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., for Discover Nature Day at the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center.

Enjoy family-friendly fun and learning for all ages. There will be nature-based interactive exhibits, demonstrations, and activities; be sure to check out the live snakes, birds of prey, and native fish. We hope to see you

there!

Special thanks to the following partners and friends for their assistance and participation in Discover Nature Day:

- Trout Unlimited
- Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia
- Experience Learning
- West Virginia Master Naturalists Program
- Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area
- AmeriCorps
- Interact Children's Museum
- WV Department of Environmental Protection

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• WV Department of Natural Resources

Call the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center at (304) 567-2827 for more information.

## Summers County Dilapidated Structures Committee June meeting

The Summers County Dilapidated Structures Committee is set to meet on Monday, June 26 at noon in the Roosevelt Room in the Memorial Building. There is also a call-in option for anyone

who cannot be there in person, the number is the same as the one used for the County Commission meetings.

For more information, reach out to Shalom Tazwell.

## Summers County Library Board of Directors to hold June meeting

The Summers County Public Library Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, June 8 at 5 p.m. in the library. The board

meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month.

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

## OSHA 10 training scheduled through New River CTC

LEWISBURG, W.Va. (Hinton News) - New River Community and Technical College is offering OSHA 10 training June 23-30, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the college's Greenbrier Valley Welding Lab in Lewisburg.

OSHA 10-hour training is the primary method used to train workers on hazard recognition and OSHA safety standards. Students will receive an official OSHA 10-hour card (DOL Card) and an official OSHA Training Institute Education Center Certificate of Completion for Introduction to OSHA material handling tools, hand and power scaffolds, stairways, ladder excavations and others.

Tuition for the class is \$50, and preregistration is required by June 12, 2023.

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

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

New River Community and Technical College

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

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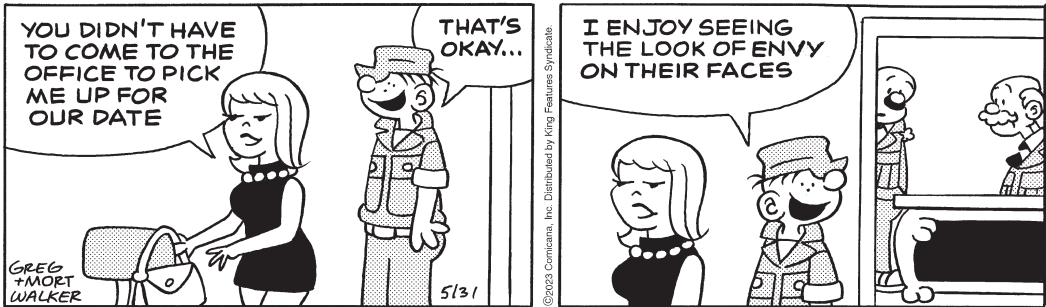
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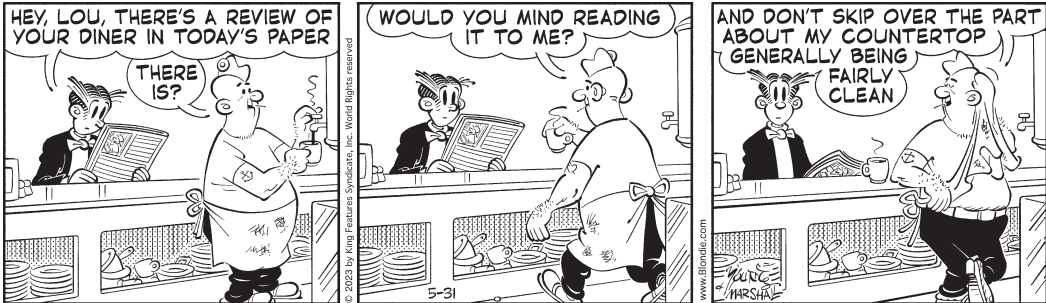


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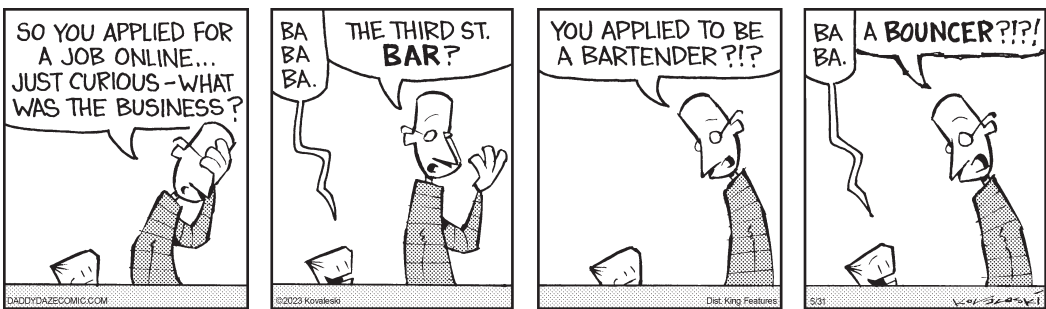
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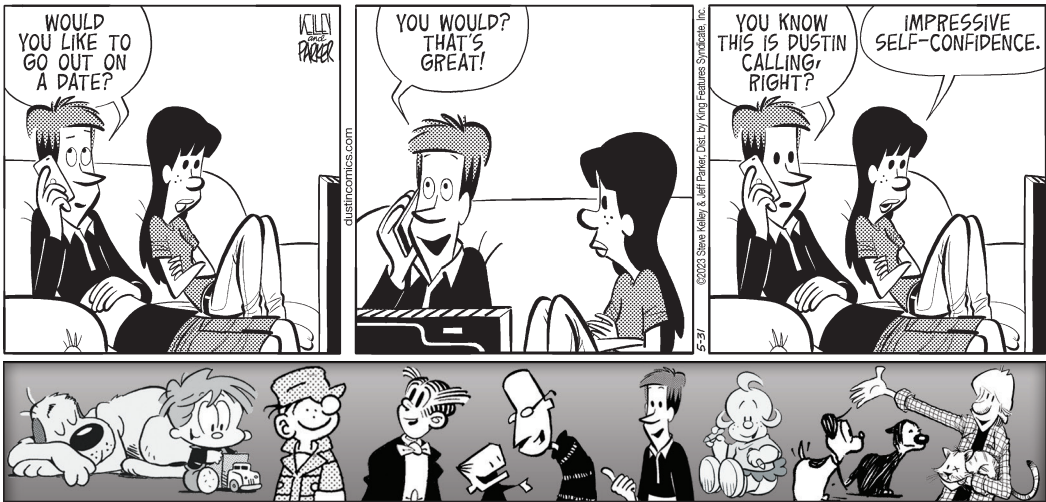
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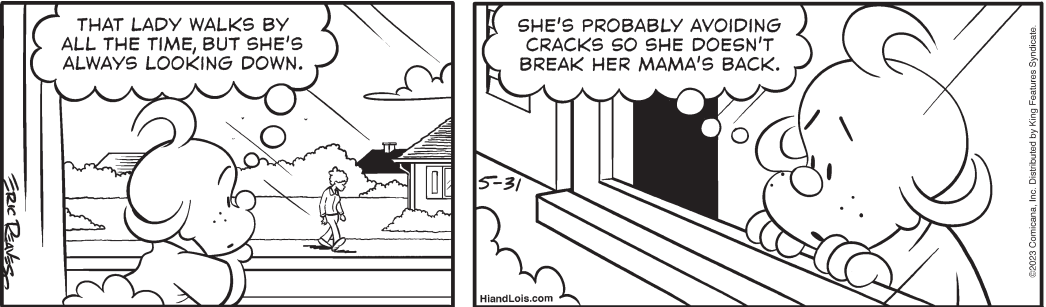
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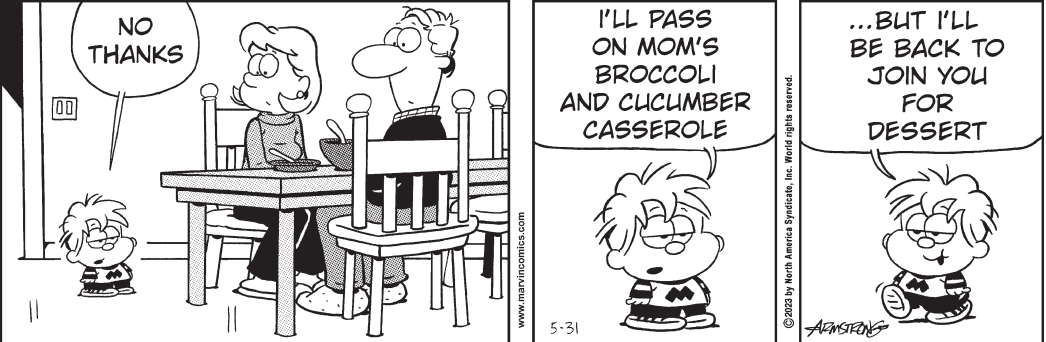
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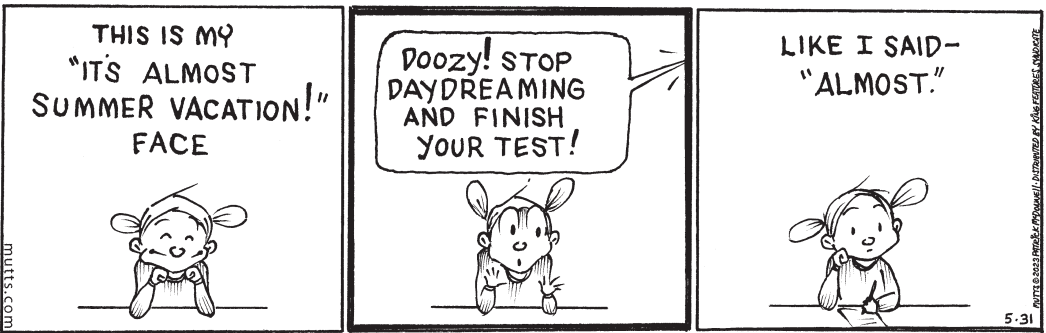
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# ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

**MOON ALERT:** Caution! Avoid shopping or major decisions from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT today (7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Libra into Scorpio.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, May 31, 2023:

You have strong views and a no-nonsense approach to life. You are passionate, intense and determined. This year is a time of learning and teaching for you. Take courses. Renew your spiritual beliefs. Study whatever will help you get a better self-awareness about the true meaning of your life.

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★ It's a tricky day! Most of this day is a Moon Alert, which means avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions. Nevertheless, because the proverbial train is off the tracks, you can enjoy frank and imaginative conversations with partners and close friends. Tonight: Check your finances.

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

3★ Be careful today. The Sun is in one of your Money Houses, which means you are thinking about financial matters. Nevertheless, because most of this day is a Moon

Alert, steer clear of financial decisions and shopping (except for food and gas). Just coast. Tonight: Warm connections.

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

4★ This can be an exciting, eventful day for you, because during the Moon Alert, your creative abilities are heightened and you will easily think outside the box. Enjoy creative activities plus the theater and art galleries. Fun times with kids and romance will be rewarding. Tonight: Work.

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

4★ This is the perfect day to cocoon at home. You might want to entertain, but more likely, you'll be happy to enjoy

some solitude in familiar surroundings. Agree to nothing important today, especially with family members. Take it easy. Business as usual. Tonight: Socialize.

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

4★ This is a wonderful day to schmooze with friends and groups; however, because of the Moon Alert, which is in effect all day, volunteer for nothing. Just explore ideas with others. Note: This is an excellent day for writers. Your creativity will soar! Tonight: Relax.

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

3★ Be careful today, because today's Moon Alert is taking place in one of your Money Houses. Restrict spending money to food and gas. You can do your homework; however, wait until the Moon Alert is over to initiate financial negotiations or to spend money. Forewarned is forearmed. Tonight: Communicate.

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

4★ Today the Moon Alert lasts most of this day! And it's in your sign. This is why you might feel like a helium balloon floating free in the sky. Nevertheless, your creativity and appreciation of beauty will

be heightened. Enjoy your surroundings. Tonight: Check your assets.

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

3★ Don't worry if you feel a bit indecisive and off your game today. This could be due to the fact that the Moon Alert is taking place in a hidden part of your chart. It's a poor day to initiate anything or to make decisions. It's also a poor day to shop or make financial decisions. Just coast. Tonight: You win!

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

4★ This is a lovely day to socialize, because there is a Moon Alert for most of this day, which encourages conversations with friends and groups to be genuine, revealing and imaginative. People won't hold back. They'll be frank and disarming. And so will you. Tonight: Solitude.

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

3★ Today there is a Moon Alert all day, and it's taking place at the top of your chart. This means you might appear to be indecisive to others. They might question your ability. Fear not, because everyone is indecisive and vague today.

You're simply high-viz. Tonight: Friends.

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

3★ This is a poor day to make travel plans or important decisions related to publishing, the media, medicine or the law. Wait until the Moon Alert is over to act. Meanwhile, conversations about politics, religion and philosophy will range all over the map while you explore every facet of these topics. Tonight: You're noticed.

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

3★ Today there's a Moon Alert in one of your Money Houses. Therefore, make no important decisions regarding wills, inheritances, shared property, insurance matters or anything related to the wealth or assets of someone else. Be smart. Tonight: Explore!

**BORN TODAY**

Actor, director Clint Eastwood (1930), actress Archie Panjabi (1972), actor Colin Farrell (1976)

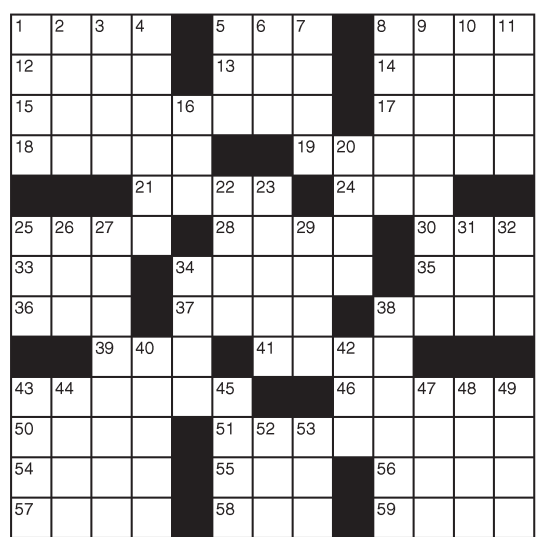
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# SHEFFER CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Frost — Dawn
  - 5 Armed conflict
  - 8 Swift
  - 12 Me, myself —
  - 13 Ruckus
  - 14 Miami team
  - 15 Stocky
  - 17 To be, in Toulon
  - 18 Picked a target
  - 19 Arts companion
  - 21 Answer an invite
  - 24 Martian mover
  - 25 Smooch
  - 28 Ireland
  - 30 Hit hard
  - 33 Sugar suffix
  - 34 Killer whales
  - 35 FDR project
  - 36 Youngster
  - 37 Synthesizer pioneer
  - 38 Compared to
- DOWN**
- 1 "Funny!"
  - 2 "Dedicated to the — Love"
  - 3 Eve's mate
  - 4 Comedian Joan
  - 5 Existed
  - 6 Citric beverage
  - 7 Campus mil. group
  - 8 Wheat bundle
  - 9 Describe in scat
  - 10 Small pie
  - 11 Canonized Fr. women
  - 16 QB's stats
  - 20 Regrets
  - 22 — Beach, Fla.
  - 23 Loop of lace
  - 25 Automation, for short
  - 26 G.I. entertaining gp.
  - 27 Fixed charges
  - 29 Prego rival
  - 31 Glam Gardner
  - 32 "Sheesh!"
  - 34 Warning sign
  - 38 Subway passage
  - 40 Locales
  - 42 — chi
  - 43 Twelve months
  - 44 Canadian gas brand
  - 45 Halt
  - 47 Actress Fisher
  - 48 "Alice" diner
  - 49 Greek vowels
  - 52 "King Kong" studio
  - 53 Venomous viper
- Solution time: 23 mins.**
- Answers Next Wednesday**



## JUMBLE

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

**PRIEG**

**LIDUB**

**UNAQIT**

**BARJEB**

**Answer here:**

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers: Jumbles: DEPTH LEGAL LIKELY GOVERN Answer: His new job as doorman at the high-rise building was — ENTRY LEVEL

# SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 5/31

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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:

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 5/24





LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT Supplemental ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT Bluestone Dam Safety Modification Project Miller Avenue Hauling Restrictions Summers County, West Virginia

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this Notice of Availability (NOA), advises the public that the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Bluestone Dam Safety Modification Project, Miller Avenue Hauling Restrictions is complete and available for public review. The project is located in Summers County, West Virginia. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated for the proposed project. A Draft FONSI is included with the draft SEA for public review.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 40 CFR 1501.4, the draft SEA and FONSI must be available to the public in the affected area for thirty (30) days for review and comment. Final determination regarding the need for additional NEPA documentation will be made after the public review period, which begins on or about May 05, 2023. Copies of the documents may be viewed at the following location:

Summers County Public Library 201 Temple St. Hinton, West Virginia 25951 Phone: (304) 466-4490

The documents may also be viewed at the following website: <https://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Public-Review/>.

Copies of the draft SEA and FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers at (304) 399-5924.

Comments pertaining to the documents may be submitted by electronic mail to: [BluestoneDamDSA@usace.army.mil](mailto:BluestoneDamDSA@usace.army.mil), or by letter to: Ms. Rebecca Rutherford Chief, Environmental Analysis Section, Planning Branch Huntington District Corps of Engineers, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070 (10,17,24,31my)

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In accordance with W. Va. Code § 31B-8-808 the undersigned hereby provides notice to all creditors and/or persons having claims against the West Virginia company, Harmon Construction, LLC, that the company has been dissolved and is currently undergoing the process of dissolution and termination.

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Concord University holds 148th spring commencement

**ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News)** – Concord University held the 148th Spring Commencement during three ceremonies on two days. Master's degree candidates were honored on Friday, May 5, 2023, at 6 p.m. Candidates for undergraduate degrees were recognized on Saturday, May 6, 2023, during ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. All ceremonies were held in the Main Gym of the Leslie R. and Ruby Webb Carter Center.

The Spring 2023 class valedictorian is Shannon M. Jarrell of Beckley, West Virginia. She will receive a Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in Political Science and a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education.

Three graduates were members of the Concord University Honors Program: Stella Dunn, Alexandria Mizia, and Sarah Taylor.

Fifteen states are represented in the 2023 class: West Virginia, California, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Graduates also include students from the United Kingdom, Nigeria, and the Bahamas. Six students are veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Dr. Kendra Boggess, President, issued the welcome and offered remarks during the ceremonies. Dr. Susan Robinett, Professor of Business, served as Grand Marshal. The candidates were presented to the President by Dr. Edward W. Huffstetler, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Kathryn Liptak, Associate Provost and Interim Dean of the College of Professional and Liberal Studies, assisted Dr. Boggess with the hooding ceremonies for the master's degree candidates.

The ceremonies were recorded and commemorative jump drives of the recording are available at a cost of \$20 each. Orders may be placed online here.

Master's Candidates West Virginia

ANAWALT: Nadia L. Johnson, Social Work

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BRADLEY: Amanda Jane Boothe, Social Work

BRIDGEPORT: John Wesley Mercia, Business Administration

CALVIN: Tara Brooke Woods, Social Work

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KENOVA: Dana Shane Adkins, Social Work; Cassandra L. Holbrook, Social Work

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LERONA: Vanessa Lynn Howell, Social Work

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MOUNT NEBO: Madison Brooke Herron, Health Promotion

MULLENS: Alesha Lorraine Toler Lester, Education

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OAK HILL: Kassie Patricia Sayre, Social Work

OCEANA: Benjamin Hunter Price, Business Administration; Madyson Faith Kennedy, Social Work

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WASHINGTON: Kimberly Ryna Conrad, Social Work

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**United Kingdom**

WIGAN, ENGLAND: Leah

Beth Foster, Health Promotion

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ATHENS: Robinson Britany D. Blevins, Elementary Education

BEAVER: Emily F. Jones, Elementary Education

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BLUEFIELD: Christopher James Adams, Health Science; Emilee McKenna Beggs, Multimedia Communication; Andrea Jae Butler, Sociology; Chandler Dale Cooper, Biology; Jaylin D. Harris, Sociology; Amy Christine Lawrence, RBA, Ian M. Mitchell, Health Science; Jessica P. Phillips, English; Christopher David Robertson, English; Seth B. Siers, Sociology; David Wayne Stevenson, RBA, Laamaj Jewell Wallace, Sociology.

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BRENTON: Christa Anne Compton, Special Education

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DAVY: Robert D. Riggs, History

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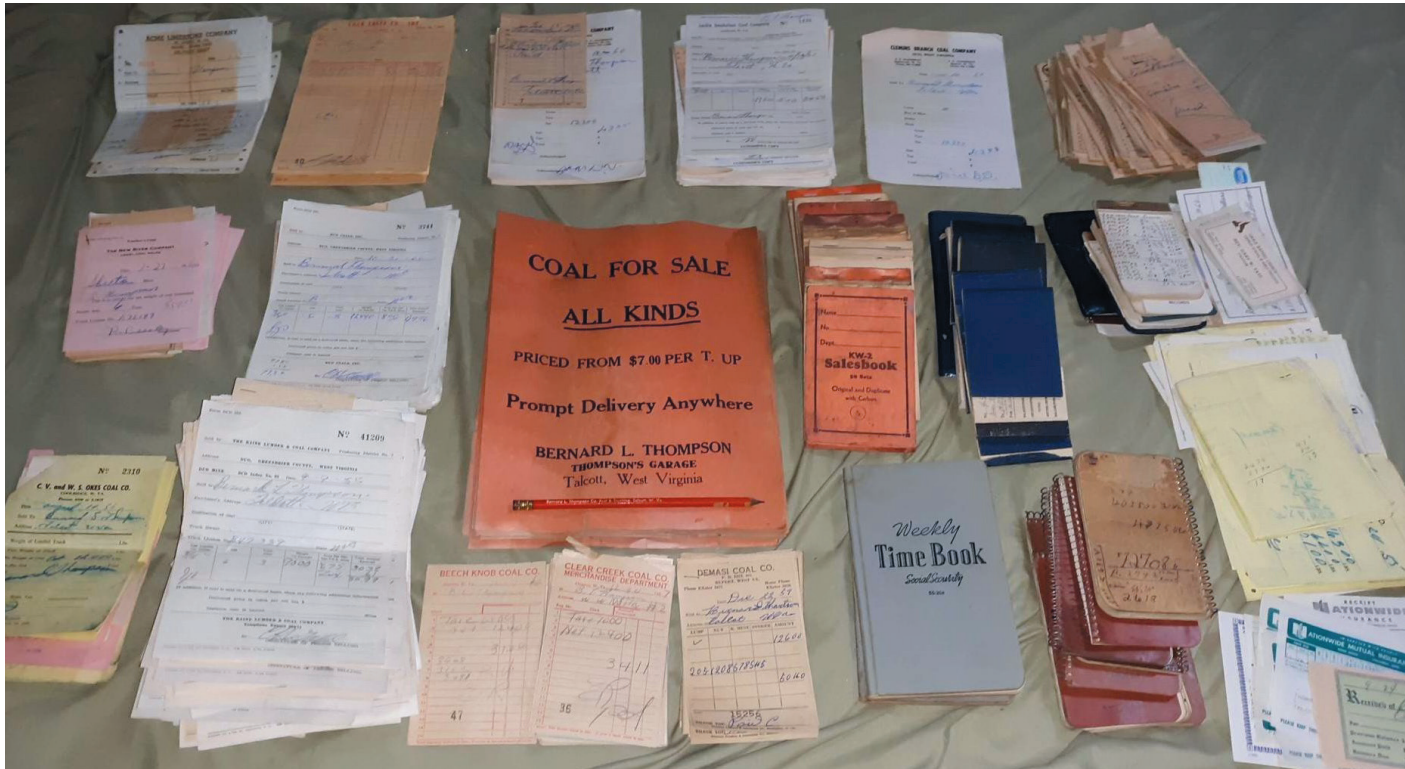
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# A peek into Summers County’s past: Coal delivery



Receipts, ledgers and flyers related to the business. Photo provided by William Jones.

**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 local history collector, William Jones, shares information and memories pertaining to one or more items from his collection. This week, we are talking about a coal company out of Talcott.

Jones starts this week’s discussion y saying, “Most people would not be able to imagine that you could once buy coal in Talcott, W.Va. But for a brief time in the 1950s through the early 1960s, you could purchase it and have it delivered to your home or business by a company in Summers County called Bernard L. Thompson Co. Fuel & Trucking that was advertised as being located in Talcott, W. Va. Bernard was my grandfather and for a brief time, between four and five years, had a section of what is now the John Henry Historic Park leased from the CSX Railroad that he used for a junkyard. The junkyard was conveniently located across Route 3 from his father’s business, Thompson’s Garage, which Bernard operated for a few short years in the late 1950s while his father, O. D. Thompson, was partnered with the Nash Brothers in their garage in Alderson, W.Va. at the base of Muddy Creek Mountain.”

Jones went on to discuss

the particulars of the company. He said, “Bernard would take his 1951 Ford Dump Truck that was painted red and black (the trademark of his business) to various coal companies such as Clear Creek Coal Company in Charmco, W.Va., Leckie Smokeless Coal Company in Anjean, W.Va., The Raine Lumber & Coal Company in Duo, W.Va., Clemens Branch Coal Company in Duo, W.Va. and The Demasi Coal Company in Rupert, W.Va., C.V. W.S. Okes Coal Company in Coolridge, W.Va., The New River Coal Company in Raleigh County, The Beeck Knob Coal Company in Clearco, W.Va. and Duo Coal Inc. in Duo, W.Va. He would purchase a dump truck load of coal, bring it back to Talcott and unload it on the property where he had the junkyard. Additionally, he sold it by the bushel basket or would deliver it to you after weighing it in wooden apple baskets that had been used on his grandfather L.W. Thompson’s orchard in the area and then would weigh it on (the red 1800s floor store scales you see here). An interesting fact about these scales is that he had purchased them from Red Nickles, who had used them in his store in Alderson, W.Va., for many decades around the turn of the century.”

Although Jones was aware his grandfather had sold coal in the area, it was not until his passing

that Jones and his brother discovered the flyer pictured. He stated, “I had always heard my grandfather Bernard tell me stories of how he sold coal in Talcott. But it wasn’t until he passed in 2018 when my brother and I were cleaning out his barn, that I found this stack of flyers he had printed up at that time that he placed around Summers County. They were stuck above one of the rafters, in the original envelope where they had been for 70-some odd years. They read: ‘Coal For Sale All Kinds Priced from \$7.00 Per T. Up Prompt Delivery Anywhere Bernard L. Thompson Thompson’s Garage Talcott, West Virginia’.”

“After he passed, we had packed away the contents of his antique roll top desk, and I just went through them last week. Granddad had kept every piece of paper in regards to his business. Must be where I inherited this trait from. He saved every receipt from anyone he had ever done business with in Summers County from the 1940s until he passed. But in relation to this story, he had kept all of the receipts and his record books where he would purchase coal to sell in Talcott. There was even a pencil he had made up and would hand out to advertise his company.”

Jones also had an interesting aside related to the desk and its contents. He said, “An interesting



The antique scales Jones mentions. Photo provided by William Jones.

side note about his desk. He even kept the receipt where he had purchased the desk that reads ‘1 roll top desk, 1 used Westinghouse refrigerator, 1 used RCA TV set, a sofa and chair and various other household items’, in 1954 when as he put it ‘I married your grandmother and we went to house-keeping’. It is no wonder I became obsessed with local history and antiques, having a grandfather who was such a packrat (his wife was too).”

As a final note, Jones said, “I have never found an exact year that he stopped doing business but it was sometime in the early 1960s. Because he was forced to close down the junkyard due to it having caused such an eyesore along Route 3. I guess in a way it is a good thing it happened or he would have never moved to Kanawha County and built the successful life he did, keeping his residence in Talcott as a weekend camp. And we wouldn’t have what is now the John Henry Historic Park.”

We have come to the end of another edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past. Did you know about Bernard L. Thompson Co. Fuel & Trucking and its coal delivery service? Be sure to come back next week for another look into the area’s history.

If you have a story about share, send us an email at news@hintonnews.com.



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