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PSC opens investigation of fire hydrants

CHARLESTON, WV (Hinton News) – On Friday, the Public Service Commission initiated a general investigation to examine the maintenance and testing of fire hydrants.

Although the Commission has no requirements for water pressure or volume for fire suppression, the state Department of Health and Human Resources requires that, "Under no circumstances shall fire flows be less than 250 gallons per minute."

One of the primary charges of the Commission is to require public utilities to perform in a manner designed to safeguard the interests of the public and the utilities. Whether a fire hydrant is owned by a public utility or served by a utility, the utility has responsibilities to assure that the hydrant will perform adequately. If adequate flow cannot be delivered by a particular hydrant, that hydrant is not fulfilling its purpose as part of the water distribution system and the utility owning or serving the hydrant is not providing adequate service.

For that reason, the Commission has ordered that on or before July 28, 2023, all public utility owners of fire hydrants or that serve private fire hydrants shall provide certain information to the Commission. Information sought includes the number of hydrants owned or serviced, their age, descriptions of the infrastructure supporting them, problems or complaints encountered, and maintenance schedules and practices.

PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane said, "We are seeking information and will evaluate when we receive it and then we will determine if further action is necessary."

More information on this case can be found on the PSC website: www.psc.state.wv.us. Click on "Case Information" and access Case No. 23-0555-W-GI.

Small Town, big celebration: Alderson hosts memorable 4th of July parade

Summers County businesses representing in the parade.

One of Talcott Fire Department's Engines.

Rebecca Stalnaker

ALDERSON, WV (WVDN) - The small town of Alderson, West Virginia, came alive with patriotic spirit as residents and visitors gathered to celebrate Independence Day with the annual 4th of July parade. The event, held in the heart of downtown Alderson, showcased the community's pride and love for their country. This event, a long-standing tradition in Alderson, featured a colorful display of floats, community organizations, firetrucks from multiple areas and more. The streets were lined with enthusiastic spectators of all ages.

Despite a late start, sweltering heat and the possibility of rain, the 2023 Alderson 4th of July Parade wound through the town, delighting the crowd. The parade kicked off with local police cruisers. A variety of floats made their way down the parade route, each one creatively decorated to reflect the spirit of the holiday. From patriotic themes to nods to local history, the floats captured the essence of Alderson's unique community.

Local businesses and organizations also took part in the parade, showcasing their support for the town and its residents. The Alderson Volunteer Fire Department displayed its impressive fire trucks, while winners of the Miss Fireworks and other local pageants waved to the crowd.

The parade wouldn't be complete without a couple of lion mascots interacting with viewers. Several groups showcased their musical talents, filling the air with songs that had everyone tapping their feet.

The Alderson 4th of July parade is not only a celebration of America's independence but also a testament to the strong sense of community that exists in this small town. It brings together people from all walks of life, fostering a sense of unity and pride.

In addition to the parade, Alderson also hosted a variety of other activities throughout the day, including live music, and a fireworks display in the evening. These events provided opportunities for residents and visitors to come together and enjoy the festivities in true American style.

As the sun set on Alderson, the fireworks lit up the night sky, painting a beautiful picture of red, white, and blue. It was a fitting end to a day filled with joy and celebration.

The Alderson 4th of July parade is a cherished tradition that brings the community together, reminding everyone of the importance of freedom and unity. It serves as a reminder that, no matter how small a town may be, the spirit of patriotism and love for country can shine brightly.

Winners of Friends of the Summers County Library Golf Tournament announced

The third-place team

The second-place team

The first-place team with library director Kris Kellan.

WILLOWWOOD (Hinton News) - The Willowwood Golf Course hosted its annual golf tournament to benefit the Summers County Public Library o June 25. Overall, 41 golfers came out to play. The winners were:

In first place with 10 under par were Steve Willey, Greg Cales, George Chesebro and Mike Hey. Coming in second place were Donna Scott, Debbie Wykle, Shon Jackson and James Allen Williams; and in third place were Vickie Sturgell, Phillip Meadows, Bernard Gunnoe and Trey Gunnoe

More than $4,200 was raised to help support the Library. Special thanks are due to all those who sponsored holes, donated door prizes, came out and played and volunteered to help make this such success. A very special thanks to the Elks members who run the Willowood Golf Course and have been putting on a golf tournament for many years to help support the Summers County Public Library.

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West Virginia Water Festival line up announced, new event joins list

Lisa Abshire

HINTON (Hinton News) - It's the time of year again when Hinton is preparing for the annual Water Festival. People from all over come to take part in the events happening throughout the week and enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

This year there's a new edition to the event list, the food truck festival sponsored by Botany Tropicals. The event is scheduled for July 26 from 4 - 8 p.m., on 3rd Avenue in downtown Hinton. Some food trucks participating will be Kobe Fusion, Lobster Trappin and Taco Trolley. Additionally, Riverside Kitten Rescue will be set up during the food truck festival, so be sure to stop by and show your support for them. If you post pictures on social media, remember to tag Botany Tropical and use the hashtag #TasteOfHintonFoodTruckRally to share with all your friends.

The Water Festival kicks off on Saturday, July 22, with a full day of fun activities for the entire family. A pet parade and animal show will be downtown from 10 a.m. until noon.

The ever-popular youth art show will open at the Summers County Library at 10 a.m. Be sure to show support for your favorite pieces.

Next up will be a returning favorite in the pretty baby contest. You can catch all the cuteness at the freight depot between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

JonBen Slate will be performing at the City Park starting at 5:30 up until 9 p.m. This band is always popular, be sure to catch them this time around.

If swimming is your thing, the water festival has you covered. A night swim will be at Wild Water Express from 8 until 11 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25, brings the crowning of Queen Mermaid at the Ritz Theater. This lovely event takes place starting at 6 p.m. and lasts until 8 p.m.

On Wednesday, in addition to the food truck festival, there will be music at City Park from 6 - 8 p.m.

Thursday will see plenty of events to keep you busy and happy with vendors on the courthouse lawn beginning at 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Next will be a youth art show reception at the Summerd County Library at 5 p.m.

Then for your festival enjoyment, is the Queen's banquet at the Freight Depot from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

A street dance for the youth will take place on second avenue 8 - 10 p.m.

Friday, July 28, will get off to a delicious start with the Kiwanis pancake breakfast held at St Patrick's Church. Start your festival fun with delicious food while helping out a wonderful cause. The breakfast is from 8 - 11 a.m.

Vendors will be set up on the courthouse lawn for your shopping pleasure. You might find that item you can't live without. Vendors are open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The ever-popular Fireman's Parade will be at 8 p.m. in downtown Hinton. Come show support for your favorite emergency services.

Stay for the fireworks that follow the fireman's parade at 9 p.m. Enjoy a gorgeous display that will light up the night sky.

Saturday has another chance to catch the vendors and the pancake breakfast. If you missed out on Friday, take advantage of these fun events before they're gone.

The grand parade is one you don't want to miss. Taking place downtown beginning at 11 a.m.

Keith Adkins will perform his popular magic show again this year at 2 p.m. on the courthouse lawn stage. Be sure to check it out for a fun time.

Reachh is sponsoring a deck your bike event. Register by 10 a.m. in front of Pivonts Funeral Home. Ages 5-13, enter those bikes decorated with a water theme and try for the prize.

The Queen's reception will be at the McCreary Hotel 2 - 3 p.m., and the rubber ducky race is also in the same time slot at the Point.

End a wonderful festival week at the Queen's Ball to be held at the WillowWood Country Club with music by Mark Trump of Maple Hill Entertainment. Tickets are $25 for single and $40 for couples. Seating is limited, and this is a 21 and over-only event.

Enjoy your water festival activities and share your photos with the Hinton News on Facebook.

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Mrs. Rocchetti and Mrs. Price's Hinton Area Elementary classes visit Beyond Wishes TRP

School group at Beyond Wishes

SUMMERS COUNTY (Hinton News) - A fun day was had by all at Beyond Wishes Therapeutic Riding Program, doing different activities with the horses; decorating their horseshoes was so much fun. Other activities were stick horse races, decorating and grooming horses. The children also gave baths and enjoyed some hand painting. Thank you to all who made this possible, teachers, volunteers, instructors, bus drivers and the Board of Education for their permission. Thank you also to Hinton Area Foundation, and Skewes Family Foundation for sponsoring these specialty programs. Beyond Wishes is a local 501©3 nonprofit that offers Equine Assisted Services to individuals with disabilities and special needs. For more information see their Facebook page or call 304 466-0431.

Friends of the Library to hold meeting

The Friends of the Summers County Library will meet on Tuesday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library.

Summers County Courthouse news

Marriages

Walker Scott Brown to Margaret Ann Richmond.

Fiduciaries

Dorma June Roach, Administrator of the Elta Loretta Roach estate.

Land Transfers

Navy Federal Credit Union to Edward R. Lilly II, Lot Numbers 8 & 9 Block 6, City of Hinton District;

Timothy P. Pfleiderer to David A. Shinaver, Parcel, Forest Hill District;

Sandra D. Anderson and Jessica M. Huffman (Conner) to Tanya Lisette McClung, 215X682X35X154, Jumping Branch District;

Cassady Berry to Annette L. Hill, Lot Number 47;

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We are continuing the topic of The Suffering Servant. Last week we looked at how the mission of Jesus was different than expected.

The Suffering Servant (Part 1)

Section C

by David Padfield

The Servant Has Great Difficulties In His Mission

"Listen, O coastlands, to Me, and take heed, you peoples from afar! The Lord has called Me from the womb; from the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name. And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and made Me a polished shaft; in His quiver He has hidden Me. And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; yet surely my just reward is with the Lord, and my work with my God.' And now the Lord says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him (for I shall be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and My God shall be My strength), Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, to Him whom man despises, to Him whom the nation abhors, to the Servant of rulers: 'Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship, because of the Lord who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel; and He has chosen You.'" (Isa. 49:1-7).

The Servant is the speaker in these verses, but He did not take this duty upon Himself—the Lord called Him into this service. Again, the Gentiles are invited to listen (Isa. 49:1). The Lord knew His Servant from His mother's womb—this rules out the possibility of the Servant being the nation of Israel.

The Servant was to "restore the preserved ones of Israel" (Isa. 49:6). Saul of Tarsus who was among this righteous remnant of Israel (Rom. 9:1-8; 11:1-5).

In fulfillment of the words of Isaiah, Christ became a light to the Gentiles. "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who sat in darkness saw a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned" (Matt. 4:15-16; cf. Isa. 9:1-2). After Paul had been rejected by the Jews in Antioch of Pisidia, he said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles" (Acts 13:46).

Jesus told the Syro-Phoenician woman that He had been sent to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 15:22-24). When the disciples were sent out on the Limited Commission they were told not to go to the Gentiles (Matt. 10:5-6). However, in the Great Commission the apostles were sent to all nations of the earth (Matt. 28:19).

Continued next week.

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Appalachian Shakespeare Project presents: The Tragedy of Richard the Third

ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) – The Appalachian Shakespeare Project celebrates its fourteen-year anniversary this summer with a new production of one of Shakespeare's most popular tragedies, The Tragedy of Richard the Third,to be presented at Pipestem Resort State Park amphitheater on July 21 and 22 at 6 p.m. and July 23 at 2 p.m. and also in front of the Alexander Fine Arts Building at Concord University on July 28 and 29 at 6 p.m. and July 30 at 2 p.m. All performances are free of charge, but donations are appreciated.

The Tragedy of Richard the Third is set amid the Wars of the Roses between the houses of Lancaster and York. It tells the story of the infamous English king who schemes and murders his way to the throne, and his eventual downfall in battle.

"Richard the Third is one of Shakespeare's most exciting tragedies, and we're going to do our best to bring that excitement to life," said Executive Director and Concord University professor Dr. Gabriel Rieger. "Our production will feature Renaissance costuming and a significant amount of swordplay in the final battle."

Dr. Rieger has long looked forward to presenting Richard the Third. "This play is one of the most thrilling and fun of all of Shakespeare's tragedies. It reads a little like Game of Thrones, and I have wanted to direct it for a long time," said Dr. Rieger. "I am fortunate to be working with a great new director, Julie Prince, who has performed with us for several years now. We are working with an outstanding group of actors, as well as our new fight choreographer Seth Abramson and our very talented costumer Chris Bone."

The role of Richard will be played by Appalachian Shakespeare Project veteran actor Aaron Sudderth, who made his debut with the company playing Hortensio in their 2014 production of The Taming of the Shrew.

"Aaron has done outstanding work for us in the past, and I am glad that he was able to join us in this role," said Dr. Rieger. "Richard is one of the greatest villains in Shakespeare's canon, and already in rehearsal, Aaron is rising to the challenge admirably."

"This will be my sixth show at ASP, and every year brings new challenges and new adventures that I'll keep with me for a lifetime," said Sudderth. "Richard the Third is a great play and I've had nothing but a great time working on it."

Also returning to this year's production is Karen Harvey, who made her debut with the Appalachian Shakespeare Project playing Gertrude in their 2019 production of Hamlet. This summer, she is serving as stage manager as well as taking on the role of Queen Margaret of the House of Lancaster, whose terrible curses foreshadow the tragedy which befalls the House of York.

"We're very fortunate that Karen has joined us again this summer," said Rieger. "The role of Margaret is one of the richest roles in the theatre, but it is also one of the most difficult. Karen is doing full justice to it. Her experience and craft are an inspiration to younger cast members and serve to elevate our production."

Harvey is a longtime veteran of southern West Virginia's local theatre community, and most recently performed with 4Pals Productions in Bluefield, Virginia.

"It's a real pleasure to work with the ASP folks again," said Harvey. "I look forward to it every summer now, and the stage combat takes it to a whole new level."

This summer also marks the return of the Appalachian Shakespeare Project to Pipestem Resort State Park. "We've been performing at Pipestem for a couple of years now, and it's always a great experience," said Dr. Rieger. "The amphitheater is perfectly designed for live theatre, and audience response is always very positive. We hope that this year's show will be just as well received."

The Appalachian Shakespeare Project is a community theater organization founded in the summer of 2010 to present actor-and-audience-focused outdoor performances of Shakespeare's plays in order to provide the community with an enjoyable and educational theater experience. This summer's play will be offered under some conditions similar to those Shakespeare's own company encountered. Much like Elizabethan acting troupes, this summer's actors will assemble their own contemporary costumes and will perform with limited scenic pieces. The show will be presented outdoors under natural lighting conditions.

Audience members are encouraged to bring camp chairs and blankets, and to come early with picnic dinners. The show has an estimated running time of two and a half hours.

Previous Appalachian Shakespeare Project offerings have included A Midsummer Night's Dream in the summer of 2010, Romeo and Juliet in 2015, and Hamlet in 2019.

For more information about the Appalachian Shakespeare Project, contact the Executive Director of the Appalachian Shakespeare Project, Professor Gabriel Rieger of Concord University, via email at grieger@concord.edu or via phone at (304) 384-5251.

Summers County student graduates from Mountaineer Challenge Academy

The Mountaineer Challenge Academy is pleased to announce Class 1-23 as the 60th class to complete this West Virginia National Guard Program. Commencement exercises were held Friday, June 16th at Camp Dawson in Kingwood. A total of 70 graduates from 27 counties across the State of West Virginia successfully completed the requirements for graduation. Major Holli Nelson congratulated the Cadets and gave the commencement address.

The following Cadets participated from Summers County:

Cadet Nicholas Blankenship, son of Nicky and Teshea Blankenship of Pipestem, was in Platoon 1. Cadet Blankenship was recognized for receiving the Instructor's List(2), Level One PT(3), Mentorship(2), Honor's List, Overall Most Improved, S2C Award as well as obtaining the six Individual Values Recognition Ribbons.

Cadet Blankenship

All graduating Cadets have completed the residential phase of ChalleNGe, which includes activities in eight core component areas ranging from Service to Community to Employability Skills. Cadets in this class provided 3864.61 hours of Service to Community for such organizations as Operation Gratitude, Chestnut Ridge Park, Adopt A Highway, Trout for Cheat, PATCH Coalition of Taylor County, and Friends of Cheat. Following graduation, these Cadets will begin a one-year post-residential phase of ChalleNGe that includes placement activities in education and/or employment.

Applications are currently being accepted for Class 2-23 South that begins in October. Call toll-free at 1-800-529-7700 for more information.

Gear up for the Warriors in the Field poker run

SUMMERS COUNTY (Hinton News) - Warriors in the Field, a non-profit veteran's organization is holding a poker run event on Saturday, July 15. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at River City. The ride consists of 79 miles that traverse Summers, Monroe, Mercer and Giles counties, ending back in Summers.

The last stop of the poker run is Hill Top Bar in Lowell. When participants arrive, the festivities continue with a pig roast, a silent auction and a concert by Cody Wickline. According to one of the organizers Johnny Ratliff, there are "all kinds" of door prizes that will be given away during the event.

This poker run creates an excellent opportunity to give back to and support veterans. The event reportedly has more than 200 riders committed. According to Ratliff, any street-legal vehicle is welcome to ride in the event. The cost is $25 per bike and $10 per extra hand. Additionally, the pig roast is $10 per plate.

For more information, contact Chris Gilbert at 304-207-6000 or Johnny Ratliff at 931-801-6881.

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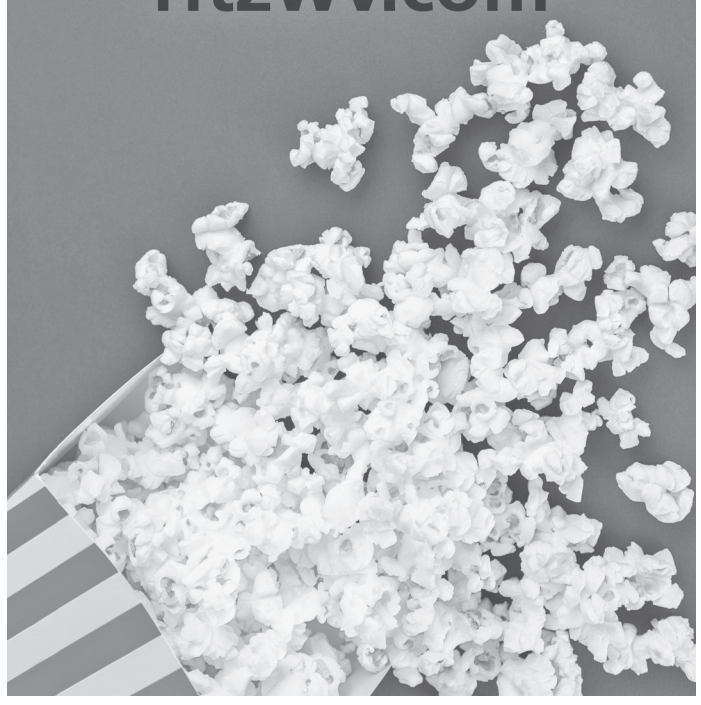

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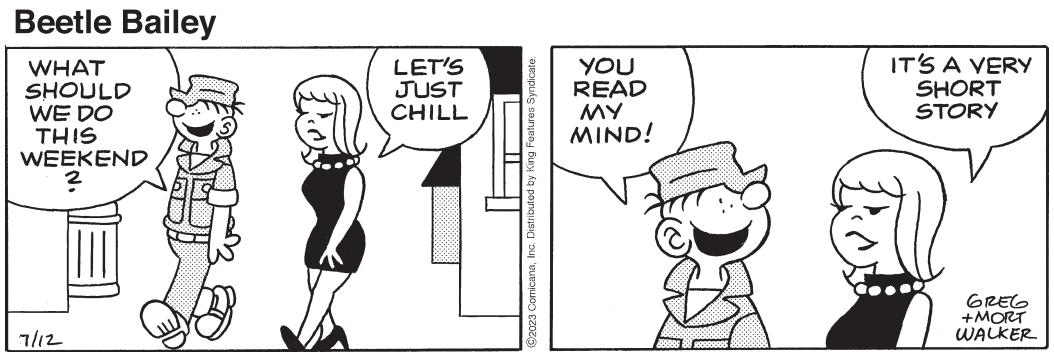

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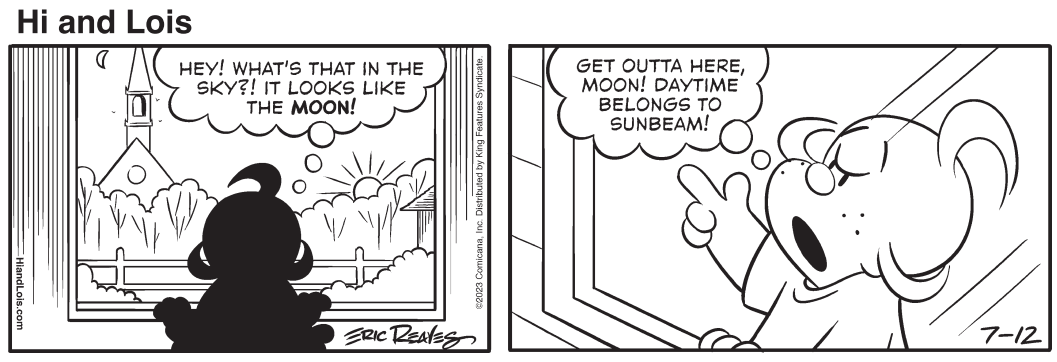

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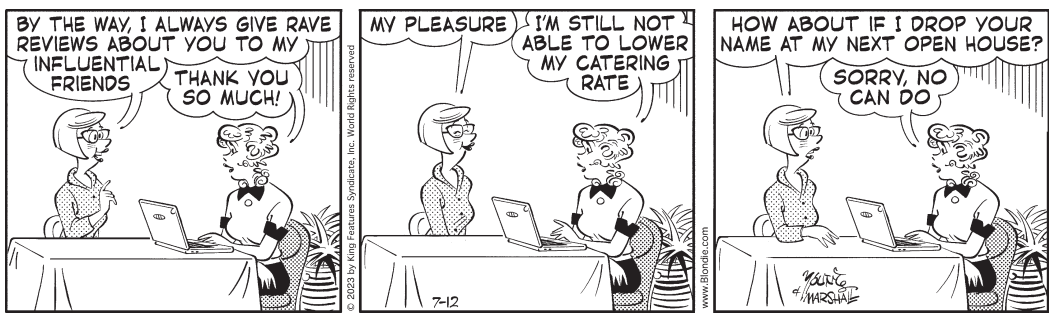

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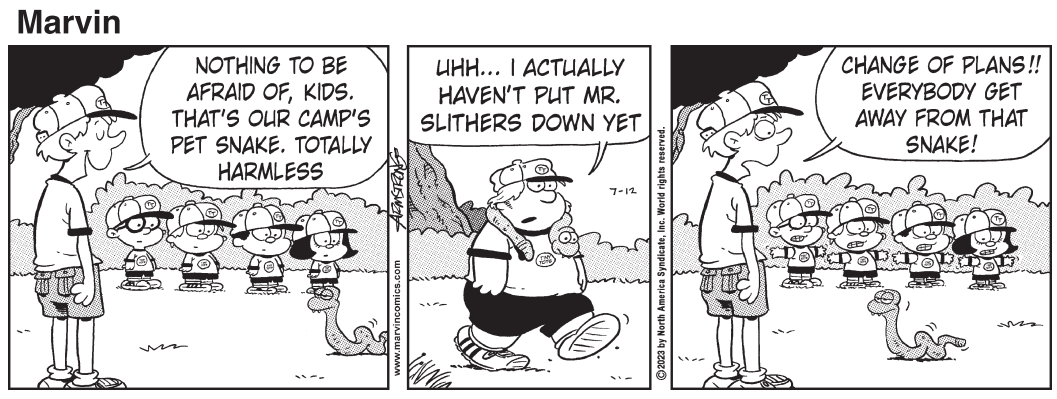

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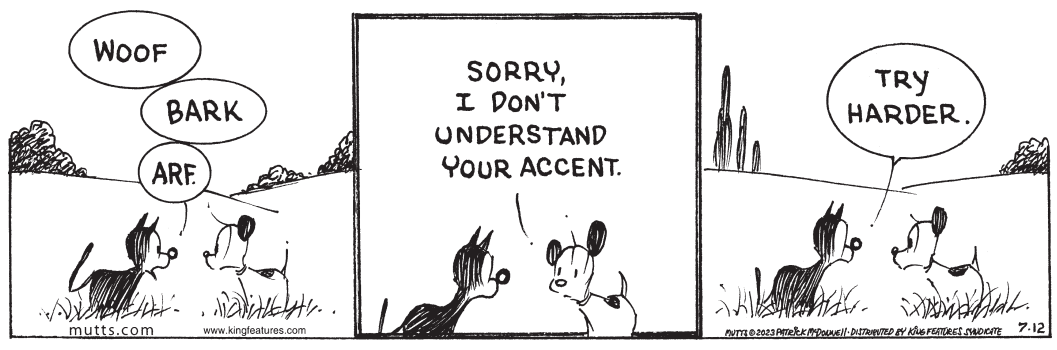

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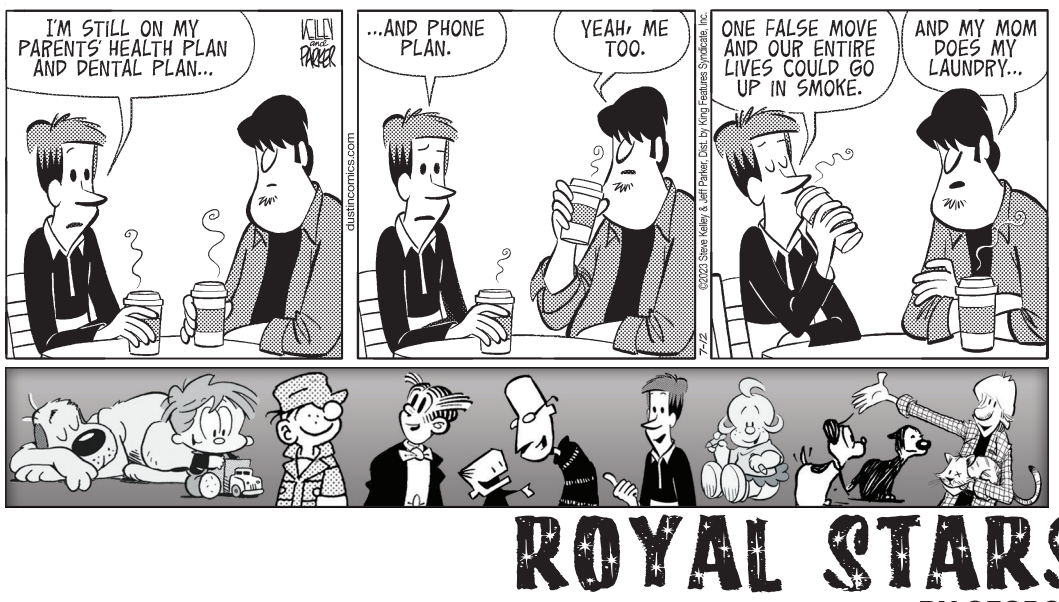

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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today until 11 p.m. PDT. The Moon is in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 12, 2023:

You are caring, empathetic and concerned about what's happening with others. You're a steadfast and loyal friend. This is a powerful year; it's time to receive recognition and reap the benefits of your previous hard work. Expect a promotion, prize, award or some kind of acknowledgement. Bravo!

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★ Business and commerce are favored today, especially business related to the arts, the entertainment world, professional sports and children. If shopping, you might buy something beautiful that really appeals to you, most likely an impulse purchase. (Keep your receipts.) Tonight: Work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

4★ Family relations are warm and friendly today, which means this is a lovely day to entertain at home. You will also enjoy making an effort to redecorate or make your home look more attractive. Love at first sight or a sudden attraction will occur for some of you. Tonight: Play!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3★ You feel restless today. This is because you are emotionally open and eager to connect with others. Perhaps this feeling will prompt you to make an impulsive gesture or even a rash action. As long as you care in a genuine way, things will likely work out fine. Tonight: Get organized.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

4★ Business dealings can be profitable for you today, especially if you have some unexpected advice from a friend or a member of a group. You might even suddenly change your goals. Possibly, you will want to convince others to agree with your new ideas. If so, you'll be successful. Tonight: You're convincing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

3★ A sudden attraction to someone in a position of authority or a crush on your boss is possible today. In turn, people in authority might surprise you or throw you a curveball. In all likelihood, you can talk your way into or out of anything today because others find you attractive. Tonight: Monitor your cash.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

4★ Sudden travel plans might fall in your lap today. Or relations with foreign countries or other cultures might surprise you in some way. The news or something in the media also might catch you off guard or interest you. Some of you are involved in a secret love affair. Tonight: Get exercise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

4★ Keep an eye on banking matters and anything to do with your finances. Something unexpected could impact your assets, shared property or an inheritance. Today you might meet an unusual, creative friend or a member of a group. It will probably be a pleasant encounter. Tonight: Solitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

4★ Stay light on your feet today, because a friend or partner might surprise you. Or you might be introduced to someone unusual. You also might develop a crush or feel attracted to someone in authority. It's a curious day because it's full of romantic little bubbles here and there. Tonight: Competition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

3★ A work-related romance or a flirtation might spark today. You also might have a sudden opportunity to travel. Or you might meet someone who is unusual, perhaps from another culture, someone different. Someone also might ask for your counsel or a sympathetic ear. Tonight: Ambition!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

4★ This is a good day to ask for a loan or mortgage, because doors will open for you. In financial negotiations, favors and money will come your way. Meanwhile, romance is blessed! Love at first sight might happen. Or you might feel a sudden attraction for someone, even a stranger. Tonight: Travel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

3★ Something unusual might take place at home today. Get dressed, because unexpected company might knock at your door. You might buy something modern or high-tech for your home. Relations with partners are affectionate in a spontaneous way. Tonight: Disputes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

4★ A work-related romance might be kindled today. Something pleasant and unexpected related to your health, a pet or any daily activity that you do could yield a pleasant surprise for you. A spontaneous short trip might occur. Meanwhile, you're full of original, genius-like ideas. Tonight: Cooperate.

BORN TODAY

Actress Michelle Rodriguez (1978), actress Rachel Brosnahan (1990), actress Phoebe Tonkin (1989)

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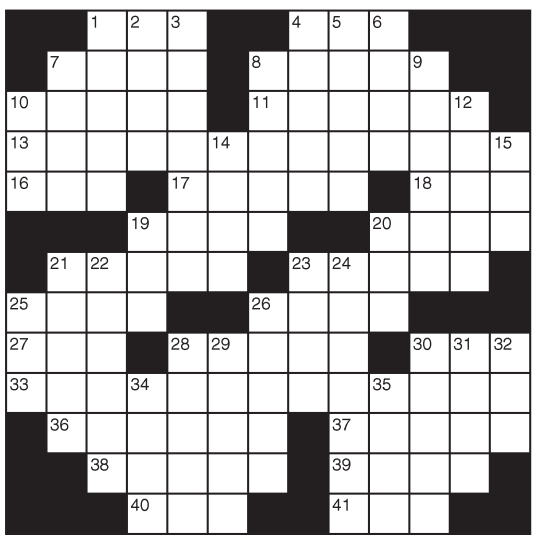
ACROSS

1 Smidgen
4 Pouch
7 Only
8 Café con —
10 Bob Marley, for one
11 Ancient
13 Donna Summer hit of 1978
16 Govt. lender for a start-up
17 Author Joyce Carol —
18 — chi
19 Con
20 Office part-timer
21 Ranch visitors
23 Touches down
25 Lapel jewelry
26 Legal wrong
27 Arles buddy
28 Battery-powered two-wheeler
30 Ninny
33 Crunchy Hawaiian treats
36 Trattoria desserts
37 Jockey
38 Was livid
39 Luau strings
40 Orig. texts
41 Martini liquor

DOWN

1 Puccini opera
2 Utah ski resort
3 Cherished friend
4 Musical transition
5 PCs from Taiwan
6 Karate move
7 Swedish car
8 Christine of "Chicago Hope"
9 Euphoric
10 Apt. divisions
12 Small measures
14 Body pics
15 Half a ton
19 Billboards
20 Potent stick
21 "Joltin' Joe"
22 Relief org. for kids
23 Norse trickster
24 Floor covering
25 Nonstick spray
26 Shy
28 Dutch cheeses
29 Kathy of "Misery"
30 Poet W.H.
31 Fr. holy women
32 Old map letters
34 Reunion attendee
35 "The Mother" director Caro



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Last Wednesday's Answer
(Answers Next Wednesday)

JUMBLE

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

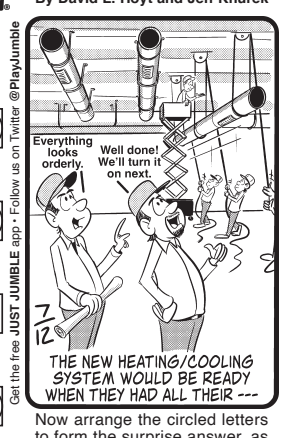
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

WSONO

NPUED

BACYRB

SITISN



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

"_____" _____ _ _____

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers | Jumbles: ICING ALBUM LITTLE STICKY
Answer: For the rodeo bronco, "throwing off as many riders as possible" was on his — "BUCK-IT" LIST

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 7/12

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 7/5

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Substitute Trustee's Sale of Real Property

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of that certain Deed of Trust dated June 30, 2017, and executed by **BIRDINE BOLTON,** now known as **BIRDINE HERALD,** which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 286, at Page 588, as Instrument No. 190669 (the "Deed of Trust"), securing Celco Community Federal Credit Union for repayment in the original principal amount of $167,000.00, as evidenced by a Promissory Note of even date therewith, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, and the holder of said Promissory Note having declared the whole thereof to be due and payable and, whereas, pursuant to the provisions of the Deed of Trust, Celco Community Federal Credit Union, as the beneficiary of the indebtedness secured thereby, may, for any reason, designate and appoint one or more substitute Trustee(s), in the place and stead of the original Trustee(s) named therein and, whereas, Celco Community Federal Credit Union did previously name, constitute, designate, and appoint **JEFFRY A. PRITT,** as **SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE,** under the Deed of Trust and, whereas, Celco Community Federal Credit Union, as the holder of the aforesaid Promissory Note (the "Noteholder"), having declared the whole thereof to be due and payable, and having requested the undersigned, in writing, to make sale of a part of the real estate described in the Deed of Trust, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will, therefore, on

Monday, July 24, 2023, at 12:00 noon

offer for sale and sell at public auction at the front door of the Summers County Courthouse, Hinton, West Virginia, all the following described real estate, together with the buildings and improvements located thereon, and the rights-of-way, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in **FOREST HILL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SUMMERS, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA (the "Real Property"),** and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

That certain real estate located in FOREST HILL DISTRICT, SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point found, a ½″ rebar and being a comer to Charles Smith and the 6.33 acre tract; thence leave said Smith and with the 6.33 acre tract N. 32° 02′ E., 388.95 feet to a point set, a 5/8″ rebar; thence N. 32° 01′ E., 28.41 feet to a point in the centerline of a 40′ wide right of way; thence leave said 6.33 acre tract and with said centerline S. 15° 01′ E., 64.65 feet; thence S. 56° 52′ E., 106.89 feet; thence S 47° 25′ E., 104.27 feet; thence S 20° 19′ E., 83.13 feet; thence S. 04° 33′ E., 60.46 feet; thence S 23° 47′ E., 137.20 feet; thence S. 30° 58′ E., 44.51 feet; thence S. 32° 48′ E., 33.34 feet; thence S. 19° 35′ E., 54.41 feet; thence S. 15° 14′ W., 41.69 feet; thence S. 44° 57′ W., 65.06 feet; thence S. 66° 45′ W., 48.23 feet; thence S. 29° 17′ W., 15.95 feet; thence leave said centerline and with the 6.07 acre tract N 65° 08′ W., 4.42 feet to a point set, a 5/8″ rebar; thence N. 65° 08′ W., 315.88 feet to a 6″ maple; thence N. 82° 11′ W., 182.32 feet to a point set, a 5/8″ rebar on a line of Charles Smith; Thence N. 08° 49′ E., 181.66 feet to the Place of BEGINNING. Together with and subject to covenants, easements, and restrictions of record. Said tract of land contains 5.02 acres of land more or less as surveyed by Jeffery J. Chambers, PS in October of 2007 as shown on a map, the original of which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Summers County in Map Cabinet B, page 138B.

The aforesaid real estate is the same as that conveyed to Birdine Bolton, now known as Birdine Herald, from Jeffrey A. Meadows, by that certain Deed dated September 17, 2008, and recorded September 22, 2008, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 230, at Page 508, as Instrument No. 143577.

This property is reported to have an address of: Holly Ridge Rd, Forest Hill, WV 24935

TERMS OF SALE:

1. Ten percent (10%) of the sales price cash in hand on the day of sale in the form of cash, or a certified check or cashier's check made payable to Pritt Law Firm, PLLC (the "Good Faith Deposit"), with the balance to be paid at closing within 30 days after the date of sale.

2. The Real Property shall be sold "AS IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS" and subject to any and all matters as may be disclosed by an examination and inspection. Neither the Substitute Trustee, the Noteholder, nor their respective agents, successors, and assigns, make any representations or warranties with respect to the Real Property, including, without limitation, representations or warranties as to the structural integrity, physical condition, construction, workmanship, materials, habitability, fitness for a particular purpose or merchantability of all or any part of the Real Property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Real Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to the environmental condition of the Real Property or the compliance of the Real Property with federal, state, or local laws and regulations concerning the purchase or disposal of hazardous substances. Acceptance of the deed to the Real Property shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustee, the Noteholder, and their respective agents, successors, and assigns, concerning the environmental condition of the Real Property, including, but not limited to, claims arising under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, and/or state or local law, ordinances or regulations.

3. The Real Property will be sold subject to all prior liens senior in priority to the Deed of Trust, all unpaid real property taxes or assessments, personal property taxes or assessments, encumbrances and claims in favor of public service districts/municipal sanitary boards, if any, and also further subject to any and all other matters, assessments, covenants, restrictions, conditions, reservations, rights of way and easements recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's office prior to the Deed of Trust and affecting the Real Property.

4. Settlement shall be by cashier's check or wire transfer of immediately available federal funds, and shall occur within thirty (30) days from date of sale, TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE.

5. Settlement shall occur in the offices of the Substitute Trustee. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to extend the date of settlement as may be necessary to complete arrangements for settlement.

6. The Good Faith Deposit, without interest, shall be applied to the credit of the foreclosure purchaser at settlement. If the foreclosure purchaser fails to complete settlement, the Good Faith Deposit shall be forfeited, and the Substitute Trustee may resell the Real Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser.

7. Conveyance of the Real Property shall be by delivery of a Trustee's Deed, without any covenant or warranty (express or implied), in the form prescribed by WV Code § 38-1-6, and the foreclosure purchaser shall pay for all deed transfer stamps, recording fees, and other closing costs customarily borne by the purchaser.

8. The risk of loss or damage to the Real Property shall be borne by the foreclosure purchaser from and after the bid strikedown at the time of sale.

9. The Substitute Trustee will not deliver possession of the Real Property to the foreclosure purchaser, who shall be solely responsible for obtaining possession of the Real Property. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause an existing tenant or person occupying the Real Property to vacate it, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY subject to the provisions of W.Va. Code § 38-1-17.

10. At the time of sale, the foreclosure purchaser shall be required to execute a memorandum of sale (the "Memorandum of Sale") which shall include, by reference, all the terms and conditions contained herein. The form of the Memorandum of Sale shall be available from the Substitute Trustee upon request and at sale time. Immediately upon the conveyance by the Substitute Trustee of the Real Property to the purchaser at foreclosure, all duties, liabilities and obligations of the Substitute Trustee, if any, with respect to the Real Property shall be extinguished.

11. Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without notice other than by the posting of a written notice and/or oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for the sale. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid on, and purchase, the Real Property at such sale. Additional terms of sale may be announced prior to sale.

At the public foreclosure sale any person or entity may bid, and may purchase the Real Property sold if they are the highest bidder. If the Real Property is sold for an amount in excess of the outstanding balance of the secured debt, together with all interest, unpaid real estate taxes and costs, said excess must be used to satisfy any other encumbrances on the Real Property and after all such encumbrances are satisfied, together with all interest and costs, any excess then remaining must be paid to the Grantor, or such other party holding an encumbrance on the Real Property, under applicable law. If the Grantor or any person holding an encumbrance cannot be found after a diligent search, the money shall be paid into the Circuit Court of Summers County for the benefit of the Grantor, or the holder of any such encumbrance.

In the event that there are federal tax liens against the Real Property, the United States of America would have the right to redeem the Real Property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale, or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer, and the closing date shall be extended accordingly.

Given under my hand this 28th day of June, 2023.
/s/ Jeffry A. Pritt
Jeffry A. Pritt, Substitute Trustee
Pritt Law Firm, PLLC
PO Box 708
Union, WV 24983
(304) 772-4700
jeffpritt@prittlawfirm.com
(12,19jl)

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: L-79-23
Public Notice Date: July 12, 2023
Paper: Hinton News

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WV0024732
Applicant:
HINTON, CITY OF
SANITARY BOARD
322 SUMMERS ST
HINTON, WV 25951
Location: HINTON, SUMMERS COUNTY
Latitude: 37:42:05
Longitude: 80:53:17
Receiving Stream: NEW RIVER
Activity:

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Also, to acquire, construct, install, operate, and maintain a wastewater collection system combined sewer overflow (CSO) Abatement Project - Phase 1, consisting of the installation of approximately 5,395 LF of HDPE storm pipe ranging in size from 10 to 24 and 49 catch basins. The project will also include replacement of approximately 265 LF of 12 inch, 10 LF of 15 inch and 360 LF of 18 inch PVC sanitary sewer pipe, 640 LF of 6 inch, 1,740 LF of 8 inch, 605 LF of 10 inch, 1,540 LF of 12 inch, 2,475 LF of 14 inch and 415 LF of 18 inch DIP sanitary sewer pipe, 49 sanitary sewer manholes, replacement of the existing Bellepoint lift station, installation of two (2) grinder lift stations, surface restoration, reconnection of existing lines and all other necessary appurtenances. The wastewater collection system upgrade project shall be constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications approved the 6th day of June 2022, and any approved addenda thereto, prepared by E.L. Robinson entitled "City of Hinton CSO Abatement Project (Phase 1) SRF Project No. C-544550."

Business conducted: Municipality
Implementation:

Compliance with the combined sewer overflow requirements shall be attained through Administrative Order No. 6567 and any amendments, thereto.

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting Section
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins July 12, 2023 and ends August 11, 2023.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304-2345, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.
(12jl)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estates have been opened for probate in the Summers Fiduciary Supervisor's Office at 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 100, Hinton, WV 25951-0097. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code § 41-5-11 – 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Summers County Fiduciary Supervisor's office within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code § 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estates of the following named decedents will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.
First Publication Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2023
Claim Deadline: Sunday, September 3, 2023
ESTATE OF: DOROTHY JANE COX
EXECUTRIX: DEBORAH SUSAN LILLY
ESTATE OF: BOBBY JOE SMITH
ADMINISTRATRIX: KRISTIN RENEE YORK
ESTATE OF: WESLEY LEROY WESTFALL
ADMINISTRATRIX: BARBARA KAY WESTFALL
ESTATE OF: ALMA JEAN WILLEY
EXECUTOR: DAVID K. WILLEY
ESTATE OF: CAROLYN ADKINS SHERWOOD
EXECUTOR: RICHARD CRISP
ESTATE OF: JAMES ALLEN WARF
EXECUTOR: BILLY WARF
ESTATE OF: LINDA J. VEST
ADMINISTRATRIX: KIMBERLY R. VEST
ESTATE OF: JAMES LEROY PITTMAN
ADMINISTRATRIX: SELANE ANN GILL

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the June 23, 2023.
Donald R. Basham Jr.
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County
(5,12jl)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN RE:
THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY NEAL COLEMAN
CIVIL ACTION NO. CC-45-2022-P-1
Judge Robert A. Irons
NOTICE OF HEARING

To all creditors of Jeffrey Neal Coleman, deceased, including those holding liens by judgment or otherwise on his real estate, or any party thereof.

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of the County of Summers County made in a cause therein pending, to subject the real estate of said Jeffrey Neal Coleman to the payment of his debts, including those which are liens on such real estate, or any part of it, you are hereby required to present your claims to the undersigned for adjudication, at the Courtroom, Summers County, Hinton, West Virginia, on the 18th day of July, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., otherwise you may by law be excluded from all benefit of such real estate.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of June, 2023.
/s/ Amy L. Mann
Amy L. Mann, Commissioner
104 Ballengee St.
Hinton, WV 25951
WV State Bar No. 9084
(5,12jl)

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Wednesday, July 26th at 12NOON
Registration & Inspection Begin at 11AM

16 Baby Back Place Pipestem, WV

Restaurant near Pipestem Resort State Park
Formerly Known as Brandon's BBQ & Grille

5,200+/- sq. ft. Building on 2.7+/- Acres (as assessed), 2 Dining Rooms, Separate Bar Area & Restrooms in each Dining Room, Patio Dining with Removable Windows, Updated Wiring & Plumbing, Addition Kitchen area (partially finished), Walk-in Refrigerator.

PLEASE NOTE: No restaurant equipment conveys with the real estate.

RE Terms: 10% down payment made day of auction w/balance due at closing w/in 45 days. 10% BP

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins July 12, 2023 and ends August 11, 2023.

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A peek into Summers County's past: Doyle Hardware

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HINTON (Hinton News) - It is time for another edition of A Peek into Summers County's Past. Every week, local history collector William Jones discusses pieces from his collection and their significance to area history. In this edition, Jones talks about Doyle Hardware which once served the Hinton area.

To begin, Jones notes some of the hardware businesses that have been in Hinton over time. He said, "Over the years, Hinton has had its share of hardware stores and construction suppliers. From Willey's Hardware, Hinton Hardware, Honaker Lumber, Hinton Builder Supply, and Rider Supply & Construction Co. to the company that we will be talking about in this piece, Doyle Hardware." Jones continued, "In doing the research for this article everyone I spoke with said that Jim Doyle, the store's owner, was such a wonderful, cheerful person, and there was no one else quite like him."

"I found his daughter Elizabeth Doyle McGinnis on Facebook and asked her a few questions about her father and Doyle Hardware. She told me that her father opened the store sometime after World War II after he returned from his time in service and stayed in business until sometime in 1989. He had worked briefly at Western Auto before opening his own business. Mr Doyle passed away on January 2, 1995."

According to Jones, Doyle Hardware was located in downtown Hinton on 3rd Ave. He said, "His store was originally on 3rd Avenue beside Pop's Hot Dog Stand. But later relocated across the street to the original Briers Furniture building that was also on 3rd Avenue due to some architectural issues with the original building. It remained there until the hardware store closed before Doyle's passing."

"His daughter said that 'dad never knew a stranger'. He was a lifelong resident of Hinton and Summers County. He enjoyed talking and visiting with the people that would come into his store on a daily basis. One of which was my Uncle Bob Thompson. In the 1970s, Uncle Bob had really gotten into collecting antique radios. Mr Doyle was known to have a little bit of everything in his store. So my Uncle Bob made visiting with Mr Doyle a regular stop when he was in town from Charleston to talk about antique radios and swap parts for them."

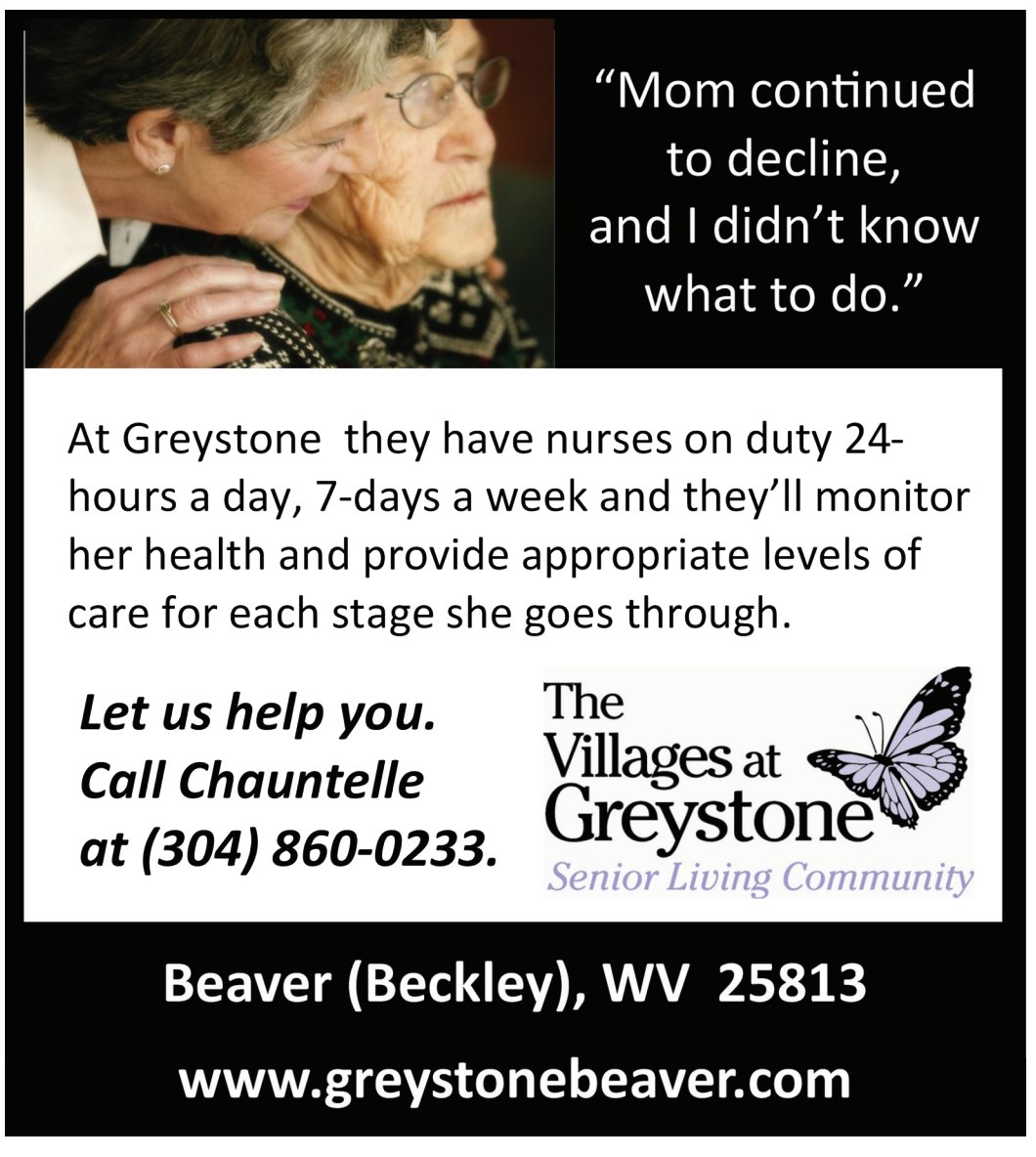
Doyle and Jones' Uncle shared a common interest. According to Jones, "Doyle too loved antiques and believed in the barter system. He would be called out to do an install of a part and would often take something in trade for his services. He would even lend people money to spend at the other businesses in town. They would give him an antique to hold as collateral until they could afford to pay it back. This is why his store looked more like an antique store than a hardware store."

After speaking with McGinnis, Jones learned more about Doyle, his store and his life. He noted, "After talking with his daughter, I learned that Doyle had a wealth of knowledge of the local rivers layouts. Being the only hardware store in Hinton that sold large treble hooks, he would often get called when the fire department was searching for a drowning victim. Where he would share his knowledge of the river's geography and tell them where the person's body could be found based on where they were last seen when they would call him to get a hook."

"Doyle appeared to be very unorganized, with his store resembling the set of Sanford and Son to an extent. But he could lay his hands on anything a customer ever needed in the store at a moment's notice," Jones said. "A funny side note about Mr. Doyle was that Leo Arthur and Bud Johnson thought they would surprise him while he was with his family on vacation and clean and organize the store. Mr. Doyle returned from vacation to find the organized store and was very amused. In only a few days, he had his store back in what most people would consider shambles, which is the organization he preferred."

Continuing the story, Jones said, "This provided many laughs for him and his family for years to come. On one of my uncles many trips to Doyle Hardware to visit Mr. Doyle, he gave him this 1930s tin advertisement for his hardware store that advertised Deming Water Pumps. My uncle and grandfather had placed it on the wall of his barn in Talcott, where it remained since the mid 1970s until last week when I brought it home to write this piece."

To conclude, Jones stated, "I could go on for pages about the stories that I learned about Mr. Doyle while researching this piece. But two things stick out to me that most people may not remember. One is that in 1976 Doyle ran for sheriff of Summers County. Johnny Jones wrote his campaign song that was played on WMTD, a local radio station. The other is that he was elected and served on the Summers County Board of Education in the 1970s and 80s."

This brings us to the end of this edition. Be sure to come back next week for another Peek into Summers County's Past. Did you know about Doyle Hardware?

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