



# Local hero honored with road dedication in Talcott



Photos taken by Ruth Flowers and Mike Bennett

TALCOTT, W.Va. (Hinton News) - A ceremony was held in Talcott, West Virginia, to honor a local hero, Sergeant Brian Christopher Karim. The community gathered to dedicate a road in memory of Sgt. Karim, a soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Senator Jack David Woodrum introduced a Senate Resolution commemorating and honoring the life and military service of Sgt. Karim. Woodrum highlighted Sgt. Karim's dedication to his family, state, and country.

Delegate Roy Cooper echoed these sentiments, emphasizing the profound sacrifice Sgt. Karim made for our nation. Cooper urged the community to remember Sgt. Karim's values of courage, honor, and selfless service.

Sergeant Karim was a 2001 Summers County High School graduate assigned to the Army's Second Battalion, 70th Armor, Third Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Riley Kansas. He was a Taskforce Baghdad member charged with security in Baghdad and the surrounding area.

Sgt. Karim was deployed to Iraq for his second tour of duty, where he conducted combat operations. On December 13, 2005, at the young age of 22, he tragically lost his life when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Taji, Iraq.

Sergeant Brian Christopher Karim left behind his family and the community that cherished him. He was survived by his wife and their young daughter, his loving parents, a brother, and a sister. His memory continues to live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

The road dedication serves as a tangible and enduring tribute to Sgt. Karim's service and sacrifice. It ensures that his legacy is etched in the heart of the community and in the annals of history. This act of remembrance helps to keep his memory alive and serves as a source of inspiration for future generations.

While we honor Sgt. Karim today, we also remember every soldier who has made the ultimate sacrifice. Their stories may be different, but their courage and dedication are the same. This road will stand as a symbol of our unending gratitude and a reminder of the cost of our freedom.

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May this road serve as a constant reminder of the values Sgt. Karim embodied: courage, honor, and selfless service. As we go about our daily lives, let us strive to live up to the example set by Sgt. Karim.

Woodrum remarks: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we are gathered here today to honor a true hero, Sergeant Brian Christopher Karim, a native son of Talcott, West Virginia. Sgt. Karim was a man of courage, dedication, and unwavering commitment to his country. He was a soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

"Born on January 27, 1983, in Talcott, Sgt. Karim was known for his kindness, good behavior, and academic excellence. He was a 2001 Summers County High School graduate and was assigned to the Army's Second Battalion, 70th Armor, Third Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Riley Kansas, and was a member of Taskforce Baghdad that was charged with security in Baghdad and the surrounding area.

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"Sergeant Brian Christopher Karim left behind his family and the community that cherished him. He was survived by his wife and their young daughter, his loving parents, a brother, and a sister, and a community that continues to remember him, keeping his memory alive in their hearts.

"Today, we dedicate this road to his memory. Every time we travel this road, let us remember Sgt. Karim's bravery and the profound sacrifice he made for our nation. His legacy will forever be etched in the heart of Talcott and in the annals of American history.

"The purpose of dedicating a road to a fallen military service member is manifold. It serves as a tangible and enduring tribute to the individual's service and sacrifice. Every time we traverse this path, we are reminded of their bravery and the profound sacrifice they made for our nation. It also ensures that their legacy is etched in the heart of the community and in the annals of history. This act of remembrance helps to keep their memory alive and serves as a source of inspiration for future generations. It is a way for the community to express its gratitude and respect, and to ensure that the cost of our freedom, paid by these brave individuals, is never forgotten.

"This tribute to Sergeant Brian Christopher Karim is indeed representative of all those who have fallen in service to our nation. Each dedicated road, each named building, and each memorial erected in their honor, serves as a testament to their bravery and sacrifice. These tributes are a constant reminder of the price of our freedom and the individuals who paid it. They symbolize our collective gratitude and respect for all service members who have given their lives in the line of duty. While we honor Sgt. Karim today, we also remember every soldier, sailor, airman, and marine who has made the ultimate sacrifice. Their stories may be different, but their courage and dedication are the same. This road will stand as a symbol of our unending gratitude and a reminder of the cost of our freedom.

"While the loss of Sergeant Brian Karim is undoubtedly a source of deep sorrow for his family and our community, it is my hope that they also find a sense of pride in his selfless sacrifice. His dedication to his country serves as a poignant reminder of the price we pay for our freedom, a testament to the courage and valor of those who serve.

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## Free Thanksgiving dinners in Summers County

Once again, the Community Thanksgiving Meal Project, a 100% volunteer effort, will provide turkey, sides, and dessert this year on Thanksgiving Day. Dinners are free, and paid for by donations from businesses, individuals, and local churches. They are limited to providing 300 dinners this year.

To request a meal(s), simply text or call 304-660-7073 or email ascensione-piscopalhinton@gmail.com.

The reservation deadline is October 30 – no requests will be honored after that date.

Flyers have been distributed throughout the county. Organizers will need your name, phone number, address, special delivery instructions, and the number of meals you will need. You may take meals to your neighbors if you like. Meals are only available for Summers County residents.

The organizers can't do

this alone, and several opportunities for volunteering are available. They will need help making up packages of rolls, cranberry sauce, and dessert on Wednesday evening and they need 300 desserts. Additionally, they need delivery drivers on Thanksgiving Day, and donations of money are always appreciated.

To volunteer, please call or text 304-860-9446 or email nancyofmadam-screek@gmail.com.

## Concert at Villa joy in Alderson Oct. 20



**Tracy Allen will be performing “Mendelssohn, Mozart and Mail,” at VILLA JOY, 204 Davis Street, Alderson, at 7 pm on Friday, October 20th.**

ALDERSON, W.Va. (Hinton News) - Tracy Allen, a national award-winning pianist and classically trained musician, has graced West Virginia from her early days of practicing at 9 years of age in Beckley to Gap Mills to Lewisburg and then to Alderson in 1995. She will be performing a concert for one hour, including a short intermission, “Mendelssohn, Mozart and Mail,” at VILLA JOY, 204 Davis Street, Alderson, at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20. Suggested donation is \$20 per person.

As a graduate, madrigal, and choir accompanist for Greenbrier East High School as well as accompanist to Methodist church choirs since the age of 14, Allen has lots of family and friends eager to hear her perform some secular music. Having entered many local talent shows and one national piano competition through the years, Allen took first place in two competitions and placed in all others.

Allen says, “Fran Belin, of Lewisburg, who studied at The Julliard School, instilled most of my discipline.” With the challenges of working full time for 21 years as a mail carrier, accompanying the present Sunday congregation at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church in Alderson, finding time to practice, plus creating bright and cheery artwork for local festivals, Allen is a purposeful woman. Sophie Pace, Founder and Director of VILLA JOY, says, “I feel lucky to be able to have Tracy on the billing.”

Chopin is Allen's favorite composer and she will be adding Mendelssohn, Bach, Mozart and other surprises to the first official House Concert at VILLA JOY, the luscious, surprising and

land, Ohio, where she was born and raised.

Many local folks have had a hand in saying “yes” to this new out-of-the-way experience in Alderson by helping create the space. The intimate yet practical gathering space continues to transform through ideas and needs. Drumming circles are beginning to happen, the next one being on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.

Along with making practice space available for free, there are art supplies to use at no charge as well as hot water for tea, coffee and hot chocolate that can ease one's way into time to sit, chat and share stories... all during normal hours on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

Limited inside seating is available for the one-hour concert by Tracy Allen beginning at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 20. Beverages and snacks are included in the suggested \$20 donation. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for outside seating. Pace said, “I am so excited to present this inaugural concert. I hope there will be many more to come.”

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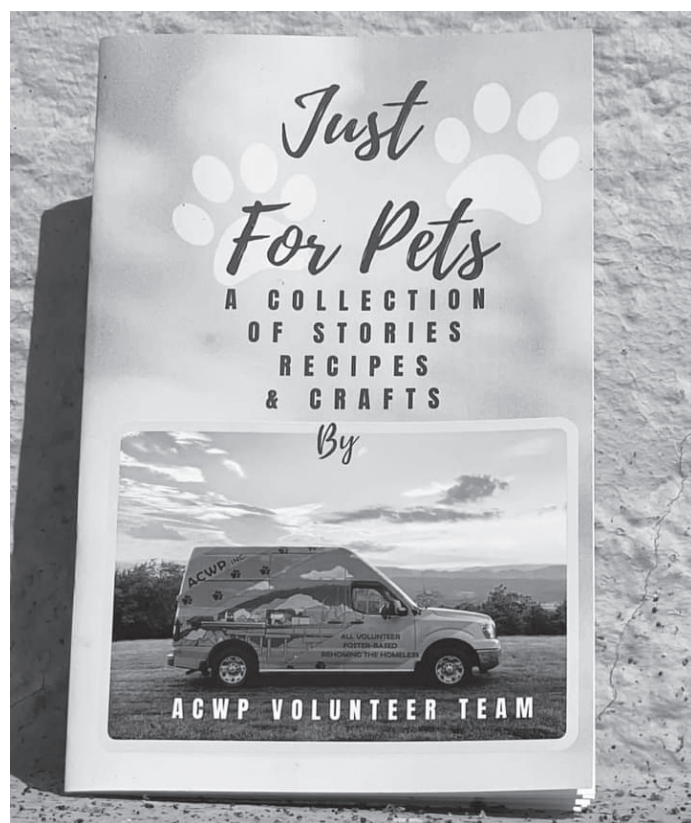
## Summers County Humane Society/ACWP releases first book

Rebecca Stalnaker

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Summers County Humane Society/ACWP recently released its first book, “Just for Pets: A Collection of Stories, Recipes & Crafts.” Anyone who makes a donation of \$20 or more to the organization after Saturday, Oct. 14 during Railroad Days, can receive one of these books.

According to one of the volunteers with the organization, Gayle Rancer, they are preparing for possible sequels, provided “Just for Pets” is well received.

Summers County ACWP works closely with community officials to rescue animals in need, foster those who need a home and get them to new “forever” homes.



This organization is full the animals receive the of willing volunteers best care imaginable. who give their time (and Look for more informa- sometimes their homes) tion about this project on to help animals. From the Hinton News website daily walks to playdates, and in future editions.

## Author Annie Lambert held a book signing in Hinton

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Local author, Annie Stewart Lambert held a book signing for her first book, “The Golden Rule: Treating Others the Way Jesus Would.” This is the first book in an intended series, which recently hit number one on Amazon's Best Selling list for “Jesus books

for children.” at Otter & Oak in Hinton. The book signing was on Friday, Oct. 13.

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Last week we ended up looking at why David's throne and God's throne are one and the same. We will finish that topic this week.

### What Is Truth? by David Padfield

In the eighteenth chapter of John, Christ stood before Pontius Pilate to answer charges of insurrection. Pilate, the governor of Judea, asked Christ if he was the King of the Jews. Christ answered by saying His kingdom was not of this world. Pilate then asked if He was a King. Jesus responded in John 18:37 by saying, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.” Pilate, provoked by this response, replied, “What is truth?” (John 18:38). Then Pilate, thinking his last question was unanswerable, departed from the presence of Christ.

More than 1900 years after the question was first asked, many people have not found the answer. We would like to suggest a few.

#### God's Word Is Truth

A few hours before His death Christ prayed to His Father. In John 17:17 He said, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.” The sole source of religious truth is the word of God. Religious truth will never find its source in the creeds, catechisms and church manuals written by men.

#### Truth Is Valuable

Proverbs 23:23 says, “Buy the truth and sell it not.” The value of religious truth can be seen in John 8:32, “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” All men are held in bondage to sin until they are set free by the gospel.

#### Truth Is Narrow

In mathematics there can only be one correct answer to any given problem. The same is true in religion. Sincerity alone is not enough (Matthew 7:21-23). Many people teach that it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere. The fallacy of this idea can be shown by the following statement: If it does not make any difference what you believe about Christ, then it can not make any difference if you believe in Christ. If it does not make any difference what you believe about how men are saved, then it can not make any difference if you believe anything about salvation. Will anyone deny it? The same could be said of the church and of God Himself!

#### Truth Is Binding

When a religiously honest man sees that he is mistaken, he ceases to be one of two things: either he ceases to be honest or he ceases to be mistaken. He cannot remain in error and retain his honesty. Many religious people have remarked, “Well, I don't believe everything my church teaches.” If the church of which you are a member is in error, then you are obligated to either change that church or get out. Truth can have no fellowship with error. We must not give aid to any false teacher (2 John 9-11).

#### Truth Will Judge

In the resurrection day, you will not be judged by what your mother believed, what your father taught you or by what everyone else was doing at the time. You will be judged by the words of Christ (John 12:48). What you know about the truth and your reaction to it will determine what He will say to you on that final day. If we can be of assistance to you in your search for the truth, please contact us. If you do have a Bible, we would be happy to provide you with one.

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# A Peek into Summers County’s Past: Rhodes & Pyles Store



The photos referenced by Jones. Photo provided by William Jones

Rebecca Stalnaker and William Jones

PENCE SPRINGS W.Va. (Hinton News) - It is time for another edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past. Every week, local history collector William Jones discusses items from his collection and their historical significance. In this edition, Jones is talking about the Rhodes & Pyles Store. Keep reading to learn more.

To begin the conversation, Jones stated, “This week’s piece is a tad different in that it is an assortment of pieces in my collection that can all be linked back to one aspect of history in Pence Springs. First of all, I will address the old photo of the Rhodes & Pyles Store that was in Pence Springs proper. It was built by W.D. Rhodes, was within walking distance of the railroad depot, and sat in front of the ferry house, which still stands to the right of the current bridge.”

“Similarly to every other community along the Greenbrier River, Pence Springs had a ferry that would take people across the river to the Pence Springs Hotel, to partake of the spring water or to one of the other lodging facilities such as the Valley Heights Hotel or the Hines Boarding House, before the Colangeto Construction Company constructed the first bridge in 1910. That bridge stayed in use until it was taken out during the

flood of 1985 when a house trailer slammed into it toppling it over.”

Jones continued, “Over the years I have seen various photos of this building, many of them older. But I find this one unique with this truck in front of the store. There was a gas pump to the left of the building, on the side where you accessed the bridge. This photo belonged to Alvin Garten. His wife Betty recently gave it to me to add to my collection. I can’t help but wonder who was leaning over sitting in the truck when this photo was taken. Notice the post office sign hanging on the front porch of the store. This was before the new cinder block and brick post office building was built on the opposite side of the railroad tracks and was used until recent years.”

Moving on to other items, Jones noted, “Now I will describe the two antique pieces you can see in the second photo. The first is a large oak McCray meat cooler. It measures roughly 88” tall by 30” deep by 83” wide. One identical to this belonged to a late Pence Springs native. I acquired the doors and their hardware three years ago. This piece was in what is now the J&J Country Roads Store. Suzanne Humphrey was just like me in that she loved antiques and history, especially local history.”

“When the owners removed it from the store Humphrey acquired it



Some of the items Jones discusses. Photo provided by William Jones

decades ago. It had been painted with layer after layer of this bright green paint. She was in the process of removing the paint and had the doors and hardware taken off of the very large cabinet and in her basement to strip the paint from them. She had completed stripping the doors, and hardware, and only the cabinet remained untouched.”

“The cabinet, however, was destroyed in a fire in the early 1990s. I was only 7 or 8 at the time, but I can remember waking up to the sound of a horn blowing at about 2 a.m.,” Jones said. “A young man driving a delivery truck through this area saw the flames, pulled over and started blowing his horn to wake someone up. I was the first one awake in my house and looked out our front window that faces Route 3. I instantly saw Billy and Suzanne Humphrey’s garage engulfed in flames. I ran and woke up my parents.”

Revisiting the memory, Jones said, “My father, who is good friends with Mr. Humphrey, rushed to his house. And the two of them commenced saving anything they could from the burning building. One thing was a vintage Broncho that was stored inside

the garage. It was torn down to rebuild and was not running. So my father hooked a chain to it and pulled it out of the garage off of the jacks it was sitting on. By that point, the tires were already on fire. I remember watching from my living room window as Dad pulled it across the yard as the flames on the tires twisted around and around as it was being dragged away from the garage.”

“I remember being sad they had lost their garage and the contents. Even though I was so young I remembered the large cabinet and knew it was destroyed. I was friends with their late son, Andy Humphrey, he too loved history. I told him my intentions of replicating the meat cooler in what will become The Hines Boarding House 2.0 in Pence Springs. He traded me the doors in 2020.”

Jones went on to say, “I have been told this meat cooler came out of W.D. Rhodes Store when newer store equipment was being installed in the building. The owners of Keatley’s Grocery on the other side of the river purchased it to use in their new establishment when it was first opened in the 1940s. The other store photo is one of the earliest photos I found



of it. Originally, it was a garage and store. Having two garage bays to work on automobiles, these were eventually closed in to expand the grocery side of the business.”

“The other piece in this week’s column is the antique cash register you see here. It is a ‘National’ wood tone machine. Tim Nelson had acquired it, and then I purchased it from him last year to add to my collection. My father remembers it still being in use in the store when he was a child. Sometime in the 60s or 70s it was replaced with a newer cash register and stored in a back storage area in the store.”

“It still has decades of flood mud in it from all of the times the water was in the store. 1972, 1963, 2010, 1977, 1967, 1973, 2016, 1985 and 1996 were all of the times that the Greenbrier River crested high enough to be inside of the store. The years are listed in order of the lowest crest to the largest flood on record. A second-story apartment was added in the 1950s.”

To conclude, Jones stated, “Something many

people are too young to remember is that this building was built around a tree. My father helped the owners at that time, Bill and Carol Persinger cut it and removed it from inside the store.”

With that, another edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past has concluded. Did any of the information surprise you?

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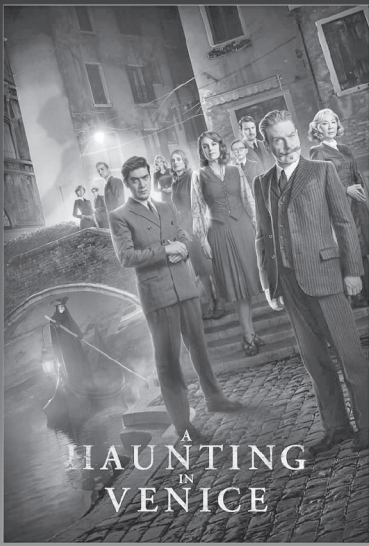
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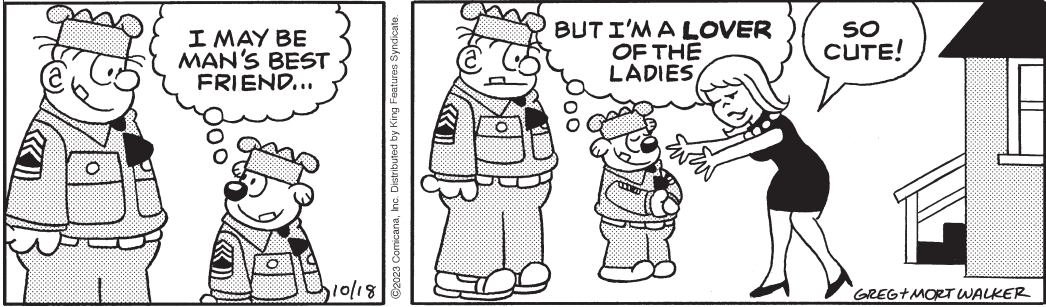
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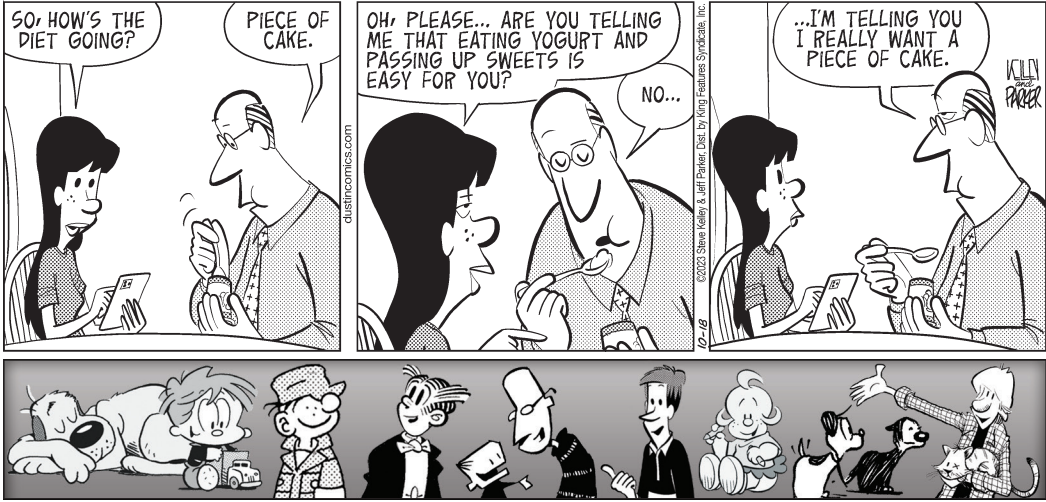
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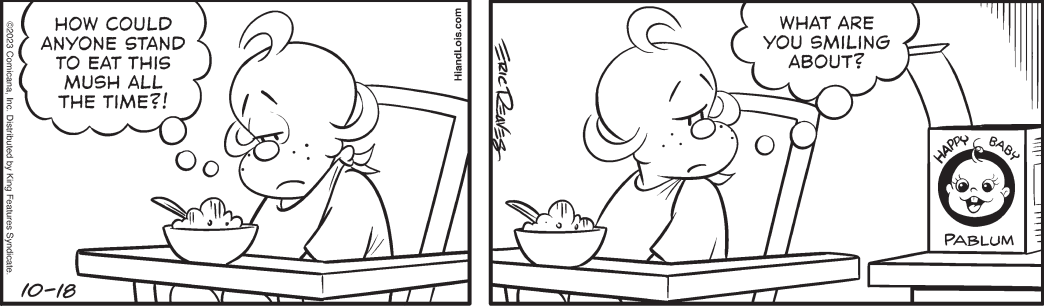
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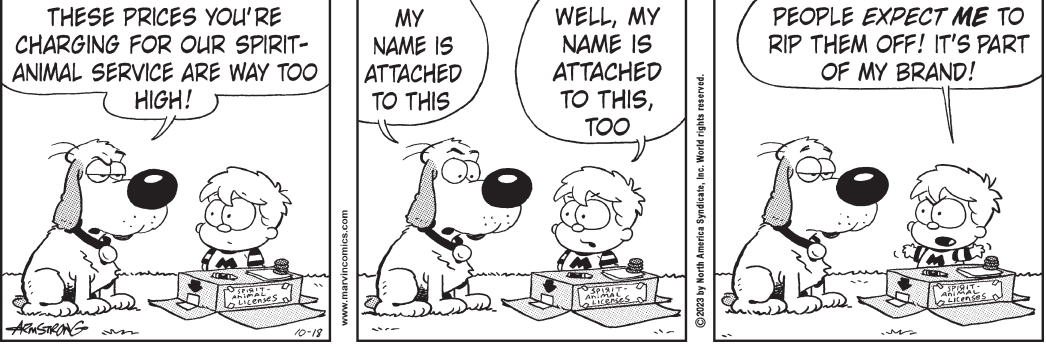
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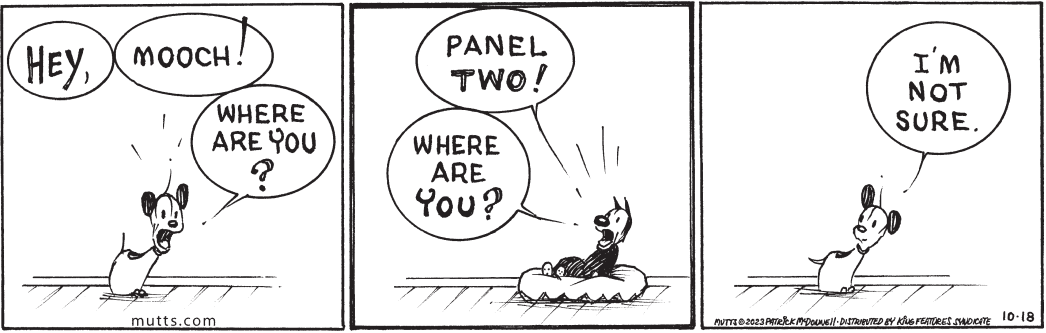
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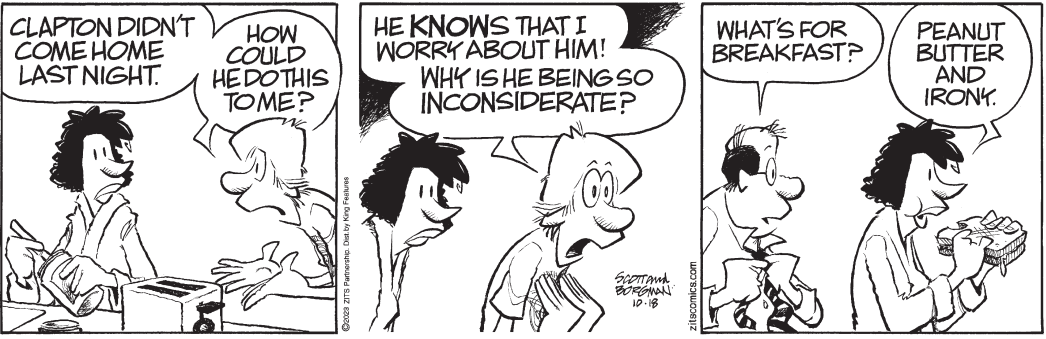
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# ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

**MOON ALERT:** There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Sagittarius.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023:

You are talented, imaginative and have a regal air about you. It's important to believe in your potential. This year is your turn to be acknowledge for your past efforts. Expect a raise, praise, accolades, awards and kudos to come your way. You have earned this. 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)**

4★ If you can travel or do something different, this will please you today. Basically, you want a change of scenery. Therefore, do what you can to break free from routine. Give yourself a break. Shake things up a little. Tonight: Rest.

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

4★ Although you feel like you should be working, it's hard to get into it today. Fear not, because tomorrow you will have more energy and drive to accomplish what you want to do. In the meantime, coast today if possible. Take a long lunch. Tonight: Work.

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

4★ Your desire to play is stronger today than your desire to work. However, if you have pressing deadlines, it will deliver the goods. It's a more productive day for those of you who work in the arts, the entertainment world, the hospitality industry or sports. Tonight: Play!

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

3★ If you can hide at home or take a day off, this is the perfect time to do so. Tomorrow you will have energy to work. Today you have energy to play! Nevertheless, you can accomplish a lot, especially if you are in sales, marketing,

teaching or acting, because your words are so smooth. Tonight: Home and family.

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

4★ This is a lovely day to schmooze and enjoy the company of others. It's also a great day for a short trip. You've been making progress with what you want to do, which is why today you feel like you have permission to goof off. Save your energy for tomorrow, which will be a productive day. Tonight: Talk to someone.

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

3★ This is a good time for you to shop for wardrobe items. You also might have some excellent moneymaking ideas. You are concerned with cash flow, earnings and your possessions. A conversation with a female family member could be significant today. Take it easy. Tonight: Check your belongings.

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

4★ Mercury is in your sign, which makes you eager to talk to others now. You have something you want to say. However, you don't want to waste time on superficial chitchat, which is why you want to find someone who will engage

in a meaningful conversation with you. Tonight: Relax.

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

3★ Physical exercise might be a wise choice, because with Mars in your sign right now, you're energized, and possibly you need to blow off some pent-up steam. Meanwhile, interaction with creative people will appeal to you. You also might enjoy working alone or behind the scenes. Tonight: Solitude.

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

4★ This is a popular time for you. And today in particular, with the Moon in your sign, things will tend to go your way. Admittedly, the Moon in your sign will make you more emotional than usual. Your involvement with younger people might affect your future goals. Tonight: Discuss goals.

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

3★ Even though people notice you more than usual today, especially authority figures, bosses and parents, you want to play things low-key. Travel for pleasure will definitely appeal to you. Romance with someone "different"

might blossom. Tonight: You're admired.

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

4★ This is an excellent time to study and expand your horizons. Obviously, this includes travel. In fact, you might be able to do this, because right now, favors, money and practical assistance from others can come your way! Today a heart-to-heart conversation with a female acquaintance might occur. Tonight: Explore!

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

3★ You are noticed today. In fact, some people seem to know personal details about your private life. This could relate to a close relationship or friendship. Your interactions with those who are close to you are very cozy right now. You also want to travel. Tonight: Check your finances.

**BORN TODAY**

Actor Jean-Claude Van Damme (1960), actress Freida Pinto (1984), actor Tyler Posey (1991)

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- 25** Ruckus
- 26** Podcaster and motivational speaker —
- 27** Go too far
- 29** Decorate anew
- 31** Turkish title
- 32** Youngster
- 34** "Therel!"
- 40** Travels by jet
- 42** Nile reptile
- 43** Shadow
- 44** Old U.S. gas brand
- 45** Bygone fleet
- 47** Educator Horace
- 48** Party time, briefly
- 49** Hammett pooch
- 52** Overly
- 53** Slithery fish

## JUMBLE

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

- PWRIE**
- CKNAS**
- TAXIEF**
- SUIAVL**
- THE " " "**

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

- Do you get airline miles for this trip?**
- I don't even notice how long this flight takes anymore.**
- I wish! It's all part of our job.**
- THE DISTANCE BETWEEN NYC AND TOKYO IN AN AIRPLANE IS 6,739 MILES ---**
- 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: OZONE DRIFT SWAMPY UNTOLD Answer: They kept their distance from the grumpy hen because she was — IN A "FOWL" MOOD

# SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★★★

10/18

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:**

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

Difficulty: ★★★

10/11





LEGAL NOTICE

CASE NO. 23-0383-W-42T  
WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN  
WATER COMPANY,

Rule 42T application to  
increase rates and charges.  
CASE NO. 23-0384-S-42T  
WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN  
WATER COMPANY,  
Rule 42T application to  
increase rates and charges.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
COMMENT HEARING

On May 1, 2023, West Vir-  
ginia-American Water Com-  
pany (Company) tendered for  
filing revised tariff sheets re-  
flecting increased water and  
wastewater rates and charges  
to become effective on Febru-  
ary 25, 2024. The Company  
provides service to approxi-  
mately 168,000 water service  
customers in Boone, Braxton,  
Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Harrison,  
Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lin-  
coln, Logan, Mason, Mercer,  
Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Sum-  
mers, Wayne, and Webster  
Counties and 1,100 wastewater  
service customers in Fayette  
County. For its water opera-  
tions, the Company requested  
increased additional net reve-  
nues of \$41,175,752 annually  
over current rate revenues, for  
an overall increase in revenues  
of approximately 22.5 percent.  
The additional \$41,175,752  
requested by the Company  
consists of an increase in base  
rates of \$51,308,960 in annu-  
al revenue and a decrease in  
the Company's Distribution  
System Investment Charge of  
\$10,133,208 in annual reve-  
nue. For its wastewater opera-  
tions, the Company request-  
ed additional net revenues of  
\$470,801 annually over cur-  
rent rate revenues, for an over-  
all increase in revenues of ap-  
proximately 24.9 percent. The  
Companies allocated a portion  
of the wastewater revenue re-  
quirement to the water reve-  
nue requirement to support  
the same percentage increase  
in rates for both water and  
wastewater customers.

The Company also proposed  
a new set of low-income tariffs  
and other rate mechanisms in  
its filings.  
The Commission will hold  
a public comment hearing on  
**November 2, 2023, begin-  
ning at 5:30 p.m.** The public  
comment hearing will be held  
virtually, allowing for inter-  
ested persons to comment by  
phone, through the Microsoft  
Teams application from the  
Internet, or in-person at the  
Commission headquarters.  
Interested persons that wish  
to make a public comment by  
phone, or through Microsoft  
Teams internet access must  
register with the Commission  
by 4:00 p.m., Friday, October  
27, 2023. Registration may be  
made by any of the following  
methods:

- (1) through the Microsoft  
Teams meeting link located  
on the Commission's  
website, <http://www.psc.state.wv.us> under the "PSC  
Hot Topics" section located  
at the top of the homepage;
  - (2) by calling 304-340-  
0836 (Karen Hall) or  
304-340-0820 (Andrew  
Gallagher); or
  - (3) by emailing [khall@psc.state.wv.us](mailto:khall@psc.state.wv.us)  
or [agallagher@psc.state.wv.us](mailto:agallagher@psc.state.wv.us).
- Interested persons wish-  
ing to comment in-person at  
the public comment hearing  
should attend and sign up to  
speak prior to 5:30 p.m. at  
Public Service Commission,  
Howard M. Cunningham  
Hearing Room, 201 Brooks  
Street, Charleston, West Vir-  
ginia.

As an alternative to speaking  
at the public comment  
hearing either remotely or in-  
person, individuals or entities  
interested in providing written  
comments regarding these  
cases should submit their  
comments by mail or hand  
delivery to Executive Secretary,  
P.O. Box 812, Charleston,  
West Virginia 25323 or on-  
line at <http://www.psc.state>.

ww.us by clicking on "Submit  
A Comment" in the left column  
and following the directions  
provided.

All written comments  
should be marked with Case  
No. 23-0383-W-42T or Case  
No. 23-0384-S-42T. Interest-  
ed persons may also attend  
the public comment hearing  
in-person or via webcast to  
observe the public comment  
hearing.

The webcast may be viewed  
by clicking "Commission  
Webcast" located under the  
"Inside the PSC" section  
in the left column on the  
Commission's website: [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us).

WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER  
COMPANY  
(180c)

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF  
VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute  
Trustee, by virtue of the au-  
thority vested in him by that  
certain Deed of Trust, dated  
October 27, 2006, and duly re-  
corded in the Office of the Clerk  
of the County Commission of  
Summers County, West Vir-  
ginia, in Document No. 132046,  
in Book No. 228, at Page 153,  
Martha L Dodd did convey  
unto Tommy J Dixon, Trust-  
ee(s), certain real property de-  
scribed in said Deed of Trust;  
and the beneficiary has elect-  
ed to appoint Seneca Trustees,  
Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and  
default having been made un-  
der the aforementioned Deed  
of Trust, and the undersigned  
Substitute Trustee having been  
instructed by U.S. BANK NA-  
TIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT  
IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPAC-  
ITY, BUT SOLELY AS INDEN-  
TURE TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY  
MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST  
2021-GS4 to foreclose thereun-  
der, will offer for sale at public  
auction at the front door of the  
Summers County Courthouse  
in Hinton, West Virginia, on  
November 6, 2023  
at 10:00 AM

the following described real es-  
tate, together with its improve-  
ments, easements and appur-  
tenances thereunto belonging,  
situate in 05 - Jumping Branch  
District, Summers County,  
West Virginia, and more particu-  
larly described as follows:

All that certain property situ-  
ated in the District of Jumping  
Branch, County of Summers  
and State of West Virginia, con-  
taining 3 acres, more or less,  
being more fully described in  
a Deed Volume 208 and page  
397, Map #6 and Parcel #s 8.1  
and 12.

Tax Map or Parcel ID No.:  
6-8.1, Tax Map or Parcel ID  
No.: 6-12

At the time of the execution  
of the Deed of Trust, this prop-  
erty was reported to have an  
address of: HC 80, Hinton, WV  
25951.

The referenced real estate  
will be conveyed with no cov-  
enants of warranty, and subject  
to all covenants, restrictions,  
easements, rights of way and  
reservations which may be a  
matter of record in the afore-  
said Clerk's Office or visible  
upon the ground, all prior liens  
and encumbrances, including,  
without limitation, liens for  
real estate taxes, incinerator,  
sanitary and sewer charges.  
The purchasers at the sale shall  
be responsible for paying the  
recording costs and also the tax  
on the privilege of transferring  
real property (the cost of the  
tax stamp to be affixed to the  
deed). The purchasers shall be  
responsible for payment of all  
real estate taxes.

The subject property will be  
sold in "AS IS" condition. The  
Substitute Trustee shall be un-  
der no duty to cause any exist-  
ing tenant or person occupying  
the subject property to vacate  
said property.

TERMS: \$4,000.00 in cash  
and/or certified funds as de-  
posit at the time of sale with the  
balance due and payable within  
30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the  
event that there are Federal Tax  
Liens against the property, the  
United States would have the  
right to redeem the property  
within a period of 120 days  
from the date of such sale or the  
period allowable for redemp-  
tion under local law, whichever  
is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of  
Trust, the Trustee may post-  
pone the sale by public an-  
nouncement at the time and

place designated or by posting  
a notice of the same, and act by  
agent in the execution of the  
sale. The parties secured by the  
Deed of Trust reserve the right  
to purchase the property at  
such sale.

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.  
5000 Coombs Farm Drive,  
Suite 104  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
(304) 413-0044  
(304) 292-2918  
Toll free: (888) 534-3132  
Reference File No. 78042  
(11,180c)

WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
Division of Highways  
NOTICE TO  
CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received elec-  
tronically by the West Vir-  
ginia Department of Trans-  
portation Division of High-  
ways through the Bid Ex-  
press Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed  
proposals (only when pre-  
qualification is waived) be-  
ing received at its office in  
Building 5, Room 843, 1900  
Kanawha Boulevard East,  
Charleston, West Virginia  
until December 12, 2023 at  
10:00 AM (Eastern Stan-  
dard Time). The bids will be  
downloaded and/or opened  
and read publicly thereafter  
for the constructions of the  
following project(s):  
Call: 013  
Contract: 2022450009  
State Project:  
S345-064-138.01 00  
Federal Project:  
STBG-0064(428)D  
Description:

CLEAN AND PAINT STRUC-  
TURE  
Mary Draper Ingles Bridge  
Mary Draper Ingles Bridge  
COUNTY:  
SUMMERS  
BRIDGE: 45A072, 45A073  
SPAN(S): 6  
STRUCTURE STEEL: CON-  
CRETE SLAB ON FABRI-  
CATED STEEL GIRDER  
DBE GOAL: 7% OF CON-  
TRACT BID AMOUNT.  
BIDDER MUST PROVIDE  
WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF  
MEETING GOAL ON FORM  
IN PROPOSAL.  
REMARKS:

Proposals will be received  
from prequalified and West  
Virginia licensed contractors  
only except that on Feder-  
al-Aid Projects a contractors'  
license is not required at time  
of bid, but will be required  
before work can begin. Reg-  
istration is required with the  
Department of Administra-  
tion, Division of Purchasing,  
in accordance with Chapter  
5A, Article 3, Section 12 of  
the West Virginia Code. All  
contractors submitting bids  
on project(s) must submit  
electronically with their bid  
a Proposal Guaranty Bond  
for \$500.00 or 5% of the to-  
tal bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Depart-  
ment of Transportation Di-  
vision of Highways reserves  
the right to defer, delay or  
postpone the date for re-  
ceiving and publicly open-  
ing proposals for any project  
designated in this advertise-  
ment, without the necessity  
of renewing such advertise-  
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postponement, and the date  
that proposals will be re-  
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will be available on [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com).

The West Virginia Depart-  
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pursuant to this advertise-  
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opportunity to submit bids  
in response to this invitation  
and will not be discriminat-  
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race, color, religion, sex or  
national origin in consider-  
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Call: 014  
Contract: 2020000592  
State Project:  
S345-64-138.30 00  
Federal Project:  
NHPP-0064(421)D  
Description:  
STRUCTURE RENOVATION  
SANDSTONE BR  
0.30 MI W WV20 - MP 138.29  
COUNTY: SUMMERS  
BRIDGE: 2861.1  
SPAN(S): 6  
STRUCTURE STEEL: CON-  
CRETE SLAB ON FABRICAT-  
ED STEEL GIRDER  
DBE GOAL: 8% OF CON-  
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ation for an award.  
(11,180c)

NOTICE OF  
ADMINISTRATION TO  
CREDITORS, DISTRIBU-  
TEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that  
the following estates have  
been opened for probate in  
the Summers Fiduciary Su-  
pervisor's Office at 120 Bal-  
leengee Street, Suite 100, Hin-  
ton, 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 object-  
ing to the qualifications of  
the personal representative  
or the venue or jurisdiction  
of the court, shall file writ-  
ten notice of an objection  
with the County Commission  
through the Summers Coun-  
ty Fiduciary Supervisor's of-  
fice within 60 days after the  
date of the first publication

or within 30 days of the ser-  
vice 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 dece-  
dents will proceed without  
reference to a fiduciary com-  
missioner unless within 60  
days from the first publica-  
tion of this notice a reference  
is requested by a party of in-  
terest or an unpaid creditor  
files a claim and good cause  
is shown to support reference  
to a fiduciary commissioner.

**First Publication Date:**  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023  
**Claim Deadline:** Sunday,  
December 10, 2023

**ESTATE OF:** SHIRLEY  
JANE BOLAND  
**EXECUTOR:** MITCHELL  
BOLAND

Subscribed and sworn  
to before me on October 3,  
2023.  
Donald R. Basham Jr.  
Summers County Fiduciary  
Supervisor  
(11,180c)

NOTICE

The Summers County Sol-  
id Waste Authority will hold  
a public hearing concerning  
the five-year update of the  
Comprehensive Litter and  
Solid Waste Control Plan.  
The hearing will take place  
at the Summers County Re-  
cycling Collection Center at  
2128 Greenbrier Drive, Hin-  
ton, WV, on November 17,  
2023, at noon, during which  
time public comments will be  
heard.

The plan may be reviewed  
at the library in Hinton, Sum-  
mers County Clerk's Office,  
and the Region I Planning and  
Development Council, 1439,  
East End Main Street, Suite 5,  
Princeton, WV. Written com-  
ments will be accepted until  
November 27, 2023, and may  
be sent to the SCSWA, PO Box  
97, Hinton, WV 25951.  
(180c)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0654-G-390P  
MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY  
Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program  
Filing for 2024

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On July 31, 2023, Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer) filed its annual Application for approval of an Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program for 2024 (2024 IREP) with revised IREP rates for 2024, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 24-2-1k, which authorizes the Public Service Commission of West Virginia to approve cost recovery of projects to replace, upgrade and expand natural gas utility infrastructure that are deemed to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

In its Application, Mountaineer forecasts capital investment for calendar year 2024 of \$67 million as part of its multi-year plan. The 2024 IREP covers several categories of plant asset replacements and improvements, including mains, service lines, measurement and regulator stations, and house regulators. These plant investments are proposed to be made in Mountaineer service territories throughout the State. These investments are identified in the Application, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia and which may be viewed on the Commission's website, [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us).

Mountaineer proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through an additional increment within the fixed or volumetric base rate component of its rates, depending on the applicable rate schedule under which service is rendered, to be effective on January 1, 2024. As a part of Mountaineer's pending general base rate proceeding, Case No. 23-0280-G-42T, IREP investment made prior to January 1, 2023, will be moved into new base rates to take effect on January 1, 2024. Mountaineer projects that if the program and increased rates are approved as requested, the average monthly bill for its various classes of customers will be changed on January 1, 2024 as shown below:

Mountaineer Gas Proposed		
Type of Customer	\$ Increase	% Increase
Residential	\$ 1.93	1.96%
Commercial	\$ 5.26	1.33%
Large Commercial (*)	\$ 272.07	0.45%
Industrial (*)	\$ 363.56	0.47%
Resale	\$ 31.49	0.29%
(*) Increases for Large Commercial and Industrial customers assume transport customers purchase their natural gas at the same price as the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment rate.		

The increases shown above are compared to the rates currently in place and are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing date on the Application, if necessary, that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 27, 2023, continuing on November 28, 2023, if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. If no opposition to the Application is received by the Commission within one week of the hearing date, the hearing may be waived and the Commission may issue a final order within 150 days of the Application filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within 20 days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY





# New Location for Hanna Farmstead Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze

Brandon Baker

MONROE COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hanna Farmstead has officially moved locations. The farm was located in Greenbrier County but is now settled in Monroe County. The address, schedule and information for the events this October are listed here:

## Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze

Open Fridays-Sundays  
Fridays 6-10 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sundays 1-8 p.m.

Located in Pickaway, West Virginia

The address is 1211 Hillsdale Rd, Gap Mills, WV 24976 (Gap Mills address but actually located in Pickaway)

They have events happening on Halloween weekend.

They have over 60 pumpkin and gourd varieties and family-friendly activities for all ages (slide, giant bubble stand, barrel train rides, wagon rides and more).

Admission is \$12.75 for ages 4 and up, and 3 and under is free. Admission includes all-day access to both corn mazes, access to the pick-your-own fields (pumpkins and flowers), wagon rides, barrel train and all the seasonal games - all as many times as you'd like. We have a free section to come and purchase pre-picked pumpkins, and food, shop the farm store, or just come and spend time with family and friends.

Pumpkin Paintball is available! \$5 to play. Food/Drinks - The farm has a delicious menu, hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken nuggets and more. A dessert menu with our pumpkin donuts, big banana bomb, apple fritters and deep-fried Oreos. We also have our coffee trailer with coffee, Lotus, frappes and more.

There are still spots for field trips this season during the month of October. Teachers can reach out to our email info@thehannafarmstead.com.



Flowers, mums, gourds, pumpkins, corn stalks and hay bales are available for purchase.

Have a farm store with merchandise and other local business products.

Movie nights every Friday night and every night were open during the festival & Halloween weekend. Specialty drinks that



Hunter Smith at the Hanna Farmstead

correspond with each movie that plays.

Follow the farm on Facebook for updates and tickets can be purchased online (not mandatory, admission is available at the farm) on our new website thehannafarmstead.com

# Artisans Gallery in Alderson officially open



Micky Hickman and Jo Perez (l to r) are waiting to serve you behind the counter at the new location of the Artisan's Gallery in Alderson.

ALDERSON W.Va. (Hinton News) - With a reception on Friday evening, Oct. 6, and a grand opening on Saturday, Oct. 7, during the second annual Fall Festival on the Bridge, the Alderson Artisan's Gallery is now officially open. Located in the old National Bank building at 100 Railroad Avenue on the Monroe County side of Alderson, this larger, new space will allow for more arts and crafts to be displayed, as well as room for

classes and demonstrations.

Artists, local fans and supporters got an early peek at the lovely arrangement of art and craft works in the Galley on Friday night. On Saturday, the Gallery hosted hundreds of visitors during the grand opening.

The Alderson Artisan's Gallery is a branch of the nonprofit Alderson Main Street. Artists banded together to form this cooperative group and support the group through their labor

and a percentage of the profits from their work. Artists are juried into the group, and guest artists are invited from time to time. The shopper can expect high-quality art and craftwork at reasonable prices.

They are open from Thursday through Saturday from 11-5 and are likely to have extended hours during the upcoming holiday season. You can also order online by visiting <https://www.alder-songallery.com/>.

# Carnegie Hall presents Haunted Illusions Oct. 21

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - Carnegie Hall's Mainstage Performance Series continues with Haunted Illusions, an incredible magic show to get you ready for Halloween on Saturday, October 21, at 7 p.m. Guests are invited to come early for the free Mainstage Lounge from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Board Room located adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium. A cash bar and snacks are available.

Haunted Illusions is a perfect show for the entire family and anyone over five years old. It's an evening of mind-blowing magic and comedy that gets the whole audience into the act. Master illusionist David Caserta stuns and amazes audiences as he has people levitating, disappearing, and reappearing right before their eyes with never-before-seen illusions created just for this show.

Families will thrill, laugh, and possibly vanish from sight at a magic spectacular like no other. What better way to celebrate Halloween than with an incredible night of magic - at the Halloween spectacular Haunted Illusions! There will be tons of tricks and more than a few treats. You and your entire family will be captivated with dazzling spells, uproarious comedy and audience participation that gets all the ghosts, ghouls, and goblins into the act!

David Caserta is one of the top touring illusionists in the country. As seen on NBC's

"America's Got Talent", CW's "Penn and Teller Fool Us", and International Television, David invents and performs many original illusions that you will not see anywhere else. Incredible state of the art lighting featuring moving lights, themed music soundtrack, pyro smoke effects, and only the best and latest in illusion technology. This is a magic spectacular like nothing else on tour today!

Get your tickets now, before they disappear.

Tickets to the performance start at \$30/adult and \$10/child, and discounts are available for Carnegie Hall members, students, senior citizens, and military.

Carnegie Hall also offers new Family Pricing. Bring the entire family and save. Pricing starts with one discounted

adult ticket (\$30) and one free child ticket. Each additional adult is only \$15, and each additional child is only \$5. Must call the box office to take advantage.

To purchase tickets, call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304.645.7917, visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org), or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, West Virginia. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Carnegie Hall WV is a non-profit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV. For more information, please call 304.645.7917 or visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org).

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