



Hinton News: A Year in Review: 2023

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - A new year is here and Hinton News is taking a look back at some of the biggest stories for 2023. Here are a few articles in chronological order we thought were worth another look.

January
This article originally appeared on hintonnews.com on Jan. 23, 20233.
Rebecca Stalnaker
HINTON, (Hinton News) – A structure fire reported as being at an address on Summers Street occurred at the old Price Hotel building during the night between Jan. 21 and 22. Multiple fire departments responded, including the City of Hinton, Jumping Branch, Summers County and Talcott.

A witness, Linda Crowley, said she had gone to bed around 1 a.m. She said, “I kept hearing strange sounds, like fireworks or gunshots. Sound really travels here. I got up at 1:30 and the flames were towering against the skyline. The upper floors collapsed within 30 minutes. You could hear the roaring of the fire over the water. It looked like the mouth of hell had opened up and was screaming.”

February
This article originally appeared on hintonnews.com on Feb. 23, 2023.
Lawson Jones
HINTON, (Hinton News) - Summers County pulled through in New Richmond Wednesday night for a 47-50 Sectional Championship victory over the Wyoming East Lady Warriors.

Having been defeated by the Lady Warriors twice during the regular season, this was not an easy feat. Neither team gave in, keeping the game close the entire night.

Sophomore Abby Persinger, who led the scoring for Summers County with her 14 points, commented on the excitement surrounding the sectional title, as well as the work behind it.

“It’s very personal. We’ve been working so hard in practice, and it has paid off.”

Summers County will host the winner of Chapmanville and Mingo Central for the Region III Championship on Tuesday, February 28, at 7:00 P.M.

“I love our atmosphere on our home court, and we haven’t been able to host in a few years, so it’s pretty special,” Persinger stated.



Officials on the Bluestone swing

Other Lady Bobcats who scored in the winning effort were Avery Lilly with 12 points, Sullivan Pivont with 10 points, Liv Meador with 7 points, Gracie Harvey with 6 points, and Cheyenne Smith with 1 point.

Come out and support the Lady Bobcats on Tuesday!

Lady Bobcats 50
Abby Persinger 14, Avery Lilly 12, Sullivan Pivont 10, Liv Meador 7, Gracie Harvey 6, Cheyenne Smith 1.
Wyoming East 47
Maddie Clark 17, Cadec Blackburn 16, Kaylee Bane 5, Colleen Lookabill 3, Abby Russell 2, Abi Barker 2.

March
This article originally appeared on hintonnews.com on March 30, 2023.

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HINTON, (Hinton News) - Summers County native and local author, Cheryl Lowry Kula, announces the publication of her third children’s book, Unsinkable Sam. She will hold a book signing on April 15 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Otter and Oak in Hinton.

This early reader chapter book shares the story of an actual cat, who according to legend, survived the sinking of not one, not two, but three ships during World War II. He’s a brave cat, but all Sam really wants is to find his forever home. Cheryl came across this story while researching homeschool materials for her daughters during the pandemic. She hopes the book, which is geared towards children in grades 2 to 5, will strike an interest in world history. And who doesn’t like a good animal story?

Cheryl has also written and published two children’s picture books, Play Day with Dad-

dy, and A Different Tail, plus a variety of award-winning stories. She started her own publishing company, Pen & Possum Productions, to help other scribblers along their writing journey. Can’t make the book signing? Unsinkable Sam is also available from Amazon, in print, and on Kindle.

May
This article originally appeared on hintonnews.com on May 3, 2023
Rebecca Stalnaker

TALCOTT, (Hinton News) - A project to bring running water into John Henry Park that began several months ago has reached completion. Mike Cales, Mike Smith and Hank Keatley finalized the work on Tuesday, May 2.

According to Cales, the park now has water to the Visitor’s Center, four yard hydrants and hundreds of feet of pipe. He also stated that the crew installed the lines so that, should there ever be a need to expand, it can easily be done.

Now that this project has reached completion, Cales said they will focus on preparing the grounds for the John Henry Days Festival.

Multiple people and organizations helped bring the John Henry Historical Park water project to fruition. According to Cales, a big thanks is due to the following: Charles Saunders, Mike Gore and Ted Kula with the Summers County Commission; Mike Smith and Hank Keatley for their hard work; Christy Bailey and her staff at Coal Heritage.

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Rebecca Stalnaker
BLUESTONE LAKE (Hinton News) - An Almost Heaven



Lady Bobcats Sectional Champs

Swing has been placed overlooking Bluestone Lake. According to a press release from the Explore Summers County CVB, the project stems from a “partnership with the West Virginia Department of Tourism, West Virginia State Parks, Explore Summers County CVB, and the US Army Corps of Engineers.” The swing was officially hung on Thursday, May 25.

Students at the Nicholas County Career and Technical Center built the swings. The West Virginia Department of Tourism initially partnered with the students to create nine wooden swings, the first of which was erected in 2022. They are placed around the state in strategic locations.

The new installment sits in Bluestone State Park at the end of Lilly Bridge. A wooden cutout of the state sits in front of the swing; it is equipped with a phone holder to facilitate selfies. Photos taken from this spot will feature the lake and mountains in the background, adding the Mountain State’s beauty to every picture.

Rebecca Peterson, Executive Director for Explore Summers County, stated, “The swings were offered through the WV Department of Tourism’s Co-Op advertising program, and we were thrilled to add it to the cart!”

According to Assistant Park Superintendent, Jessica Stoner, Pipestem will also get an Almost Heaven Swing in the near future.

Multiple local officials were in attendance at the hanging of the swing. The list included: The Superintendent of Bluestone State Park, Frank Ratcliffe, and Assistant Superintendent Jessica Stoner;

Bluestone State Park Maintenance Crew and Bluestone State Park Lifeguards; Senator Jack David Woodrum, Summers County Commissioners Charles Saunders and Mike Gore; Treasurer for Explore Summers County CVB Cleo Mathews, and Executive Director of Explore Summers County CVB Rebecca Peterson.

To learn more about the swing or tourism in Summers County, reach out to Explore Summers County CVB through Facebook or stop by the CVB located at 300 2nd Ave in Hinton. You can also visit the website at exploresummerscounty.com or send an email to info@exploresummerscounty.com.

September
This article originally appeared on hintonnews.com on Sept. 26, 2023.

Rebecca Stalnaker
SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Summers County Middle School Archers participated in the first Greenbrier Archery Invitational Tournament that was part of the Wild & Wonderful Hunting, Fishing and Conservation Expo held at The Greenbrier Resort. Teams in elementary and middle grades from Alderson, Frankford, Lewisburg, Mountain View, Peterstown and Summers County schools competed. Summers County brought home second place in the Middle School category.

November
This article originally appeared on hintonnews.com on Nov. 8, 2023.

Lisa Abshire
HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Anyone in Summers County who has been outside recently has been greeted by a haze and the smell of smoke

in the air. This is likely from a fire burning approximately 15 miles from Hinton in a neighboring county on National Park land.

According to Dave Bieri from the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, a wildfire is burning in the New River Gorge National Park in a “remote location opposite the river from Grandview.” It is estimated to be approximately 150 acres. Bieri went on to say that the only closure in the park at this time is the War Ridge Campground and assures everyone that crews are working to contain the fire.

David Bieri is a district supervisor with the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Local fire department personnel are asking everyone to please avoid burning outside. The risk is too high.

The air quality is already declining, according to a weather monitoring app. People with breathing problems should be cautious when out in the haze-filled air. Please call 911 if you experience a breathing emergency or see a wildfire.


December
This article originally appeared on hintonnews.com on Dec. 7, 2023.


Rebecca Stalnaker
HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The building that once housed Long John Silvers in Hinton has been demolished. Speculations for what will replace it range from Tudor’s Biscuit World to a bowling alley and everything in between. However, there is no official word yet on how the property will be utilized.

Stick with Hinton News as we gather more information on the future of this location.

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WVHDF, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh award \$1M to combat homelessness

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — The West Virginia Housing Development Fund, in partnership with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh (FHLBank), announced today more than \$1 million in funding to address homelessness across West Virginia.

These funds, totaling \$1,050,000, will be distributed to continuums of care throughout the state through FHLBank's Home4Good program. Recipients will use the money to fund emergency housing, rapid re-housing, and housing stability programs; transitional housing for youth; wraparound care services; administrative costs; and more.

"We see a tremendous need for these services in West Virginia, particularly after the pandemic caused and exacerbated housing instability for so many," said Erica Bog-gess, Executive Director of the West Virginia Housing Devel-

opment Fund. "The Fund is grateful to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, which generously provides funding to help West Virginians who are unhoused or at risk of homelessness. This money is vital to helping these recipient organizations continue their important work and in helping West Virginians have a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home."

The West Virginia Housing Development Fund and FHLBank first entered into an agreement in 2018, offering grants to organizations and programs that help people find or retain housing or provide supportive services. The partnership was reauthorized in May 2023. To date, FHLBank has committed about \$5.5 million to address homelessness in West Virginia with WVHDF contributing matching funds.

"Through partnership with WVHDF, FHLBank members provided more than

\$800,000 this year to 21 West Virginia projects," said Winthrop Watson, FHLBank President and Chief Executive Officer. "These combined funds are directed toward local service organizations helping those experiencing homelessness."

A full list of 2023 award recipients and more information about the Home4Good program is available at www.wvhdf.com and www.fhlb-pgh.com. Organizations interested in learning more about applying for funding in 2024 should contact Donna Martino, Multifamily Development Officer (dmartino@wvhdf.com), or Alexa Mascara, Community Products Manager (home4good@fhlb-pgh.com).

About WVHDF

The West Virginia Housing Development Fund was established to increase the supply of residential housing for individuals and families of low to moderate income and to provide construction and per-

manent mortgage financing to public and private housing investors. The West Virginia Housing Development Fund is an Equal Housing Opportunity Lender, NMLS # 198038. For more information, visit www.wvhdf.com.

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Community Obituaries



Roger Paul Grimmiett GRIMMETT
May 22, 1941 – December 14, 2023
Roger Paul Grimmiett went to his lord and savior peacefully on December 14, 2023, at the age of 82.

He was born in Hinton, WV, on May 22, 1941, to the late Jesse Paul Grimmiett and Elizabeth Imogene Lilly. He moved to Hampton, VA, and married his soulmate, Ruth Ann Swift, on July 11, 1963.

Roger made the rank as a detective with the Virginia State Police, within the division, he also was trained to disarm explosive devices and became a member of the Bomb Squad. Roger solved a multitude of crimes, arrested plenty of bad folks, helped some people, and blew up a lot of stuff throughout his career. He retired in 1995 from the state police and started another career as a real-estate agent with Century 21 Nachman Realty and did very well with that too.

Roger was very active in his church and its youth programs. He always

wanted to help others; his generosity and his humor would touch countless lives.

Along with his parents, Roger was preceded in death by his brother, Tony Grimmiett. Left to cherish his memory are his sister, Roberta Wheeler; sisters-in-law, Barbara Grimmiett of Hinton, WV, James Grimmiett (Samantha) of Yorktown; daughter, Betty J. Barrett of Hampton; grandsons, Christian Jace Grimmiett of Hampton, Paul R. Grimmiett (Brittany), and Ryan J. Grimmiett of Gloucester; great-grandsons, Cael and Hunter Grimmiett of Hampton; great-granddaughter, Emma C. Grimmiett of Gloucester; also several nieces and nephews; a host of friends from his church family; and many longtime friends and neighbors.

A Public Visitation for Roger was held Wednesday, December 20, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home & Memorial Park, 2551 North Armistead Ave., Hampton, VA 23666. A Funeral Service occurred Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 2 p.m., 2551 North Armistead Ave., Hampton, VA 23666. An Interment with honors followed at 3 p.m. at Hampton Memorial Gardens, 155 Butler Farm Road, Hampton, VA 23666.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Michael J. Fox Foundation at www.michaeljfox.org.

Submitted by Pivont Funeral Home, Hinton, WV.

Upcoming event at the Alderson Artisans Gallery

ALDERSON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Alderson Artisans Gallery is pleased to announce the showing of creative works of local artist, D. Ray Bozic, "A Tribute to The Triangle".

The triangle is the universal symbol of enlighten-

ment, strength and healing, reflecting the unity of body, mind and spirit. It has many other meanings in ancient cultures such as Egyptian and in Buddhism, Hinduism, Alchemy and the Holy Trinity in Christianity. The artist uses the triangle intuitively utilizing diagonals for sight lines in composition and to create immediacy, excitement and movement in his art. Architecturally speaking, it is the strongest structure because it can transfer force.

Gallery hours are post-

ed on the website at www.aldersongallery.com. The Alderson Artisans Gallery is a cooperative non-profit organization.

The opening is on Jan. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. The showing will run from Jan. 6, 2024, to March 15, 2024.

Hinton Area Foundation Prepares for 2024 Community Impact Grant

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Community Impact Grant is the first grant cycle of the year for the Foundation. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding through discretionary and field-of-interest grants to charitable organizations in the areas of Education, the Arts, Beautification for the Hinton/Summers County area, Health and

Human Services, Public Recreation, and Other eligible needs.

Applications are accepted from Jan. 1-31, 2024. Hardcopies are required and can be mailed to: PO Box 217, Hinton, WV 25951, or org. Applications may

be downloaded online at hintonareafoundation.org. All interested are encouraged to apply.

dropped off in person/ drop box at 104 James Street.

For more information, please contact Hinton Area Foundation at 304-309-5502 or grants@hintonareafoundation.org. Applications may

A.A. meetings in Hinton adds new schedule

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hinton Alcoholics Anonymous group has adopted a new schedule. Beginning immediately, there will be meetings held on Wednesdays at noon and Fridays at 8 p.m. in the lower level of Ascension Episcopal Church. Both are open meetings.

The entrance to the meeting area is through the rear of the church, which is located at the corner of Temple Street and 5th Avenue (222 5th Avenue). The format of the meeting will be an open discussion of a weekly topic related to alcohol use/abuse.

For more information, please call 304-660-7073 or call the toll free number at 1-800-333-5051.

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For the next few weeks, we will be looking at the topic of conversion. This week, we will look at the definition of conversion, an erroneous view of conversion, and conversion as an act of man.

Conversion

(Part 1)
by Gene Taylor

Conversion means, "To turn back morally, to reform: Mt. xiii. 15; Mk. iv. 12; Lk. xxii. 32; Acts iii. 19; xxviii. 27" (*Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon*, pp. 243-244). According to W.E. Vine, "The word implies 'a turning from and a turning to'" (*Vine's Expository Dictionary*).

An Erroneous View

Having embraced the teachings of John Calvin, most of the denominational world believes that conversion is a miraculous change brought about by the operation of the Holy Spirit.

According to Calvinists, an individual's salvation lies entirely at the discretion of God. They believe that nothing a person does can effect his salvation because no unregenerate person can do good—his every act is sinful. They believe God must take direct, miraculous action to save a person's soul.

Matthew 13:15 is a refutation of this erroneous view. It states, "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them." It is immediately apparent from this passage that the change Jesus was stressing comes about as a result of hearing, seeing and understanding the will of God.

Conversion—An Act of Man

Matthew 18:3 makes it clear that conversion is a responsibility enjoined upon man, not an act performed on him. "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Jesus was showing His disciples what they needed to do, or whom they needed to become like, in order to be greatest in the kingdom of heaven (see v. 4). He was not showing what God does for men to make them great in the kingdom.

Acts 3:19 says, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..." Because remission of sins is the blessing promised in this verse and in Acts 2:38, it would seem reasonable that the apostle Peter would give the same instructions. In Acts 2:38 he said, "to repent and be baptized" and in Acts 3:19 he commanded people, "to repent and be converted." While repentance is common to both verses, the other requirement appears to vary until one realizes that baptism is involved in bringing about the conversion of a person (cf. Rom. 6:3-4, 17).

(Continued next week when we will look at the requirement of conversion and the changes involved.)

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We would love to have you come and study with us.



Concord University announces fall 2023 Dean’s List

ATHENS W.Va. (Hinton News) – The following students are on the Fall 2023 Dean’s List at Concord University. The Dean’s List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who were registered for a minimum of 12 Concord credit hours and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the end of the semester.

WEST VIRGINIA
ALDERSON: Briona Dickens, Destiny Dickens, Ivana Morris, Kiara Phillips, Caroline Telano
AMHERSTDALE: Kaden Dickerson
ANAWALT: Megan McGraw
ASHFORD: Toney Opal
ATHENS: Alyssa Bennett, Joshua Bish, Caeley Cook, Karsynn Davis, Sierra Meadows, Bryanna Mills, Matthew Mullins, Erin O’Sullivan, Nubia Potosme Trejos, Paige Richmond, Luke Rutherford, Nicole Rutherford, Nikota Shrader, Linsey Umberger
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BRADSHAW: Kristen Calhoun, Caleb Horn
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COAL MOUNTAIN: Brandon Green
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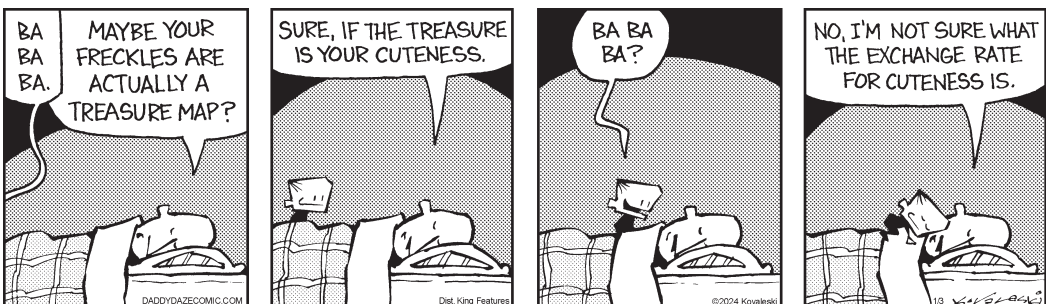
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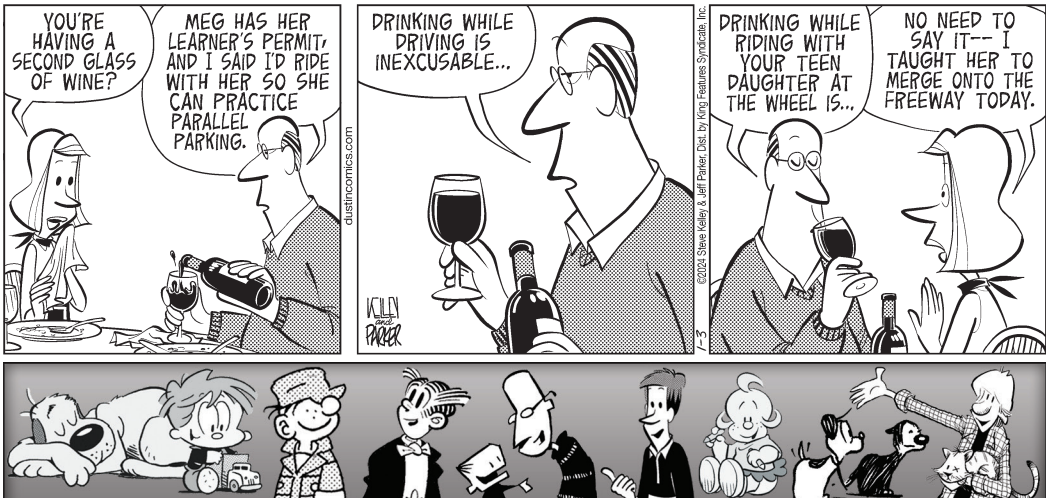
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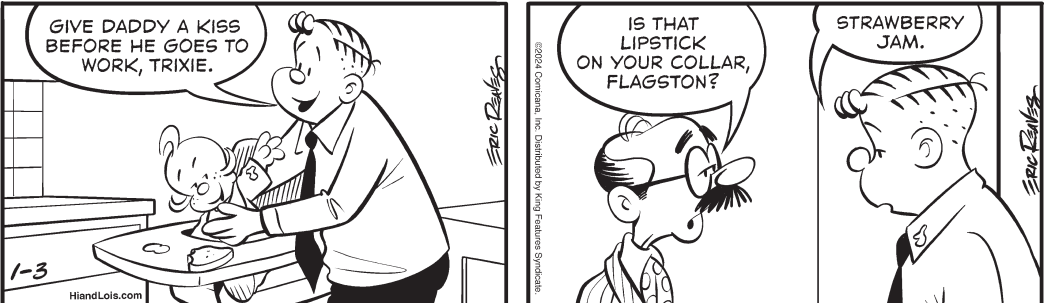
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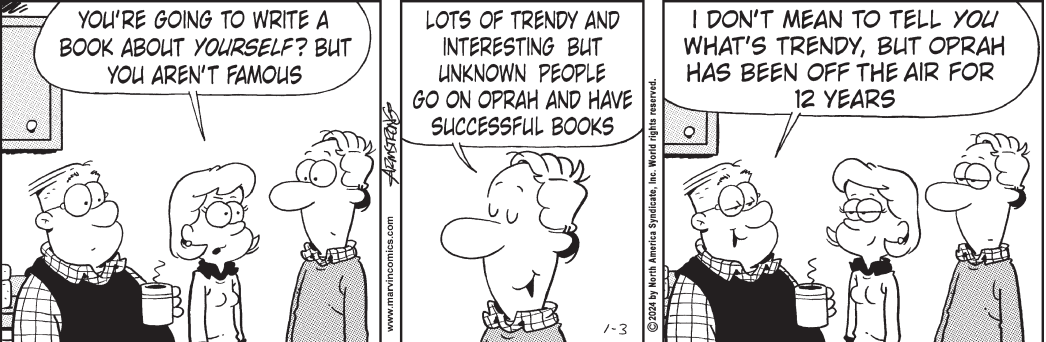
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024:

You are energetic and persistent, and can overcome incredible odds. You're not a quitter. You hate to be bored. This is a wonderful year to socialize and enjoy life! Your creativity, zest and desire for life will attract wonderful choices to you. Old friends might reappear.

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★ Perhaps it's the fever of the new year, but for whatever reason, you're pumped to deliver! You make a fabulous impression on others now, no question. You're keen to travel, study and wrap up important papers, manuscripts and screenplays. You're working hard to earn money. You want it all! Tonight: Be ready to compromise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

4★ There are two areas of your life that you might have to juggle today: At this time of year, you want a change of scenery, which means you want to travel and "get away from all this." However, today you feel obligated and inspired

to be of service to others. How noble. Tonight: Get organized.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

4★ Even though you're in the mood to play and schmooze today, you also want to get a lot done. Count on the cooperation of others. Appeal to their eternal goodness to join forces with you, because you will get the most done in partnership with others. Go, go, go! Tonight: Schmooze!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

3★ You're keen to accomplish a lot today. However, you might need more rest. This is the one time of year when you need naps and more sleep. Therefore, don't push yourself too hard. Discussions with a

family member today, perhaps a female, will go well. Tonight: Relax at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

4★ This is a productive week for you, and today is a productive day because you're keen to communicate to others. The pace of your days is accelerating. You're busy. Plus, you have raised the bar on what you want to accomplish. (That's all it takes for Leos.) Tonight: Meaningful discussions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

3★ This is a good day to accomplish what you want if you're in the entertainment world, professional sports or the hospitality industry. However, most of you also want to goof off today. Get enough done so that you can play guilt free! That makes all the difference. Tonight: Check your money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

4★ You're empowered because today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you a slight edge over all the other signs. Furthermore, it's dancing beautifully with your ruler Venus, which will improve all your communications. A discussion with a parent should

go well. Tonight: You call the shots.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

3★ You're busy with appointments, errands, short trips, plus increased reading, writing and studying. Today you might choose to work alone or behind the scenes. Whatever the case, you're busy! Explore old money-making ideas. Resurrect some strategies. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

4★ This is an excellent day for a heart-to-heart discussion with a friend or a member of a group. Hopefully, your goals will agree, especially if you're in an organization. Incidentally, this is a great day to buy wardrobe items for yourself. Maybe some outdoor gear. Tonight: Be friendly!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

3★ Someone might approach you today to help them or speak on their behalf. They might want you to represent their best interests with someone in authority. Do what you can. With the Sun in your sign now, things will tend to go

your way, especially with the head cheese. Tonight: Respect authority.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

4★ This is a good day to schmooze with friends and work with groups, especially in conferences or organizations. Nevertheless, you will also want to break away and do your own thing. You need a change of scenery. Be good to yourself. Tonight: Explore!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

4★ This is a popular day! You look good to others, especially bosses and authority types. In fact, some of you might strike up a flirtation with a boss. Work with groups today. This is how you will get the most done. Cooperation in key. Tonight: Check your finances.

BORN TODAY

Actress Florence Pugh (1996), actress Danica McKellar (1975), actor Mel Gibson (1956)

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Texter's "Enough!"

4 Stairist's music

8 Bowlers and boaters

12 "A snake!"

13 Always

14 "Night" author

15 Wiesel

16 Scott's refusal

17 "Swan Lake" performer

18 Big mix-up

20 Sphere

21 Quick swims

24 Leaves for lunch?

28 California island

32 Peru's capital

33 Raw mineral

34 Abounds

36 Started

37 Cash advance

39 Pasta wheat

41 Extemporize

DOWN

1 Till bills

2 Intend

3 Sofa brand

4 Like some auto engines

5 "Crazy Rich Asians" director

6 Solidify

7 Singer

8 Tea type

9 "The Greatest"

10 Can material

11 Briny expanse

12 Triage ctrs.

13 Slithery fish

14 Rx overseer

15 Picnic desserts

16 Villain's look

17 Leslie Caron film

18 Prayer ender

19 Baby's father

20 Pop choice

21 Yankee nickname

22 Blue shade

23 "The Greatest"

24 Weaponry, for short

25 Choir member

26 Boob

27 Souvenir

28 Bikini half

29 Sci-fi vehicles

30 Tarzan's transport

31 Sore spot

32 Temporary calm

33 In the manner of

34 Victory

35 Sportage maker

36 Promising words?

37 Zero

Solution time: 23 mins.

Last Wednesday's Answer
(Answers Next Wednesday)

JUMBLE

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

HRWIL

ENKLE

PTOLEP

RBFEEO

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

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They earned a living as tightrope walkers which was a dangerous job.

We train hard to be the best at our jobs.

You all deserve every penny I pay you!

THEY EARNED A LIVING AS TIGHTROPE WALKERS WHICH WAS A DANGEROUS JOB.

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

Ans. here:

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answer: SWEEP AUDIO FENNEL DAMAGE

Jumbles: Each of the team's last two victories were — "WON" AND THE SAME

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★★★

1/3

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:

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

Difficulty: ★★★

12/27



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE and PUBLIC HEARING
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Telephone: (304) 926-0495
Fax: (304) 926-0463
GENERAL WV/NPDES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
WV/NPDES PERMIT
NO. WV0115924

The State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Water Pollution Control Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activities. The General Permit will authorize discharges to surface waters of the state for land disturbance operations during development of residential, commercial, or industrial sites. It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5) year term.

The Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management retains the authority to require any owner/operator to apply for and obtain an individual WV/NPDES Permit. This authority will be exercised when the Director determines that such an individual permit will better protect the receiving water.

The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the WVDEP website at: <https://dep.wv.gov/wwe/programs/stormwater/csw/pages/home.aspx>. Hard copies can be mailed upon request.

A virtual public hearing has been scheduled to take official comments on the Draft General Permit. The hearing has been scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024. Pre-registration for the hearing is required.

To register, please complete the registration form at: <https://forms.gle/wHwSWyqJ9sYjaVQN8> or call Terry Fletcher at 304-926-0499 ext. 49720 by 5 p.m. the day of the hearing.

Registrants will receive a separate email with the link and call-in number for the virtual hearing once the registration deadline passes.

Any person may submit oral or written statements concerning the Draft General Permit; however, reasonable limits may be set upon the time allowed for oral statements at the hearing.

Written comments on the Draft General Permit can be submitted via email to DEP.Comments@wv.gov or regular mail to:

Director
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Attention: Sharon Mullins
Phone: (304) 926-0499,
Extension 43808
Email:
sharon.a.mullins@wv.gov

The comment period closes at the conclusion of the virtual hearing. All comments submitted by this time, including those pro-

vided at the hearing, will be added to the official record for the Draft General Permit and considered by the agency.

For more information, contact Sharon Mullins at the email address or phone number listed above.

Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p. m. Monday through Friday.

(3ja)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTES & 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, January 3, 2024
Claim Deadline: Sunday, March 3, 2024

ESTATE OF: HATTIE FAYE JOLLIFFE
EXECUTOR: BILLY RAY JOLLIFFE
ESTATE OF: TAMMY TERESA ADKINS
CO ADMINISTRATRIX: SHELLY WALKER
CO ADMINISTRATRIX: CAMERAN ADKINS
ESTATE OF: SAMUEL R. TURNER
EXECUTRIX: REMONA E. TURNER
ESTATE OF: WILLIAM CLIFFORD HYLTON
EXECUTRIX: SHELLEY HYLTON BRIGHTWELL

Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 19, 2023.
Donald R. Basham Jr.
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County
(3,10ja)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
SERENITY DAWN MEADOR
PETITIONER.**

**Child Abuse and Neglect
Number 23-JA-30
ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

**Hinton Daily News
210 2ND Ave.
Hinton, West Virginia
25951
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

The purpose of this action is to determine the guardianship of Serenity Dawn Meador. Petitioner, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, is seeking continued legal and physical custody of said child and Termination of Parental Rights of any unknown father.

It appearing that the whereabouts of any unknown father claiming paternity to said child, may presently be in the Summers County, West Virginia area, it is ORDERED that any unknown father claiming paternity of said child shall appear, in person, at the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Child Protective Services Division, 320 Summers Street, Suite A, Hinton, West Virginia, 25951, on or before **January 5, 2024**, and/or claim paternity to said children and/or object or make other defense to the Petitioner. Otherwise, guardianship of the child may be granted to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and the parental rights of any unknown father to said child may be terminated.

Further, it is hereby ORDERED that anyone claiming paternity of said child be advised of his or their rights to have counsel at every stage of these proceedings, and that counsel will be appointed if they cannot pay for the services of counsel and that such proceedings may result in the severance of parental rights and the transfer of custody of said child to the Petitioner.

Entered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia, on the 15th day of December, 2023.
/s/ Stacy D. Ford
STACY FORD, CLERK
(27de3ja)

**Notice To Creditors, Distributees, and Legatees
Proposed / Short Form Settlements**

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the within named deceased persons:

I have before me the Final settlements and Proposals for the estates of the following deceased persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Summers County, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Hinton, West Virginia on the 10th day of January, 2024, at or near 10:00 a.m. These proposed settlements and short form settlements have been presented to me by the fiduciary of such estates which settlements I have approved as indicated below:

Estate: KATHY JEAN BENNETT
Fiduciary: GARY BENNETT
Estate: EDWARD FRANKLIN CALES
Fiduciary: KRISTI CALES
Estate: CONRAD A. GRAHAM (PROPOSED)
Fiduciary: NANCY L. LILLY

Any person having any interest in the estate of any such deceased person, may appear before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protect his interests as they may appear or else may be forever thereafter barred from asserting such interests.

Given under my hand this 19th day of December, 2023.

Donnie Basham
Fiduciary Supervisor
(3ja)

Gov. Justice announces Water Development Authority approves over \$26 million in economic enhancement projects

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) — Gov. Justice announced the West Virginia Water Development Authority (WDA) has approved nine additional Economic Enhancement Grant Fund (EEGF) projects worth \$26,320,768.00 million.

The WDA manages the fund, which provides matching grants to municipalities for upgrading infrastructure such as water, sewer, economic development, commerce, and tourism projects.

In April 2022, Gov. Justice called a special session to fund the Economic Enhancement Grant Fund, at the time securing an initial amount of \$250 million.

Since then, the program has seen exceptional success, and the WDA has approved EEGF projects worth \$330 million, impacting over 500,000 West Virginians. All in all, these projects will affect residents statewide.

The latest water and sewer projects approved by the Water Development Authority include:

The Canaan Valley PSD has secured a \$1,000,000 WDA EEGF grant to extend sewer service to the customers in the area of Winwood Fly-In Resort, Deerfield Village and Canaan Village. This project is part of Canaan Valley PSD's comprehensive sewer plan. The total project

cost is \$4,405,000.

The Town of East Bank has received a \$8,500,000 WDA EEGF grant to upgrade their sewer system, including two new pump stations, 350 new house connections and installing over 32,000 linear feet of new sewer pipe. The total project cost is \$13,500,000.

The City of Kingwood was awarded a \$1,816,848 WDA EEGF grant to extend and replace water service lines in their downtown system, as well as upgrades to their water treatment plant. The total project cost is \$5,456,000.

Mercer County PSD has secured a \$3,600,000 WDA EEGF grant to construct a regional sewer collection and treatment system in western Mercer County. The total project cost is \$14,436,500.

North Beckley PSD has received a \$3,552,620 WDA EEGF grant to provide sewer service to approximately 218 customers in the Piney View and Batoff Mountain area of Raleigh County. The total project cost is \$8,052,620.

The City of Pennsboro was awarded a \$2,500,000 WDA EEGF grant to replace 53,000 linear feet of water service lines within their water system, with the majority of the project being in the downtown and residential areas of Pennsboro. The total project cost is \$5,500,000.

The Town of Poca secured a \$351,300 WDA EEGF grant to address stormwater drainage deficiencies within eight specific areas within Poca. The total project cost is \$601,300.

Short Line PSD has received a \$1,000,000 WDA EEGF grant to replace their current water booster station and replace 1,179 meters with new radio read meters, along with other water system upgrades. The total project cost is \$5,050,000.

The Town of Sophia was awarded a \$4,000,000 WDA EEGF grant to construct a new sewer plant to serve Sophia and be expandable to serve Coal City. The total project cost is \$16,000,000.

Gov. Justice serves as chairman of the WDA Board, with his Deputy Chief of Staff Ann Urling serving as his designee. For more information, visit www.wvda.org.
Canaan Valley PSD in Tucker County
Town of East Bank in Kanawha County
City of Kingwood in Preston County
Mercer County PSD in Mercer County
North Beckley PSD in Raleigh County
City of Pennsboro in Ritchie County
Town of Poca in Putnam County
Short Line PSD in Harrison County
Town of Sophia in Raleigh County

Attorney General Morrissey's Mobile Office Sets January 2024 Stops for Central and Southeastern West Virginia

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey a representative from his office will meet with central and southeastern West Virginia residents in January to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure."

Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

• Jan. 9: 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - The Chocolate Moose, 1818 Harper

St., Beckley
• Jan. 15: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Tudor's Biscuit World, 323 N. Court St., Fayetteville
• Jan. 17: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Summersville City Hall, 400 Broad St., Summersville
• Jan. 24: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Hinton City Hall, 322 Summers St., Hinton

• Jan. 26: 11 a.m. to noon - Raleigh County Courthouse, 215 Main St., Beckley

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Justin Arvon at 304-590-6462. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.

Job Posting: Camp Summers Director

The Summers County Commission is seeking qualified candidates for a **full-time Camp Summers Director**. Interested candidates must provide a resume and cover letter in a sealed proposal labeled "Camp Summers Director Application" no later than January 5, 2024, to the Summers County Administrator, 120 Ballengee Street, Hinton, WV 25951.

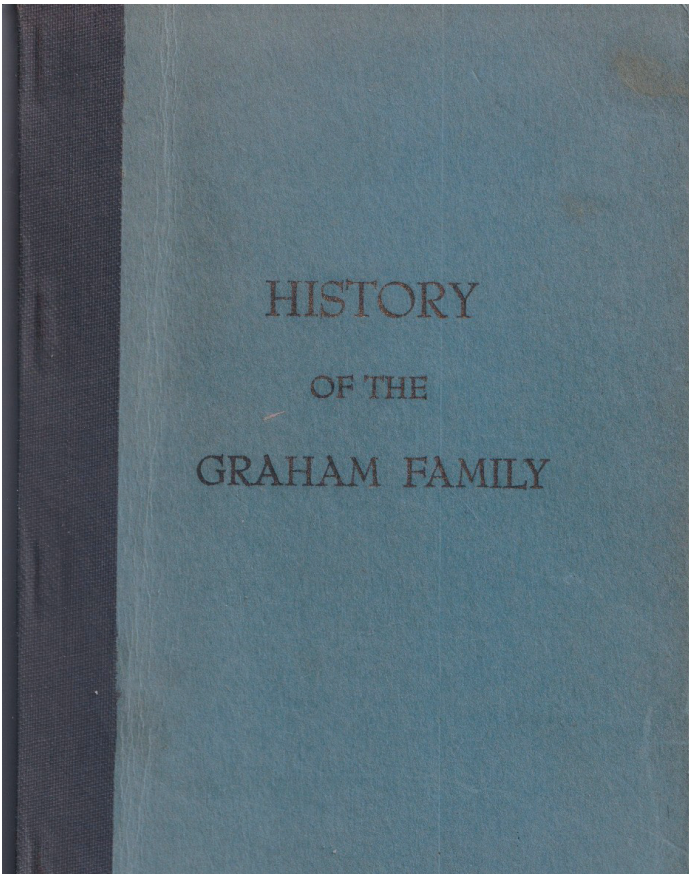
The duties of this position include but are not limited to: Effective communication and logistics management skills; Strong organization skills to support camp activities, including maintenance activities that will be coordinated by others; Ability to establish and maintain an annual schedule of camp registrations using a web-based registration system like Campsite; Ability to schedule food and supplies deliveries consistent with camp needs; And a work ethic that is success-focused. This position reports directly to the Summers County Commission. Compensation includes a competitive salary and benefits package. Though the state of WV designates official holidays, this position may require the candidate to work on those days to ensure a successful and positive experience for those individuals or groups at Camp Summers.

A Peek into Summers County’s Past: The Graham House

William Jones

LOWELL W.Va. (Hinton News) - Editor’s Note: Each week, local history collector William Jones discusses items from his collection and their historical significance. In this edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past, Jones is talking about the historic Graham House in Lowell West Virginia.

This photo of the Graham House you see here is from ca. 1950. It was taken prior to The Graham House Preservation Society taking over the property in 1988 and then began to historically refurbish the 1770 structure to resemble how it originally looked in its day.



A rare book on the topic of the Graham family. Photo provided by William Jones

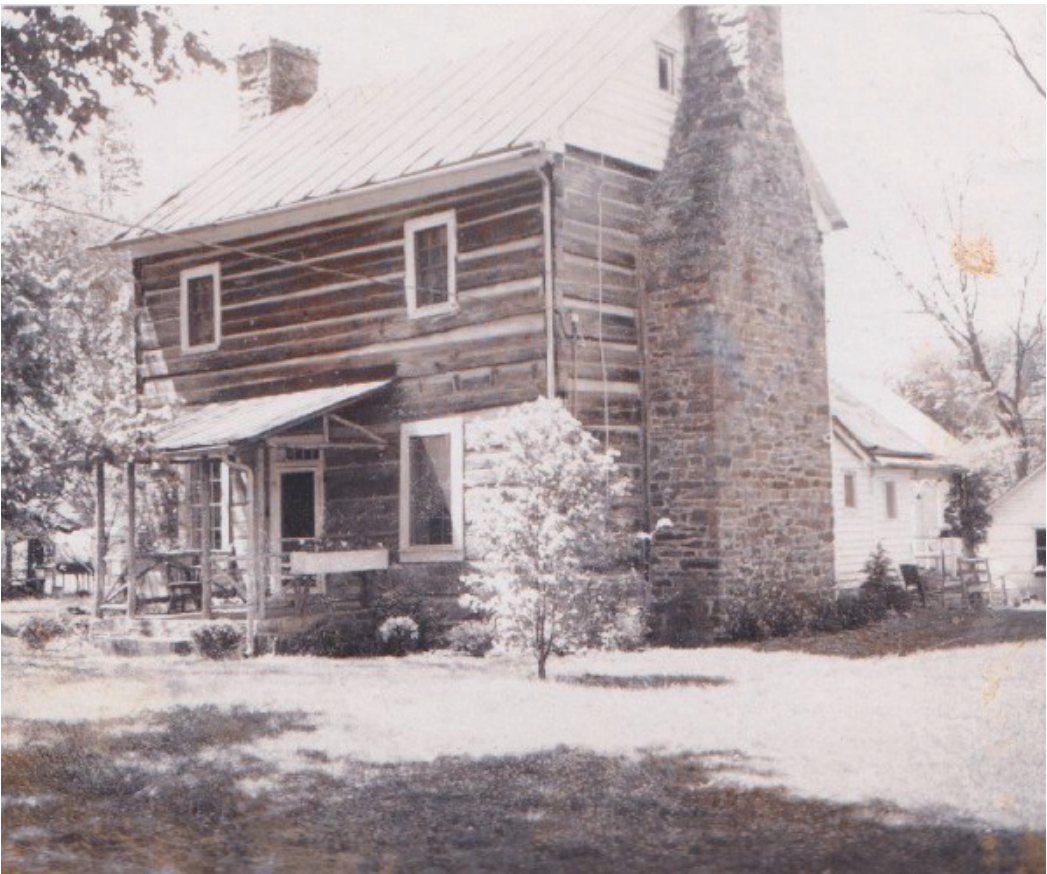
It is technically a three-story structure of hand-hewn log construction. It was the original home to one of Summers County’s first settlers, James Graham, and his family. To place some emphasis on the age of this structure, it was constructed 19 years before George Washington became this country’s first president, the Civil War commenced 95 years after this house was completed, and 97 years before West Virginia became a state.

The house remained in the Graham family for many decades. It was later purchased by someone from Charleston to use as

a summer home. Until a group of Summers County residents recognized its historic value, formed The Graham House Preservation Society, bought it and restored it to its original state.

The home compared to other homes of that time is very elaborate. It features massive logs, wide beautiful plank flooring and two enormous stone fireplaces on both sides of the living room. The stones are believed to have been brought from a mile down the Green-

brier River by canoe from a place that came to be known as “The Narrows.” Sometime during the private ownership from a person in Kanawha County my Grandfather Bernard Thompson had a chance to purchase what would later become known as “The Graham House” for a trivial amount of \$12,000. I loved to tease him and say; “see what you missed out on granddad?” He would then make a “ughhh huh” sound and walk off.



An old photo of the Graham House. Photo provided by William Jones

The large room that was added to the back of the house is a dining hall that can be rented for weddings, reunions, birthday parties and other events. It is also used for the annual Graham House Christmas dinner that I recently went to. The work and love for this historic property these volunteers do to keep up the property and its history is unmatched.

I had looked for this rare little book you can see here for years. Its title is “History of the Graham

Family”. I was scrolling through listings on eBay in 2018 and just came across it. It was written by David Graham, a grandson of Colonel James Graham in 1899 in Clayton, West Virginia. He wrote this history based on the memories of relatives, court records and other family documents.

It tells of the Indian attack that occurred on the Graham family. About how the Indians kidnapped Colonel James Graham’s daughter Elizabeth and the 8 years he

spent looking for her. It lists other prominent names from Summers County such as Guinn, Kincaid and Flint. I have never been into genealogy as much as local history but have always found it to be very interesting that my Thomas/Flint side of my family has ties to the Graham’s and indirect ties to The Graham House.

If you have a story from the area’s history to share, send an email to news@hintonnews.com.

New Years Eve fireworks scheduled in Alderson



Fireworks in Alderson in a previous year with reflections in the Greenbrier River.

ALDERSON W.Va. (Hinton News) - There will be a family-friendly New Year’s Eve fireworks display in Alderson on Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. This marvelous display is best viewed from the Alderson Memorial Bridge and there is plenty of parking on either side of the Greenbrier River.

Produced by the Alderson Volunteer Fire Department and sponsored by the Town of Alderson and Alderson Main Street, these fireworks are supported by

a grant from the James F. B. Peyton Foundation.

The event will be held earlier this year, at 7:30 p.m., so families can bring even the youngest children and enjoy a wonderful show before putting them to bed. The Morgan Meadows Farm Store, in the Renaissance building on the Greenbrier County side of the Greenbrier River, will offer hot dogs, hot drinks, and more for purchase from 6-8. Please bring your own chair.

Fireworks cannot be seen if the weather is wet or snowy. In the case of inclement weather, the fireworks display will be rescheduled to a later date. Please check the Alderson Main Street Facebook page for the announcement of any changes.

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