



January meetings in Summers County

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Here is a list of meetings occurring in Summers County during January 2024.

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. at the central board office. Call the Board Office for more information.

Summers County Commission - Regular Meeting - Jan. 10 at 9 a.m. in the Commission Room in the Courthouse.

Summers County LEPC - Regular Meeting - Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Building Roosevelt Room.

Summers County Public Library Board of Directors - Regular Meeting - Jan. 11 at 5 p.m. in the library.

Hinton City Council - Regular Meeting - Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Summers County Parks and Recreation Committee - Regular Meeting - Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building.

John Henry Days Committee - Regular Meeting - Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Methodist Church Basement in Talcott.

Summers County Dilapidated Structures Committee - Regular Meeting - Jan. 22 at Noon in the Memorial Building Auditorium.

Three Rivers Democratic Women - Regular Meeting - Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. on the patio at Kirk's Restaurant.

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Jan. 23 at 5 p.m. at SCCHS. Call the Board Office for more information.

Summers County Republicans - Regular Meeting - Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building.

Friends of the Summers County Public Library Book Group - Regular Meeting - Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. in the library.

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

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

War Ridge Free Will Baptist Church Held Christmas Play



The Three Wisemen played by Rex Cyphers, Tommy Webb and Cecil Fox.



The Wiseman's household played by Lisa Madison-Howell, Betty Richmond, and Rex Cyphers.



The Angels played by left to right (front row) Brooke Fox, Makenna Mann and Hailey Matney; (back row) Susan Fox, Betty Richmond and Laura Rand.




Faye and Shawn Mann as Mary and Joseph and Shepherds (left to right) Dennis Galford, Havyn Salmons, Hunter Mann (sheep), Devin Matney and Grant Fox.

WAR RIDGE W.Va. played by Dennis Galford, Havyn Salmons, Hunter Mann (sheep), Devin Matney and Grant Fox. Organizers said, "Our play told the story of what we know happened and what might have happened on that very special night when Jesus our Lord and Savior was born."

Some of the other players can be seen in their various costumes in the pictures. The angels were Brooke Fox, Makenna Mann and Hailey Matney, Susan Fox, Betty Richmond and Laura Rand. The three wise men were Rex Cyphers, Tommy Webb and Cecil Fox. Finally, the wiseman's household included his servant Lisa Madison-Howell, the wiseman's wife, Betty Richmond, and the wiseman, Rex Cyphers.

At the end of the Christmas program, the audience joined the cast for refreshments at the church fellowship hall. Organizers stated, "We wish to thank everyone who came out and made our program a success. The War Ridge Free Will Baptist Church is the only church on War Ridge Road; our address is 3134 War Ridge Road, Wayside. Our Sunday services are: Sunday School, at 10 a.m. with Worship Service at 11 and Sunday Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Kid's Club start at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there."



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Campbell-Flannagan-Murrell House Museum Welcomes 2024 With its Almanac Calendar



One of the Almanacs sold by CMF House Museum

SUMMERS COUNTY included was an inter- W.Va. (Hinton News) esting history.” The creators of Ramon’s Brownie Calendars started in 1876 in Greenville, Tennessee. The company began as a medicine company. “The Little Doctor,” and “Ramon’s Remedies,” products were



An old photograph of a rail car being loaded with Ramon Remedies

loaded onto rail cars or wagons for delivery to pharmacies across the country. The calendar was developed to advertise their remedies in the pharmacies. Around 1950, the original almanac calendar was in more demand than the reme-

dies. The company now you can have the 2024 version, which provides data on the rising and setting times of the Sun and Moon, the phases of the moon, weather predictions, best fishing and hunting days when to plant particular crops and more. CFM House Museum is selling the Ramon’s Almanac Calendar for \$5 at the Visitor’s Center on 2nd Avenue and Hair by Michael on 3rd Ave. You may also pick one up at the Museum by calling 518-423-0725.

2024 Scholarship Applications Open at Hinton Area Foundation

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - In 2023, the Hinton Area Foundation awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to 47 students. Offering more than 40 different scholarships, students can apply based on their area of study, college, university or vocational/technical institution, both or neither. HAF’s Executive Assistant, Jordonne Bostic, says, “Scholarship Season is probably my favorite. This is the time in life when many young people

are finding out who they are and what they want to do in life. To be able to lift some of the financial burden so they can focus on themselves is a feeling I wish everyone in life could experience.” Applications are open from Jan. 1, 2024 - March 15, 2024, and can be found at hintonareafoundation.org/scholarships. An electronic and hard copy of the application must be submitted by March 15th. Printed copy may be mailed to: Hinton Area Founda-

tion Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 217, Hinton, WV 25951. Electronic copies may be emailed to Scholarships@HintonAreaFoundation.org. Specific instructions can be found on the scholarship application. Questions may be directed to Scholarships@HintonAreaFoundation.org. The deadline for receipt of applications and additional requirements is March 15, 2024. All students are encouraged to apply.

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

A.A. meetings in Hinton

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hinton Alcoholics Anonymous group holds two weekly meetings 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- number at 1-800-333-7073 or call the toll-free 5051.

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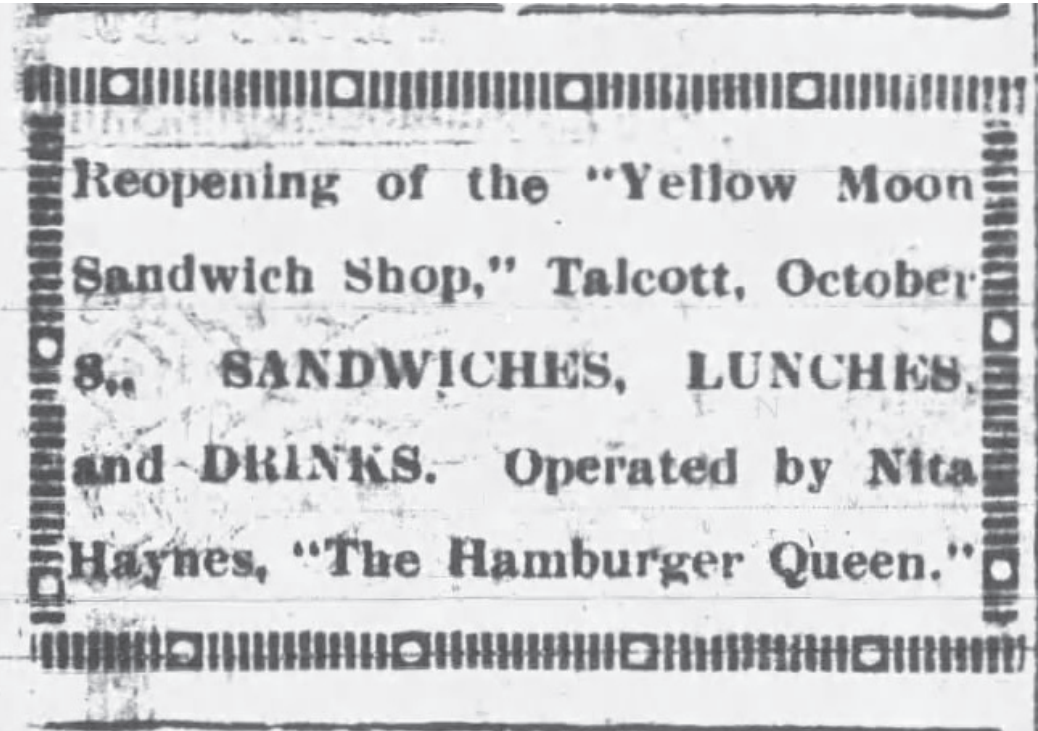
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A Peek into Summers County’s Past: Restaurants in Talcott



An old advertisement. Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones

TALCOTT W.Va. (Hinton News) - Editor’s Note: Local history collector William Jones is back with a new edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past. This week, he is discussing restaurants in Talcott. This week’s tale is about a piece from my grandfather, Bernard Thompson’s, personal collection. It is a photo from when he was only 23 years old in 1950 and depicts him on the porch of Talcott Lunch Stand with a few of his friends at that time. From left to right in the photo are Bill Mann, my grandfather Bernard Thompson, Joe Mann and Howard Biggers. The photo was taken by Roy Grimes. Talcott Lunch Stand was opened in Talcott in the late 1940s by Loyd Lowry and closed in either 1962 or 63. It must have been the “hangout spot,” for the younger generation of Talcott in its day because on just about every ad I have

ever seen from it in the 1950s, it simply says, “Talcott Lunch Stand Where Everyone Meets - Talcott.” Over the years, Talcott has seen other restaurants, beer joints or just plain old “hangouts.” One was The Old Mill, which was located along Route 3 at the bottom of the schoolhouse hill. Woods Store that sat beside Thompson’s Garage was a very small building but was large enough to accommodate a bar and dance hall in the back part of it. It was owned by Russel Woods and operated by his daughter, Kathlyn Woods. Not sure of the spelling, but she was known by the locals as simply “Mrs. Geeter” or “Mrs. Jeeter.” There was an old one-room schoolhouse as you start up Pie Hollow in Talcott. This was referred to as “The Harris School,” Hughy Sweeney purchased it when it stopped being used as a school and opened a nightclub. In this vicin-

ity was also a little ice cream business called Lusters Ice Cream Shop. It sat near where the Brownie Movie Tent Show would set up when it was coming through the Talcott area at the mouth of Pie Hollow. Some of the information I acquired for this story was received from fellow local and historian Louise Standard. A business by the name of Kittingers Beer Joint somewhere in Talcott. My grandfather Bernard being the pack rat he was got several items from it when it closed. Most people have seen a Toms peanut jar. He got two of them that sat on the bar in this business. One is the standard size and the other is a huge Toms peanut jar that I have never seen another one like it. He also kept a glass Lance potato chip jar with a metal lid. I now have them in my collection. So I guess you could call me a third-generation pack rat.



From left to right: Bill Mann, Bernard Thompson, Joe Mann and Howard Biggers. Photo provided by William Jones

I am sure there must have been other restaurants etc. in Talcott. I am purely hypothesizing here, but back in the day, hotels in small towns such as Talcott ran their dining room for all meals during the day for both their guests and the citizens of the community. Valley View Hotel, which was in operation in Talcott near where the post office sits today likely did just that. Everyone in this area is familiar with the round house that sits on the Second Baptist Church side of the road in Talcott. Growing up, this little round house always fascinated me. My grandfather always told me it was originally built for a restaurant in the 1930s. Until recently, I was never able to find any reference to this, only his claim of having eaten there as a

child. After stopping at a yard sale at this little house back in the summer, the owner told me that they had been told the same thing and that it was called something with the word “Moon” in it. So I started doing some digging and found the ad in the photo from Oct. 28, 1930, for the “Yellow Moon Sandwich Shop.” It sold sandwiches, lunch and drinks by a lady named Nita Haynes. From what I understand in my research, Haynes did not live com-

here and would run the sandwich shop when she would come into Talcott from out of state. She must have been a fantastic cook because from what I have been told and just like her advertisement says she became known as the “The Hamburger Queen” of Talcott. Did you know about all of these establishments that were once in Talcott? If you have a story from the area’s history to share, send an email to news@hintonnews.com.

Deadline for candidacy public office in Summers County approaching

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The deadline to file for candidacy for public office is rapidly approaching. All candidates for county office must file with the County Clerk by Jan. 20, 2024. For more information, you may call the Summers County Clerk at 304-466-7104. A seat on the County Commission is open this year for Bluestone Magisterial District which includes Nimitz, Jumping Branch, Madams Creek, and parts of Avis. The County Commission is a six-year term. The candidate must

be a resident of the open magisterial district and be at least 18 years old. The annual salary is \$43,096 and includes health insurance. Sheriff is another position that will be on the ballot in 2024. The Sheriff serves a four-year term. Candidates must reside in the county in which they are elected and may only serve all or part of two consecutive terms. The salary for the Summers County Sheriff is \$55,166. All 100 seats in the WV House of Delegates will be on the ballot in 2024. Candidates for state-level office must

file a Certificate of Announcement with the Secretary of State’s Office. Summers County is represented by two Delegate Districts, the 40th and the 41st. Candidates must know the correct district number before filing. The candidate must be a resident of that district. The salary for a West Virginia Delegate is \$20,000. The filing fee is \$100. As a local elected official, you can help make Summers County a safe and welcoming community where families can thrive and businesses can prosper.

Conversion (Part 2) by Gene Taylor

Requirements of Conversion
The free agency of man. Conversion requires the free agency of man otherwise it would not be conversion but compulsion. This is made clear by the American Standard Version’s translation of Matthew 13:15; 18:3; and Acts 3:19. Conversion is shown to be a willing act on man’s part by its use of the verb “the urn.” One chooses as to whether or not he turns. His turning, or failure to turn, is not a predestined act of God.
The understanding of the individual. Unless one understands his sinful condition and the divine remedy of it, he cannot be converted. As already noted, Matthew 13:15 shows an understanding of God’s will is a requirement for conversion to take place.
The word of God. Without the word of God, there can be no understanding of God’s will. Psalm 19:7 states, “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.” A study of God’s word reveals the person’s sinful condition and the remedy for it and then gives the necessary understanding so that there will be sufficient incentive for turning. In every case of conversion in the book of Acts, there was gospel preaching. God converts people in the same way He draws them—through the word (John 6:44-45).
Obedience to the word of God. Mere knowledge of the word and belief in what it teaches are not enough to save. Obedience brings conversion and salvation (Rom. 6:17, 18; Heb. 5:8-9; Matt. 7:21).
The Changes Involved
The initial change is that of principle or guide in life. When one is truly converted, he will no longer live by the rule of sin but will allow the word of God to guide him. God’s word becomes his permanent guide. Hearing the word produces faith which changes the heart and thereby cancels the love of sin. The believer is then moved to repent of his sin and alter his conduct thereby canceling the practice of sin. There is also a change in relationship. This change is brought about by baptism into Christ. Baptism cancels the guilt of sin and allows one to be in fellowship with God (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27; Eph. 1:3, 7).
Conclusion
There are consequences of conversion, demands the Lord makes of those who have been converted. The converted need to look to God’s word to learn their obligations as converted people and then perform them. The unconverted need to give attention to the word of God to see what they must do to be converted. (Next week we will begin a 3-week series on what hinders one from conversion.)

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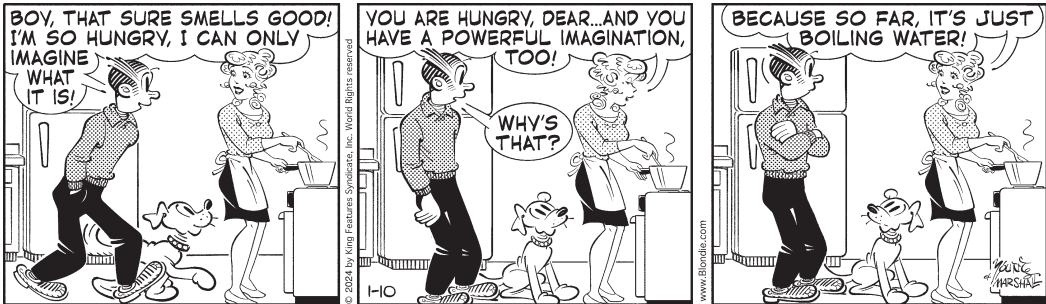
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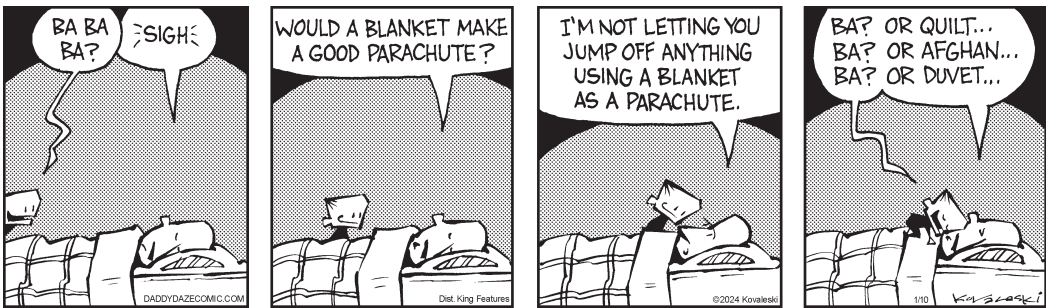
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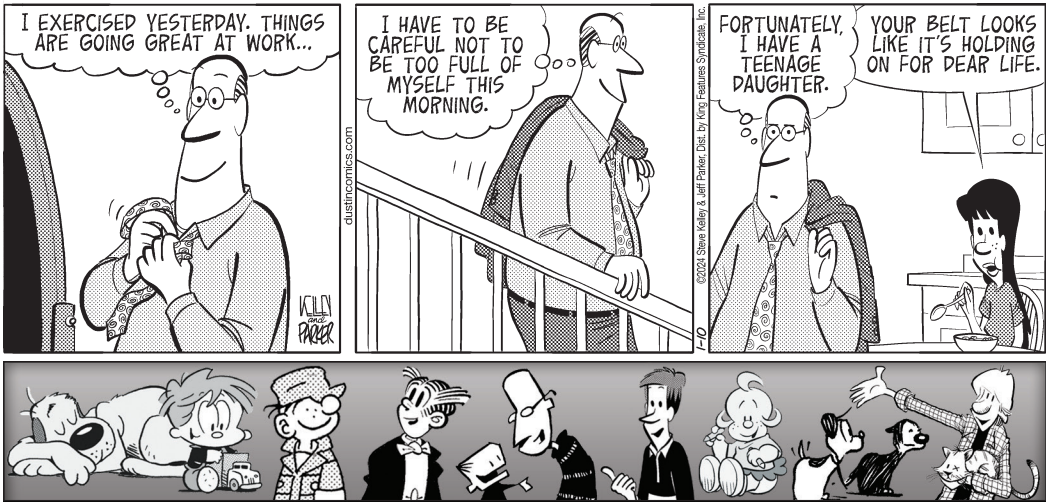
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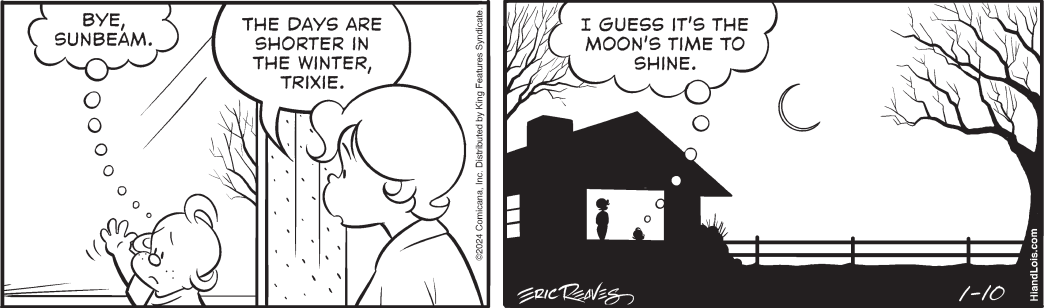
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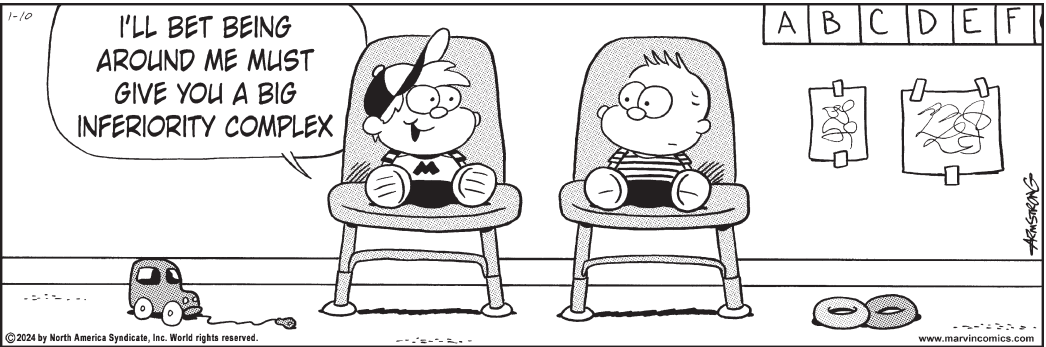
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024:

You are direct and honest, and you speak your mind. You have a strong energy, and you like to make others feel good! This is the first year of the new nine-year cycle for you. Expect major changes in your life. Be flexible and courageous and open any door!

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★ You have a lot of ambitious drive today. In addition to which, you have big ideas that could impact your earnings, your wealth or your possessions. Meanwhile, authority figures will listen to you, which means don't hesitate to speak up. Think big and expect a miracle! Tonight: You're noticed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

5★ Some of you have ambitious ideas about travel plans. Others will use this same optimism and apply it to publishing, the media, medicine or the law. Whatever the case, you're enthusiastic about what you want to implement, and you intend to do it! Tonight: Explore!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

4★ Today you'll be laughing all the way to the bank in discussions with others related to shared property, inheritances, insurance issues and debt. You will be decisive. You will also think big, and you won't pull your punches. Expect the results you want. Don't hesitate to go after what you want. Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

4★ A partner or close friend, or perhaps someone you are introduced to, will be lively and impressive today. They might encourage you to interact with others, perhaps a group or an organization.

Whatever the case, they will be convincing. Be prepared for this. Tonight: Cooperate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

5★ This is an extremely productive day for you! You will impress bosses and VIPs. You also have lots of energy to make things happen. You might delegate to others as well. Teamwork and involvement with groups will get you the best results today. Tonight: Get organized.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

5★ Accept all invitations to party and schmooze with others today. You won't regret it. Make time to enjoy sports events, social outings, plays, movies, the theater and fun activities with kids. It's a great day to be on vacation. Romance might be hot and sexy! Tonight: Play!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

4★ You have ambitious ideas about how to make home improvements at this time. Fortunately, you have the financial or practical support from others that you will need to make this happen. You also might entertain or be involved with a group at your home. Exciting choices! Tonight: Relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

5★ This is a fast-paced day and a successful one for you because you're optimistic and ready to share your ideas. You will impress others. And they will love your energy and enthusiasm. (Of course, enthusiasm is contagious.) Today you're an example of the power of positive thinking! Tonight: Conversations!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

4★ This is an excellent day at work or with whatever you do, because ultimately, you will probably boost your earnings. Or you might reorganize and take better care of your possessions. Whatever the case, you'll be happier at the end of the day because you did something and you're better off for it. Congratulations! Tonight: Check your belongings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

5★ Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with fiery Mars in your sign, and they are both dancing with lucky Jupiter. This means you're Power Point on steroids! Whatever you do will make a positive impact because of your confidence and enthusiasm. Think

big! Tonight: You win!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

4★ You are effective in dealing with others today, especially people in group situations. This might arise with issues related to your family or your home. Or it could be your dealings with younger, creative people. Whatever the case, you will be successful as an influencer. Tonight: Solitude.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

5★ This is a wonderful day to socially schmooze with others by enjoying good times with friends or being involved in groups, clubs, conventions or conferences. Your communication skills are tops today! Not only that, you will be able to encourage and inspire others with your positive enthusiasm. Tonight: Friendships.

BORN TODAY

Rock star Rod Stewart (1945), singer-songwriter Pat Benatar (1953), actress Sarah Shahi (1980)

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28 Church area

30 "The Joy Luck Club" author Tan

33 Equal (Pref.)

34 Sasha or Malia

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37 Andean land

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1 A primary color

2 Historic flag maker

3 Mid-month date

4 Just

5 Sheep call

6 Shade tree

7 Profound

8 City near Syracuse

9 "Honest Abe" or "Old Hickory"

10 Teen fave

11 "Auld Lang —"

16 Intelligence org.

20 Concept

22 Innocent one

23 Extra

25 Cover

26 Olympics chant

27 Spy's moniker

29 Lewd material

31 Hr. fraction

32 Decade parts

34 Oil cartel

38 "Splash" star

40 "Forget it!"

42 Dundee denial

43 Bygone fleet

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45 Miles away

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48 "Lucky Jim" author

49 Cincinnati team

52 — Jima

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Solution time: 23 mins.

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Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

JUMBLE

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

TLFEU

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CLAAUT

DRANPO

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

Answer here:

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answer: WHIRL KNEEL TOPPLE BEFORE

Jumbles: WHIRL KNEEL TOPPLE BEFORE

Answer: They earned a living as tightrope walkers which was a dangerous — LINE OF WORK

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

2	7	6	8			5		
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Difficulty: ★★★

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:

7	5	4	9	3	8	2	1	6
1	2	3	7	6	5	9	4	8
9	8	6	1	2	4	5	3	7
3	7	5	8	9	1	6	2	4
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Difficulty: ★★★

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estates have been opened for probate in the Summers Fiduciary Supervisor's Office at 120 Bal-lengee 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 object-ing to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the Coun-ty 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 objec-tion is not filed timely, the ob-jection 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 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, January 3, 2024
Claim Deadline: Sunday, March 3, 2024

ESTATE OF: HATTIE FAYE JOLLIFFE

EXECUTOR: BILLY RAY JOLLIFFE

ESTATE OF: TAMMY TE-RESA 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 Sum-mers County
(3,10ja)

Gov. Justice announces LG to launch strategic initiative for new tech ventures across West Virginia

CHARLESTON, WV (Hinton News) — Gov. Justice announced that the State of West Virg-inia and LG Electronics are launching a strategic ini-tiative to grow new busi-ness ventures in West Virginia and advance the development of technol-ogies for renewable en-ergy, healthcare, and in-dustries of the future.

The businesses, created by LG NOVA, LG Elec-tronics' North America Innovation Center, are expected to bring 275 high-skilled jobs to West Virginia and spur the growth of new technol-ogies, investments, and economic development for companies and people in the area, establishing the start of an innovation corridor across the Appa-lachian Region.

Alongside LG's jobs

commitment, an invest-ment fund is being cre-ated with plans to invest \$700 million in West Vir-ginia over the next five years to grow these busi-nesses.

Established in 2021, LG NOVA collaborates with startups and part-ners to build innovative ventures that positively impact people and the planet. Through the Mis-sion for the Future and Commercial Acceleration Program, LG NOVA en-gages with the innova-tion community to create transformational positive change in the world. As a part of the collaboration with the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, LG NOVA plans to establish branch offices in Huntington, home of Marshall Uni-versity, and Morgan-

town, home of West Vir-ginia University.

"This is a tremendous day for our Great State," Gov. Justice said. "This partnership with LG Elec-tronics is a game-chang-er, and it's going to create hundreds of good-paying jobs, spur investment in new technologies, and help us build an innova-tion corridor across the Appalachian region. I'm proud to work with LG to bring these new opportu-nities to West Virginia, and I can't wait to show the world what West Vir-ginians are capable of."

"LG is glad to join the Governor's West Virginia economic development initiative to bring new value to the state and its regional partners by building transformation-al new businesses," LG Electronics Global CEO

William Cho said. "LG is committed to deliver-ing solutions for digital healthcare and cleantech that have impact on West Virginia and the rest of the world."

"This is another spot-light on the innovation and advancement occur-ring in the great state of West Virginia," West Vir-ginia Department of Eco-nomic Development Sec-retary Mitch Carmichael said. "We are honored to share this economic development announce-ment highlighting LG NOVA, LG Electronics' North America Innova-tion Center, and the job and career opportuni-ties it will create in the Mountain State. We are here to support the entire LG team."

"The opportunity to work with the West Vir-

ginia and the influential leaders in the region to grow our businesses is significant. Through the work we are doing, we get to create technolo-gies and businesses that will help lead to trans-formational change, and we can make a difference and have an impact on the people of West Vir-ginia, in the Appalachian Region and beyond," the head of LG NOVA Dr. Sokwoo Rhee said, Ex-ecutive Vice President of Innovation at LG Elec-tronics.

This strategic initiative extends beyond West Vir-ginia through collabora-tion to promote resilient economic investments in communities across the Appalachian Region with business leaders, pub-lic-sector innovators, and universities.

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Marriages

Joseph Dewight to Mellisa Dalene Whittaker.

Fiduciaries

Flora Mae Richmond, Ad-ministrator of the Danny Dale Richmond estate;

Ronald K. Lilly and Richard K. Lilly, Administrators of the Janice Ann Lilly estate;

Eleanor Ann Howerton, Ad-ministrator of the Ralph How-erton Jr. estate.

Land Transfers

Elmer Harmon to Joshua Mark Coward, 8.70 acres more or less, Forest Hill District;

Jeffrey A. Pritt Trustee and Barry McPeake and Shannon

McPeake to Judith K. Boone and Valerie J. Stewart and Jer-ry Lynn Gillespie, 28.05 acres more or less and 30 feet row, Talcott District;

Clifford Ray Priest and Mel-anie B. Priest to Elizabeth Priest, 15,080 acres more or less and row, Green Sulphur District;

Russell G. Rollyson Jr. Ap-pointee of the Honorable John B. McCuskey State Auditor and CFR Land Holdings LLC and John B. McCuskey State Au-ditor to WVTI LLC, 26 acres, Jumping Branch District;

WVTJ LLC to James Ram-say, Part of Lot 3 Block Z, City of Hinton District.

PSC takes comments in January on major electric power case

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) – State regulators are encour-aging public comments through January on a \$207.4 million rate in-crease proposal filed by Monongahela Power Co. and The Potomac Edison Co.

The Public Service Commission of West Vir-ginia has set aside three days for hearings on the companies' proposed 15 percent increase in residential rates, com-monly called base rates. The evidentiary hearing starts at 9:30 a.m. Jan-uary 24 at the PSC head-quarters at 201 Brooks St., Charleston. The case was filed May 31, 2023.

Those public com-ments can be filed by email on the Commis-sion's website, or they may be mailed to the PSC. Be sure to reference Case No. 23-0460-E-42T

in your comments. Writ-ten comments should be addressed to Karen Buckley, executive sec-retary, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, WV, 25323.

"We encourage and actively seek comments from those affected by any rate increase pend-ing before the Commis-sion," PSC Chairman Charlotte R. Lane said. "But these larger cases seem to attract more no-tice than smaller cases."

If approved by the Commission, the av-erage retail customer would see an increase of \$18.07 in monthly rates, while the overall rate in-crease being sought by the companies is 13 per-cent.

More information on this case can be found on the PSC website: www.psc.state.wv.us. Click on "Case Information" and access Case No. 23-0460-E-42T.

West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Assn. Participating in Mid Atlantic Nursery Trade Show at Baltimore Convention Center Jan. 10-12

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) – The West Virginia Nursery & Land-scape Association (WVN-LA) will be participating in the Mid Atlantic Nurs-ery Trade Show (MANTS) in Baltimore, Md., Jan. 10-12, 2024. MANTS has been held at the Baltimore Convention Center since 1981 and is widely known as the premier trade show for nursery stock, land-scaping, and gardening products. The event was rotated among states (held three times at The Green-brier in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.) before it moved permanently to the Baltimore Convention Center.

Julie Robinson, WVNLA executive director, said six members will be exhib-iting at this year's show, which is the 53rd year the West Virginia group has joined with its counter-parts in Maryland and Vir-ginia to sponsor the Mid Atlantic Nursery Trade Show. Norman Cole III of

Cole Nurseries at Pipes-tem, W.Va. is the current MANTS president.

Robinson said she will man WVNLA's booth and host a Mountain State membership breakfast during the event. WVNLA member companies par-ticipating will include:

- G&G Nurseries, Lesage, W.Va.
- Cole Nurseries, Pipes-tem, W.Va.
- Saunders Brothers, Pin-ey River, Va.
- Acorn Nurseries, Ohio
- Klyn Nurseries, Ohio
- Willoway, Ohio

Each of the three spon-soring state nursery and landscape associations hold their own education-al conferences separate from MANTS. West Vir-ginia's is all-day February 21 at the Embassy Suites in Charleston.

Robinson said in 2023 the trade show welcomed more than 11,000 attend-ees with exhibitors and visitors from 42 states and 14 foreign countries.

"Thousands of green in-dustry professionals had the opportunity to learn about products, services, and trends from more than 900 exhibiting com-panies spread throughout 1,530 booths," said Robin-son.

Registration infor-mation can be found at www.MANTS.com



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Musings from Memory Lane: Back Where I Started

Lisa Abshire

I’ve never been big on New Year’s resolutions. Rarely have I kept one past the first week of January. What I am big on, however, is starting the new year fresh, getting rid of everything that has been weighing you down, and beginning something that calls to your soul. That is where this story begins. But first,

we must take a trip down memory lane to the true origin of this particular tale.

Many years ago, when I was still a teenager, my Dad invited a guy to the house to show him karate moves. They became fast friends, and soon Matthew was at the house often. At the time, I had never been around anyone in the fire service. I was extremely

perplexed by the little red box that was constantly on Matt’s side. Me, being a shy 16-year-old, I was too afraid to ask. I did notice that sometimes Matt would jump up and leave seemingly for no reason. One day, I heard the strange red box make a weird beeping noise just before he jumped up and ran off.

I clearly remember asking my Dad what in the world Matt was doing. My Dad looked at me like I had suddenly grown horns or something and replied in a somewhat bewildered voice, “He’s going on a fire call. That red box that has you so puzzled is a pager that lets him know when there’s a call.”

Let me tell you, I never felt so silly in my life. Fast forward a few years, and

Matt and I got married. I was now a part of the fire department and loved every minute. Fast forward again, and we are divorced, and I was out of the fire department for several years. Deep in my soul, however, the yearning to go back has always been there. My youngest child joined Talcott Fire Department, and the desire to be a part of the action again only intensified.

Fast forward one more time, and here I am, once again involved with the Talcott Fire Department. I absolutely love it and my job as a dispatcher. Sometimes, a new beginning and the things that heal our soul take us right back to where we started.

I hope this year, you find your way to whatever sets your soul on fire.

Jim Costa part of Carnegie Hall’s Jan/Feb art exhibits

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - Carnegie Hall’s three rotating galleries open Friday, Jan. 5, with winter exhibits by Andrea Brunais (Old Stone Room), Charles Ferguson (Lobby Gallery), and Jim Costa and Builder Levy (Museum Gallery).

The Old Stone Room, located on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall, will feature “Color That Sings” by Andrea Brunais. A veteran journalist, author, poet, and photographer, Brunais earned a B.A. in mass communications from the University of South Florida. She is a juried artist at Tamarack and has studied with online instructors and pastel artists Alain Picard (Painterly Landscape Course), Marla Baggetta (Trees in Pastel Workshop and Abstract in Pastel), and impressionist Susan Jenkins of Café Monet. Her work has been exhibited widely in southwest Virginia and southern West Virginia.

Charles “Butch” Ferguson

will be featured in the Auditorium Lobby Gallery. He is a self-taught artist who enjoyed a studio at The Greenbrier for many years. His work has been showcased in the West Virginia Cultural Center at the State Capital and the Best of West Virginia at Tamarack. One of his decoy carvings was presented to the then Vice-President, George Bush 1988 by then Governor Arch Moore as a gift from the State of West Virginia.

The Museum Gallery (adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium) will house a collaborative exhibit of work by Jim Costa and Builder Levy.

Jim Costa is an old-time musician/storyteller from Summers County, West Virginia. In his spare time, he runs Elderhostel programs specializing in early American woodworking and blacksmithing tools.

Builder Levy’s work has appeared in more than two hundred exhibitions, including over fifty one-person

shows. His photographs appear in more than fifty public collections around the world. He has been awarded fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the Alicia Patterson Foundation, the Puffin Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and two commissions from the Appalachia College Association. He lives in New York City.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The exhibits will run through Dec. 29. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

Carnegie Hall programs are presented with financial assistance through a grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.



Clockwise from top left: Andrea Brunais, Charles Ferguson, Builder Levy and Jim Costa

New Leadership Named at State Aviation Division

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Department of Administration Cabinet Secretary Mark D. Scott announced today the appointment of Larry Copley as director of the Aviation Division and Mark Lowdermilk as deputy director for the division, both under the Department of Administration. Copley is retired from the West Virginia Army National Guard with more than 40 years of experience as a pilot, including multiple deployments. Lowdermilk has been a certificated pilot since 1977 and currently operates an aviation training and pilot services business in West Virginia and also serves as a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Designated Pilot Examiner. Both appointments are effective Jan. 2, 2024.

This announcement comes after the current Aviation Director, Charles R.

“Chip” McDowell, II, gave his notice of retirement, effective at the end of December.

As director of the Aviation Division, Copley will oversee and manage the operations and maintenance of all fixed and rotary wing aircraft owned by the state of West Virginia and assigned to the Aviation Division. Copley has more than four decades of aviation experience from his prior work as a pilot and flight instructor in the West Virginia Army National Guard. He also previously served as a pilot within the state’s Aviation Division for many years. Copley is qualified in multiple fixed and rotary wing aircraft, with more than 16,500 military and civilian flight hours. He is also a certified flight instructor and has extensive maintenance experience with an FAA issued Airframe and Powerplant certificate.

As deputy director, Lowdermilk will supervise pilots and staff assigned to the Aviation Division and will manage aviation operations, safety, training, and maintenance for the division. Lowdermilk also has extensive aviation experience, including working as a pilot for Chautauqua Airlines, Inc. and Eastern Air Lines, Inc. and has more than 11,000 flight hours. He holds FAA Airline Transport Pilot and Certified Flight Instructor certificates for single and multi-engine aircraft and is type rated in several jet and turboprop aircraft, and rotary wing rated. As an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner, he is authorized to test and certify pilots at all levels and in multiple high-performance jet and turboprop aircraft. He also has a Master of Business Administration from West Virginia University.

Opportunity to Apply for Special Use Permit to Operate Boat Rental at Lake Sherwood

ELKINS W.Va. (Hinton News) – Monongahela National Forest is soliciting applications from people interested in operating and maintaining the government-owned boat rental facilities at Lake Sherwood Recreation Area, under a concession special use permit.

Go to <https://sam.gov/opp/198f15e4d3ce4e6cbfeb938929671e9c/view> for more information and how to apply. All applications must be submitted to the Forest Supervisor, Attention: Lands Program Manager, 200 Sycamore Street Elkins, WV 26241. Applications must be received by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on February 2, 2024.

Lake Sherwood Recreation Area is located adjacent to Lake Sherwood, a 165-acre man-made lake. The area is ten miles northeast of Neola, WV in the Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District. Lake Sherwood is accessible via paved WV Highway 14 and is thirty miles from Interstate 64. The boat rental is near the public boat ramp in the beach/day-use area.

The Lake Sherwood boat rental permit area includes a boat rental registration and storage building (with electrical service), parking area, concrete boat ramp, floating courtesy dock, shade shelter and bench, a double trash can and approximately 0.25 acres of grounds to maintain. A campsite with electric service

and water is provided to the permit holder at no cost. At a minimum, the permit holder is expected to fully operate the boat rental area from the Friday prior to Memorial Day through Labor Day.

An on-site visit of the boat rental concession will be conducted at the Lake Sherwood Recreation Area at 1 p.m., on Jan. 18, 2024. Meet at the Lake Sherwood entrance station.

Applicants should contact Michael Hancock at michael.hancock2@usda.gov or 304-635-4438 or Matthew Edwards at matthew.j.edwards@usda.gov or 304-799-4334, extension 7995524 regarding any questions related to this opportunity.


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