



### Attorney General Morrissey's Mobile Office Sets February Stops for Central and Southeastern West Virginia

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with central and south-eastern West Virginia residents in February 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:

- Feb. 6: 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – The Chocolate Moose, 1818 Harper St., Beckley
- Feb. 13: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Tudor’s Biscuit World, 323 N. Court St., Fayetteville
- Feb. 14: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Summersville City Hall, 400 Broad St., Summersville
- Feb. 21: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Hinton City Hall, 322 Summers St., Hinton
- Feb. 26: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Raleigh County Courthouse, 222 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.

## Happy February from Hinton News

Rebecca Stalnaker

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - As we step into the second month of the year, we extend warm greetings and a heartfelt “Happy February” to all our cherished readers. With January’s resolutions behind us, February arrives with a sense of renewal and an air of love, making it the perfect time

to celebrate the bonds that connect us and the moments that fill our lives with joy.

February, often hailed as the month of love, brings with it the much-anticipated Valentine’s Day, a day to express affection and appreciation for the special people in our lives. Beyond the romantic gestures, it’s a time to acknowledge and

celebrate all forms of love – for family, friends, and even oneself. Our wish is that this February brings you moments of connection and love that linger in your heart throughout the year.

As the winter chill continues to wrap us in its embrace, February is also an opportunity to find comfort in the small pleasures

of life. Whether it’s sipping on a hot cup of cocoa, taking a leisurely stroll in the crisp air, or enjoying the company of loved ones around a cozy fireplace, let this month be a time of reflection, gratitude and shared moments that create lasting memories.

To our readers, we wish you a Happy February filled with love, laugh-

ter, and moments that warm your heart. May this month be a canvas for new beginnings, joyful experiences, and the continued growth of the connections that make our community special. Thank you for being an integral part of The Hinton News. We look forward to sharing the upcoming chapters of the year with you.

## More funding for Hinton/Summers County as Gov. Justice, WVDEP announce second phase of Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) — Gov. Jim Justice and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) announced that 69 communities will receive over \$15.6 million in grant funding as part of the second phase of the State’s Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program (DLAP).

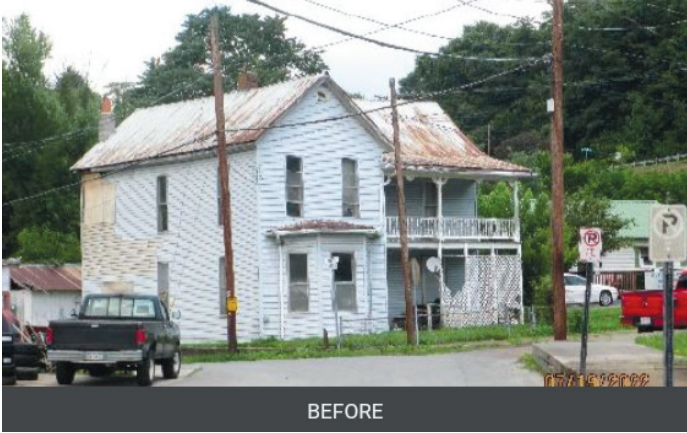
The funding represents a significant step forward in the state’s ongoing efforts to address and mitigate the challenges posed by abandoned and dilapidated properties across West Virginia.

In this ambitious second phase, a total of 69 communities, including towns, cities, and counties, have been approved for grants amounting to \$15,662,250.

“These funds are helping move West Virginia in the right direction,” Gov. Justice said. “Let’s be clear: West Virginia is on the rise. We’re attracting visitors and businesses from all over the world, and our future is brighter than ever. This funding provides the rocket boost needed to propel us forward, because we are tearing down what’s holding us back and making way for what’s to come. I thank the WVDEP for their incredible work to get this second phase across the finish line.”

This funding will reimburse the communities for expenses related to the demolition of 1,290 targeted structures, marking a substantial increase in the program’s reach and impact compared to its pilot phase.

Mirroring the outreach conducted for DLAP’s inaugural



Before photo of one of the properties demolished on Grace Street in Hinton. Photo provided by Gov. Justice press release

phase last year, the WVDEP sent interactive questionnaire surveys to all 55 counties and to all incorporated municipalities in West Virginia. It received responses from 43 counties and 124 municipalities.

Grant selections were made from this list of respondents following a comprehensive review process based on certain minimum requirements and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) guidelines to ensure the funds are used efficiently and effectively and have a significant potential for positive community impact. The selected projects span the state, from Weirton in Hancock County to Wyoming County, showcasing the widespread need for such an initiative.

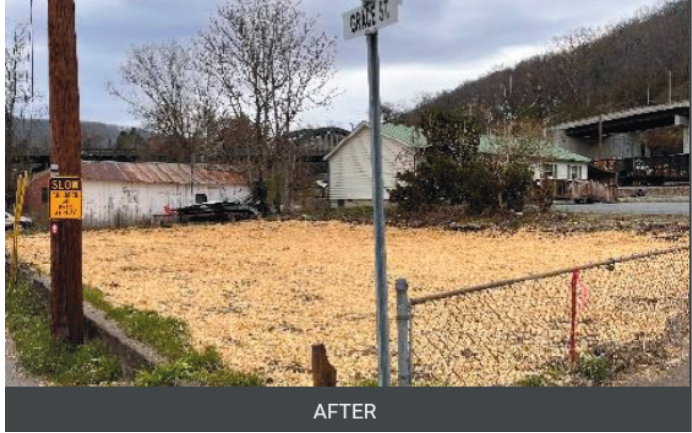
“This program is about more than just tearing down old buildings – it’s about building up our communities, making them safer, and preparing them for future productive use,” said WVDEP Cabinet Secretary Harold Ward. “We’re not just clearing away the old; we’re laying the

foundation for the new.”

The WVDEP will administer the funding and is committed to providing technical assistance and support throughout the execution of these projects. Selected communities will have 12 months to spend their budgeted amount, with the possibility for a single six-month extension. No payments will be made until demolition work is completed and all required supportive documentation has been submitted.

The selected communities include:

- Anmoore – \$143,000
- Beckley – \$487,000
- Belington – \$39,000
- Belmont – \$39,000
- Bluefield – \$650,000
- Cameron – \$169,000
- Charleston – \$500,000
- Chester – \$195,000
- Clarksburg – \$390,000
- Delbarton – \$130,000
- Dunbar – \$73,400
- Durbin – \$78,000
- Fairmont – \$468,000
- Fairview – \$117,000
- Farmington – \$130,000
- Gassaway – \$130,000



After photo of the property demolished on Grace Street in Hinton. Photo provided by Gov. Justice press release

- Glenville – \$65,000
- Grafton – \$429,000
- Grant Town – \$263,000
- Greenbrier County Commission – \$572,000
- Hancock County Commission – \$117,000
- Harrison County Commission – \$413,500
- Hinton – \$481,000
- Hundred – \$65,000
- Huntington – \$213,000
- Kanawha County Commission – \$1,500,000
- Kingwood – \$78,000
- Logan - City of – \$156,000
- Lost Creek – \$52,000
- Madison – \$78,000
- Mannington – \$286,000
- Marlinton – \$156,000
- Mason – \$20,000
- Mason County Commission – \$52,000
- Masontown – \$130,000
- Mercer County – \$750,000
- Milton – \$76,000
- Mingo County – \$143,000
- Montgomery – \$65,000
- Morgantown – \$650,000
- Moundsville – \$169,000
- New Martinsville – \$260,000
- Nitro – \$234,000
- Pennsboro – \$26,000
- Philippi – \$130,000
- Piedmont – \$151,850
- Princeton – \$78,000
- Raleigh County Commission – \$494,000
- Richwood – \$260,000
- Roane County Commission – \$156,000
- Ronceverte – \$182,000
- Rupert – \$169,000
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- Wardsville – \$26,000
- Webster County Commission – \$260,000
- Weirton – \$78,000
- West Milford – \$65,000
- Westover – \$78,000
- Wheeling – \$377,000
- White Sulphur Springs – \$234,000
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- Wood County Commission – \$182,000
- Worthington – \$78,000
- Wyoming County – \$234,000

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# Love Blooms in the Hills: A Summers County Valentine’s Day Celebration

**Rebecca Stalnaker**  
SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - As February unfolds, the charming landscapes of Summers County, West Virginia, set the stage for a Valentine’s Day celebration like no other. Love is in the air, and this picturesque county provides the perfect backdrop for couples to create enchanting memories. Whether you’re a local or a visitor, join the community in embracing the romantic spirit that

fills the heart of Summers County this Valentine’s Day. Valentine’s Day, celebrated on Feb. 14, is a day dedicated to love and affection. In Summers County, where nature’s beauty thrives, the romantic ambiance is accentuated by the scenic hills, rolling rivers and lush forests. Couples have the opportunity to explore the breathtaking landscapes hand in hand, creating unforgettable moments against the backdrop of the county’s

natural wonders. For those seeking a romantic dining experience, Summers County offers a variety of charming eateries. Imagine indulging in a candlelit dinner with your loved one, surrounded by the warm and inviting atmosphere of a local restaurant. From intimate cafes to quaint diners, our county’s culinary scene adds an extra layer of delight to your Valentine’s Day celebration. Be sure to make reservations where necessary early to

secure a spot at one of Summers County’s hidden gems. If you’re looking to elevate the romance, consider planning a getaway to Summers County’s cozy Guest House Inn or one of the available cabins. Perhaps Pipestem Resort is more to your liking. Imagine waking up to the sound of nature, sharing a cup of coffee on the porch, and savoring the tranquility that surrounds you. These accommodations provide the perfect es-

cape for couples seeking a private and romantic retreat amidst the beauty of our county. Valentine’s Day isn’t just for couples; it’s an opportunity for the entire community to come together and celebrate love in all its forms. Summers County encourages residents to share the love with family, friends and neighbors. Consider organizing community events, virtual gatherings, or simple acts of kindness that spread love throughout the county.

In Summers County, love blooms like wildflowers on Valentine’s Day. Whether you’re enjoying a scenic stroll, savoring a delightful meal, or escaping to a romantic hideaway, this county provides the perfect canvas for love to flourish. Let this Valentine’s Day be a celebration of the unique romance that Summers County inspires, and may the love you share create lasting memories against the backdrop of our picturesque hills.

## Andrea Burnaise featured in Carnegie Hall’s Old Stone Room Gallery

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - Carnegie Hall’s January/February Exhibits continue with three galleries featuring the works of regional artists. The Old Stone Room Gallery (located on the ground floor) showcases the work of Andrea Burnaise with her exhibit “Color That Sings.” A veteran journalist, author, poet and photographer, Andrea Brunais earned a B.A. in Mass Communications from the University of South Florida. She retired from Outreach and International Affairs at Virginia Tech as director of communications in 2020 and took up soft pastels. Now she is a juried artist at Tamarack, West Virginia’s

premier cultural and arts exhibition center. She 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. Bluefield University in Virginia hosted a solo exhibition of her work in late 2022, and her work was shown in a solo exhibition at the Paine Gallery in Bluefield, West Virginia, in spring 2023, sponsored by the Bluefield Arts Revitalization Corporation. In 2022 her painting

“Curvaceous Juggernauts” won Bronze in Scottsdale-based Camelback Gallery’s international still life competition and “Alone Yet One With Everything” was awarded Silver in the Shades of Purple competition. In 2023 the painting “Where the Waterfall Ends” took Best of Show in the annual exhibit of the Appalachian Artist Association. Two other paintings – “Alone Yet One with Everything” and “In My World” – won honors in the same exhibit. Also in 2023, the painting “Turning Point” took Best of Show voted by Glade Church, host of the annual theme show of the Blacksburg Regional Art Association. She is a mem-

ber of the Appalachian Artist Association and the Blacksburg Regional Art Association. A resident of the Mountain State, she lives in Bluefield and spends as much time as possible meditating on West Virginia’s rivers, waterfalls, mountains, bluffs, and wild skies. The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and run through the end of February. For more information, please visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://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 Vir-



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# Pancake feast coming to Ascension Church Feb. 13

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Ascension Church is known for its pancake suppers. There is one coming up and you're invited. Before starting the season of Lent, which is six weeks before the celebration of Easter, the church has a pancake feast. Ascension Church released the following information:

"We don't know how long people have been making pancakes, but 12,000 years ago, primitive families ground grains and nuts, added milk or water and baked the cakes on hot stones around the fire. The making and eating of pancakes have probably always been much the same - a

noisy, happy and greedy time.

"At Ascension Church (fifth and Temple) we host a community pancake supper with all fixings: pancakes and syrup, bacon, sausage, eggs and drinks. It's all free and we want all of you to come! Bring your family and friends.

"Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. The Service of Ashes follows upstairs. At that time, we will begin the observance of Lent, this solemn six-week period before Easter.

"There is a need for us to step back at times, to take a look at our lives. During times of crisis, we are forced to do this. How-

ever, at other times, we often get so busy, we just let it slide. We get stuck in the details of life. The six weeks of Lent, leading up to the celebration of Easter is an intentional time set aside for this purpose. It is a good thing.

"Traditionally, people may spend time fasting, devote more time to meditation, give up something that they would like to let go of, or take on a practice of helping others. The tradition corresponds to the time Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism. The real purpose during this time is to consider your life. Why are you here? What do you want to accomplish? Where does your strength

come from? Who do you serve? What things are really important and how can you make them a priority in the life you live?

"If you were in New Orleans, it would all be very dramatic. The Mardi Gras is celebrated for the same reason. It gets wilder and wilder - with costumes, music and drinking - until midnight before Ash Wednesday. Then as Lent begins, Mardi Gras rolls to a stop. All the people go home and the trash trucks come out to clean the streets.

"In Hinton, it's less dramatic. The Lenten tradition says that before the fasting of Lent starts, you need to use up all the rich foods you would normally

keep in the house. When you mix together your eggs, oil, sugar, milk and some flour, what do you get? Pancakes.

"Traditionally, Lent doesn't begin until midnight and people attend Ash Wednesday services the next day. We get a little head start! At this service after the pancakes, on Tuesday, Feb 13, we mark the sign of the cross with ashes on your forehead, remembering that from dust we come, to dust we will return. It is a good reflection.

"It is our hope that you will join us for this celebration and this service."



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# 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 top-

ic related to alcohol use/abuse.

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

# February 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 LEPC - No February meeting.

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

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Feb. 13 at 5 p.m. at the central board office. Call the Board Office for

more information.

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

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

Summers County Parks and Recreation Committee - No February meeting.

John Henry Days Committee - Not announced at the time of publishing.

Three Rivers Democratic Women - Regular Meeting

- Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. on the patio at Kirk's Restaurant.

Summers County Dilapidated Structures Committee - Regular Meeting - Feb. 26 at Noon in the Memorial Building Auditorium.

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

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. Call the Board Office for more information.

Friends of the Summers

County Public Library Book Group - Regular Meeting - Feb. 28 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@hintonnews.com](mailto:news@hintonnews.com).

## Affordable health screenings coming to Hinton

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Residents living in and around Hinton, West Virginia can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. The Memorial Building Auditorium will host this community event on March 22. The site is located at 451 1st Ave in Hinton

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**The Power Of Conversion**

(Part 1)

**by David Padfield**

The gospel of Jesus Christ is intended for all races and classes of humanity. It is intended to save the most morally upright person this nation has, as well as the vilest of sinners. This is because the gospel can change the hearts of men and women and bring about their conversion (Matt. 18:3; Acts 3:19).

Some unlikely prospects for the gospel have proven to be capable of conversion, such as Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:1-30), Cornelius, a Roman military officer (Acts 10:1-2; 11:14), Matthew the tax collector (Luke 5:27-32), and the Philippian jailer (Acts 16:25-34). To most Christians, these men might not have been considered "good prospects" for the gospel. What can we learn from the conversions of these men?

**We Must Not Prejudge The Hearts Of Men**

Even Paul, one who was "formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man," and who considered himself to be the chief of sinners, could obtain mercy from God (1 Tim. 1:13-15).

Sometimes Christians forget that our duty is to preach the word and let God take care of results. "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (Isa. 55:6-11). Paul reminded the Corinthians that he "planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Cor. 3:6).

We need to remember that we are to be sowers of the seed, not soil inspectors (Luke 8:4-8, 11-15). Sometimes we only look at the surface—and we usually do a poor job at that!

Over the years, I have collected numerous newspaper articles that record how people sometimes purchase priceless works of art for mere pennies. The problem usually is that the seller does not know the true value of his merchandise. Let me give you two examples: "A painting of a black-hulled schooner bought at a yard sale for \$75 is expected to fetch more than \$100,000 at an art auction this week. The 1831 painting, 'Revenue Schooner,' by Boston marine artist Robert Salmon, was purchased at a yard sale in southwestern Massachusetts this summer." (The Evansville Courier, August 18, 1991). "A painting of hummingbirds bought by an American tourist for \$3 at an English flea market was sold Thursday at a prestigious auction house for \$96,000. The painting, by American Martin Hohnson Heade, had been acquired by an unidentified New Yorker from the flea market in Bristol, England." (*Chicago Tribune*, March 12, 1993).

The Chicago Tribune also carried an article from Australia about a man who walked into an opal market "with a \$650,000 nobby he'd been using for months as a block for his truck wheels. It wasn't until a chunk broke off that he saw the flame-on-black harlequin, the kind of gem opal that has turned this remote bush town into a gamblers' Shangri-La." (April 7, 1992).

Please realize that not everyone will look at the gospel in the same way. Some people will love and treasure the gospel, while others will despise and reject it. "To the one we are the aroma of death to death, and to the other the aroma of life to life" (2 Cor. 2:16).

(Next week we will look at how Christ can change the hearts of men.)

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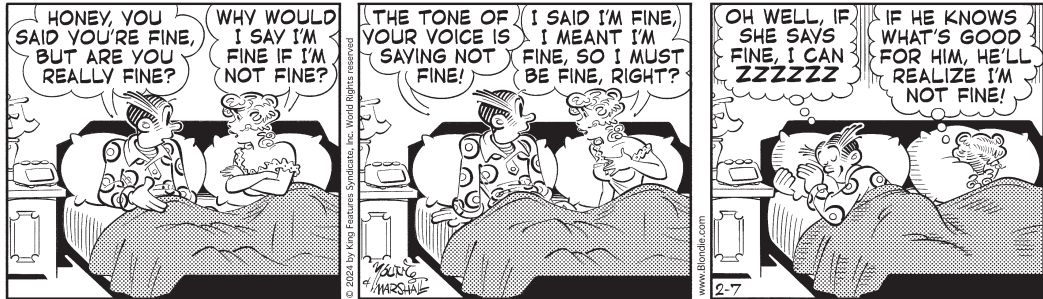


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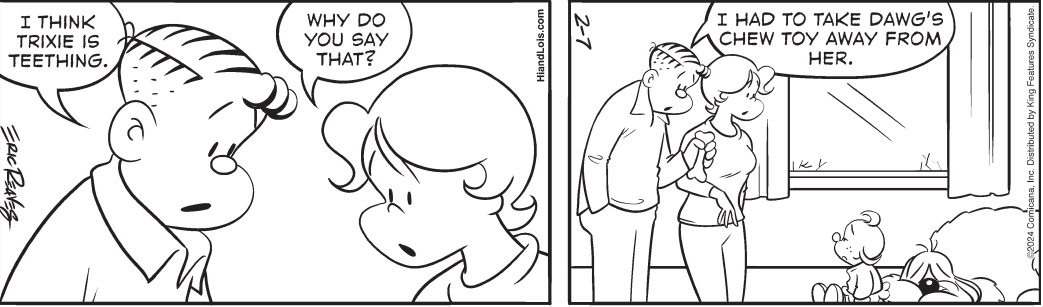
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# ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024:

You are youthful, imaginative and entertaining. You have a strong sense of justice and a desire to right the wrongs in the world. This is a great year, because you will get recognition for your past efforts. You might get a promotion, win an award or receive kudos of some kind. 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★ Something unexpected might occur that makes you look good to others, especially bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs. People are impressed with you. For some of you, this could lead to increased earnings or wealth, which certainly ties in with the fact that you are ambitious right now. Tonight: You're noticed.

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

5★ Sudden opportunities to travel might drop in your lap. If so, act quickly, because this window of opportunity will be brief. Likewise, opportunities related to higher education, medicine, the law or something to do with publishing and the

media also might materialize. Tonight: Explore!

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

4★ Keep your pockets open, because unexpected gifts, goodies and favors from others (including money) might come your way. You also might have a chance to explore a passionate and sudden relationship with someone. (Be still, my beating heart.) Tonight: Check your finances.

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

4★ This is an excellent day to schmooze with partners, close friends and members of the general public. Very likely, someone will surprise you. You might meet someone different or unusual. Or possibly some-

one you already know will amaze you for some reason. (It's an interesting day.) Tonight: Cooperate.

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

4★ Something pleasant but unexpected that is related to your job or your health might occur today. Someone might do you a favor. You might hear good news. Whatever it is will likely be a surprise. Possibly, this same pleasant surprise could be related to a pet. Tonight: Get organized.

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

5★ A new romance might catch you off guard today. A sudden flirtation? Eyes across a crowded room? Many of you will feel your heart race for some reason. This is also a creative day for you, which means you will enjoy expressing your talents in the arts or sports. Tonight: Socialize!

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

4★ This is a lovely day to entertain at home, which you might do so unexpectedly. If you're reading this earlier in the day, stock the fridge, because surprise company might drop by. Unexpected real estate opportunities might come your way. Fun changes! Tonight: Co-coon.

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

4★ This is an interesting day! For starters, do not expect this day to unfold as you predict. Sudden changes, detours and fun tangents will take you in new directions that hold surprises and pleasant diversions. Get dressed. Look great and expect the best! Tonight: Schmoose.

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

4★ Keep an eye on your possessions and your money today, because things are erratic. Unexpected events could impact your wealth. However, in all likelihood, a boon or bonus will come your way. Keep your pockets open and wish for a miracle. Tonight: Check your possessions.

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

5★ This is an exciting day, because surprises and unexpected invitations, as well as sudden encounters with others, will make this a stimulating day! You also might impulsively buy something for yourself that you like. Some of you will win a sports event or some kind of competition with others. Tonight: You're in charge.

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

4★ Something unexpected,

completely out of the blue, might take place today that is pleasant but surprising. It might occur in a very private way in your life, which means you know about it but very few others do. Or it could be a more public event. Of course, it might be a hidden and unexpected flirtation. Tonight: Privacy.

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

4★ A friend, perhaps someone who is creative or artistic, will do something that surprises you today. Or you might be introduced to someone like this. Either way, something will catch you off guard in a lovely way as you socialize with friends or groups. This will also include sports teams and competitions. Perhaps it's an unexpected outcome. Tonight: Network.

**BORN TODAY**

Actor Ashton Kutcher (1978), actor, comedian Eddie Izzard (1962), actor James Spader (1960)

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# SHEFFER CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 "Her" actress Rooney  
5 Director Lee  
8 Some GIs  
12 Earth sci.  
13 Extinct bird  
14 Asian nation  
15 Warning to a speeder  
17 "Baseball Tonight" channel  
18 Mortal  
19 Vent covers  
21 Candied veggies  
24 PC port  
25 Barks  
28 Unpaid  
30 Fireplace residue  
33 Alias abbr.  
34 Fire sign?  
35 NASA moon craft  
36 "Help!"  
37 Aesopian also-ran  
38 Slender

**DOWN**

1 Screen material  
2 Rights gp.  
3 Leeway  
4 Nonstop  
5 "I love," to Livy  
6 Promptly  
7 Jets or Sharks  
8 En-treaties  
9 Pitcher's device  
10 Deal (with)  
11 Taxpayer IDs  
16 "CSI" find  
20 Uncivil  
22 NYC gallery

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

**Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)**

W O K A T M S A C L U  
E G O I A G O G O A L  
A R T R E M B R A N D T  
K E B A B S A C  
B E T H M I R T H  
R E M E D I E S A U R A  
O L E S E Q U E I O N  
M A T S R E M N A N T S  
P L A I N L O G S  
D O E T P O D S  
R E M I N G T O N P I A  
I M A N G A L E E M I  
B O R G O D S C E L

23 Took an oath  
25 Remote batteries, often  
26 "Top Hat" studio  
27 Wendy's offering  
29 Stretches (out)  
31 Six, in Milan  
32 "Let me think..."  
34 Monopoly token  
38 Paint basecoat  
40 Molecule parts  
42 AAA job  
43 Polio vaccine pioneer  
44 Reed instrument  
45 Invitation notation  
47 Appease  
48 Division word  
49 Beholds  
52 Tony winner  
53 Salonga  
53 British ref. work

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57 58 59

**JUMBLE**

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

MTUYM  
ALDBN  
NDLAET  
RTIEEH

Answer here:

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers: POUND TIGHT LONELY WILL-OW

Answer: To learn about the Mariana Trench, you can go online to — GET THE LOWDOWN

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

On my! That is strong! Just like our sales!

People do love these! We have enough profits to build another shop.

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

# SUDOKU PUZZLE

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

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:**

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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# A Peek into Summers County’s Past: Trinity Methodist Church

William Jones

TALCOTT W.Va. (Hinton News) - Editor’s Note: Each week, local history collector William Jones shares items from his collection and information about their historical significance. In this edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past, he discusses when the Trinity Methodist Church building was moved.

The photo of a church building being moved is Trinity United Methodist Church in Talcott, which was built in 1885. It originally sat perpendicular to the way it is now on the corner of the lot. It also sat farther down on the lot towards the river.

The photo with the number over the top of the buildings is a cropped version of a photo I had previously written about. I brought the photograph into this article to draw attention to the area where the church used to sit. Trinity is the church with “5” written over it.

The other photo in black and white is a newspaper clipping from the Hinton Newspaper. The church was either moved in 1957 or 1958 and was bricked by The Masonic Fraternity. I found conflicting dates for the church’s relocation. A man named Fred Cook was the pastor at that time. In June of 1957, it was reported to have 130 members.

It was relocated to an adjacent lot, which was quite a bit larger. This move was brought about by one of the huge fires that ravaged Talcott. The town saw several fires during its early days that burned many homes and businesses. One of which burned the Dunn Clark and Perry Store (no. 8) and the house directly to

its right. This fire left a large vacant lot adjacent to the growing church.

The parishioners voted and decided to move the church to this space. One reason for the change included adding two rooms onto the rear of the building and constructing a basement under it. Additionally, it changed orientation to face the opposite direction from how it originally sat to its current position facing the railroad tracks. Moving the church also fixed an issue the building had to deal with since its construction.

As I said, it sat lower in the field, closer to the river. It flooded several times while it was there. Granted, the Greenbrier has seen its three highest crests within the last 39 years. But there have been other very high crests. Records only started being kept in the 1960s. The highest flood prior to this was the flood of 1918, which was basically the equivalent of the flood of 2016.

My Great-grandfather, O.D. Thompson was a member of this church. I have a book of his, “A Church Using Its Sunday School,” from Trinity that is signed “Orice D. Thompson Talcott, West Va. March 6, 1953.”

While speaking of him, I recently found a newspaper article dated Dec. 23, 1961, titled “Indian Raids, Disastrous Fires Have Plagued Talcott Residents.” In it, the author talks about one of these disastrous fires and says that one Sunday evening in 1926, while the preacher was praying, O.D. Thompson walked up to him.

He then whispered to him that the Talcott Hardware Store was on fire. The



An old photograph showing buildings in Talcott. Photo provided by William Jones

hardware store was across the road from L.G. Rhodes’ Store (which now serves as the John Henry Museum). It was not long until the entire congregation had heard about what was going on and abandoned the services to take their part in the fire-fighting efforts.

Another family connection I have to this church is that my Great-Great-Grandfather, L.W. Thompson, was contracted to put a new roof on the building sometime during the 1940s and paint the steeple. He then subcontracted the job of painting the steeple to my grandfather Bernard Thompson and his cousin in Gene Wallace, both of whom lived in Talcott. They were only 14 or 15 at the time. They stretched as far as they felt safe and painted

it all but about a foot or so of the very top of the steeple. You may have noticed a faint line and a lighter color of brown around the top of it until it was repainted last year. That is because my grandfather was scared of heights and couldn’t complete the job.

Oddly enough, my brother and his company, JC Construction, reroofed the church and painted the steeple last year. My mother has L.W.’s wooden paint ladder that my grandfather had used to paint the church.

One final bit of my family history with this church, again involving L.W., is that on top of all of his many traits, he was also a stone mason. He built stone posts in front of his home that sits to the right of the church and is still in front of this



A photo of the Trinity Methodist Church building being moved. Photo originally published by Hinton News

white two-story house with the green tin roof. He also built the stone steps that were in front of the church before it was moved. Summers County Historian John Kessler told me that after the church was moved, the steps were pushed over the river bank into the river. They still reside there to this day.

This is the end of another edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past. Did you know the church building had been moved?

If you have a story from the area’s history to share, send an email to [news@hinton-news.com](mailto:news@hinton-news.com).

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## Master Gardeners Report: Winter Potato Onion - Lowly No More

GREENBRIER COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Released in January, the WVU Agricultural Extension calendar, “Back to Our Roots,” celebrates the unique heritage of gardening in Appalachia. February is the month to sing the praises of the Winter Potato Onion. Traditionally, onions are a staple crop in southeastern West Virginia.

Before the popular green bunching scallions and bulb onions were available in stores, multiplier onions were widely grown in gardens throughout West Virginia. Often called potato onions or shallots, these multiplier onions produce clusters around a central bulb. As a result, the yield from multiplier onions is much greater than

traditional bulb onions.

Although onions are biennial, meaning that they produce seeds in the second year, multiplier onions do not produce seeds. Instead, one saves the small bulbs in the cluster to plant the following year.

Potato onions are typically white or yellow bulbs and have a mild flavor, therefore they are excellent for cooking. Each potato onion will typically produce six to 11 bulbs.

Potato onions can be planted in the fall or early spring but are traditionally overwintered as a “winter onion” in Appalachia. The potato onion can tolerate sub-freezing temperatures. The bulbs are planted in the fall (early November) in West Virginia.

Potato onions are excellent plants for containers or raised beds. The onion bulbs or “sets” are planted approximately 6 inches apart within the row and 18-24 inches between the rows.

In some regions of West Virginia, the onions will produce green bunching onions for harvest in early winter. Otherwise, the onion can be harvested as green bunching onions in spring or allowed to mature into full-sized bulbs for harvest in early summer.

After harvest, the potato onions can be cured in a warm, dry place for about a month and stored in a cool, dry environment for the remainder of the year. Be sure to save the bulbs from vigorous clusters for planting lat-

er in the season. The Winter Potato Onion... their planting and care will pay dividends year after year!

The Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners meet on the second Thursday of each month. The business meeting starts at 5:30 p.m., and an educational program follows. If you have a keen interest in gardening, a desire to help others, and would like more information on becoming a Master Gardener, call the Greenbrier County Extension Office at 304-647-7408 and speak with Mary Dameron.

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