



Treasurer Moore Reunites West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame With Over \$116,000 Worth of Unclaimed Property

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – During Agriculture Day at the Legislature, State Treasurer Riley Moore presented an unclaimed property check worth more than \$116,000 to representatives from the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame on Thursday, February 8.

“The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame does a tremendous job at recognizing individuals and businesses that have been instrumental in advancing the state’s agriculture and forestry industries over the years,” Treasurer Moore said. “I’m proud my Office had the opportunity to partner with the Hall of Fame to return funds that rightfully belong to the organization.”

Treasurer Moore presented an unclaimed property check worth \$116,334.37 to Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt and Richard K. (Dick) Waybright, member and former Treasurer of the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame. The funds were from an investment fund that were turned over to the Office’s Unclaimed Property Division.

“The work the Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame does in recognizing those who have contributed to our industries is so important to past and future endeavors,” Leonhardt said. “The money couldn’t have gone to a more deserving organization, and we thank those who worked diligently for years to track the funds down.”

For over 15 years, Waybright has been actively involved in the Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame, where he served as Treasurer for the Hall of Fame and, in 2000, he was recognized for his contributions to the forestry industry in West Virginia.

“We appreciate the State Treasurer’s Office locating our lost funds,” Waybright said. “This money was initially set aside to help with the Hall of Fame’s building program and operations and will be going towards remodeling the organization’s building at Jackson’s Mill.”

The State Treasurer’s Office has more than \$400 million worth of unclaimed property listings in its database. Treasurer Moore encourages individuals, businesses and organizations to visit www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov find out if the Office is holding any money for you. to

Three Rivers Youth Theater Launches 2024 Season



The entire group. Photo provided by Three Rivers Youth Theater



Kayley and Josiah. Photo provided by Three Rivers Youth Theater



Joel, Hased and Avia. Photo provided by Three Rivers Youth Theater

SUMMERS COUNTY on April 20 at 7 p.m. in the W.Va. (Hinton News) - Memorial Building.

After a two-month break Three Rivers also has full-length performances scheduled for August and November of 2024. If you want to support these young actors, please donate to the Three Rivers Youth Theater Fund facilitated by the Hinton Area Foundation. The group also have a need for costumes for each skit, so if you could help with those, reach out to the theater director, Lisa Ann Colombo, or assistant director, Cheryl Kula, who is putting together a list of needs.



Lillian and Miriam. Photo provided by Three Rivers Youth Theater

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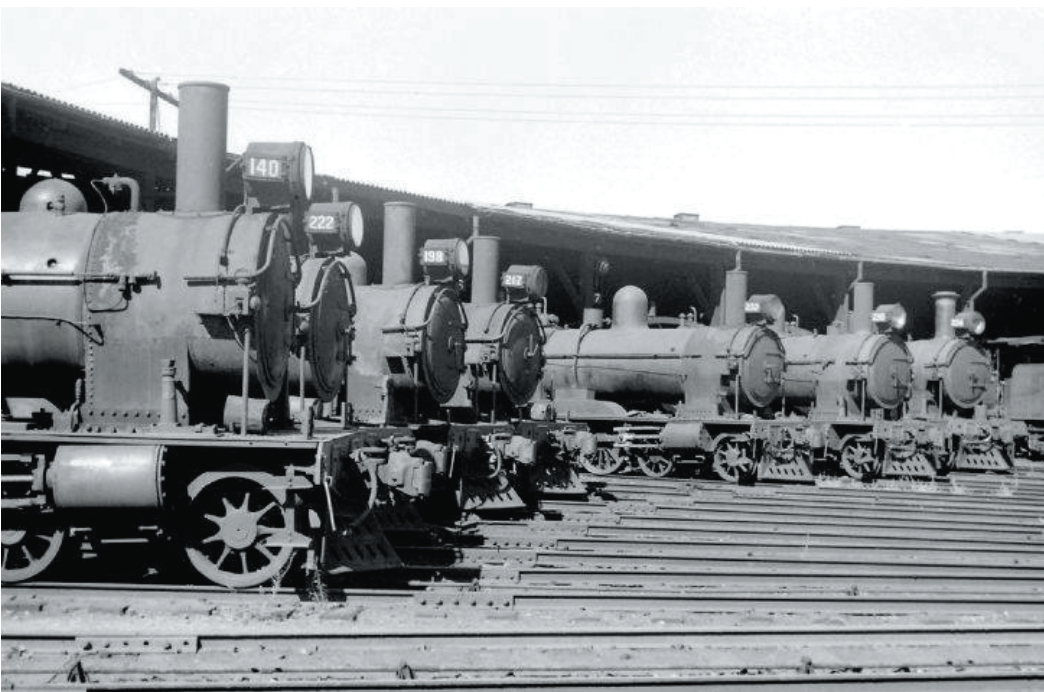
Organizers said, "We have received a lot of

Hinton West Virginia

David Ratliff

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - In 1869 the C&O was formed to develop a rail line from the Chesapeake Bay to Huntington which would be a link for a coast-to-coast continental railroad. The link would transfer coal from the newly emerging coalfields of West Virginia as well as timber, freight, and passengers.

The C&O blasted a path through the New River Gorge and made Hinton its Divisional Terminal around 1871. Hinton had begun to grow and became



Antique photo of trains lined up. Photo provided by David Ratliff

incorporated on Sept. 21, 1880. By the early 1900s, Hinton had made its mark on the map. Hinton was here to stay.

Summers County Courthouse News

Marriages
None.

Fiduciaries
Christopher A. King, Administrator of the Eric Leroy King estate.

Land Transfers
Elmo B. Allen Jr. and Stephen L. Allen to Teresa Allen, 33.01 acres more or less and 0.51 acres more or less, Deed of Partition, Forest Hill District;

Ashley Bibey to Daniel J. Dole, 8.59 acres more or less, Pipestem District;

Donna S. Banton to Jason Ballengee and Kelly Ballengee, 74.37 acres, Talcott District;

Founders Properties LLC. to Markus Lucian Carter Pamela Rae Cater, Lot Number 42, Pipestem District;

Markus Lucian Carter Pamela Rae Cater to Erik Baldwin and Tanya Baldwin, Lot Number 43, Pipestem District.

Spark Brass to Perform for Concord University's Azzara Music Colloquium

ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Spark Brass will perform at Concord University on Thursday, February 29 at 7 PM in the Wilkes Family Chapel in University Point for the Carl S. Azzara Music Colloquium. Admission to the concert is free and open to the public.

Spark Brass is comprised of professional musicians and educators from across the United States (including Concord's Associate Professor of Music, David Ball), who have experienced the profound positive impact of music in their own lives and the lives of their students. These experiences shaped them into passionate advocates for the value of music education. The group presents their life's work and personal journeys with audiences of all ages so that they too can discover the intrinsic value of music education and the thrill of a dynamic live performance. Spark Brass is also passionate about contributing to the genre of brass quintet and percussion by commissioning new works. Some of these arrangements and commissions are included in the group's album Carnival to the Music Hall, released in 2015. With diverse careers across North America, the ensemble has toured extensively through Pennsylvania, Georgia, West Virginia and more. In addition to performing, Spark Brass assists fellow music educators in building stronger, more confident band programs and better musicians through the implementation of chamber music in the curriculum. The group explores the benefits of chamber music, using brass quintet as a medium to talk about independence, self-reliance, communication and listening skills.

The Carl S. Azzara Music Colloquium Endowment is dedicated to the memory of Carl Azzara, a 1954 graduate of Concord, for his lifelong passion and dedication to being a pianist, musician and teacher. Dr. Christopher Azzara and his brother, Dr. Daniel Azzara, along with other family members and friends, established the fund in honor of their father, Carl Azzara, and to acknowledge his devotion to Concord and the role it played in his life.

The intention of the fund is to provide educational opportunities in music for Concord students, faculty, staff and the

Remaining February meetings in Summers County

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

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, cancellations, and additions.

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

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Gov. Justice Sporting Club property to be auctioned

Rebecca Stalnaker

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS W.Va. (Hinton News) - Carter Bank & Trust of Virginia recently placed a legal notice in the Charleston Gazette-Mail announcing an auction set to take place on March 5 at the Greenbrier County Courthouse which would include Greenbrier Sporting Club lots. According to reports, the bank is attempting to recover more than \$300 million in unpaid business

loans. The property in question, the Greenbrier Sporting Club, is part of The Greenbrier Resort, which Justice purchased out of bankruptcy in 2009. Additionally, it is a private equity club and residential community that initially opened in 2000. Justice revealed that he is personally responsible for \$368 million of remaining debt to Carter Bank during a 2021 lawsuit he and his companies filed against that bank. The lawsuit was

eventually dismissed; however, another one was filed in November 2023. According to a report from the Associated Press, attorneys for the Justice family are now seeking to block the sale of the property. On Wednesday, Feb. 7, a complaint was filed seeking an injunction to stop the auction. The West Virginia Daily News will continue to follow this situation and provide updates as they become available.

Magnificent March Madness at New River CTC Writing Workshop with Belinda Anderson

WEST VIRGINIA (Hinton News) - Author Belinda Anderson's annual March Madness writing workshop series for New River Community and Technical College continues with a new class dedicated to developing characters. The newest offering, "Magnificent March Madness: Chasing Characters," begins March 7. This convenient conference call class focuses on the theme of creating magnificent characters that keep readers engaged. "Magnificent characters, whether they are fictional or from real life, stay with you long after you have finished reading their stories," Anderson said. "They are compelling in both their strengths and flaws." "Magnificent March Madness" meets at 10 a.m. Thursdays for three weeks through an audio-only conference call. The class can be accessed either through an internet conference call connection or by landline telephone - high-speed internet is not required. The hour-long classes will include lecture, with time for questions and participant sharing, and group e-mail fol-

low-up. The workshop is open both to new and experienced writers. Reviewers have commented on Anderson's creation of memorable fictional characters. "Her strong characters linger in the mind," wrote author Lee Smith. Author Gretchen Moran Laskas noted, "Her characters aren't afraid to take up residence in the reader's mind and stay there." Anderson, who has a reporting background and writes nonfiction as well, also works with writers who want to write about the lives of others as a tribute to real-life magnificent characters. Tuition for the class is \$95. The registration deadline is Feb. 22. Participants will be emailed the conference call number and access codes after registering for the class. Visit www.newriver.edu/community for information on upcoming classes or to register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, gkincaid@newriver.edu). Learn more about Anderson and her work online at <http://www.BelindaAnderson.com>. New River Community and

Technical College serves nine counties in southeast and south-central West Virginia: Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Webster. The College offers classes online, in Beaver at the Raleigh County Campus, in Ghent at the Advanced Technology Center, in Hinton at Summers County ARH Hospital, in Lewisburg at the Greenbrier Valley Campus, in Marlinton at One Room University, in Princeton at the Mercer County Campus and in Summersville at the Nicholas County Campus. New River CTC's Workforce Education Division provides community education classes and employable educational opportunities including non-credit courses, workforce development programs and customized training. New River Community and Technical College serves nine counties in southeastern West Virginia from the Greenbrier Valley Campus (Lewisburg), Mercer County Campus (Princeton), Nicholas County Campus (Summersville) and Raleigh County Campus (Beaver).

Jim McNeely Announces Candidacy For WV House of Delegates

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - James W. "Jim" McNeely has announced his candidacy in the 2024 Democratic Primary for the West Virginia House of Delegates, 40th District (Monroe and southeastern Summers Counties). McNeely, a resident of Monroe County for 30 years, is a retired attorney and a former teacher, city administrator, and legislator. He was also elected to two terms as Prosecuting Attorney of Summers County. A Vietnam veteran, McNeely's politics since his return from Vietnam over a half-century ago has been as a liberal Democrat. With that background, McNeely describes his campaign issues as "traditionally liberal, people-focused issues - issues such as diversification of the West Virginia economy, increased support for higher-quality public education, and more environmental protection for the land, air and waters of West Virginia." In summing up why



Jim McNeely

he is running for the House of Delegates, McNeely stated that "in these challenging times, we need to support only what is truly in the public interest - and oppose what is not." "I believe," McNeely said, "that if the voters choose to give me the qualifications and the job that I can be that Delegate."

James W. "Jim" McNeely A liberal Democrat for House of Delegates (40th Delegate District — Monroe and southeastern Summers Counties)



— Qualifications and Experience —



Jim McNeely's first job after graduation from Concord in 1973 was as a teacher in Summers County. He served as the commander of the WV National Guard unit in Hinton, worked as an attorney in the successful fight against a 765kV power line proposed to cross Summers County, and was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Summers County in 2000 and 2004. Elected to the House of Delegates in 1974 (at age 27), 1976, 1984, and 1986, McNeely represented a district in 1975 - 1978 that included Summers County..

A Vietnam veteran artillery officer, McNeely has a B.A. from Concord University, a graduate degree from Virginia Tech, and a law degree from WVU. Before law school, he worked as a teacher and was Community Development Director and City Police Judge for Princeton, WV. Now retired, McNeely worked as an attorney for about 30 years.

A well-qualified, experienced liberal Democrat, McNeely will challenge special interests, support only what is truly in the public interest - and oppose what is not.

Your vote for Jim McNeely for WV House of Delegates would be appreciated.

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— On The Issues —



- **ECONOMY:** As your Delegate, Jim McNeely will advocate for increased state emphasis on and more state support for diversification of the West Virginia economy.
- **EDUCATION:** As your Delegate, Jim McNeely will support higher quality, better-funded public schools, adult education, higher education, and libraries in West Virginia.
- **ENVIRONMENT:** As your Delegate, Jim McNeely will support stronger and more effectively enforced environmental protection for the land, waters and air of WV.

As your Delegate, Jim McNeely will work to make West Virginia a safer, healthier and better place to live, work and visit, oppose privatization of our state parks, support fairer taxes on individuals and businesses, oppose the death penalty, support policies to strengthen and better fund county and municipal governments, oppose gambling, and on the issue of abortion is pro-choice. On all issues, McNeely will challenge special interests, support only what is truly in the public interest - and oppose what is not. .

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Salvation By Faith

(Part 1)

by David Padfield

Many New Testament Scriptures declare that we are saved by faith, and I believe every one of them. John 3:16 states "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." While this verse affirms salvation by faith, it does not answer the question, "How are we saved by faith?"

Believers Have Rights

In John 1:11-12 we read how Christ "came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name." This passage plainly affirms that all believers have the right to become the children of God, but it does not tell us how they can exercise that blessed right.

The word "right" in John 1:12 is from the Greek word *exousia* which means "authority, right, liberty: ability, capability" (Barclay M. Newman, Jr., *Greek-English Dictionary of the New Testament*, p. 65). The word is found in such passages as John 19:10 where Pilate asked Christ, "Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Pilate had the "authority, right (and) liberty" to either crucify Christ or set Him free. Pilate held the fate of Christ in his own hands—the decision was his to make. This same word can also be found in Luke 7:8 where it is translated "authority" and in Acts 5:4 where it is translated "control."

Two Types Of Believers

Let's go back to John 1:12 for a moment. It says that believers have the authority, right and liberty to become the children of God. It affirms that not all believers are automatically the children of God, but rather they have the right to become His children.

In the New Testament we find several examples of believers who rejected their right to become God's children. In John 12:42-43 we read, "Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." John credits the Pharisees with believing in Christ, but since they would not confess Him they were lost (cf. Matthew 10:32-33). The Apostle Paul called King Agrippa a believer, but even Agrippa himself realized he was not a Christian (Acts 26:27-28). Agrippa was a believer who did not exercise his right to become a child of God.

We read of believers in the New Testament who exercised their right to become children of God. In Acts 6:7 we read, "the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith." Here are obedient believers. Christ is the author of eternal salvation to those who obey Him (Heb. 5:8-9). The gospel has been made known to all nations "for obedience to the faith" (Rom. 16:26).

Five Views Of Mark 16:16

Since men are saved by obedient faith, we need to learn when (or at what point) faith saves. Mark 16:16 provides the answer, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." Two conditions for salvation are mentioned here: faith and baptism. The condition for damnation is also found: unbelief. A lack of faith is all that it takes to be lost for "he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). Salvation is dependent upon a believer being baptized into Christ.

(Next week we will look at those five views.)

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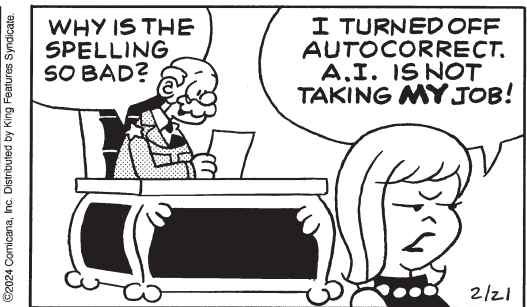
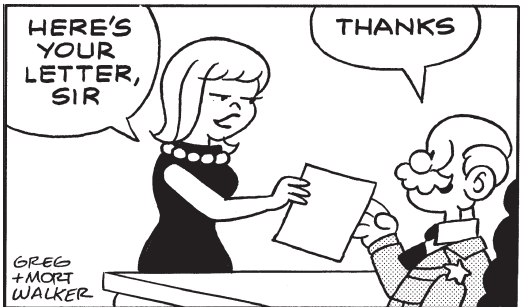
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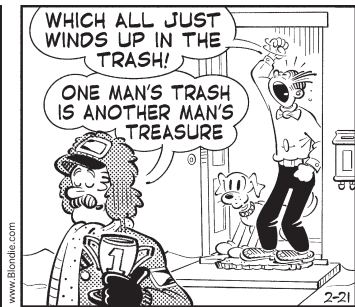
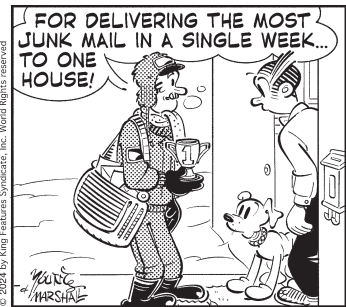
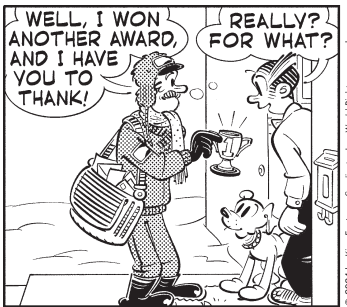
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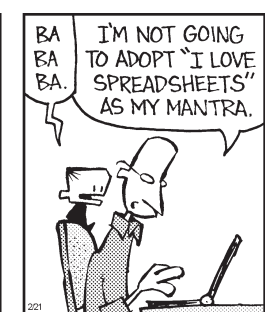
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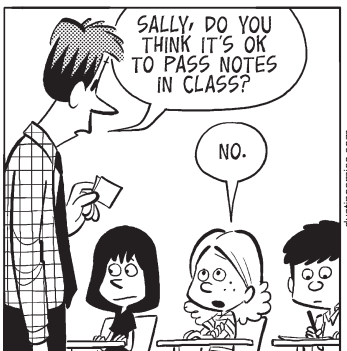
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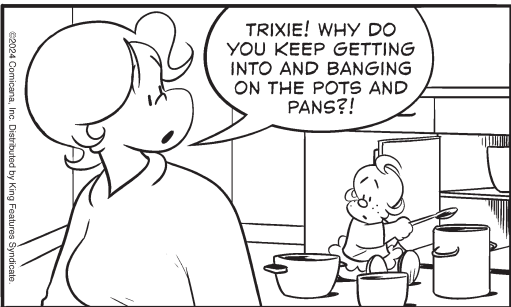
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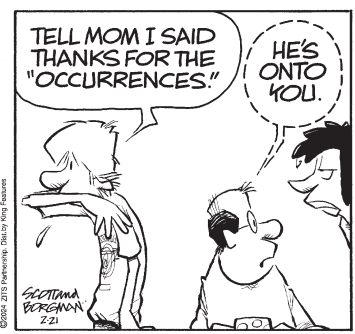
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: After 9 a.m. EST today (6 a.m. PST) there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024:

You are independent with a dominating presence, which means you take the lead. Life is easiest for you if you are just yourself. This is a year of hard work and focus. It's also a year where you can build something internally or externally that will benefit you.

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)

2★ Today you might experience challenges with romantic partners. Likewise, parents might experience challenges with their kids today. (Don't worry. This is nothing you can't handle.) Meanwhile, a friend or a member of a group might persuade you to do something. Tonight: Socialize.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

2★ Be circumspect today. It's important to have your own self interests at heart, because someone in authority might try to persuade you to do something you don't want to do. Mind you, this authority person could be your parent, and you might be 9. Just saying ...

Tonight: Cocoon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3★ Steer clear of people who are coming on too strong or trying to convince you to agree with their political, religious or (fill in the blank) views. Some people are pushy and persuasive today, which doesn't mean they don't have a good cause. But you need the freedom of choice. Tonight: Discussions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

2★ Be careful in discussions about shared property, taxes, debt, insurance issues or inheritances. There's an element of mental manipulation in the air today. You might encounter this. Someone might

convince you that it's in your best interests to part with something. Don't do it. Tonight: Check your belongings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

2★ Be patient and gracious when dealing with close friends and partners today, which, in one way, will actually be easy. However, in some cases, someone might try to make some sneaky demands or prey on your kindness and generosity. Don't be a sucker. Tonight: Be alert.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

2★ First, a reminder that you need more sleep. People might be working on your behalf now, which is a good thing. But if you feel someone is asking you to agree to something that you're not comfortable with, listen to your own hesitancy. Protect your own self interests. Tonight: Solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

3★ A discussion with a friend or a group might be important today. However, be careful not to be manipulated by romantic partners or even your kids, because this is possible. Stand up for yourself and quit being a people-pleaser, at least for today. Tonight:

Friendships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

2★ You might be at odds with parents or bosses today. Perhaps you're trying to do something that you want. Or perhaps someone is asking you to do something that you're not really happy about. If so, listen to the little voice on your shoulder that is warning you. Protect yourself. Tonight: Be modest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

2★ Refrain from trying to convince others to agree with your views today. Resist the temptation. And by the same token, don't let anyone coerce you into agreeing with them, because it's a fact that lively, persuasive conversations will take place today. Tonight: Learn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

2★ Hold on to your money today. Someone might tempt you to part with it, or you might be tempted to part with it. You can't resist buying something, especially if someone is clever at "selling" you something. Persuasive maneuvers are everywhere today. Tonight: Check

your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

3★ Today Venus and Mars are lined up in your sign, which gives you tremendous persuasive energy. Very few will resist your demands or requests. (Take pity on the little people.) You can use this energy wisely, or you can abuse it. Likewise, don't let others manipulate you if you don't want to do something. Tonight: Cooperate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

2★ For the most part, you are strong today because the Sun is in your sign. Nevertheless, a gaggle of planets is acting up in a hidden part of your chart, which could cause you to say or do something without thinking. Be mindful today. Be aware. Tonight: Work.

BORN TODAY

Actor Kelsey Grammer (1955), actor Jack Coleman (1958), filmmaker, actor, comedian Jordan Peele (1979)

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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.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

Print answer here:

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)



Last Wednesday's Answers: Jumbles: HILLY VIDEO SMOOTH DEGREE Answer: While walking near London's famous clock tower on Valentine's Day, they had a — LOVELY TIME

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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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:

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Difficulty: ★★★

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Musings From Memory Lane: Valentines Day and the Flu

Lisa Abshire

February 1976 was one that is still stuck in my memory. My parents and I all came down with the flu at the same time. I was five years old and didn't understand what the flu was or why the pictures on my wall seemed to be moving at times. We all had fevers so high that we started hallucinating. I remember Dad taking me to the doctor after that, and we both got shots. I was terrified of Dr. McNeer because he was never exactly gentle with giving shots, in my opinion. My Dad thought he was the best doctor ever. The medication I had to take was the worst-tasting stuff I ever remember having in my mouth. Dad thought he would try a spoonful to convince me and ended up spitting it out. Mom told him that sure wasn't going to help. Dad only smiled and said that I was right; it was nasty. Mom got Granny and Papaw to take her to the doctor. He told her she had something called the swine flu. Me being 5, I couldn't understand how Mom had a pig disease. Since it was the bicentennial of the country, I remember the coloring book Mom brought of Woody Wood Pecker telling the story of the birth of the country. We were so sick Dad's Aunt Letha was bringing us food. Mom was too sick to even think about trying to cook. The bad thing was we were too ill to eat. Letha was the kind of person who had the instinct to take care of people. She was always looking out for those she cared for. Valentine's Day was rapidly approaching by the time we were better and getting back to normal. Dad came home one evening and brought Mom and me one of those satin-covered hearts full of chocolate each. Mom's was red, and mine was yellow. I felt so special and grown up. Mom was so thrilled with hers. In my mind, Valentine's Day will forever be represented by satin-covered hearts because they were given to us with love. I hope this Valentine's Day, you receive a gift of pure love.

Active Southern West Virginia's Spring 2024 Kids Run Club Mini Grant Application is Open



Photo provided by Active Southern West Virginia

BECKLEY W.Va. (Hinton news) - As the Spring season approaches, Active Southern West Virginia is thrilled to unveil the Spring 2024 Kids Run Club mini-grant, which opened its doors on Feb. 12. This presents a golden opportunity for schools across West Virginia to play a pivotal role in enhancing children's well-being by offering a chance for them to be active and involved after school in a secure and encouraging setting. Active SWV believes that every child deserves the opportunity to flourish, and the Kids Run Club program provides precisely that. This free, organized, and enjoyable program empowers children to stay active while instilling essential health habits. The program integrates dynamic activities, proper warm-ups, and cool-downs, fostering a love for exercise and overall well-being from an early age. The Kids Run Club mini-grant is designed to enable children to thrive in a secure and supportive environment, with dedicated teacher volunteers making a lasting impact. The mini-grant offers a plethora of resources to bolster your efforts, including online coaches' training, mailed training manuals for all coaches, end-of-season medals for participants, technical support from Active SWV, and \$250 funding for exercise equipment and other health essentials – all readily available. Who Can Apply? We extend a warm invitation to all teachers and staff in schools across the state! Whether you're starting a new Kids Run Club or continuing a previous one, Active SWV invites you to be part of this journey. The Kids Run Club mini-grant aspires to reach more children throughout the state, and we seek your assistance in making it a reality. Previous mini-grant recipients are encouraged to reapply, and we eagerly anticipate welcoming new faces into the Active SWV family. Together, let's foster a culture of wellness and physical activity for West Virginia's children. Take the First Step: The application process kicked off on Feb. 12 and concludes on March 20th. Visit <https://activeswv.org/2024/01/spring-2023-kids-run-club-mini-grant-2/> to submit your application and take the initial stride toward empowering West Virginia's kids this spring.

Historic Preservation Development Grants Now Available

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Applications are now available for matching historic preservation Development Grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH). Eligible projects include the restoration, rehabilitation or archaeological development of historic sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The deadline for receipt of applications submitted through the online portal (GoApply) is April 1. It is anticipated that approximately \$400,000 will be available for these grant awards, which are contingent upon an appropriation of funds from the West Virginia Legislature or United States Congress. Privately owned properties are only eligible in instances where there is evidence of public support or public benefit. Governmental properties that are not accessible to the public are not eligible for funding. Applicants may be a state or local government agency, not-for-profit organization, private citizen, for-profit firm or organization, religious organizations, education institution or Certified Local Governments. A complete program description, including funding priorities and selection criteria, and access to the GoApply online grant application portal is available at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/state-historic-preservation-office-shpo/grants/> or contact Christy Moore, grants coordinator for the SHPO, at 304-558-0240 or Christina.J.Moore@wv.gov. The Department of Arts, Culture and History is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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 304-660-7073 or call the toll-free number at 1-800-333-5051.

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TARIFF FORM NO. 12
PUBLIC NOTICE OF WATER RATES OF
THE TOWN OF ALDERSON

NOTICE is hereby given that the TOWN OF ALDERSON (the "Town") enacted an ordinance on February 8, 2024 containing increased rates and charges for furnishing water service to 700 customers at Alderson and vicinity, in Greenbrier, Monroe and Summers Counties, West Virginia.

The proposed rates and charges will become effective as provided in the ordinance unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce the following additional revenue annually over current rates and charges:

	(\$) Revenue Increase	(%) Revenue Increase
Step 1 - Effective 45 Days After Enactment	\$53,702	8.38%
Step 2 - Effective Six Months Prior to Initiation of Water Project Debt Service or Upon Substantial Completion of a Water Project, Whichever Occurs First	\$189,769	27.31%

The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

STEP 1
(Effective 45 Days After Passage)

Monthly Bills By Class	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	(\$) Rate Increase	(%) Rate Increase
Residential (3,400 gallons)	\$54.86	\$59.25	\$4.39	8.01%
Commercial (4,300 gallons)	\$67.99	\$73.43	\$5.44	8.00%
Public Authorities (150,000 gallons)	\$1,432.38	\$1,565.95	\$133.57	9.33%

STEP 2
(Effective Six Months Prior to Initiation of Water Project Debt Service or Upon Substantial Completion of a Water Project, Whichever Occurs First)

Monthly Bills By Class	Step 1 Rates	Step 2 Rates	(\$) Rate Increase	(%) Rate Increase
Residential (3,400 gallons)	\$59.25	\$72.20	\$12.95	21.86%
Commercial (4,300 gallons)	\$73.43	\$89.53	\$16.10	21.93%
Public Authorities (150,000 gallons)	\$1,565.95	\$1,919.00	\$353.05	22.55%

The Town has no resale customers.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The Public Service Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates and charges by:

Any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility; or

Any customer who is served by a municipally operated natural gas public utility and who resides outside the corporate limits and who is affected by the change in said rates or charges and who presents to the Commission a petition alleging discrimination between customers within and without the municipal boundaries. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination; or

Any customer or group of customers of a municipally operated natural gas utility who are affected by said change in rates who reside within the municipal boundaries and who present a petition to the Commission alleging discrimination between said customer or group of customers and other customers of the municipal utility. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Recorder's Office at the Town Hall, Alderson, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

TOWN OF ALDERSON

A Peek into Summers County’s Past: Mike Foster Confederate Monument Unveiling Ceremony

William Jones

FOREST HILL W.Va. (Hinton News) - Editor’s Note: Each week, local history collector William Jones shares information about pieces from his collection. In this edition of A Peek Into Summers County’s Past, Jones is discussing a rare photo of a monument unveiling ceremony at a cemetery in Forest Hill.

The photo is a rare original piece of Summers County history. It was taken at the Mike Foster Confederate Monument ceremony when it was unveiled at Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery at Forest Hill on October 15, 1907.

I was recently given this photograph by a good friend and fellow historian so I could preserve it in my collection. A decade prior I had copied this photo when my third cousin on the Thompson side of my family brought several old photographs he had inherited of his grandfather L.W. Thompson for me to copy around 2014. This was one of those

photographs, rare but several copies of it do exist and these are two of them.

L.W.’s father, Jessie W. Thompson, my Great Great Grandfather is the gentleman if you look at the third side of the front row and then go back three men to the left. Luckily for history’s sake the copy I had and the original one that was just given to me both had explanations of the event written on the back.

Someone recognized the fact that this would be a historic event and wanted to preserve it for future generations. First I will address the one that I had copied. The daughter of one of the confederates had written the following: “Took at Forest Hill 1907 Unveiling of Mike Foster’s Monument a Confederate Soldier Fairview Baptist Cemetery”. She further explains that she had 6 of her father’s brothers in this photo and her Uncle Jesse, my ancestor. And further states they were the only

ones old enough to fight in the war.

Another line that I find interesting is “Lewis Meadows the one that owned the old log house. Orice Thompson’s Grand Pa.” Orice was my great-grandfather. She then writes “I can just remember when Papa brought this picture home. About 7 years old.” The same as she had identified Jesse she identified her father and her uncles Edger, Lonie and Everet.

I would like to point out I have two other photographs from around 1928 of the old log house she talks about, of a large Thompson family event. One of my early relatives, Selvester Thompson, and his wife, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. My grandfather Bernard, his parents Gladys and Orice Thompson, his grandparents L.W. and Delia Thompson, and several cousins are in this particular photo.

I digress, and will relay Judge Miller’s account of the event that he recorded in his 1908 “His-



Photo provided by William Jones

tory of Summers County From the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time.” Mike Foster was a humble citizen of Summers County who became a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. He was considered one of the bravest soldiers in the war on either the Union or Confederate side.

He died from wounds received during the war as the war ended in 1865. He was buried

at the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery in an unmarked grave. It remained unidentified until some fellow soldiers who had served with him took it upon themselves to erect a monument at his grave site.

On the previously mentioned date in 1907 Judge Miller described the unveiling and said, “A beautiful shaft was unveiled in the presence of one of the largest, if not the largest, crowds

of people that ever assembled within the boundaries of the county outside of Hinton.” About 3000 people were estimated to have been in attendance.”

Did you know the history of that monument? Have you been to the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery?

To submit historical information about Summers County’s past, send an email to news@hintonnews.com.

Recipe of the Week: Shrimp and Bloody Butcher Grits Featuring Arbaugh Farm

Annette Slonaker

What’s more comforting than a bowl of hot, steamy grits with delectable prawns?

My favorite winter time soother, I add grated cheese to the batch to send it over the top in goodness. I use a piquant cheddar that enhances the umami, earthiness of Julian’s stone ground grits. The ground corn is white with dark red flecks throughout, like blood splatters on a white butcher’s apron, thus the name “Bloody Butcher.” Bloody Butcher is known for its rich and nutty flavor. The cornmeal makes a delicious, hearty cornbread and also adds a wonderful flavor and texture to baked goods. As always, we like to use the plethora of local goodness so links to where to find what we use will be included!

Julian describes his grits as such, “Experience the hearty and wholesome goodness of our Whole Grain Stone Ground Bloody Butcher Heritage Grits—a family favorite that captures the essence

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Heritage Corn Varieties: “We carefully select heritage corn varieties, known for their rich flavors and unique characteristics, to create grits that deliver an authentic taste of the past.”

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Ingredients:

- 1 Cup bloody butcher grits
- 4 Cups of water or milk (I mix them half and half) (Fresh milk available at Perk Dairy Farm bonfire.com/store/perk-farm-organic-dairy)
- 1 lb. 31-40 Shrimp
- 1-2 Tsp. Salt
- ¼ to ½ tsp. Pepper
- 3 to 4 tbsp. Butter (greenbrierdairy.com)
- 1 Cup Cheddar Cheese
- Cooked bacon pieces (optional) and 2 spring onions (garnish)

Directions:

Bring liquid to a simmer. Whisk in your grits and add salt. Cook for about 15-20 minutes on low heat. If your grits become too thick add more milk while cooking, no more than a couple of tablespoons at a time. Stir often. While grits are cooking, sim-

ply steam or grill your shrimp to add to finished product. Chop spring onion and cooked bacon place grits in bowl then top with desired amount of shrimp.

When finished, add butter, pepper, and of course the cheese if you like, but I like to throw a little in while cooking for super smoothness. Add chopped spring onion and bacon as garnish. Serve piping hot!

Notes

If you desire to remove the chaff from the grits, first pour uncooked grits in a bowl of water and whisk. The chaff will float to the top and the grits will sink. Pour out the water with the chaff off the top, then start the cooking process.

Save leftover grits and use them to make grit cakes for supper or have for tomorrow’s breakfast

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