



New Voices Appalachia Play Festival Back at Greenbrier Valley Theatre

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - Greenbrier Valley Theatre is preparing to host its second Voices of Appalachia Play Festival. Over 10 local performers will bring to life five newly written one-act plays, all written by Appalachian playwrights. Jenna Sulecki, the Artistic Associate at GVT, is happy to be bringing stories to the stage that will resonate with the area.

“The people who live here are very passionate about Appalachia, about West Virginia and about their community,” said Sulecki. “Having a festival that features stories about this region, written and performed by people from this region really is a celebration of what so many people here care about.”

The Voices of Appalachia Play Festival is back by popular demand and enthusiasm has been evident. Dozens of new plays were submitted before a panel of judges narrowed the selections down to the seven being produced. Plays were selected based on their relevance to the region and the quality of their ability to tell a complete story.

“The amount of plays that were submitted nearly doubled this year,” Sulecki said. “And we feel that the community will be able to relate with some works while laughing at the silliness of others.”

Now entering its 57th season, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, is a mainstay and theatre destination located in Lewisburg, West Virginia. The arts organization has been further recognized as a “West Virginia Jewel of the Hills,” awarded the Living the Dream Service Organization Honor Roll by The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and is a multi-year recipient of Non-Profit Business of the Year. GVT boasts a robust series of year-round programming and educational offers to enlighten, enrich, and enliven throughout the region.

“Voices of Appalachia” will run for two nights starting Feb. 23, with both performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general seating and \$15 for students and seniors. For more information on tickets, shows, and the organization’s history, visit the theatre’s website: www.gvtheatre.org or call the box office at 304-645-3838.

Leap Year: An Extra Day to Celebrate, Ponder and Reset, Especially in West Virginia Agriculture

Rebecca Stalnaker

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (WVDN) - Every four years, the calendar adds an extra day to February, ushering in the phenomenon known as a leap year. This seemingly arbitrary quirk has a fascinating history and serves a crucial purpose in keeping our calendars aligned with the Earth’s orbit around the sun. The Earth takes approximately 365.25 days to complete its journey around the sun. If we didn’t account for this extra quarter-day, our calendar would gradually drift out of sync with the seasons, causing significant disruptions for agriculture, a vital industry in West Virginia.

For West Virginia farmers, accurate calendars are essential for planning planting and harvesting cycles. Crops have specific temperature and sunlight requirements, and even a slight shift in the calendar can significantly impact yields. Leap years ensure that these cycles remain aligned with the actual seasons, preventing disruptions and potential losses.

Take, for example, the planting of corn, a major crop in West Virginia. Ideally, corn is planted in late April or early May when soil temperatures reach optimal levels. Without the leap year adjustment, this planting window would slowly shift over time, poten-

tially leading to farmers planting too early in cold soil or missing the window altogether. This could have disastrous consequences for crop yields and ultimately, farm income.

The importance of leap year extends beyond corn to various other crops grown in West Virginia. Apples, peaches, and other fruits rely on specific chilling hours during winter, and proper timing of spring frosts is crucial for their successful bloom and development. Similarly, hay production, vital for livestock feed, is heavily dependent on accurate plant-

ing and harvesting cycles aligned with the seasons. Leap years, therefore, play a vital role in ensuring the smooth operation and long-term success of West Virginia’s agricultural sector. They are more than just an oddity in the calendar; they are a crucial adjustment that keeps farmers in sync with the natural world, allowing them to plan effectively and contribute significantly to the state’s economy and food security.

So, as you enjoy this February 29, remember: It’s more than just an extra day. It’s a testament to hu-

man ingenuity, ensuring our calendars align with the Earth’s orbit. It holds cultural significance in many countries, but also a practical function for agriculture, especially in West Virginia. It offers a symbolic opportunity for reflection and renewal, reminding us of the cyclical nature of time and the importance of making adjustments to stay aligned with our goals.

And for West Virginia farmers, it’s a silent guardian, ensuring their crops thrive and their hard work bears fruit, year after year, even during leap years.

Lady Bobcats Roar Past Bluefield in Sectional Game

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Summers County Lady Bobcats put on a dominant display on Tuesday night, Feb. 20, crushing the Bluefield Beavers 54-20 in the opening round of the sectional tournament. The win propelled them to the championship game, which they played on Thursday, Feb. 22.

From the tip-off, the Lady Bobcats were in control, setting the pace with a stifling defense and efficient offense. Their lead

ballooned throughout the game, leaving Bluefield with little hope of mounting a comeback. By the final buzzer, the scoreboard reflected a commanding 34-point victory for Summers County.

The Lady Bobcats have shown incredible heart and determination throughout the season, and their victory over Bluefield is a testament to their hard work and talent. Check hintonnews.com and the Hinton News Facebook page for updates on the championship game.

Summers County Sheriff’s Office Implements Upgrades for Staff and Equipment

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) - Earlier this month, the Summers County Sheriff’s Office announced several improvements made to better serve the community and enhance the well-being of its deputies.

Those improvements include:

Equipping all deputies with body-worn cameras: Under the leadership of Chief Deputy T.S. Adkins, the department implemented a body-worn camera program after an extensive planning process. This move aims to increase transparency and accountability while offering additional evidence for investigations. According to the initial announcement, Adkins began the project last year.

Boosting patrol equipment: Sheriff J.L. Faris collaborated with the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office to secure a donation of 11 X26 Tasers for deputies. Additionally, Adkins and Faris facilitated funding for upgrading patrol rifles, ensuring officers have the necessary tools for safe and effective operations.


Enhancing deputy’s workspace: Deputy Adkins spearheaded renovations to create a centralized squad room, providing adequate space and computer access for all deputies to perform their duties efficiently. Furthermore, a dedicated interview room was designed and implemented for improved privacy and professionalism during interactions.

“We are pleased to have been able to make these changes and recognize that without the County Commission (Charles Saunders, Mike Gore and Ted Kula), none of this would be possible,” the announcement stated. It also commended the patrol and SRO staff for their ongoing dedication and thanked the community for its continuous backing.

These advancements highlight the Summers County Sheriff’s Office’s commitment to continuous improvement and its focus on both community safety and officer well-being. The improvements represent a positive step forward for the agency and solidify its commitment to serving the community effectively.

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Summers County Courthouse News

Community Obituaries

Marriages

Leanne Marie Adkins to Angela Lynn Fish;
Robert Ray Ayers II to Genetta Carol Davis;
Jared Keith Meadows to Jennifer Leigh Adkins.

Fiduciaries

Virginia R. Fitzwater, Administrator of the Russell Ray Fitzwater estate;
Heather Bennett, Administrator of the Robert Eugene Bennett Jr. estate;
Rhonda Renee Gilbert, Administrator of the Vivian Yvonne Plumley estate;
Violet A. Burdette, Administrator of the Franklin Dwayne Ruff estate;
Rachel D. McPherson and John McPherson, Administrators of the Dolores J.

Keaton estate.

Land Transfers

Juanita F. Williams to Long bridge Financial LLC, 1.07 acres more or less, Forest Hill District;
Billy J. Keaton and Tonya K. Keaton to Connie J. Tanner and Evelyn A. Rose, 0.77 acres more or less, Talcott District;
Hobart L. Phillips Jr. to Stephanie Morgan and Rhonda Dillon, 2 Tracts, Pipestem District;
Leonard D. Size more and Brenda G. Size more to Stephanie B. Birch field, 0.67 acres more or less, Talcott District;
The Vanesa D. Douglas Revocable Living Trust and it's Trustee to Diana L. King,

5.10 acres, Jumping Branch District;
Zachary Vance and Chad Fridley to Robert B. Brake, 1.01 acres and 20 feet Row, Jumping Branch District;
Violet Burdette to Charles G. Ruff, 2 Tracts, Talcott District;
Albert C. Chicken to James Bradley and Jamie Bradley, 23.58 acres more or less, Talcott District;
Donna Lynn Simpson to Trista Anne Schmier and Jonathan David Daniel Schmier, 6.779 acres more or less, Pipestem District;
Ronald Lawson Harless to Ronald Lawson Harless and Beverly D. Harless, 2 Tracts, Green Sulphur District.



Doris K. Williams WILLIAMS

Doris K. Williams, 97, a long time resident of Moscow, ID, died on February 20, 2024.
Doris was born in Hinton, WV, on February 7, 1927, to Ina and Dewey Keaton. She grew up in Hinton and, after school, attended Marshall University in Huntington, WV. In 1947, she moved to Athens, OH, and subsequently transferred to Ohio University in Athens to complete her undergraduate and Masters Degrees. She married Thomas Williams, Owner of Williams and Sons Construction in Athens, and they had three children, Bob, Ron, and Nancy.
In 1965, the family relocated to Bowling Green, OH, in order for her to accept a position with Bowling Green University, where she taught and held various administrative positions. During this time, most notably, she completed her PhD

at Ohio State University, created and designed the Ohio Regional Training Office for Head Start, and was recognized with a variety of awards for outstanding contributions to the academic areas of Child Development and Early Childhood Education. This includes a distinguished Alumni Award from the Ohio State University College of Agriculture, Home Economics and Natural Resources.
In 1983, Doris relocated to Moscow, ID, to take a position as Director of the School of Home Economics at the University of Idaho. Later, she also had a position with the USDA Cooperative Extension. During her UI tenure, she was involved with research and various international programs, such as President of The Partners of the Americans exchange program with Ecuador and the UI Women in Development Program.
Throughout her career, Doris has also been associated with numerous consultant agencies responsible for Head Start training, technical assistance, and monitoring projects. These experiences afforded her the opportunity to continue contributing to her profession, to travel widely throughout the United States and develop a board array of friends and colleagues. Locally, Doris has been a member of PEO, Chapter CC, and she has volunteered for a number of local activities including those related to the League of Women Voters and Gritman Hospital public services programs.
Most of all, Doris enjoyed being with her children and grandchildren. They have inspired and

motivated her to be involved and improve the lives of all the people around her. Doris was thoughtful and generous to both friends and family throughout her life. She also enjoyed her many travels throughout the world on behalf of her profession, and her favorite expression was, "Have suitcase, will travel!"
After retirement from the UI, she continued to consult and travel extensively. Her friends would ask her how long she was going to continue to work, and her answer was, "As long and I can!" — and she did just that.
Doris leaves a son, Ron (Barbara); and three grandchildren, Geoff Williams, Tori Deby (Steven) and Warren Williams; her daughter, Nancy Williams, and grandson; Mitch Williams.
Doris was preceded in death by her former husband, Tom; her parents, Ina and Dewey Keaton; a brother, Charles Keaton; her brother, Dan and his wife, Peggy Keaton; and a sister-in-law, Polly, all of Hinton, WV; and her sister and brother-in-law, Ellen and Edger Wills, of Waverly, OH; a sister-in-law, Betty Stauffer of Athens, OH; and her beloved son, Bob.
Doris has requested her ashes be placed beside those of her son in the Clayton, WV, family cemetery. A Celebration of her life will take place for a select group of family and friends, as soon as her children can make arrangements.
In lieu of flowers, Doris requested that contributions be made to Gritman Wellness Center.
Information submitted by Short's Funeral Chapel of Moscow, ID.

March meetings in Summers County

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Here is a list of meetings occurring in Summers County during March 2024.
Summers County Parks and Recreation Committee - No February meeting.
Town Hall School Levy Meeting at Jumping Branch/Nimitz Fire Department - March 5 at 6 p.m.
Town Hall School Levy Meeting at Talcott Fire Department - March 7 at 6 p.m.
Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - March 12 at 5 p.m. LSIC at HAE. Call the Board Office for more information.
Summers County Commission - Regular Meeting - March 13 at 9 a.m. in the Commission

Room in the Courthouse.
Summers County Public Library Board of Directors - Regular Meeting - March 14 at 5 p.m. in the library.
Summers County LEPC - Regular Meeting - March 14 at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Building.
Hinton City Council - Regular Meeting - March 19 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.
John Henry Days Committee - Regular Meeting - March 21 at 6 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church basement.
Summers County Dilapidated Structures Committee - Regular Meeting - March 25 at Noon in the Memorial Building Auditorium.
Summers County Republicans - Regular Meeting - March

25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building.
Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - March 26 at 5 p.m. Call the Board Office for more information.
Friends of the Summers County Public Library Book Group - Regular Meeting - March 27 at 7 p.m. in the library.
Three Rivers Democratic Women - Regular Meeting - March 28 at 5 p.m. on the patio at Kirk's Restaurant.
*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.

Monroe County Courthouse News

Marriages

None.
Fiduciaries
Ruth Ann Riffe, Administratrix of the Eva Mae Miller estate;
William G. Hazelwood, Executor of the Kerr Vernie B. Hazelwood estate;
Gary D. Meador, Executor of the Benny E. Meador estate;
Wanda Galeford, Executrix of the Clarence L. England estate;
Veronica Wills, Administratrix of the Freda G. Lester estate.

Land Transfers

The Betty L. Sparks Carter Testamentary Trust and its Trustee to Robert R. Christian II, 1/4 acre more or less, Springfield District;
Ethan E. Fisher and Latiasha L. Fisher to Gap Mills

LLC, 2 Tracts, Sweet Springs District;
Travis W. Boggs to Laurine Yates, Lots 46, 47 and 48, Union Corp. District;
Raymond H. Glazzard Jr. and Kira M. Glazzard to Margaret Bradley and Ryan Bradley, 2 Tracts, Second Creek District;
Tommy Jack Belcher Jr. and Georgina J. Belcher to Anna R. Ziegler, 3.078 acres, Red Sulphur District;
Anna R. Ziegler to Tommy Jack Belcher Jr. and Georgina J. Belcher, 3.078 acres, Red Sulphur District;
Betty L. Pomphrey by ATF Kimberly P. Jones and Julie G. Sweet to Michael L. McCormick and Mary Blankenship, 18.08 acres more or less, Second Creek District;
David Fox to Michael Keith Bartgis, 10.60 acres,

Springfield District;
Diane Graham to Steven T. Graham and Karla J. Brown, 10 acres more or less, Red Sulphur District.



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A Peek into Summers County’s Past: Bellepoint/Foss



An early look at the Foss Bridge. Photo provided by William Jones



A view of the Greenbrier River with the Foss Bridge in the background. Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones

BELLEPOINT W.Va. (Hinton News) - Editor’s Note: Local history collector William Jones discusses items from his collection and their historical significance each week, exclusively at Hinton News. In this edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past, Jones is talking about the town of Bellepoint.

Before being renamed Bellpoint and consolidated into the town of Hinton, this little community was called Foss. The post office for this small town was established in June of 1884. W. L. Raines was the first postmaster of the newly established post office.

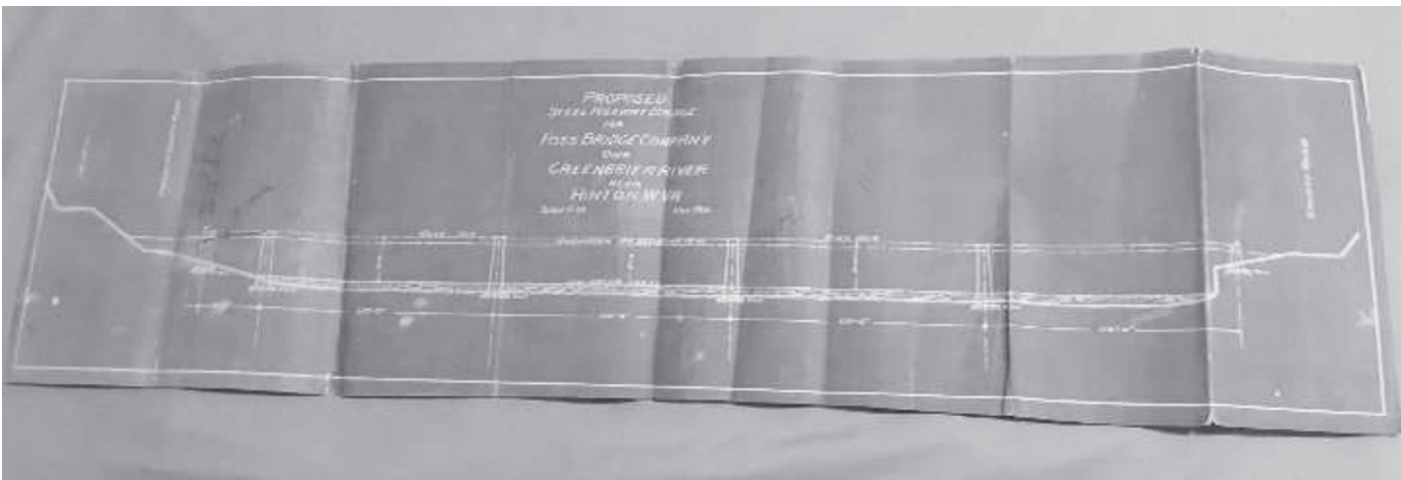
There had been a ferry in place so one could easily ford the Greenbrier River to the communities of Avis and the fast-growing railroad town of Hinton. By an act of the West Virginia Legislature and chartered by the Secretary

of State in July of 1906 as the Foss Bridge Company the planned construction of a bridge from Foss to the railroad side of the river was in the works.

I recently acquired this original blueprint of the proposed steel highway bridge over the Greenbrier River near Hinton, W.Va.

It should be noted at this time, more than 6000 railroad cars passed through the town of Hinton on a yearly basis. The railroad employed roughly 1000 men in Hinton with a payroll of around \$55,000 each month. The state-of-the-art McCreery Hotel was almost complete.

At this same time, there was an already established and operational ferry in Foss owned by A.E. and Charles Lewis Miller, being the only way to cross the river at that time. You had to pay .5 cents if traveling by foot, a horse with a rider was



A rendering of the Foss Bridge. Photo provided by William Jones

.25 cents, for two horses and a wagon was .55 cents and .5 cents for each additional horse.

With this area springing up at a very fast rate due to the railroad it is no wonder that a bridge was needed. It started as a toll bridge to pay for its construction. This would be the first iron bridge to ever cross the Greenbrier River.

It should be noted that only the bridge floor and its pillars are depicted in this rendering. After bringing this up to an engineering friend of mine

we came to the consensus that the iron frame part of the bridge was left off because it would have taken away from the detailed diagram for the proposed bridge.

The view of this diagram is as if you were below the current bridge looking up the river towards Talcott. In doing research for this piece I ran across an article from The Hinton Daily News on Sept. 21, 1939,

which says the following: “The Foss Bridge, incidentally, is fast coming apart. Only a skeleton is left, and soon there will be nothing there except the concrete pillars to mark its 32-year existence.”

The photo of the close-up of the Foss Bridge is from 1907. It was taken from the 1908 History of Summers County from the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time by Judge

Miller. The photo with the blocks of ice in the Greenbrier River is from around 1920 or so and shows the Foss Bridge in the background. This is the only early photo I have ever seen that shows the entire span of the bridge.

Anyone wishing to share information from the area’s history is invited to send an email to news@hintonnews.com.

Salvation By Faith

(Part 2)

by David Padfield

(Last week, we began looking at salvation by faith. This week, we will look at the five views of Mark 16:16 concerning that faith.)

As far as I can find, there are only five views that men have ever held concerning of Mark 16:16-please notice these with me:

- The Catholic:** “He who believes not and is baptized shall be saved.”
- The Atheist:** “He who believes and is baptized shall not be saved.”
- The Universalist:** “He who believes not and is not baptized shall be saved.”
- The Baptist:** “He who believes and is not baptized shall be saved.”
- The Bible:** “He who believes and is baptized will be saved.”

I am willing to take the Bible as it reads and live by it—baptism is the act which faith obeys!

The Ethiopian Eunuch
The Ethiopian Eunuch provides us with another example of a believer exercising his right to become a child of God (Acts 8:26-40). Here we find Philip preaching to a very humble man—one who was returning from Jerusalem where he had travelled by chariot to worship his God. “Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized? Then Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him” (Acts 8:36-38).

If nothing else, we can prove Philip was not a Baptist preacher, for he was preaching baptism to an alien sinner. Every Baptist preacher I have ever met would have first asked if the Ethiopian had “prayed through” for salvation or had an “experience of grace,” before ever mentioning anything about water baptism.

The Ethiopian asked if anything could hinder him from being baptized. “Then Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’” (Acts 8:37).

Children Of God By Faith
Galatians 3:26 is a favorite passage among those who teach salvation by faith alone. It says, “For you are all the sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” I believe this verse with all of my heart, and I preach on it often. However, this verse simply affirms that we are saved by faith, it does not tell us how or when we are saved by faith! Men often stop reading at this verse and insert their own opinion as to the how and when of salvation by faith.

But, the next verse does tell us how we are saved by faith, “for as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27). The little word “for” in this verse is the Greek word gar. Thayer defines the word and says “it adduces the cause or gives the reason of a preceding statement” (*Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon*, p. 109). The word gar is sometimes translated as “because” or “since.” So Paul, in Galatians 3:27, is saying we are the children of God by faith because we have been baptized into Christ.

- What Saves Us?**
In the New Testament, salvation is ascribed to many things, including:
- Confession (1 John 4:2)
 - Grace (Ephesians 2:8-9)
 - Hope (Romans 8:24)
 - Blood (Romans 5:9)
 - Works (James 2:24)
 - Jesus (Matthew 1:21)
 - Repentance (Acts 11:18)
 - The Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5)
 - God (2 Timothy 1:8-9)
 - The Gospel (Romans 1:16)
 - Belief (Acts 16:31)
 - Baptism (1 Peter 3:21)

Proving that faith is essential to salvation does not prove that baptism is not necessary—no more than proving we are saved by hope rules out faith. Baptism is the act which faith obeys!

(Next week we will look deeper into the idea of baptism’s part in salvation.)

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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.

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- **ENVIRONMENT:** As your Delegate, Jim McNeely will support stronger and more effectively enforced environmental protection for the land, waters and air of WV.

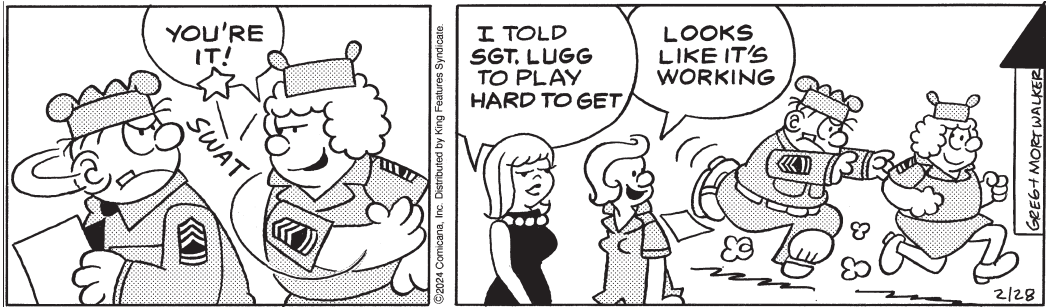
As your Delegate, Jim McNeely will work to make West Virginia a safer, healthier and better place to live, work and visit, oppose privatization of our state parks, support fairer taxes on individuals and businesses, oppose the death penalty, support policies to strengthen and better fund county and municipal 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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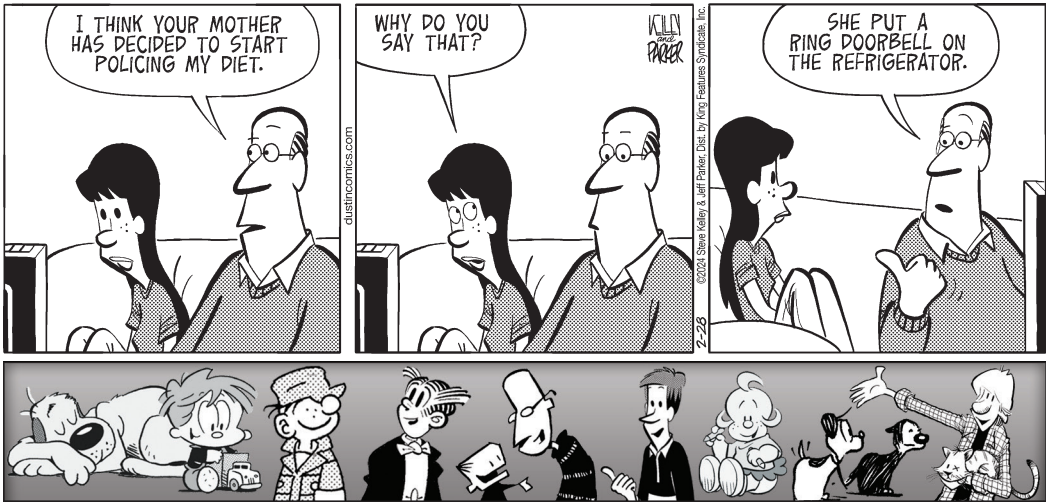
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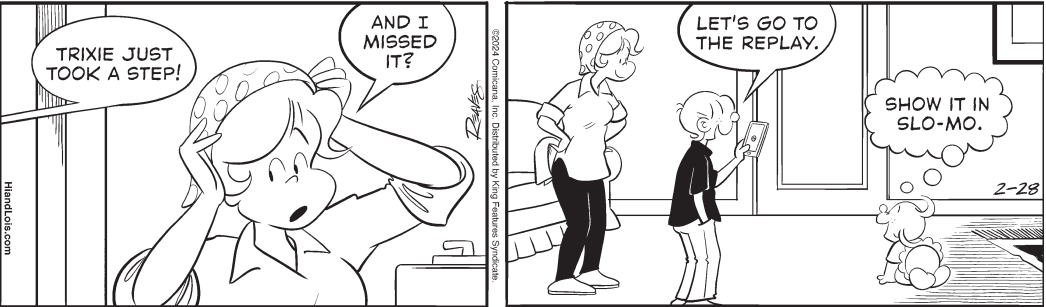
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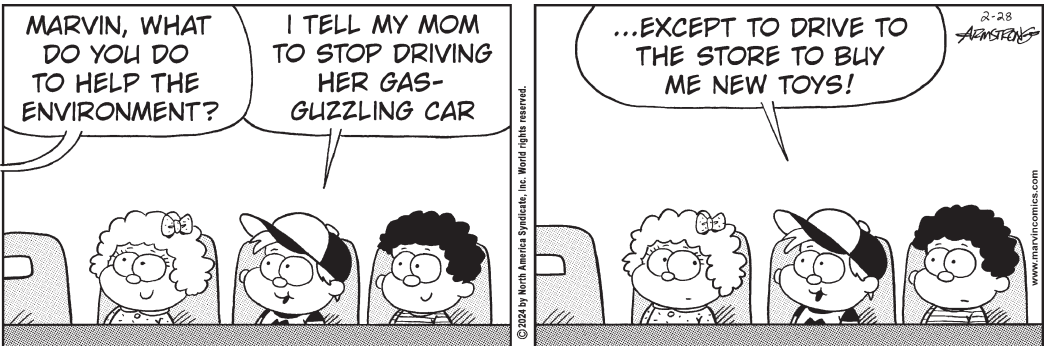
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BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Yesterday's Moon Alert continues until 10:30 p.m. EST today (7:30 p.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Libra into Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024:

You're a natural performer. You're warm and exciting, and you can light up any room. You're also generous. This is a slower paced year. It's OK to rest and rejuvenate yourself. Focus on relationships that are supportive and beneficial to you. Find people who have your back.

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)

3★ If you need to research anything or look for hidden answers or solutions to problems, today is the day to do this. You won't give up. You'll look under every rock. You'll be like a dog with a bone. This is why you will get results and solve problems! Tonight: Avoid arguments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

4★ Discussions with someone older or more experienced will be important and significant today. You might talk to someone who is an older friend, or they could be someone in a group or an organization. Either way, it will likely be

in your best interests to listen to their advice. Tonight: Patience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3★ Today discussions with parents, bosses and anyone in a position of authority will be serious and much to the point. Nothing will be frivolous. Details will be discussed. However, you can count on the fact that there will be a strong respect for the truth and getting to the bottom of something. Tonight: Work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

4★ This is an excellent day to study, because your mind is focused and steady. You won't overlook details. Your powers of concentration are top-notch.

This is also a good day to learn rules, regulations and the laws about things that affect you. Tonight: Be understanding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

4★ You couldn't pick a better day to do some research or have a serious discussion about banking issues, insurance matters, shared property, inheritances and such. Your mind will be focused on the necessary details at hand. Discussions will be serious and thorough. Tonight: Improvements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

4★ In talking to a partner or close friend today, you might find yourself discussing something sober, serious and practical. It might pertain to legal matters or the obligations or responsibilities that you have to each other. Nothing will be overlooked. You'll cover everything. Tonight: Persuasion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

4★ You'll be productive at work today or with any job you do, because you have excellent powers of concentration and your mind is focused. You will stick with the job until it is done; furthermore, you won't

overlook details, and you won't make mistakes. You're in the groove! Tonight: Go gently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

4★ This is a good day to iron out details related to sports contracts, rules and regulations. It's also an excellent day to teach children, because your mind is focused. Furthermore, you'll be patient, especially with minor details that require explanation. Tonight: Lighten up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

4★ This is an excellent day to tackle home repairs or have an important family discussion about practical matters that need to be addressed. Fortunately, everyone will have the patience and willingness to wade through some red-tape details and paperwork, because it needs to be done. Tonight: Solitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

4★ This is a wonderful day to study or learn something, because you have tremendous powers of concentration. You'll be able to focus on what you need to learn, and you won't be put off by minor details. It's

also an excellent day to teach or explain something to someone. Tonight: Go gently.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

3★ If you're dealing with banking matters or anything to do with cash flow and earnings today, you will be diligent and focused. Nothing will be overlooked. No detail will be too small. This is also a good day for practical discussions. Tonight: Obey rules.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

4★ Today the Sun, Mercury and Saturn are lined up in your sign, which gives you tremendous energy and mental focus combined with a discipline of mind and attention to detail. This means that discussions with others will be serious and nothing will be overlooked. Tonight: Stay steady.

BORN TODAY

Actor John Turturro (1957), race car legend Mario Andretti (1940), actress Rae Dawn Chong (1961)

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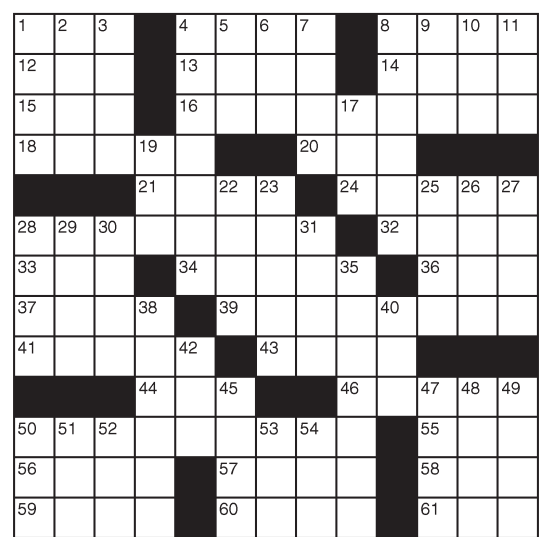
1 With it, once
4 Castle defense
8 Viral phenomenon
12 Jurist Lance
13 Designer Gucci
14 Exam format
15 Holy Fr. woman
16 Mis-directed
18 "Poison" shrub
20 Homer's lament
21 Floor cleaners
24 Jazz genre
28 Pro bono service
32 Wander
33 Rowing tool
34 Thousand, in France
36 Lincoln or Ford
37 Forehead
39 Un-defeated boxer nick-named "Madame Butterfly"

DOWN

1 Radiator sound
2 Words to Brutus
3 Words-worth work
4 "Outliers" author Gladwell
5 Flamenco cheer
6 Put two and two together?
7 Frog's kin
8 Beyonce, to Blue Ivy
9 Blunder
10 Goat's cry
11 TV Tarzan
12 Ron
13 Cry
14 Docs' org.
15 Sandbox toy
16 Genetic letters
17 Curly cabbage
18 Corn Belt state
19 Nullify
20 Eternities
21 Golfer Trevino
22 "2001" computer
23 Request
24 Peace, to Caesar
25 Govt. stipend

Solution time: 23 mins.

Last Wednesday's Answers
(Answers Next Wednesday)



JUMBLE

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

AASLS
UNVEE
WLIVSE
SETSR

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers: Jumbles: ADMIT DRAWN DETECT ENROLL Answer: They ran into a detour, but they weren't — DETERRED

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 2/28

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:

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 2/21



LEGAL NOTICE

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE
Notice of Application

Notice is given that Cathcart Repair Facilities, LLC has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, for a Construction Permit for a Railcar Repair Facility located on 494 Stokes Drive, Hinton, in Summers County, West Virginia. The latitude and longitude coordinates are: 37.660, -80.890

The applicant estimates the potential to discharge the following Regulated Air Pollutants will be: Nitrogen oxides 0.54 tons per year, Carbon monoxide 2.32 tons per year, Particulate matter (PM/PM10/PM2.5) 0.01 tons per year, Sulfur dioxide 0.005 tons per year, Volatile organic compounds (VOC) 11.37 tons per year.

Startup of operation is planned to begin on or about the 1st day of April, 2024. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice.

Written comments will also be received via email at DEP@AirQualityPermitting@WV.gov.

Any questions regarding this permit application should be directed to the DAQ at (304) 926-0499, extension 41281, during normal business hours.

Dated this the 22nd day of February, 2024.

By: Cathcart Repair Facilities, LLC
Darrell Leatherman
Senior EHS Director
494 Stokes Drive
Hinton, WV 25951
(28fe)

The WV House of Delegates discuss two child care bills and others

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — The legislative deadline for members of the West Virginia House of Delegates to introduce bills passed this week as committees continued to deliberate and move those proposals through the legislative process.

A bill that would help provide funds for employees of childcare centers to pay for childcare themselves advanced from the House Committee on Senior, Children and Family Issues this week. House Bill 4002 would make anyone who works at least 20 hours per week in a licensed childcare center or certified family childcare (FCC) home eligible for a subsidy through the Department of Human Services. The proposal came through the work of a bipartisan group of Delegates looking to expand childcare options in the state.

“We are committed to ensuring the passage of meaningful legislation to address the critical needs of our community, particularly in the realm of childcare,” said Delegate Kathie Hess Crouse, R-Putnam, and lead sponsor of HB4002. “We are taking a collaborative approach to this as we navigate the legislative process, and I’m optimistic the outcomes will enhance the wellbeing of children and families throughout the state.”

Delegate Mike Pushkin, D-Kanawha, spoke in favor of House Bill 4797 before it passed out of the House

Health and Human Resources Committee this week. The measure would require childcare providers be paid by enrollment, rather than by the attendance of each child.

Pushkin, who serves as the Health Committee’s Minority Chair, called it “one of the most important bills we’ll see this session,” saying it would “help a lot of people get back to work.”

Both childcare bills are awaiting debate in the House Finance Committee.

A bill that would increase the pay for attorneys appointed to represent minors in abuse or neglect cases advanced from committees this week to the full House. House Bill 5065 would increase the compensation rates for guardians ad litem from \$60 to \$105 for out-of-court work, such as interviews with clients and witnesses, travel and research. The pay for in-court work would increase to \$125 from \$80. The measure also would clarify the educational requirements for those attorneys.

The full House unanimously voted Friday to create the legislative oversight committee of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation. House Bill 5337 would allow the committee to request records of the DCR, to review internal investigations and to go into executive session. It now goes to the Senate for debate.

Its lead sponsor, Delegate



Delegates Jeff Campbell and Todd Longanacre hosted three pages from Eastern Greenbrier Middle School on Friday, Feb.16.

David Kelly, R-Tyler, who also serves as the chairman of the House Committee on Jails and Prisons, considers it an additional approach to improving the culture of corrections throughout the state.

“We’ve been saying for some time that the issues we’ve discovered in correc-

tions would take more than just a cash infusion and more than just a reshuffling of personnel and leaders,” Kelly said. “We’re hopeful that with an inspector general minding the top levels and this magnifying glass on the lower ones, we can continue to gain confidence in the hard work taking place

throughout our jails and prisons.”

A total of 1,689 bills have been introduced in the House, and 124 of those have passed the full House. Twenty-five bills have completed the legislative process. The session ends at midnight on Saturday, March 9.

Knickerbockers fundraiser scheduled for SCCA

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - A Knickerbockers Portrait Fundraiser is scheduled to benefit Summers County

Council on Aging in Hinton. The photographer will be at the center on March 15. A \$10 package includes a 10x13,

two 5x7s and eight wallet-sized photos.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 304-466-4019.

Summers BOE to Hold Town Hall Levy Meetings at County Fire Departments

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Summers County Board of Education is holding a series of “Town Hall” style meetings regarding the Summers County Schools levy. The current list of upcoming

dates and locations is as follows: Feb. 28 at Green Sulphur Fire Department; March 5 at Jumping Branch/Nimitz Fire Department; March 7 at Talcott Fire

Department; April 8 at the Memorial Building. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. except for the one at the Memorial Building, it is scheduled for 6:15 p.m.

March Helping Hands Mini Mart Scheduled

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Ministry Place at 225 Temple Street in Hinton, WV has tentatively scheduled their next “Helping Hands Mini Mart” for March 3, from the hours of

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Organizers said, “We have received a lot of clothing, jackets and shoes. There is a nice supply of clothing for men, women, and children. Come out

and check out our supply of clothing. Our clothes are good stuff and it’s all FREE. We will have refreshments.”

For questions call 304-466-8200.

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.

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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.

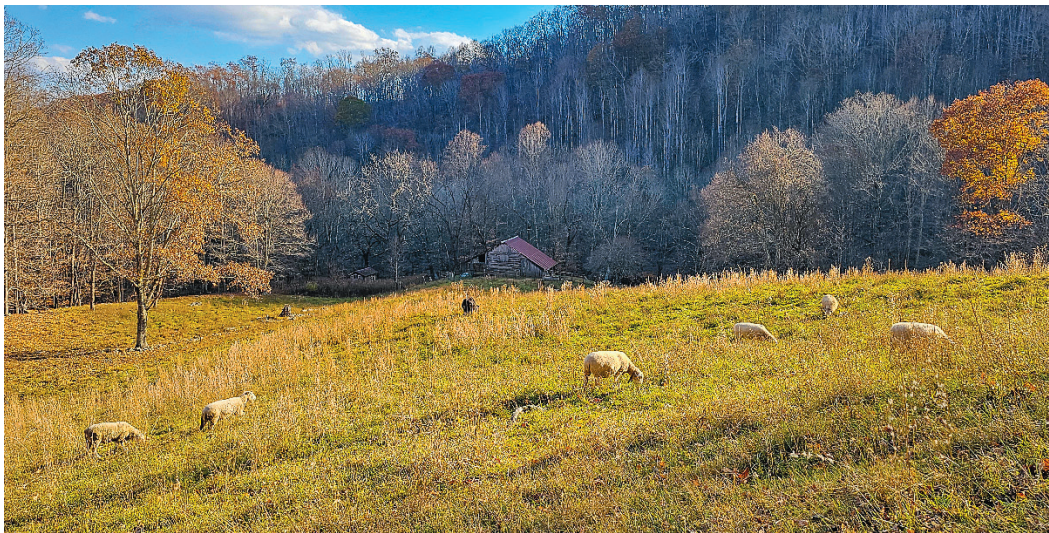
A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Recorder’s Office at the Town Hall, Alderson, West Virginia.

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



Historic Farm in Greenbrier County Permanently Protected



The Wooling family farm

GREENBRIER COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Up a hollow in Greenbrier County sits the 200-acre Wooling family farm also known as Thistle. This site is a preserved representation of what homesteads may have looked like in Greenbrier County 100 years ago, with chestnut log structures, pastures on the mountainsides, and quiet, non-motorized, organic livestock husbandry and gardening.

Autumn Wooling and her late husband, Bob, were welcomed into the supportive community of Dry Run

Hollow 60 years ago when they first learned how to operate a subsistence farm. With a long-held intent to preserve the property for future farming families, the Woolings recently placed a conservation easement on the property held by the West Virginia Land Trust (WVLT).

“Bob and I always wished to see the land in a trust so that people could go on taking good care of our beautiful area. I always hoped the historical nature would be appreciated. I envision small children playing in

Dry Run like ours did and everyone working in the garden, or tending a milk cow, or simply enjoying the wildlife, woods, and rocks (there are lots of nice rocks!). I appreciate WVLT for making this possible,” said Autumn Wooling, property owner.

The property contains significant values for the protection of environmental systems and preservation of open space, specifically native forests, freshwater streams and springs, wildlife habitat, scenic beauty, historical structures, and agricultural resources and

soils of a family farm.

A conservation easement is a voluntary contract negotiated between a landowner and WVLT, in which the owner places permanent restrictions on future uses of their property to protect scenic, agricultural, wildlife, forest, or other significant conservation values. The restrictions usually include limiting subdivision, commercial or industrial development, deforestation, conversion of farmland, and destruction of streams, wetlands, caves, and other special natural areas. Conservation easements are unique to each property, meaning they address site-specific conservation values and are tailored to meet the individual goals of landowners.

WVLT’s work in the Greenbrier Valley specifically focuses on the public benefits of maintaining farms and forests in a natural condition to support public drinking water supplies and providing outdoor enthusiasts with recreation access, wildlife observation opportunities, and scenic beauty.

The West Virginia Land

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Amy Mann Announces Candidacy for Circuit Judge

Lifelong Summers County resident, Amy Mann, has announced her candidacy for Circuit Judge with the 30th Judicial Circuit. Mann’s roots run deep in our region. As a 1982 graduate of Hinton High School and 1986 graduate of Concord University, Mann has continued her passion to help others in the place she calls home.

Her service to others began nearly 40 years ago, when she became an educator in the Summers County school system. Her legal expertise can be dated back to 1990, when she became a legal assistant and went on to partner with her father, Perry, of Mann & Mann Attorneys at Law, in 2002, after graduating from WVU College of Law.

In such time, Mann has served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Monroe and Summers County, appointed as Prosecuting Attorney by the Summers County Commission, and elected for back-to-back terms as Summers County Prosecuting Attorney. She also is currently serving as the Mental Hygiene Commissioner in Summers and Monroe County.

Further service to the community is illustrated with her many seats on local and state boards: Executive Board member with the Hinton Area Foundation (third term), third term with the WV State Bar Character Committee (Supreme Court appointee), Board of Trustees of Monroe Health Center, Monroe Disciplinary Investigative Team (awarded the Children’s Hero Award), Summers and Monroe County Corrections Board member, and Summers County Historic Landmark Commission.

Mann aims to use her legal proficiency and passion of selfless service to bring qualified, dedicated, and fair service to the communities of the 30th Judicial Circuit.

Paid for by The Committee to Elect Amy L. Mann for Circuit Judge

Going Topless on the Hellbender 2024: A Trail-Blazing Fundraiser for Children’s Charity

RICHWOOD W.Va. (Hinton News) - Are you ready for an adventure that not only thrills but also gives back to the community? The “Going Topless on the Hellbender 2024” event invites all off-roading enthusiasts to take their 4WD and AWD vehicles for an exhilarating guided tour while supporting a noble cause.

Taking place from May 24-26, 2024, this unique off-road and overland fundraiser is the perfect opportunity for drivers to explore rough terrains with the top down and hearts full. The Children’s Home Society of West Virginia will be the primary benefactor of this event, ensuring that your participation directly aids children and families in need.

- The chance to bond over a campfire with two nights of overnight camping.

- A Saturday night dinner alongside a live auction—an evening energized with the beats of DJ Robert Stowers.

- A hearty breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings to replenish your adventurer’s spirit.

Additionally, the event kicks off with a Friday night meet and greet dinner at the Moose Lodge in Richwood, WV, with proceeds supporting their Annual Children’s Christmas party.

“Going Topless on the Hellbender 2024” is not just a weekend event; it’s an opportunity to create memories, challenge your

off-roading skills, and rally around a charitable cause. With roaring engines and open hearts, participants will leave a lasting impact on the lives of children supported by the Children’s Home Society of West Virginia.

Don’t miss out on the chance to take part in an adrenaline-fueled weekend that blends the thrill of exploration with the joy of giving. Book your spot, roll down your top, and gear up for a journey that makes a difference! Only 100 vehicle spots are available so visit www.childshswv.org, click on News and Events, select the “Going Topless on the Hellbender 2024” event and reg-

ister today! Then just click on the donate button to pay the registration fee through PayPal.

For more information about this event, email Janet Richmond at jrichmond@childshswv.org or message at 304-661-2066.

Backroads of Appalachia, The WV Hellbender, and the Children’s Home Society of West Virginia have come together to produce this event, promising an experience filled with camaraderie and outdoor adventure. Starting at Camp Splinter near Richwood, WV, participants are invited to drive heart-pumping trails in one of the most scenic areas of Appalachia.

Registration is \$100 per vehicle/driver and \$30 for each additional passenger. A special rate of \$30 is available for those who wish to join the guided tour and dinner without the overnight camping.

Your adventure includes:

- Exciting guided tours along the 2024 trails.
- An exclusive event T-shirt.



Congratulations, Travis Copenhaver!

We, at Lantz Funeral Home in Alderson, would like to introduce our newest team member and to congratulate **Travis Copenhaver** on graduating from John A. Gupton College of Mortuary Science and passing his National and State Board for Funeral Services. Travis will be able to help anyone in the area with setting your preneed up or transferring it from another funeral home, and he can even meet with you when your loved one passes away or your precious pet family member passes away.

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Upcoming Easter & St. Patrick’s Day Events
March 16, 2024 • Starts: 10:00 AM


10:00 AM: First hotel tour of the year. Tour inside the Jeffersonian Hotel, complete with a walking tour of the grounds. Adults: \$25. Bring Children for Egg/Safari Hunt \$15. Dress up for the St. Patrick’s Costume Competition, \$15 per person. DO BOTH (bring children and dress)! Tour is \$5 per adult.

11:30 AM: FREE PICTURES WITH Easter Bunny & Lucky Leprechaun. Take pictures with your camera/phone – take to development location, and create your own Easter picture package, cups, pillows, etc. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy lunch at the Park. *We do not serve any food.*

12:00 Noon: EASTER EGG HUNT (ages up to 6). SAFARI HUNT (ages 7-12). Prizes and candy for all hunters – all ages. Children keep what they find (eggs and stuffed animals).

2:00 PM: JUDGING of the best dressed St. Patrick’s Day Costume. At least 10 adults must participate for any prizes to be awarded. Best Dressed gets a 2-night stay at the Historic Lewis House. Ribbons for 2nd & 3rd Place.

Other Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars
July 13, 2024: Freedom Fest Music & Market • **July 18 – July 22, 2024:** Sustainability Forum. This year is better than ever! 1 class will be learning to pick out, season, and cook on a rock, while camping or fishing or just for fun.
MIA/POW & VETERANS APPRECIATION RALLY: Motorcycles, antique cars, POKER RUN, food, arts and crafts vendors, music, Awards Ceremony, and more. Come Honor Our Vets.
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