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SHPO Day of Service and Remembrance Grants Applications Now Available

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Applications are now available for Day of Service and Remembrance Grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH). This funding is designated to recognize and assist in the preservation of local and family cemeteries in West Virginia. Eligible projects include nominating cemeteries to the National Register of Historic Places, workshops and clean-up days, interpretation, and rehabilitation. The deadline for receipt of applications submitted through our online portal (GoApply) is April 15, 2024.

This funding is available from Volunteer West Virginia as part of their Sept. 11, 2024, Day of Service and Remembrance Grant program, and has been designated to recognize and assist the preservation or stabilization of local and family cemeteries, which may contain interments of veterans and persons from underrepresented communities.

The program provides a minimum grant of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$10,000 and requires a dollar-to-dollar match by the applicant. Applicants may be state or local government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, private citizens, religious organizations, educational institutions, or Certified Local Governments.

A complete program description, with guidelines and application, and access to the GoApply application portal is available at: <https://wvculture.org/agencies/state-historic-preservation-office-shpo/> or contact Christy Moore, grants coordinator for SHPO, at 304-558-0240 or Christina.J.Moore@wv.gov.

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Hinton Area Foundation Awards Over \$40k in Community Impact Grants

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hinton Area Foundation makes discretionary and field-of-interest grants to charitable organizations in the areas of Education, the Arts, Beautification for the Hinton/Summers County area, Health and Human Services, Public Recreation, and Other eligible needs. This year, award recipients received a combined total of just over \$41,000.

The Community Impact Grant is the first grant cycle of the year, followed by

Making A Difference and Learning Innovation Mini-Grants (fall grant cycles). 2024 CIG recipients will use funds to support local school athletics, community food distribution, animal rescue and adoption, upcoming community activities, local foster care, and more.

Executive Director, Scott Jarrett, credits the Board of Directors for the Foundation's ability to fund various organizations year after year. "I've never worked with a more involved group



Photo provided by Hinton Area Foundation

of individuals", Jarrett stated in his opening remarks. For more information on visit www.hintonareafoundation.org.

West Virginia State Parks installing new tram system at Pipestem Resort



Tower site 2. Photo provided by West Virginia Department of Commerce

PIPESTEM, W.Va. (Hinton News) — West Virginia State Parks officials announced today that progress on replacing the aerial tramway at Pipestem Resort will reach a significant milestone this month with the installation of new support towers along the canyon rim of the Bluestone River Gorge.

Replacing the tram system at Pipestem Resort is part of the Justice administration's ongoing investment in infrastructure upgrades across the West Virginia State Parks system. Over the last seven years, more than \$150 mil-

lion has been spent upgrading park facilities with more than \$24 million going to improvements at Pipestem Resort.

"Pipestem Resort has always been one of the most popular state parks in West Virginia and this new tramway is going to help us accommodate visitors and continue to offer a world-class experience," said West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Director Brett McMillion. "As a former superintendent at Pipestem, I want to thank Gov. Justice for his continued support of our state parks over these last seven years and guar-



Work is underway at tower site 10. Photo provided by West Virginia Department of Commerce

anteeing that they will be enjoyed by West Virginians and visitors alike for years to come."

Work on replacing the tram system, which was more than 60 years old, started in December 2023 and is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2024. In the coming weeks, the old support towers will be flown out of the gorge by helicopter and new towers will be flown in and set on new concrete platforms. Work is being done by Doppelmayr USA, which has a base of operations located in Tucker County.

The new tram system,

which provides the only means of transportation to overnight lodge guests, anglers and adventure seekers to the base of the gorge, will feature significant improvements over the previous system, such as larger six-passenger gondolas that will be fully accessible. There also will be a freight car that can transport bicycles and kayaks to and from the 30-room Mountain Creek Lodge.

"Exciting things are happening at Pipestem Resort State Park and we're excited to see how this new tramway is going to make one of this beloved state parks

even better," said West Virginia State Parks Chief Brad Reed.

Located on the east rim of the Bluestone River Gorge on the border of Summers and Mercer counties, Pipestem Resort State Park has been West Virginia's premier family adventure resort since Memorial Day 1970, when it opened to the public. The park features stunning views and offers exhilarating zipline tours, a splash park and adventure lake, guided trout fishing trips, mountain bike excursions, a championship golf course, 82 campsites, 26 cabins and two lodges.

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Mission Spyro’s New Tank is a Success

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Friends of the Summers County Public Library successfully completed their #SilverFor-Spyro campaign to raise funds for a new tank for the library mascot, Spyro, a bearded dragon. The fundraiser asked families and students to collect coins to donate with the March goal of \$900, but the donations brought in over \$1000.

The new tank arrived and was assembled by Chuck and Sherry Gwinn. Spyro moved into his new home and while he was a little weirded out by all the new space and fresh sand,



Left to Right: Myra Ziegler, Michelle Bowles, Cheryl Kula, Sherry Gwinn, Lori Osbron, Trina Pilonero, Margie Temple

caretakers expect him to adjust soon. Stop by and congratulate him on his new digs. The money not spent on the tank will be put into the pot for the next Friends shelving for part of the fundraiser, which is new collection.

Free Art Event for Kids Scheduled in Alderson

ALDERSON W.Va. (Hinton News) - For families looking for something to do during spring break, here’s a great opportunity! School-age kids–tots, tweens and, yes, even teens are invited to come to Alderson on Tuesday, March 26, to participate in a free art event where each child will have the opportunity to paint their very own

lion mural. This event will begin at 2 p.m. and will be held at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, 104 N. Monroe St., in Alderson. All art materials will be provided free of charge by Alderson Main Street. Before beginning to paint, Cheryl Mansley will tell the fascinating story of French, the lion

cub adopted by a woman in Alderson in the 1890s that became the first African lion at the “then new” National Zoo in Washington, D.C., and ended up as part of the Barnum and Bailey Circus. Interested families must contact Mansley at cherylmansley@gmail.com or 304-702-0554 to sign their children up. All children must be signed

up ahead of time. This free art event is part of Alderson Main Street’s Lion Days, which will begin on March 18 and culminate on Saturday, March 30, with a gathering at the Alderson Train Depot at 2 p.m. where the lion’s story will be told. Singer-songwriter Molly Sutter will debut her new song about the Alderson lion, and the

young artists will display their paintings for all to see before taking them home. Anyone unable to pick up their mural on the 30th may make other arrangements with Mansley.

City of Hinton to Hold Annual Spring Clean Up

Rebecca Stalnaker
HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – The City of Hinton Public Works Department is hosting its annual Spring Clean Up. Residents can dispose of unwanted household items with the department hauling them away. The program is sponsored by the WV Make It Shine REAP office, which covers dumping fees. Important Reminders: Limit: 10 bags per household. Prohibited Items:

Paint, chemicals, loose trash and yard waste. Collection Schedule: By zone. The current list is as follows: April 8 and 9 - City Public Works to 10th Avenue; April 10 and 11 - 10th Avenue to 2nd Avenue; April 15 - 2nd Avenue to bottom of Avis Bridge; April 16 - Remaining area of Avis; April 17 and 18 - Lower Bellepoint to Zion Mountain Road; April 19 - Zion Mountain to Summers County ARH.

Place bulk items and bagged trash at the curb the day before your zone’s collection date.

For more information and zone scheduling, contact Hinton City Hall at 304-466-3255.

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Teachers from across US invited to teach, live and play in West Virginia

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (Hinton News) — Teachers Ascend into West Virginia, a first-of-its-kind national program based at West Virginia University and designed to attract teachers to the Mountain State, is now accepting applications. WVU, the West Virginia Public Education Collaborative and the West Virginia Department of Education invite new and seasoned K-12 educators with a spirit of adventure to apply.

Inspired and modeled by the success of Ascend West Virginia and other nationwide rural teacher corps initiatives, this two-year relocation program calls on teachers from across the country to move to West Virginia, teach in select K-12 schools, and find a meaningful work-life balance through shared community and outdoor adventure.

WVU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Maryanne Reed said the collaborative effort aims to address West Virginia’s teacher shortage while building on other successful initiatives across the region.

“Teachers Ascend capitalizes on West Virginia’s prime assets of friendly people, beautiful nature and a low cost of living to attract high-quality, passionate teachers to our area,” Reed said. “We hope to leverage the ongoing success of the Ascend West Virginia program to help fill vacant positions in our K-12 classrooms — now and into the future.”

Qualifying candidates must complete a college degree by summer 2024, be hired by select West Virginia county school systems, hold the required teaching certifications prior to the 2024-25 school year, and be willing to relocate and live in West Virginia.

Teachers Ascend is much more than a recruitment and retention program, according to Donna Hoylman Peduto, WVPEC executive director.

“The program leans into teachers’ professional interests, ideal work environment and quality-of-life aspirations,” Peduto said. “We’re excited to offer a host of benefits to help wel-

come cohort members in and out of the classroom.”

Those who qualify for the program will receive a \$6,000 stipend and can obtain up to \$4,050 in tuition assistance for continued educational opportunities through the WVU College of Applied Human Sciences.

Cohort members will also have access to success coaches, mentors, professional development support and a concierge service for additional summer employment opportunities. The Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative will also offer free outdoor recreational equipment, co-working space, and regular social, outdoor and community building activities.

State Superintendent Michele Blatt welcomes Teachers Ascend as one of many ways the Department of Education is working to fill vacant teaching positions in West Virginia schools.

“Teachers Ascend is complementary to our multi-pronged teacher recruitment and retainment efforts,” Blatt said. “We will

continue to foster innovative programs to help elevate the teaching profession in West Virginia and build a sustainable teacher pipeline centered on placing high-quality teachers in our classrooms to educate our students.”

Ascend West Virginia inaugural cohort member Heather Mae Pusztai said she is thrilled the Ascend model is expanding to teachers.

“Moving to Morgantown as part of Ascend’s first co-

hort has been the experience of a lifetime,” Pusztai said. “To land in a new place and be immediately welcomed into a community of kind, welcoming, and adventurous new friends has made this city feel like home from day one, not only for me, but my whole family. As a parent of three school-age kids, I’m so excited to welcome the first cohort of Teacher Ascenders to the greater Morgantown area.”

Selected candidates will teach in Monongalia or West Virginia.

Preston County schools as part of the inaugural cohort.

Teachers Ascend into West Virginia is funded by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and Remake Learning. Funding is administered through the WVU Foundation, the non-profit organization that receives and oversees private donations on behalf of the University.

Find more information about Teachers Ascend into

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Summers County Commission proposes to increase property tax levies.

1. Appraisal/Assessment Increase:

Total assessed value of property, excluding additional assessments due to new or improved property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of property by 4.62%

2. Lowered Rate necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:

The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property with the exclusions mentioned above, per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property, would be:

	Lowered Tax Rates
Class I	13.15 ¢
Class II	26.30 ¢
Class III	52.60 ¢
Class IV	52.60 ¢

3. Effective Rate Increase:

The Summers County Commission proposes to adopt a tax rate per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property as follows:

Proposed	Rate	Effective Tax Rate Increase	Percentage of Increase
Class I	14.30 ¢	1.15 ¢	9%
Class II	28.60 ¢	2.30 ¢	9%
Class III	57.20 ¢	4.60 ¢	9%
Class IV	57.20 ¢	4.60 ¢	9%

Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

4. Revenue produced last year:	\$2,622,648
5. Revenue projected under the effective rate increases:	\$239,085
6. Revenue projected from new property or improvements:	\$36,137
7. General areas in which revenue is to be allocated:	PEIA Increase and Capital Improvements

A public hearing on the increases will be held on

March 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.	at	Summers County Commission Office in the Courthouse
(Date and Time)		(Place)

the decision regarding the increase will be made on

March 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.	at	120 Ballengee Street, Suite 203, Hinton, WV 25951
(Date and Time)		(Place)

Summers County 911 Joins Facebook

Rebecca Stalnakar

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Summers County 911 Center, located in Hinton, has joined the world of social media with a new Facebook account. According to the page’s first

post, it will be utilized for transparency and to share pertinent information. The post states, “Our intention for this page is to post relevant information regarding events that affect our county, along with ‘behind the

scenes’ looks into out daily operations and staff.”

The official handle for the page is “Summers County WV 911 Center.” Everyone in the community and beyond is invited to follow and “like” the page.

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,

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Jim McNeely’s first job after graduation from Concord in 1973 was as a teacher in Summers County. In the 1990’s he 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 served as the commander of the WV National Guard unit in Hinton. He is a Concord University graduate with a graduate degree from Virginia Tech and a law degree from W V U. Before law school, he was a teacher and served as 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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Declaring Our Salvation

(Part 1)

by David Padfield

In discussions with Baptist preachers, you are apt to hear them say baptism is an “outward sign of an inward grace.” They will affirm baptism is not essential to salvation, but claim it “declares our salvation.” While this doctrine is not taught in the Bible (cf. Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21), it is taught in Baptist manuals.

“Through the symbolic act of baptism, an individual states that he has turned from sin to Christ. By the act of public baptism, the new Christian demonstrates to the world that he has been redeemed and is now a new person in Christ.” (*Broadman Church Manual*, p. 34).

“We do not believe that baptism is essential to the pardon of past sins, but believe that it is an act of righteous obedience to the command and example of our Lord, and that it serves as an open confession to the world that the subject has put away sin and put on Christ.” (*Doctrines and Usages of General Baptists*, p. 90).

I have often wondered how baptism could “declare our salvation to the world,” since the “world” was not present when we were baptized. It seems to me Baptist baptism could only “declare salvation” to the members of the Baptist church who were present. But, the members of the church already knew about the candidates “salvation” when they sat in judgement like a coroners inquest and voted on whether to receive him.

If baptism does not “declare our salvation to the world,” what does? I would suggest it is the new life effected by repentance. When Peter told his audience to “repent and be baptized” (Acts 2:38), how many people “of the world” witnessed the baptism of the 3,000? Some of those baptized that day were far away from home (Acts 2:9-11). Their neighbors were not present at Jerusalem. However, when these new Christians returned home, the “world” would be able to see their new life (Romans 6:4).

Repentance is often described as a change of heart that brings about a change in action. It is not simply sorrow for sin. The people in Acts two were filled with sorrow and regret when they learned they had crucified the Son of God. Yet, Peter told these people to “repent and be baptized” (Acts 2:38).

The parable of the two sons (Matt. 21:28-32) is a good example of repentance. The young boy heard his father’s command, but refused to obey. Later, he repented and did the will of his father. There could never be a question about his repentance, for he left his place of rest and went into his father’s vineyard.

The prodigal son is another example of genuine repentance (Luke 15:11-24). After he left his father’s house, he journeyed into a far country and there wasted his money in prodigal living. His older brother knew the young man had spent his inheritance on the harlots (vs. 30). When the prodigal’s money ran out, he found a job feeding carob pods to the swine. While in the pig pen he “came to himself.” He decided to arise, go to his father and admit his sin. I’m sure his neighbors knew how he wasted his money in a foreign land. Now they would see the change in his life (repentance).

(Continued next week.)

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ITEM: Food and Cafeteria/ Kitchen Supplies
Period: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (may be rolled over twice)
Bid Opening: Friday, March 28, 2024, 11:00 a.m. Child Nutrition Office, Greenbrier County Schools 197 Chestnut Street Lewisburg, WV 24901
Bid Due Date: Prior to 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2024
Bids are to be mailed to: Linda D. Knott, Chairperson Country Roads Food Cooperative Director of Student Services Summers County Public Schools 418 Temple Street Hinton, WV 25951
Bids may also be hand delivered in a sealed envelope prior to 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2024. ENVELOPE SHOULD BE PLAINLY MARKED: "Food and Cafeteria/ Kitchen Supplies Bid Quote"
For Food and Cafeteria/ Kitchen Supplies application, please contact Linda D. Knott, Chairperson Country Roads Food Cooperative and Summers County Director of Student Services at 304-466-6000 or lknott@k12.wv.us. (13,20mr)

11 Arts Grant Programs Available for Application to Artists, Arts Organizations

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) – Applications are now open for 11 arts grants through the West Virginia Commission on the Arts of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. These grant programs are available for application by artists, local governments, and not-for-profit organizations with an arts-related mission. Funding for these programs is made possible by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, West Virginia State Legislature, and Volunteer West Virginia.
The deadline for submission through the State Arts Office's online grants portal, GOapply, is Monday, April 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. A description of each available grant is listed below.
Arts in Education - Arts Exposure Projects grant provides support for schools and nonprofit organizations, as well as individual artists and artist collectives, to present professional performing, literary, and visual artists to students in grades K-12.
Arts in Education – School-Based and Out-of-School-Based Projects grant provides support to schools and nonprofit organizations for curriculum-based, hands-on projects that involve K-12 students and

teachers in the arts during daily instruction or outside of regular school hours.
Community Arts Project Support grant provides support for nonprofit organizations and local governments to provide arts programming in all disciplines to the public. Categories include presenting artists, performing artists, visual arts, media arts and folk and traditional arts.
Creative Aging for Lifelong Learning grant provides support for individual artists, schools, local governments, and nonprofit organizations to carry out projects that teach a new skill in the arts to a group of adults.
Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources grant provides support for building and renovation projects at arts facilities and history museums.
Living Traditions: Folk Art – Project Support for Artists grant provides support for individual artists to improve their skills in an area specifically related to folk and traditional arts.
Living Traditions: Folk Arts - Organizations grant provides support to schools, governments, and nonprofit organizations to host workshops, activities, or training in the folk and traditional arts.
Professional Development for Artists grant provides support for individual

artists to expand or improve their work or share their expertise with others.
Public Art– September 11 Day of Service grant provides support for visual two- and three-dimensional public art projects that honor local veterans, engage community volunteers, and are celebrated on Sept. 11, 2024. Funding for this program is provided by Volunteer West Virginia
STEAM Power WV grant provides support to schools and non-profit organizations for projects that integrate the arts with STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) disciplines for K-12 students. Funding for this program is provided by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.
Youth Engagement through Public Art grant provides support to schools, local governments, and 501(c)3 organizations for public art projects that engage local youth in the planning and/or implementation of the project.
Access to the grants portal GOapply and sample grant applications, including eligible project expenses and evaluation criteria, are available at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>. Contact the State Arts Office staff at 304-558-0240 with any questions.

PSC Urges Consumers to Fix Household Leaks

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – A simple household leak can cost you a lot of money. Most are simple to fix once you locate them, but leaks can be sneaky. The Public Service Commission of West Virginia is participating in Fix a Leak Week, March 18-24 by encouraging everyone to be vigilant in finding and repairing leaks in household plumbing fixtures.
“American homes waste more than a trillion gallons of water every year,” said Charlotte R. Lane, Chairman of the Public Service Commission. “The average home loses almost 10,000 gallons of water per year to simple leaks. That is the amount of water it takes to wash 300 loads of laundry. The money you will save on your water bills will more than pay for the small cost of fixing these leaks.”
To help save water, the Commission offers the following tips:
Look at your water bill. If a family of four uses more than 12,000 gallons per month, you could have a serious leak. Turn off all water, then read the meter

at the beginning and end of two hours. If the meter changes, you likely have a leak.
Monitor possible toilet leaks. Squeeze a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If you see color in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. Worn flappers often cause silent toilet leaks, but they are inexpensive and easy to install.
If your faucet drips, tighten connections and replace the aerator with a WaterSense labeled model to save water without a noticeable difference in flow.
Leaky showerheads caused by a loose connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem can usually be fixed by wrapping the pipe stem with pipe tape.
For more information, log on to the Public Service Commission website at and click on “Lower Your Water Bill.” Fix a Leak Week is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and WaterSense. You can find detailed instructions for finding and fixing leaks at www.psc.state.wv.uswww.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week

The West Virginia Community Development Hub Announces Applications for the New Cohort for Accelerate WV

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The West Virginia Community Development Hub (The Hub) is currently accepting applications for the next cohort of Accelerate WV. The program, run as part of the Appalachian Climate Technology (ACT) Now Coalition, is looking for ten community teams to participate in the second cohort.
The Hub, along with our partners at Advantage Valley, AFV Educate, WV Brownfields Centers at Marshall University and West Virginia University, and The WV Hive, part of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority (NRGRDA), will work alongside the selected communities over the next two years. Through 2026, Accelerate WV will work in 16 selected communities in Southern WV to support local leadership teams as they advance their communities’ revitalization goals.
“With the launch of the next round of Accelerate WV applications, I’m excited to work with 10 new Southern West Virginia communities who are passionate about transforming their communities as we navigate shifts in the energy sector,” says Brianna Hickman, the CBRI Project Director at The Hub. “Competitive applications will have strong, diverse teams that are reflective of their communities and illustrate a strong desire to work together to identify priority areas in resilience planning, as well as build community capacity to leverage additional resources and opportunities.”
Accelerate WV communities will have access to professional coaching services to support diverse leadership teams, predevelopment services for sustainable green development projects, entrepreneurial development + training services, brownfields site assessments, and so much more.

These resources will be used to help each community create its own economic resilience plan and determine how it can best adapt to a shifting energy economy.
Communities eligible to apply for Accelerate WV Cohort 2 must be located in one of the following 21 counties: Boone, Logan, Pocahontas, Cabell, Mason, Putnam, Clay, McDowell, Raleigh, Fayette, Mercer, Summers, Greenbrier, Mingo, Wayne, Kanawha, Monroe, Webster, Lincoln, Nicholas, and Wyoming.
Community teams are already working together to move projects and planning forward to transform their towns and neighborhoods. Through the partnerships in Accelerate WV, community teams have access to the tools they need to create a better future for their neighbors.
“Our team has been working to create a strategy to further develop our tourism, recreation and hospitality industries in our area,” says Park Ferguson, a member of the Wayne Accelerate WV team. “We just had a community engagement meeting where 60+ people packed the house to hear our ideas.

Several of those attendees plan to join our team and divide into task forces to carry out the initiatives and tackle the issues.”
Over the last year, we have seen teams identify ways to move forward youth leadership, outdoor recreation, workforce development, and tourism to boost local economies. Communities throughout southern West Virginia have been focused on adapting to changes in the energy sector. Accelerate WV empowers communities by connecting them to resources they need to create the future they want to see.
“Community members are the subject-matter experts in what their towns need, so equipping them with professional coaching services, entrepreneurial resources and support, and brownfields site assessments services is providing them the tools they need to create the future that works for them,” says Hickman. “Utilizing this 3-pronged approach, teams will create economic resilience plans that are tailored to their community, created by their community, that will prepare them for long-term planning and investment.”

WV Nursery & Landscape Association Board Votes to Support Volunteer Work of West Virginia Extension Master Gardener Association

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) – The board of directors of the West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association (WVNLA) voted recently to contribute \$2,500 to the West Virginia Extension Master Gardener Association to support its April 12-14 state conference at the Silver Maple Level.
Julie Robinson, WVNLA executive director, said, “Our board was unanimous in wanting to support the state’s master gardeners who we enjoy as partners in beautifying the Mountain State and promoting best practices in the green industry.”

There are active master gardener programs in 48 counties throughout West Virginia. These volunteers donate thousands of hours every year to help with community gardens, educating children about gardening and horticulture topics, creating display gardens that are used for educational purposes and more. In 2023, volunteers reported hours in their local communities that were valued at over \$800,000. Its statewide membership of more than 1,200 master gardeners are frequent shoppers at businesses that supply seeds, plants, landscaping services, gar-

dening tools, greenhouse supplies and other gardening essentials from local nurseries and garden centers.
The West Virginia Extension Master Gardener Association -- now in operation for more than 30 years -- will be holding its annual conference on April 12-14 at the Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center in Davis, West Virginia This event is designed to help educate its members on new and old gardening topics and help them learn about new varieties of plant material, both food crops and ornamental.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Summers County Commission proposes to increase property tax levies.

- 1. Appraisal/Assessment Increase:**
Total assessed value of property, excluding additional assessments due to new or improved property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of property by 4.62%
- 2. Lowered Rate necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:**
The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property with the exclusions mentioned above, per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property, would be:

		Lowered Tax Rates	
Class I			13.15 ¢
Class II			26.30 ¢
Class III			52.60 ¢
Class IV			52.60 ¢

- 3. Effective Rate Increase:**
The Summers County Commission proposes to adopt a tax rate per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property as follows:

Proposed	Rate	Effective Tax Rate Increase	Percentage of Increase
Class I	14.30 ¢	1.15 ¢	9%
Class II	28.60 ¢	2.30 ¢	9%
Class III	57.20 ¢	4.60 ¢	9%
Class IV	57.20 ¢	4.60 ¢	9%

Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

- 4. Revenue produced last year:** \$2,622,648
- 5. Revenue projected under the effective rate increases:** \$239,085
- 6. Revenue projected from new property or improvements:** \$36,137
- 7. General areas in which revenue is to be allocated:** PEIA Increase and Capital Improvements

A public hearing on the increases will be held on
March 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Summers County Commission Office in the Courthouse
(Date and Time) (Place)

the decision regarding the increase will be made on
March 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 203, Hinton, WV 25951
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A Peek into Summers County’s Past: The Greenbrier Valley Fair

William Jones

FAIRLEA W.Va. (Hinton News) - I had forgotten I had this piece until I found it buried in a box of old local calendars and advertisements recently. Even though it does not have direct ties to Summers County, it is one of the counties that makes up the Greenbrier Valley. And this is such a rare piece I couldn’t pass up sharing it.

The West Virginia State Fair in Fairlea, was originally called The Greenbrier Valley Fair as can be seen on the pamphlet for it from 1930. It started in 1854 when Greenbrier County was still part of Virginia. In 1941 the West Virginia State Legislature passed an act to officially change its name to “The State Fair of West Virginia.”

Prior to then and until recent times the fair was primarily focused on agriculture, livestock and other things of that nature. It was common for the citizens of Summers County to travel to the fair, either The Greenbrier Valley Fair or especially once the name was changed to The State Fair of West Virginia.

My grandfather, Bernard Thompson, loved telling the story of when he was seven years old in 1934. His family loaded up in their Model A Ford and traveled from Talcott to Fairlea to “take in the fair” as he called it. At that time you could park on the fairgrounds itself, it wasn’t until much later the parking lot across the road was built.

As families would often do at that time my great-grandmother Gladys had packed a lunch and the family intended to picnic around the large oak tree that stood by the grandstand. Even when I was a child this tree was known as “the meeting spot” if you were at the fair. But like many odd happenings that occurred in 2020; asteroids close to Earth, locusts, odd weather events, the beginning of the pandemic and many others. For instance, the tree,

or “the meeting spot” as it was more commonly known fell victim to 2020, as well when one-half of it fell and the remaining part had to be cut for the public’s safety. A large section of the tree fell, forcing them to cut the remainder of it.

I digress, Granddad got separated from his parents and spent the entire day looking for them and finally spotted his father, Orice Thompson, after about an 8-hour search. Getting back to this pamphlet, it advertised it as “Our fair is conducted for the benefit of farming, livestock and industrial & educational interests.” It further discusses this topic by saying “An Exposition Reflecting the Agricultural, Industrial and Commercial Achievements of this Section.”

As you can see in the 1938 photo of the Greenbrier Valley Fair it would have been very easy for a little boy from Talcott, West Virginia to get separated from his family. In one of my precious pieces, I discussed my Grandfather, David “Gene” Jones, and the ox yolks he hand-made on his farm in Pence Springs. For decades he would show and compete his prize draft horses at the fair. My father would sleep in the barn of the night when my grandfather would have to come home.

In its early years, The Greenbrier Valley Fair



A pamphlet for The Greenbrier Valley Fair from 1930. Photo provided by William Jones

was five days of events as is reflected by this piece. What would later become the State Fair of West Virginia immediately started taking shape and growing over the first few decades. In 1921 an old private railtrack that ran through this area was removed, and the concept of the race track was created. Many prominent names are known in the Greenbrier Valley to this day and a team of horses that was supplied by Wilson Bros. built the one-half-mile track that is still in use to this day, 103 years later.

From the construction of cattle barns, horse

barns and other livestock exhibits, to bringing in nationally famous entertainment when it started in 1921. During its nearly 170-year history, the fair as it is today and its predecessor fairs that led to it only had to be canceled due to two specific events in history. That was in 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945 due to WWII. Then again in 2020 due to the pandemic that started because of COVID-19.



The Greenbrier Valley Fair in 1938. Photo provided by William Jones

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