



## Happy Easter from The Hinton News



**Rebecca Stalnaker**  
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SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - As the Easter season approaches, The Hinton News extends warm wishes to all its readers for a joyous and blessed celebration.

In the spirit of renewal and hope that Easter brings, we at The Hinton News hope this season fills your hearts with joy, peace, and gratitude. Whether you're spending the day surrounded by family, participating in cherished traditions, or reflecting on the significance of the holiday, may it be a time of meaningful connection and spiritual rejuvenation.

As we celebrate, let us also take a moment to appreciate the beauty of springtime, the promise of new beginnings, and the bonds that unite us as a community. In

the midst of life's challenges and uncertainties, Easter serves as a reminder of the power of faith, love, and redemption.

On behalf of The Hinton News family, we express our sincere gratitude for your continued support and readership. It is our privilege to serve this vibrant community, and we remain committed to delivering timely news, stories, and information that matter most to you.

As you gather with loved ones, partake in festive gatherings, or simply enjoy the tranquility of the season, may the joy of Easter illuminate your path and inspire you to spread kindness and compassion wherever you go.

From all of us at The Hinton News, we wish you a happy Easter filled with blessings, laughter, and cherished memories.

## Hinton News Now Accepting Candidate Bio Submissions

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SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - As always, The Hinton News continues to accept submissions of letters to the editor, op-eds, press releases, event announcements and other community announcements; however, election season brings with it an

addition. THN is now accepting submissions for local candidate bios. There is no cost to print a candidate bio which is separate from any political ads that may be purchased.

To send in submissions of any type, send an email to [news@hintonnews.com](mailto:news@hintonnews.com). Anyone sending a candidate bio is encouraged to include a headshot.

## Tania Bond Inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA (Hinton News) - Tania Bond of Hinton, West Virginia, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Bond was initiated at Berea College.

Bond is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

**More About Phi Kappa Phi**

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit [www.phikappaphi.org](http://www.phikappaphi.org).

## Secretary Warner presents Summers County Comprehensive with the prestigious Jennings Randolph Award



Photo provided by Secretary Warner's office

CHARLESTON W.Va (Hinton News) - On Tuesday, March 19, West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner traveled to Summers County to present Summers County Comprehensive High School (SCCHS) with the Jennings Randolph Award for Civic Engagement. Jennings Randolph Award-winning schools must lead a student effort to register to vote at least 85% of their eligible senior class. SCCHS is one of only 26 schools in the state that have received this prestigious recognition for the 2023-24 school year.

Created by the WV Secretary of State's Office in 1994, the Jennings Randolph Award commemorates our late U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph's legacy as the Father of the 26th Amendment. One of the defining moments in voting rights history, the 26th Amendment was passed in 1971. The Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.

Also recognized during the Award presentation was SCCHS senior Brandon Isaac. Isaac was recommended by his Principal and teacher for the designation of Honorary Secretary of State for his role in leading the voter registration effort.

The WV Legislature recognized Isaac for his accomplishment during the 2024 legislative session.

In attendance with Secretary Warner were County Commissioners Charles Saunders, Ted Kula and Mike Gore. Summers County Board of Education member Megan Harvey and Superintendent of Schools David Warvel also attended.

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# Community Obituaries



**Bill "Billy" Denzel Neely NEELY**

Billy Denzel Neely, age 77, of Plant City, FL, passed from this life to his heavenly home on February 21, 2024. He was born on October 9, 1946, in Pipestem, WV.

As a young boy, Dad was shaped by an upbringing in the mountains of West Virginia. He was born into a loving home, the son of a World War II veteran and loyal mother. Along with his sisters, Lula-belle and Barbara, and his older brother, Roger, he learned to work hard from a young age. There were fields to plow, lumber to cut, and farm animals to look after. Dad often told stories of raising vegetables in the summer to sell downtown in Hinton, WV, to earn money for his college textbooks.

He excelled as a student in the little grade school just down the road from the family home. The one-room schoolhouse had one teacher, who sometimes relied on Dad to help the younger students, especially in math and science. Eventually, Dad went to high school when he was only 11 years old. He applied himself to his studies, graduating from Hinton High School in 1962 at the age of 15. He was voted "Most Industrious" in his senior class.

After high school, he was accepted to Concord College, one hour down the road in Athens, WV. He and his siblings, with another family friend, would load up in the car each day to make the drive to school with lunch sacks in hand. He graduated from Concord four years later and accepted a fellowship to continue his studies in Chemistry at North Carolina State University.

It was during this time that he met Joy, who would become his bride in 1967. Mom and Dad spoke many times of the fun years in Raleigh, when money was tight, but love was strong. Dad was a full-time student, so they did things that didn't cost a lot of money, like riding bikes, playing tennis, and bowling. His professors respected him, and they would often invite Mom and Dad to their homes for dinner.

As Dad was finishing his doctoral studies, Mom told him he was going to be a father. Stephanie, their daughter, was born while he was finishing his Ph.D. They became a family, and Dad relished the time with his little girl, strumming his Martin acoustic guitar to her as a baby. With a few moves along the way, they eventually landed in Newport News, VA, where their son, Jeff, was born. At family gatherings, people would often comment that Jeff looked so much like his father, and Dad would smile from ear to ear.

As years went by, Dad continued to work hard in the food industry, first as a lab chemist and later in upper management. His career took the family from Virginia to Kansas, back to Virginia, and eventually to Florida. He worked tirelessly for his family, but he also knew how to play and have fun. He was quite a jokester.

Over the years, Dad played basketball and softball with

friends. He also taught Sunday school faithfully at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Newport News. He would get up early on Sundays to study, pray, and seek wisdom, as he prepared to help others apply their faith in Christ. The family would wake on those mornings to the sounds of bluegrass gospel on the record player, the smell of coffee, and the image of our father at the dining room table with his Bible open, intently reading and making notes.

Dad's faith and love for family was followed quickly by his love of bluegrass music. He began playing guitar as a teenager, and this quickly became a passion that would last throughout his life. Over the years, Dad would sing with his siblings in a quartet, making their mother and father so proud. When he was courting Joy, he would bring his guitar to sing a tune to her and her family.

In Newport News, Dad led a bluegrass gospel group, the Hallelujah Side. Joy sang with them, too, and they would travel the area, blessing others with their traditional bluegrass sound. Many Sunday nights were spent practicing the harmonies and getting the timing just right.

In Florida, Dad joined another group of talented musicians to start the Foothill bluegrass band. Many copies of their CD have been sold and shared among fans, family, and friends. The album includes originals written by Dad, such as "Things that Endure," an homage to his childhood memories, and "The Good Shepherd," a story about faith in the gospel. His songwriting was deeply moving.

Dad had great love and respect for people who were simple folks, who shared his need to drop the pretense of material wealth or prestige. He was most comfortable with peo-

ple who could talk about the things that matter most in life, people willing to build deep, meaningful relationships. He valued his West Virginia roots, hard work, and the integrity of a person's word. He lived for authenticity, faith, and family.

When grandkids came along, he added "Papaw" to his list of titles. Dad adored his grandkids - Joshua, Shaylee, Eden, and Caleb - and he showed it through service. He would babysit them, take them to events, and pick them up from school from time to time. He would tell them jokes and hug their necks.

At the end of his life, Dad grew in palpable grace and humility. He held a deep and abiding love that was evident towards those whose lives he touched. His gentleness showed in his eyes, when he smiled. Dad and Mom grew closer through precious moments of reflection on all they had done and seen. When he passed on from this earth, his family was by his side, loving him and laying their hands on him. This and so many memories are forever etched into our hearts.

For those wishing to attend, a sacred gathering to honor and celebrate Dad's life will be held at the Luther Vest Cemetery on Mt. View Rd., Jumping Branch, on Saturday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be offered to the Luther Vest Cemetery Fund, (c/o Ben Vest, 153 Oakwood Est., Scott Depot, WV 25560) as a tribute to his love for fellowship on the Vest Mountain. He will be laid to rest beside his infant daughter, Andrea. We will treasure his legacy until we see him again.

Information submitted by Southern Funeral Care and Cremation Services, Inc. of Riverview, FL.

## Summers County To Dedicate Inspiration Gallery

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Summers County Historical Society will hold a public dedication of the "Inspiration Gallery" at Summers County Comprehensive High School on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m.

Inspiration Gallery will honor individuals who attended Summers County schools and went on to be recognized nationally for their significant achievements. The Historical Society plans to make the induction ceremony an annual event with more people being honored each year. This year five such individuals will be recognized.

While acknowledging those who will be remembered by history for their

great success, the goal of the project is to make current students aware that they too can achieve great things—to inspire them to model their lives after these honorees who came from similar backgrounds.

Cotty Farley chaired the committee that developed the stringent criteria for selection and narrowed the nominees down to the final five who were chosen. Suggestions for future nominees will be accepted by the committee if they meet the criteria.

Dr. Jerry Beasley, former President of Concord College will speak at the dedication ceremony. All those interested in inspiring today's students are encouraged to attend.

## Friends of the Summers County Public Library to hold meeting

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) -The Friends of the Summers County Public Library will meet on April 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Library. Anyone interested in becoming a member of

this group of library supporters and participating in the many projects that the Friends organize and promote on behalf of our local library is encouraged to attend.

## 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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# Meet the Candidate: Geoff Jones

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Geoff Jones is a candidate for Summers County Magistrate, Division 2. Geoff and his wife Renae (Brandon) Jones, have raised three sons, Logan, Levi, and Lawson in Summers County. Geoff is a graduate of Talcott High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Concord College. Geoff, a former Summers County Deputy Sheriff and a graduate of the West Virginia State Police Academy has long envisioned returning to public service for the citizens of his community. Geoff has been employed by the nation's largest home and auto insurance company, State Farm for the last 38 years. His career as an Insurance Fraud Investigator in a Special Investigative Unit makes him a perfect candidate for the Magistrate position. During this time, he attained a Certified Fire Investigator designation from the International Association of Arson Inves-

tigators. Geoff has investigated a wide variety of fraud including arson, staged accidents, and falsified theft while working alongside numerous corporate defense attorneys to perform examinations under oath. Geoff is an involved and supportive member of the Summers County community, where he has lived for most of his life. For 13 years, Geoff served as a volunteer and coach for the Hinton Little League organization. As his sons grew up, he was very involved in the schools, serving on Parent Teacher Organizations, and supporting school events, fundraisers, and athletic teams. Geoff still enjoys supporting our local schools and students by attending fundraisers, making donations, and supporting our county's athletic teams. Geoff attends First Baptist Church in Hinton where his eldest son, Logan, serves as the head of youth ministries. The magistrate position is non-partisan and requires



Geoff Jones

impartiality. Geoff will be a Magistrate that calls it like he sees it, no matter who you are. Geoff would remain impartial and seriously consider arguments from both sides. Geoff is a Christian and holds traditional conservative views. His faith in the Lord Jesus Christ has been a guiding force through many chapters of his life. Geoff recognizes the importance

of moral integrity and compassion and will apply both of these principles to his role as magistrate. Geoff appreciates the values that have made our nation strong and will work tirelessly to safeguard the interests of all while upholding the law. Geoff and his family would appreciate your support and vote this May! Help bring a new perspective to the Magistrate position.

# Bobcats among those headed to WVDNR annual Archery in the Schools state tournament

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. (Hinton News) — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced the schedule for the annual West Virginia Archery in the Schools State Tournament, which is scheduled to take place at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center on Saturday, March 30. This year's tournament will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Archery in the Schools program. The schedule of events is as follows: Doors open: 8:30 a.m. Registration opens: 9 a.m. First flight of the day: 10 a.m. Event concludes: 3 p.m. Awards ceremony: 3:30 p.m. "We are excited to celebrate the 20th anniversary of West Virginia's Archery in the Schools program this year and hope everyone comes out to the state tournament to cheer on these students," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. Almost 1,500 students from 87 West Virginia schools participated in the state qualifier earlier this year. Of those participants, the top eight teams, top 15 individual boys and top 15 individual girls from elementary, middle and high school are eligible to partici-

pate in the state tournament. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and watch some of the state's best student archers as they compete for top honors. The admission fee to watch the tournament is \$5 for adults 18 and older, \$3 for children 6–17. Children younger than 6 get in free. Tickets will be available at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center Box Office. The WVDNR also announced that students from the following schools qualified to participate in this year's tournament: Alderson Elementary Bridge Street Middle Buckhannon Upshur High Buckhannon-Upshur Middle Cameron Middle Chapmanville Middle Chapmanville Regional High Chesapeake Elementary Clendenin Elementary Conner Street Middle East Bank Middle East Hardy High Eastern Greenbrier Middle Edison Middle Elk Elementary Elkview Middle Elm Grove Elementary Frankford Elementary Geary Elementary/Middle

- Grace Christian School
- HEAT
- Herbert Hoover High
- Hollywood Elementary
- Huff Consolidated
- Hundred High
- Hurricane High
- Hurricane Middle
- Independence Middle
- Independence High
- James Monroe High
- John Marshall High
- Lakeside Elementary
- Martin Elementary
- Maysville Elementary
- Midland Trail High
- Mountain View Elementary
- Mountain View Middle
- Oak Glen Middle
- Our Lady of Peace
- Parkersburg South High
- Petersburg Middle
- Petersburg High
- Peterstown Elementary
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- Pickens School
- Poca Middle
- Ravenswood High
- Ravenswood Middle
- Ripley High
- Ripley Middle
- Riverside High
- Roncoveerte Elementary
- Shady Spring High
- Shady Spring Middle
- St. Michael's Parish School
- St. Vincent De Paul Parish School
- Summers Co. High
- Summers Middle

- The Linsly School
  - Triadelphia Middle
  - Tyler Consolidated
  - UCHAA Upshur Co. Homeschool Archery Association
  - West Liberty Elementary
  - Westside High
  - West Teays Elementary
  - Wheeling Central Catholic
  - Winfield High
  - Winfield Middle
  - Wirt County High
- "We want to congratulate these schools and the students who worked hard to make it to the state tournament this year," said Chris Scraggs, Archery in the Schools program coordinator for the WVDNR. "Twenty years is a milestone, so I'd also like to thank all of the coaches, volunteers, conservation and educational organizations around our great state for helping make this fantastic program possible year after year." Tournament competition is only open to schools that have received the National Archery in the Schools (NASP) training and follow NASP rules. For more information on the West Virginia Archery in the Schools Program or to attend the next training, visit [WVDnr.gov/west-virginia-archery-in-the-schools-program](http://WVDnr.gov/west-virginia-archery-in-the-schools-program).

# The Dumpster Monster Arrives

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Pen & Possum Productions, LLC, announces the arrival of a new children's picture book, The Dumpster Monster. Story idea and character by Lieschen Kula, Lillian Kula, and Ted Kula, written by Cheryl Kula, and illustrated by Mary Turner. While still in the midst of the pandemic, one evening, the Kula family sat on the porch overlooking the WV mountains and played a game, where they created a story character. He was a monster who lived in a dumpster and liked Chinese food. He was called Dude (although there was some argument over whether he should be called Bill). Now, Dude liked his home, but he was a bit lonely and wanted a friend. So, he sent a letter.

illustrate it. Finally, The Dumpster Monster became a reality. Lieschen Kula and Lillian Kula are students attending Summers County Comprehensive High School and daughters of Ted Kula, Summers County Commissioner, and Cheryl Kula, local author by night, and instructional designer by day.

Mary Turner is a graphic designer and illustrator studying at Marietta College for her bachelor's in graphic design. Ever since she could pick up a pencil, she would doodle and draw her family, friends, and her favorite characters. Now, she loves drawing anime, drawing cartoons, and painting landscapes such as the gorgeous scenery of West Virginia. The Dumpster Monster is currently available on Kindle. Print version will be released in April 2024. Want a signed copy? Visit on July 20

Eventually, the story about Dude was written and put on a shelf along with other projects, until Mary Turner offered to

# Calling all Regional Writers

HINTON W.VA. (Hinton News) - On July 20, the Friends of the Summers County Library will be hosting a Regional Writers Book Signing event at the library. If you live in West Virginia, or call the Mountain State the home of your heart, you are welcome to sell your books at this event. There is no fee to participate. Each

author is responsible for their own sales. Please, contact Cheryl Kula in advance to make sure they have tables and space set up for each person (Cheryl.kula@gmail.com). Readers—Mark your calendars and bring your cash to support local authors and independent book sales.

# Flat Mountain church announces “Sonrise” service

ALDERSON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Flat Mountain Missionary Baptist Church in Alderson would like to invite all to its Resurrection Morning Sunrise Service at 7 a.m.

on Easter. The church is located on the Monroe County side of Alderson, 2.1 miles from the Alderson Senior Citizen Center at 4821 Flat Mountain Road. Fellowship breakfast will follow the service. Sunday School for all ages at 10 a.m. and worship and preaching service is at 11 am. Church officials said, “Come join us!”

## Declaring Our Salvation

(Part 2)  
by David Padfield

When the Scribes and Pharisees tested Jesus in Matthew 12:38-42, He said “The men of Nineveh will rise in the judgement with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.” The story of the Ninevites is the greatest story of repentance in the Old Testament. Jonah was sent to this great city and told to preach to it (Jonah 3:2). As he preached, “the people of Nineveh believed God, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them” (Jonah 3:5). Even the king repented, and published a decree demanding that “everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands” (Jonah 3:8). “Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it” (Jonah 3:10). Their change of heart brought about a change of action.

The repentance at Nineveh could be summed up with the words of Isaiah , “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let his return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon” (Isaiah 55:7).

Repentance carries with it evidences which the world cannot question. The residents of Ephesus could never doubt the sincerity of those converted in their city. As Luke records the salvation of these people, he said “many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver” (Acts 19:18-19).

The Philippian jailer gave evidence of his repentance when he washed the stripes of Paul and Silas, accepted the word of God, and set food before them (Acts 16:33, 34).

Under the Mosaic Law, God demanded restitution. “When a man or woman commits any sin that men commit in unfaithfulness against the Lord, and that person is guilty, then he shall confess the sin which he has done. He shall make restitution for his trespass in full value plus one-fifth of it, and give it to the one he has wronged” (Num. 5:6,7; cf. Lev. 6:1-7). While this law is not repeated in the New Covenant, another passage leads you to the same conclusion. Jesus said, “Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them” (Matthew 7:12). If I expect restitution from those who have wronged me, I must practise it myself. Next week we will begin a two-part article on repentance.

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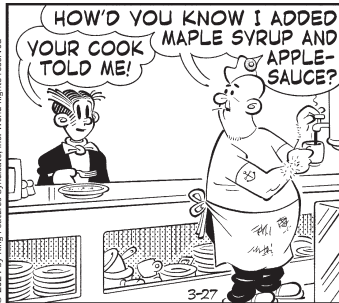
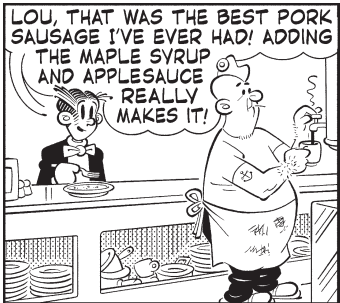


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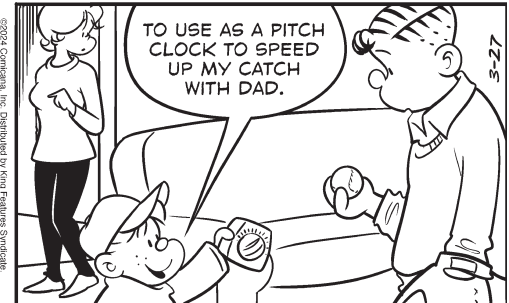
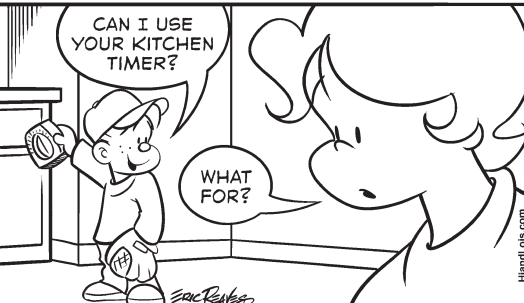
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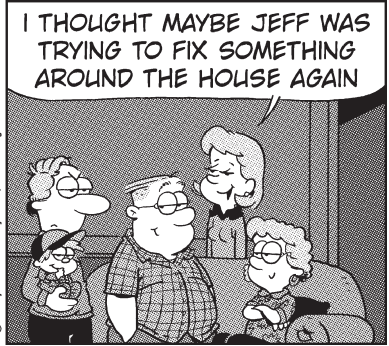
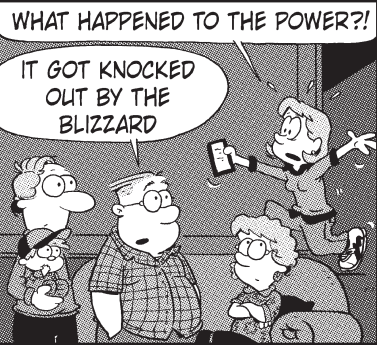
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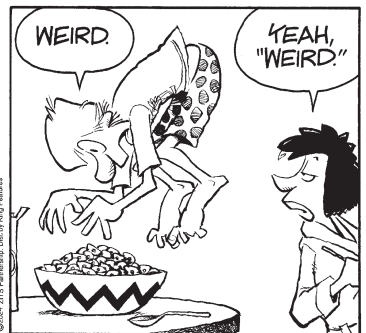
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# ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

**MOON ALERT:** After 5:30 a.m. EDT today (2:30 a.m. PDT), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Scorpio.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, March 27, 2024:

You have a unique style. Many of you dress in a memorable way. You are passionate about any causes and always independent. This is a quieter, slower year for you. Take time to catch your breath. Focus on encouraging relationships with 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)**

4★ Discussions about shared property, taxes, debt, inheritances and anything that you own jointly with someone else will go well today because you're pumped and confident. You'll have no trouble defending your own best interests when talking to others. Tonight: Check paperwork.

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

4★ Today you have a strong energy, which is why you might inspire others to follow your ideas, especially when dealing with groups or members of an organization. Possibly, you will attract someone to you who has this energy. (It can work both ways.)

Listen to what others have to say. Tonight: Cooperate.

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

3★ This is a productive day for you. You have the enthusiasm and inner drive to accomplish what you want to do. This might relate to your job; however, it also might relate to something to do with a personal health issue. You also might be involved with a pet today. Who knows? Tonight: Work.

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

4★ This is a playful day! Make sure you take some time today to have fun, even if it's just stopping for a coffee to read a book or enjoy the view. Sports events, the theater,

movies and playful activities with children are excellent choices. Some of you will be excited about romance. Woot! Tonight: Socialize!

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

4★ Today you feel invigorated and enthusiastic about making home improvements. Quite literally, you'll have the energy to start shoving furniture around or doing something that excites you about making a change for the better where you live. Tonight: Entertain.

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

4★ Your communication skills are fantastic today, which is why you'll be persuasive and convincing in any discussion with others. Obviously, this bodes well for any of you who are in sales, marketing, teaching, acting, writing or editing. Tonight: Discussions.

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

3★ Don't dismiss money-making ideas that might cross your mind today; they could be worthwhile. In fact, this is an excellent time to initiate something; however, this window will be brief. You will also be strong in all your financial negotiations. Tonight: Maintain

your possessions.

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

5★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with fiery Mars, which makes you courageous and confident! This is why you will be a natural leader today, especially with groups of people. They will listen to what you say, because you will radiate an inner excitement about your ideas. Tonight: You win!

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

3★ Although this is a playful week for you, today you might enjoy some seclusion or privacy. You feel the urge to "get away from all this." Therefore, look for ways to indulge your need to have some quiet time. Find a nice place with good food and drink. Tonight: Solitude.

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

4★ Discussions with a friend or a group will be lively today because you have strong opinions. This is why you might suddenly be the leader of the pack. People will listen to what you want to achieve. Possibly, you will encounter someone with this same vibrant energy.

Tonight: Popularity.

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

4★ Today your energy level is high and people notice this. This is also why you won't hesitate to talk to bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs. Make your pitch, because this is a good day to initiate something new, especially if it will be finished quickly. Tonight: Be courteous.

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

4★ Follow your urge to learn new things today. For example, you will appreciate a chance to travel and see more of the world -- be it close or far. Likewise, you will love to learn new things by studying or "traveling" through books and film. Romance with someone "different" might begin. Tonight: Explore!

**BORN TODAY**

Singer-songwriter Mariah Carey (1969), singer-songwriter Fergie (1975), singer, actress Pauley Perrette (1969)

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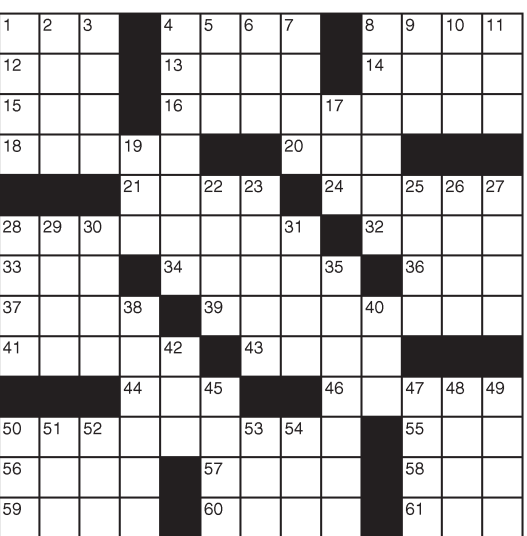
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# SHEFFER CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Play part
  - 4 Quick look
  - 8 Carpet type
  - 12 When doubled, it's a dance
  - 13 Pond growth
  - 14 Lighten
  - 15 Author Fleming
  - 16 "For good reason!"
  - 18 Finger or toe
  - 20 Auction signal
  - 21 "Arrive-derci!"
  - 24 Jabs
  - 28 "Really?"
  - 32 Actress Sorvino
  - 33 Mal de —
  - 34 Library transactions
  - 36 Label
  - 37 Landed
  - 39 "Uh, probably"
  - 41 "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- DOWN**
- 1 Battery fluid
  - 2 Spiced tea
  - 3 Tart flavor
  - 4 Incomplete
  - 5 Yale grad
  - 6 Custard ingredient
  - 7 Madeline of "Blazing Saddles"
  - 8 Not often
  - 9 Dinner for
  - 10 Ninny
  - 11 Logical leader?
  - 17 Surpass
  - 19 German pronoun
  - 22 Yours (Fr.)
  - 23 Orange variety
  - 25 Young foxes
  - 26 Historic periods
  - 27 Palm starch
  - 28 Computer debut of 1998
  - 29 Actress Ward
  - 30 Journey
  - 31 Burden
  - 35 Place
  - 38 Plod
  - 40 Briny expanse
  - 42 Actress Adams
  - 45 Couch
  - 47 Vats
  - 48 Military group
  - 49 Cattle calls?
  - 50 QB's goals
  - 51 British singer Rita
  - 52 Long, crosser
  - 53 Einstein's birthplace
  - 54 Observe
- Solution time: 23 mins.**



Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)



## JUMBLE

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

LGAAEE

CTAFE

HARTOT

SAEUYN

Answer here: \_\_\_\_\_

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

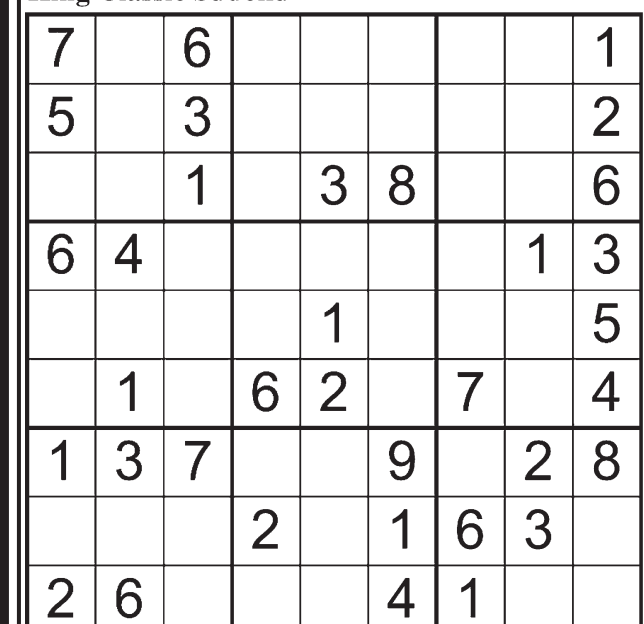
Jumbles: WHACK BUDDY FEMALE UNWISE

Answer: The baker wasn't going to rush making the bread and would take as long as — SHE "KNEADED"



# SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

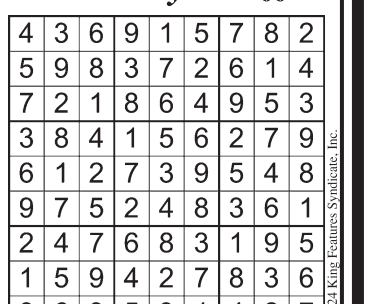


Difficulty: ★★★

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column, or box. (Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:



Difficulty: ★★★

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the **December 17, 2020**, signed by **Reanna E. Jackson and Scott A. Jackson**, of 1278 Devils Featherbed Road, Hinton, WV 25951 and/or 1278 Devils Featherbed Road, Forest Hill, WV 24935, to **Amy L. Mann, Trustee**, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of **Summers County**, West Virginia, in **Trust Deed Book 303 at Page 1**, and the Trustee, Amy L. Mann, having been requested so to do by the Lender, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deeds of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Lender and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at **1:00 o'clock p.m.** on the: **Tuesday, April 16, 2024** at the front doors of the Courthouse in Summers County, West Virginia, the following described real estate:

**Forest Hill District, Summers County, West Virginia**

**BEGINNING** at a point found, a rebar and cap stamped "USA 262-3, being a corner to the United States of America; thence with said USA N. 32 29' W., 311.90 feet to a point found, a rebar and cap stamped "USA 262-2"; thence N. 17 49' W., 354.55 feet to a point, being a corner to Fred Canterbury; thence leave said USA and with the Canterbury N. 59 02' E., passing through a point found, a set stone at 6.70 feet, in all 771.25 feet to a 24 inch gum in a fence corner; thence S. 62 48' E., 621.67 feet to a 20 inch gum; thence S. 43 26' E., 127.056 feet to a point in the centerline of West Virginia Secondary Route 23/2, being a corner to Charles Larsen; thence leave said centerline and with said Larsen, by an agreement to be filled herewith, the following several courses and distances; S. 18 54' W., passing through a point set, a 1/2 inch rebar at 9.96 feet, in all 88.60 feet to a point set, a 1/2 inch rebar; thence S. 23 38' W., 93.69 feet to a point set, a 1/2 inch rebar, thence S. 24 24' W., 166.49 feet to a 14 inch buckeye in a fence corner; thence S. 17 42' W., 218.32 feet to a 12 inch maple thence S. 15 50' W., 196.26 feet to a point set a 1/2 inch rebar, being a corner to Tract 2; thence leave and Larsen and with said Tract 2, N. 81 22' W., 72.23 feet to a point set, a 1/2 inch rebar; thence N. 59 59' W., passing through a point set, a 3/4 inch iron pipe at 164.19 feet, in all 178.52 feet to a point in the centerline of said Route 23/2; thence with said centerline S. 64 42' W., 98.96 feet; thence S. 79 08' W., 101.90 feet; thence N. 86 30' W., 196.50 feet; thence N. 82 59' W., 136.56 feet to a point in said centerline on a line of said USA; thence leave said centerline and with said USA, N. 38 15' W., 37.78 feet to the place of **BEGINNING**. Said tract of land contains 21.86 acres of land, more or less, as surveyed by Jeffrey J. Chambers, LLS, in July of

1993, and is shown as Tract 1 on a map which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Plat Cabinet A at File 186B.

**THERE is EXCEPTED** from the above described tract that right of way which is occupied by West Virginia Secondary Route 23/2.

**AND BEING** the same property conveyed unto Reanna E. Jackson and Scott A. Jackson, her husband, from James Vince Gilbert and Patricia M. Gilbert, by deed dated December 17, 2020 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 272 at page 475.

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by property description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above-described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of 1278 Devils Featherbed Road, Forest Hill, West Virginia 24935.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence, payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property, it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale, which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises unto the Trustee Deed is delivered or recorded. A third party purchaser at sale may be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees.

Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without any notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting of a notice of same. Should the Trustee not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance please contact the office of the Trustee to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attorney of the Trustee. The undersigned is fully vested with the authority to sell said property as Trustee by instrument of record.

Should any party have

any inquiries, objections to the sale or protests regarding the sale, or requests regarding the sale, please notify the trustee below by one of the means of communications set forth below.

/s/ Amy L. Mann  
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Lender: James V. & Patricia M. Gilbert  
8197 Tamar Dr.  
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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until May 07, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call: 009  
Contract: 2023990067  
State Project: S399-081/00 0 00  
Federal Project: HSIP-0081(047)D  
Description: PAVEMENT MARKINGS  
2024 RPM  
STATEWIDE  
COUNTY: STATEWIDE  
DBE GOAL: 10%  
OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.  
REMARKS:

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tration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Call: 008  
Contract: 2024890001  
State Project: Ro89-GRDRL-24 00  
Federal Project: Description: GUARDRAIL D9 2025 REM GUARDRAIL  
District Wide Guardrail and Fence Installation and Repair  
COUNTY:

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DUPLIN IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

FILE #: 24-JT-15 IN THE MATTER OF: HALEY LYNN AYERS, a minor

d/o/b - 9/21/2016 NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

TO: JAMES JARRON TOPPING, Respondent and TAMMY CANNON, Respondent

TAKE NOTICE that a petition seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. A petition seeking to terminate your parental rights has been filed regarding above referenced minor child. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 7th day of May, 2024. Your parental rights will be terminated upon failure to answer the petition within the time prescribed.

This the 18th day of March, 2024. Zachary S. Rivenbark Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Box 625 Burgaw, N.C. 28425 (910) 259-7772 (27mr3,10ap)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0956-E-IDS

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and

WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Application for approval for Written Plan for the Construction of Utility Infrastructure at two West Virginia Business Ready Sites and for Associated Cost Recovery Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 24-2-1n.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have, on December 28, 2023, filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a Petition to update their Business Ready Sites Program (BRSP) surcharge rates, per W. Va. Code § 24-2-1n and the Commission's April 14, 2023 Order in Case No. 22-1059-E-IDS. If approved, the increased rates will apply to electric service to the Companies' customers in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wetzel, and Wyoming. The Companies propose to increase BRSP rates by approximately \$2 million, effective for the period June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. If approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$0.24	0.14%
Commercial	\$0.54	0.13%
Industrial	\$114.15	0.05%
Special Contract	\$176.35	0.03%
Other	\$0.01	0.04%

The increases shown are based on the averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive an increase that is greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this Petition. Any increase in rates will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. The proposed BRSP surcharge represents a 0.11% increase in total rates with an impact on the average residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month receiving a \$0.24 increase in monthly bills from \$169.29 to \$169.169.53 or 0.14%.

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on Thursday, May 2, 2024. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the evidentiary hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene by March 15, 2024. Failure to intervene timely can affect your right to participate in the proceeding. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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# A Peek into Summers County’s Past: Bluestone Dam

William Jones

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Bluestone Dam was authorized by an act of Congress in 1935. Its construction was completed in 1948 but did not become operational until 1949. Yes, it controls flooding in the Hinton area but was primarily built to control flooding downriver in areas such as Point Pleasant and Charleston. Because the Kanawha Valley had such a large area of chemical plants along the river in such a small area.

The Dravo Corporation was awarded the contract to construct this massive 21-crest gate dam. It contains an incredible amount of concrete. According to Brayman Construction, it is currently 165 feet high and 2,048 feet long. It came in at a whopping \$11,376,000 upon completion, which had to be postponed for three years in 1943 and resumed in 1946 due to World War II.

When first being constructed before the lake was filled with water behind the dam there had to be a much taller bridge constructed that would be higher than the height of the lake. During its construction in 1949, a section of this

new Bluestone bridge collapsed while it was being built. This was such an engineering disaster at the time that a story of the bridge collapsing made it on almost every front page across the nation. It happened on a Sunday evening and an estimated 20,000 people visited the site of what would become a “national” news story. My grandfather, Bernard Thompson, and his brother Leonard were two of these spectators, having driven from Talcott when word of what had happened started to spread.

Five workmen were killed and four others were injured

when a 300-ton span of the bridge began to buckle and fold down into the Bluestone River. Within a week following this disaster workers started the daunting process of dismantling this twisted and mangled section of bridge using a never-before-used technique of burning the steel beams with chemicals.

Over the years I have seen countless commemorative pieces of the dam and the lake. I have seen everything from coins, flyers, photos, posters and others. Two of these pieces are these two plates (see photo), that I purchased from various yard sales around

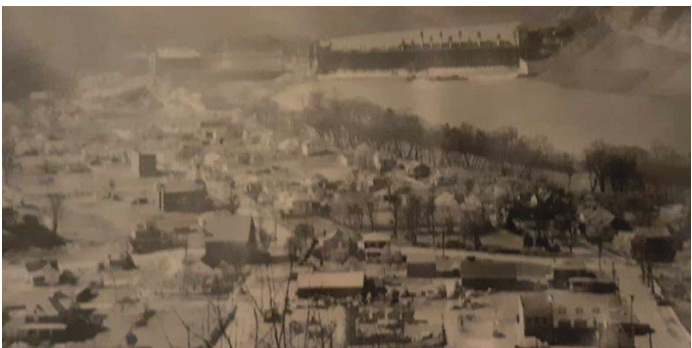
Summers County over the years.

The one done in gold was available to purchase when the dam was completed in 1948. It says, “The Great Bluestone Dam Hinton.” The other one is done in full color and depicts the dam from the

lakeside and says, “Bluestone Lake Hinton, W.Va.” It was available for purchase at a gift shop that was at the dam during the 1950s Someone had written on the back of the plate when they bought it and it says “Mary H. Allen trip to dam 1956.”



Commemorative plates.  
Photo by William Jones



An old photo of the town.  
Photo provided by William Jones

## Gov. Justice announces \$1.09 million in matching funds for infrastructure advancements in West Virginia

CHARLESTON, WV (Hinton News) — Gov. Jim Justice announced \$1,093,000.00 million in non-federal match funds to Congressionally Directed Spending, enhancing the state’s critical infrastructure and addressing community needs.

“These investments demonstrate our dedication to crucial improvements in the state’s infrastructure, and I am proud that we are able to provide this support,” said Gov. Justice. “These matches are not only a boost to the state’s economic growth but also enhance the quality of life for our citizens. It’s a clear signal of our unwavering commitment to the well-being and prosperity of our residents.”

Those receiving funding include: Shady Spring Public Service District — Raleigh County The Shady Spring PSD has secured \$2 million from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), with a \$500,000 non-federal match from the Governor’s Office. The project, Glen Morgan Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, aims to replace and expand the plant’s equipment, enhancing its capacity to 1.6 million gallons per day and preventing future equipment failures.

Town of Alderson — Greenbrier and Monroe Counties The Town of Alderson has received \$372,000 from the US EPA, with a \$93,000 non-federal match from the Governor’s Office. The funding is for The Town of Alderson Water System Rehabilitation and Expansion Project, which will cover pre-award expenses and the design phase of a water project. This project aims to upgrade the current water system and extend service to Riverside Rest, enhancing water service reliability and fire protection in

Greenbrier, Monroe, and Summers counties.

Berkeley County Public Service Water District — Berkeley County The Berkeley County PSD has secured \$3 million from the US EPA, with a \$500,000 non-federal match from the Governor’s Office. An additional \$250,000 towards the project is provided by the Berkeley County PSD. The project, Bunker Hill Water Mainline Upgrades, focuses

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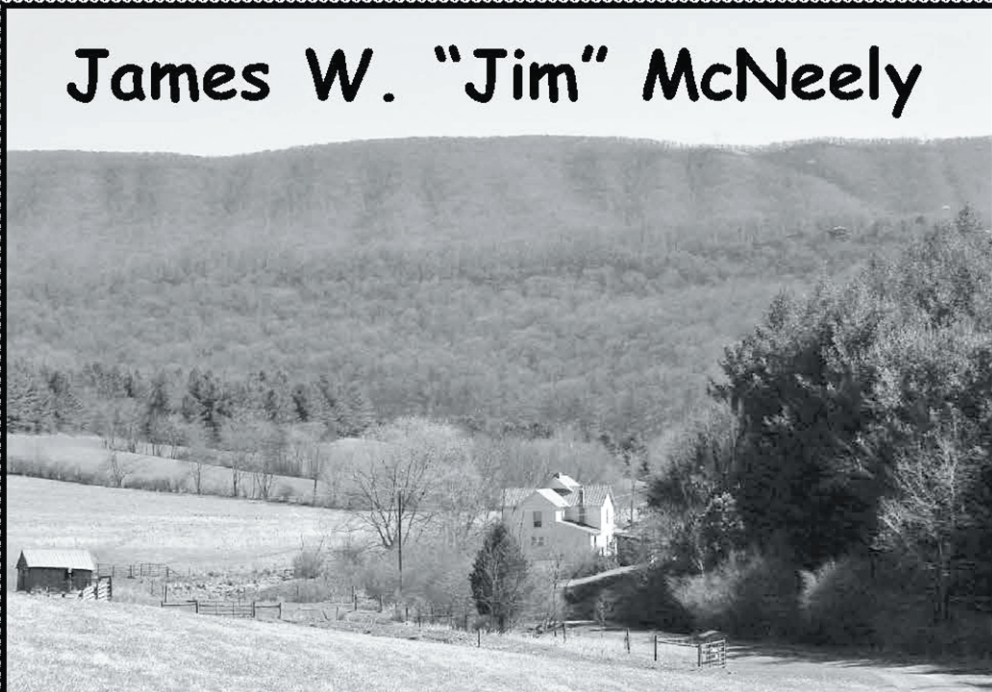
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