



Summers County Historical Society Announces Names for Inspiration Gallery



Dr. Titus Pankey, Jr.



Gene Fife



Sylvia Mathews Burwell

HINTON W.Va (Hinton News) - The Summers County Historical Society has released the names of those who will be inducted into the "Inspiration Gallery" at Summers County Comprehensive High School on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. All attended Summers County schools. They are as follows:

Pearl Bragg (1912-2012) A pioneer aviatrix, Pearl grew up at a time when women were thought to be incapable of learning to fly. She flew during WWII in the Women's Airforce Service Pilot program and taught African Americans and Native Americans to fly—two other groups also thought incapable of learning that skill at the time. There are many flying "firsts" to her credit.

Major Lonzo Cornelius Burdette (1878-1950) Cornelius won a gold medal in the 1912 Olympics in a rifle competition. A nationally recognized authority in the design of small arms, he

was a career Marine and Army officer. In 1953, he received the Distinguished Service Medal from the Governor of West Virginia.

Sylvia Mathews Burwell (1965--) Perhaps the most famous living Summers County native is Sylvia Mathews Burwell. Following her position as the Director of the White House Office of Budget and Management, she served as the US Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services before becoming the first female President of American University. She also served as president of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Global Development program and Walmart's charitable foundation.

Gene Fife (1940--) Gene was the Chairman of Goldman Sachs International where he played a pivotal role in establishing the firm throughout Europe and the Middle East. He was the principal founder of the Vawter



Major Lonzo Cornelius Burdette

Capital private investment firm. He has been a significant contributor to the Hinton Area Foundation.

Dr. Titus Pankey, Jr. (1925-2003). He was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in physics from Howard Universi-

ty, and one of the first ten African Americans in the U.S. to earn a Ph.D. in physics, making significant contributions in the field of physics including 2 patents and 30 articles in scientific journals.

The Historical Society



Pearl Bragg

plans to make the induction ceremony an annual event with more people being honored each year. While acknowledging those who will be remembered by history for their great success, the goal of the project is to make cur-

rent students aware that they too can achieve great things—to inspire them to model their lives after these honorees who came from similar backgrounds. The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony.

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A Peek into Summers County's Past: Keatley Cash Grocery



The flood of 1963 in front of the store. Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones

PENCE SPRINGS W.Va. (WVDN) - Keatley Cash Grocery was built in Pence Springs in the mid-1940s. The first photo is of the store as it looked at that time. It originally had a garage bay to its left for automobile servicing. Eventually, the garage section was closed in to expand the grocery business. On a side note, the building was constructed around two trees that went through the roof. In the 1980s, my father, David Jones, cut one of the largest of the two trees that grew up through what is now the hardware section. Dad meticulously cut the tree out of the store in small sections.

The store was owned by Sid Cooper for a time and then by Junior Deeds in the 1960s, which brings me to the second photo of the store in this week's piece. This was the flood of 1963. You can see below the large Esso sign his name was "C.L. Deeds."

The 1963 flood was a crest of 17.95ft. At that height, the water was basically lapping at the front door. Over the next 53 years, the water entered the store seven times.

In 1967, four years after this photo, the river crested at 19.90 feet, which would have been roughly a foot and a half of water inside the store. Six years later, the Greenbrier River crested at 20.30 feet. In 1977, the crest was 19.8 feet.

During the record flood

of 1985, the river crested at 23.95 feet. This put roughly 5.9 feet of water in the store. Eleven years after this flood, the highest flood on record occurred on the Greenbrier River at a crest of 24.33 feet. This flood had the water above the front door with over 6 feet of water in the building.

The next time it entered the store was in 2010. I helped move the contents from the store. We worked for hours and moved almost everything out of the building because the forecasted crest kept fluctuating, and at times, the news going around was a potential crest higher than the flood of 1996. The crest for this rise came in at 18.7 feet. Putting roughly only 7 inches of water in the building.

The last time the water was in the store was during the 1000-year rain event that devastated the towns of White Sulphur and Rainelle in 2016 with a crest of 22 feet on the Greenbrier. Around 4 feet of water made it inside the building.

My family and I have always assisted in saving the stock and the clean up after a flood for decades. My father and I, as well as quite a few other locals, worked vigorously for hours, saving what we could as we awaited the water coming downriver to Pence Springs. I kept texting my cousin who lived in Alderson, West Virginia, and she was telling me about the efforts going on upriver.

Remember, this was technically a flash river flood, a never-before-seen event. The locals who had watched and studied the Greenbrier River their entire lives were thrown off. I remember once we had saved all we could, we all ended up standing on Route 3 looking towards the river, wondering where the water was.

I had messaged my cousin, and she told me different points of reference for the height of the water in Alderson. I looked at my father, who was standing beside me, and asked him, "Dad, if it is already that high in Alderson, shouldn't it be in the store by now?"

Before he could answer me, we heard something, and hundreds of mice came running out of the field across the river across our feet headed towards the store. We turned to watch them run and then turned back to the field wondering what in the world was going on.

Suddenly, you could see the water coming across



Early photo of Keatley Cash Grocery. Photo provided by William Jones.

the left end of the field towards Alderson and rising extremely fast. You see, typically the water rises coming in on the right end of that field and then slowly crosses Route 3 in front of the store. This was the first time this is known to have happened. My father said, "OK everybody, get in your trucks, and let's get out of here while we can!"

We all went home and went to bed, woke up to a very foggy morning, and as the fog cleared, we could begin to see the devastation that had happened. This flood was nearly 2 feet less than the highest 1996 flood. But it occurred with no warning. It left no one with time to save anything or prepare for it in any manner they had used for decades.

After briefly discussing the floods that have entered the building, let me depart and discuss the flood of 1963 photo. It was recently provided to me by Sue Humphrey, who lives in Charleson. She grew up in Pence Springs, above the flea market, and

descends from the prominent Coiner family of the region.

Sue was 12 years old at the time, and her father, Johnny Coiner, took this photo. Sue is the young girl beside the gas pumps. Her grandfather, J.W. Coiner, is the gentleman standing in the water taking a photo of the man in the boat in the parking lot. Sue remembers watching a mouse swim in the water trying to find dry land. There must be something with mice in Pence Springs for two of its citizens to tell stories of them during floods 53 years apart.

The man in the boat is Alvin Garten, who lived on the opposite side of the river. He had ventured across the bridge and, therefore, was able to make it through the water by rowing through less swift water at each end of the bridge. He had rowed his boat up to the pumps and

was pretending to "gas up" his boat before this photo showing him was taken.

The store was later sold to the Persinger Family, and then the Burdette Family took it over. Byrd and Nova Keatley later purchased the store. Nova is the one who made this location famous for her hot dogs. As a child, if someone said, "I am going to get a Byrd dog," you knew what they were talking about and where they were going. The name still occasionally pops up from time to time.

The store went back into the Persinger family when Leslie Persinger purchased the store. He had it until January 1, 2021, when brothers Justin and Jody Fox bought Country Roads Store. They changed the name of it to reflect their partnership and added their initials. It is now named J&J Country Roads Store.

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Sweet Springs Park Provides Spring Update

SWEET SPRINGS, W.Va. (Hinton News) - Spring at the park has started with a "wind storm." With the successful start of the Historic Sweet Springs Turnpike Trail in October 2023, and the exciting March 16th Easter Egg/Safari Hunt at the Park, it appears Spring is in the air. Flowers are blooming, grass is turning green, the sound of mowers and weed-eaters "zooming" in the yards, it is time to consider vacations, meetings, weddings, reunions, and outdoor recreational activities for the summer and fall.

The flower circle in front of the Jeffersonian-designed hotel has started the 2024 colors with a beautiful ring of yellow Easter Lilies. When in full bloom the circle is a garden of multi-

ple colors with a beautiful Magnolia tree centered in the middle overlooking the rolling lawn.

Anyone with extra flowers or shrubs is invited to donate them to the Sweet Springs Resort Park Foundation Inc., a 501(C)(3) nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to the restoration of this Historic National Landmark property and to providing outdoor recreational activities to the area including Mountain Biking which is the summer skiing activity and will be the first trail in the area. To donate flowers or shrubs, send an email to sweetspringsresortpark@yahoo.com. Anyone interested in helping with the restoration of this historic landmark can donate through PayPal at

sweetspringsresortpark@yahoo.com. Donations over \$50 are tax deductible. This Park is FOR YOU and your assistance is needed and appreciated.

In March, Sweet Springs Park welcomed the first AmeriCorps employee for the Trail and Beautification program. Thomas Haley of White Sulphur Springs is the AmeriCorp worker with us until October 2024 helping with the clearing of the trail, designing of the Mountain Biking Trail, and beautification of the Jeffersonian Hotel grounds as this is the Trailhead area for the Historic Sweet Springs Turnpike Trail.

The next event to take place at Sweet Springs Resort Park will be on July 13, the first Freedom Festival with music of vari-

ous genres, food, arts and crafts, axe throwing competition, tug of war competition, horseshoes, croquet, children's games and more.

On July 18-22, the Sweet Springs Institute will host the annual Sustainability Forum and will be adding some very interesting new classes this year. There are two classes you don't want to miss. The first is for campers, young adults, fishermen, or just about any outdoor recreational participant. Participants will learn how to choose a rock, and clean and season the rock so it can be used to

cook your food. The second, "A Preservation Specialist," will show the art of making the bricks the same fashion they were made when the hotel was built - no cement and how to create the mortar to lay the brick and an "in-ground" or mountain-side kiln for baking the bricks. This class is perfect for brick masons, preservation specialists, and historic restoration workers. Both classes are perfect for young adults, Scouts, FFA, and 4-H members of all ages.

More classes will be an-

nounced before the forum takes place. Watch the website www.sweetspringsresortpark.org and the Facebook page: Sweet Springs Resort Park for more information.

Mark your calendars for the MIA/POW CELEBRATION on September 21, 2024 - the famous House of Horror and Hayride in October - and the special holiday celebrations to take place in November and December.

For more information please contact 304-536-4743 or sweetspringsresortpark@yahoo.com

Summers County Courthouse News

Marriages

Justin William Fernatt to Madison Bailey Pomeroy.

Fiduciaries

Jennifer D. Thompson, Administrator of the Shannon Ann Ward estate.

Land Transfers

Herman Roe Jr. and Charlotte L. Roe to Timothy T. Roe and Rachel Greene-Roe (Rachel Roe-Greene), Lot c-9, Forest Hill District;

Teresa A. Keaton and Terry Lee Keaton to Hunter Keaton and Tiffany Keaton and Terry Lee Keaton (Life Estate), Two Parcels, Pipestem District;

Christopher M. Chanlett and Avery Torula Chanlett to Nathaniel Whitman Altare, 1.454 acres more or less, Greenbrier Rural District;

Nathaniel Whitman Altare to Nathaniel Whitman Altare and Brianna Wilde, Three Tracts, Greenbrier Rural District;

Steven Harrison and Nancy Harrison to Jeff McPeake, 0.76 acres and 30-foot row, Talcott District;

Ruth A. Williams and Roy Mason Crawford Jr. by Attorney in Fact and Cath-

erine L. Hall by Attorney in Fact to Milton R. Yoder and Edith D. Yoder, 1.18 acres more or less, Forest Hill District;

The Robert G. Statler Revocable Trust and its Trustee to Russell Meadows, 1 acre more or less, Talcott District;

Susan Diane Morris to Landon Richmond and Akira Graves, 1 Lot, Jumping Branch District;

Rock Ridge Resort LLC to Brian Keith Hatfield and Ellen Yvonne Hatfield, Block 10 Lot 9, Pipestem District;

District; Andrea V. (Adkins) Richmond to Derek Mega, Lot 1A, Jumping Branch District;

Barbara K. Stone to James R. Stone, 11 acres more or less, Green Sulphur District;

James O. Stone and Barbara Kay Stone to Lori Leigh Stone, Lot, Green Sulphur District;

Elizabeth Ann Donelan to Joseph S. Mericle and Courtney Lasha Mericle, 38.81 acres, Forest Hill District.

West Virginia Lady Elite 8th Grade Girls Basketball Travel Team gets big win

Tommy Carter

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (WVDN) - A big congratulations to the West Virginia Lady Elite 8th Grade Girls Basketball Travel Team for their tremendous performance in winning the Carolina Stars Basketball Mount Airy Invitational tournament. This team consists of Southern West Virginia young ladies from Wyoming, Raleigh, Summers and Fayette counties.

The West Virginia Lady Elite defeated OTG Elite (Taylorsville) NC, 29-25 in the 8th Grade Championship Game.

The key to this game was the inside-out threat that Coaches Tommy Carter, Eric Wickline, and Martin Glende's team had with Jami Cox scoring 10 points and Lynzzie Farley

adding 8 points, while Alyssa Coleman chipped in 5 points along with Kendal Wickline's 4 points.

WV Lady Elite 8th Grade Girls were back in action

recently as they participated in the Third Annual Beckley Fellowship Tournament held at Greater Beckley Christian School April 5-6.

Sheriff of Summers County Tax Office

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Opening The Door: Repentance

(Part 2)

by Gene Taylor

How Genuine Repentance Is Brought About

Repentance is brought about through the hearing of the gospel (Luke 24:44-47). When people hear the gospel and truly believe its message, repentance, a change of life, takes place. The word causes one to come face to face with his true identity. "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror, for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does" (Jas. 1:22-25).

Hearing the gospel brings about repentance because when the word is received into a good and honest heart, it produces godly sorrow which leads to repentance (2 Cor. 7:10). Godly sorrow makes one become repulsed at sin. It makes him desire to become a servant of righteousness (Rom. 6:17-18).

Motivating Factors

The motivation to repent, as presented in Scripture, is, at least, threefold. One motivating factor is the goodness of God. "Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" (Rom. 2:4). The goodness of God includes such things as the gift of life (Acts 17:28); the gift of His Son as a sacrifice for sin (John 3:16); and access to His grace (Eph. 2:8-9).

The second motivating factor is that one must repent or he will perish (Luke 13:3, 5). "But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 'who will render to each one according to his deeds': eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek" (Rom. 2:5-9).

The third motivating factor is that repentance allows one to receive eternal blessings and honor from our God and Father: "Eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ...but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom. 2:7, 10).

The Difficulty of Repentance

Repentance has often been called the most difficult command in the Bible. As we have seen, though, it is not difficult to understand what it is, what brings it about and why it is necessary. So its difficulty does not lie in those areas.

What is difficult is getting people to do it! Brother J.W. McGarvey once wrote, "When you look through the record of the Savior's earthly ministry, you find that he induced a great many to believe in Him... But when you search for those who repented under the Lord's preaching, you will find but few... When you go out preaching among the people of this country, you will not find it at all difficult to induce your hearers to believe the truth concerning Christ, and, when they are prepared in mind and heart for baptism, you will not find it very difficult to persuade them to submit to that... You will find no difficulty, provided they have repented and desire to obey the Lord; but how difficult it is to induce men to repent! Sinners outside the church and sinners inside the church cling to their sins, and it appears impossible in many instances to bring them to repentance" (*Chapel Talks*, pp. 71-72).

Conclusion

All people need to realize that the opportunity to repent is a blessing (Acts 11:18). Every person must heed God's call to repent by reading and hearing His word, allowing it to produce godly sorrow in their heart and by living their life in obedience to the will of God. If you need to repent, though it may be difficult to do so, do it today.

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West Virginia public libraries needed and deserved better than the past ten years of "Republican nothing." As your Delegate, Jim McNeely will therefore support a substantial "catch-up" increase in "per capita" funding for our libraries and full funding for the Facilities Improvement Fund for Libraries.

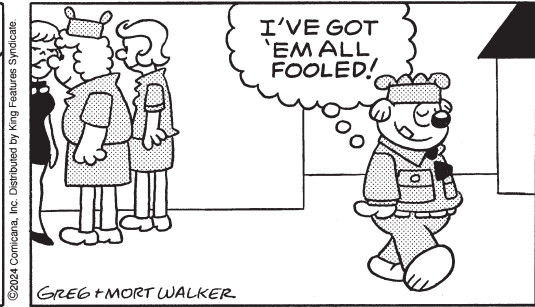
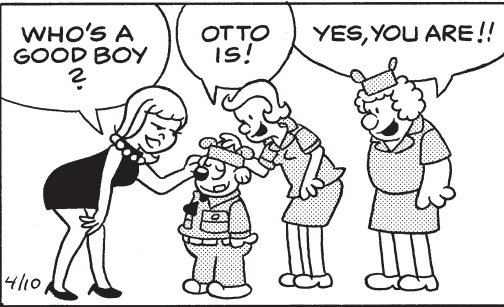
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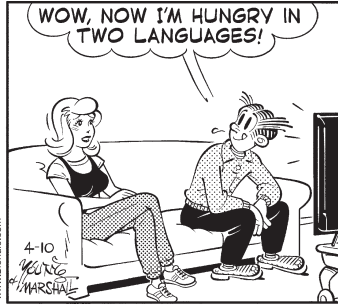
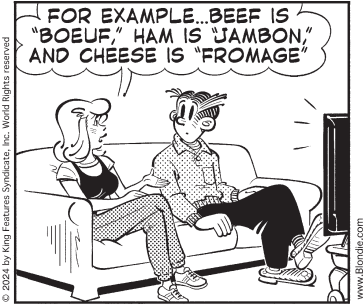
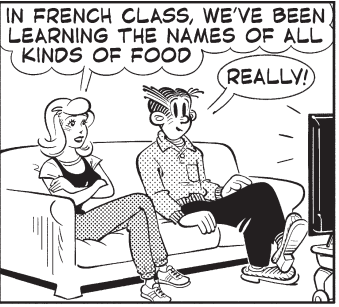
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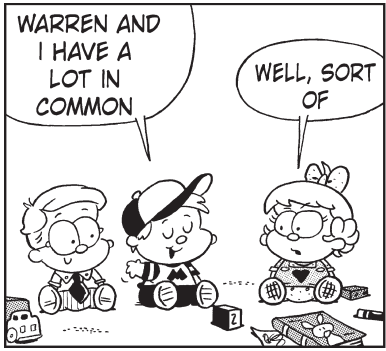
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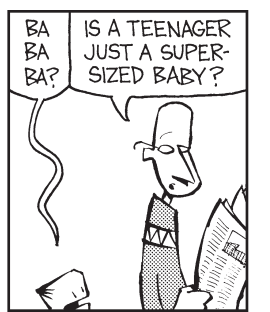
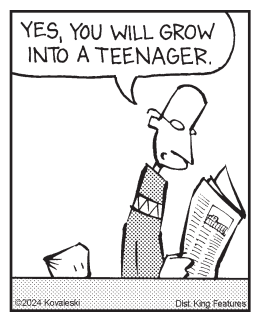
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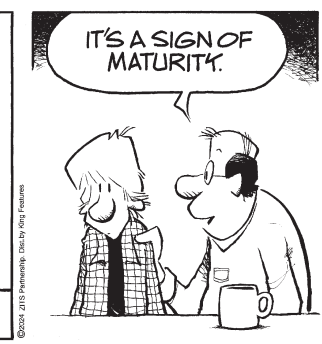
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 10, 2024:

Although you are courageous, daring and risk-taking, in fact, you are not foolish. You appear impulsive, but you know what you're doing. This simplicity is the key to your life. Take charge of your health. Physical exercise will be important. Build structures. Stay grounded and levelheaded.

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★ This is a powerful day for you because the Sun is in your sign. However, Mercury retrograde is also in your sign, which means you're dealing with old business plus ex-partners and old friends. Fortunately, Venus, in your sign as well, guarantees that you'll be smooth and charming with everyone. Tonight: Check your assets.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

5★ You can get a tremendous amount done today, especially if you're working with others -- teams, clubs and organizations. Someone older might give you advice or assistance. In turn, you might take a

leadership role to help everyone achieve a productive goal. Go, go, go! Tonight: Impulsive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

4★ You will get a lot done today because you are motivated. Your ambition is aroused and, fortunately, your follow-through energy is right there as well. Whatever you do will impress bosses and authority figures. Share your goals for the future with someone else to get their feedback. Someone younger from your past might be helpful. Tonight: Restless.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

5★ Believe it or not, this is one of the most productive days of the year! You can get a lot done because you look good

to bosses, parents, VIPs and even the police. Meanwhile, direct your energy and focus to travel details and issues with publishing, higher education, medicine and the law. Tonight: Surprise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

4★ Your focus might be on publishing, legal matters, medicine or travel plans today; nevertheless, you have a strong driving energy to clear up loose details about insurance issues, inheritances and shared property. Get as much done as possible today; the gods are with you. Tonight: Independence!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

5★ This is an extremely productive day, one of the best days to get things done in the entire year. However, you might encounter opposition from a partner or close friend. The secret is to harness that energy and work for a win-win solution. Is this possible? Tonight: Explore!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

4★ You will get an enormous amount of work done today because planetary vibes can make this one of the most productive days of the year for you. You're keen to work and

get results! Appeal to others, especially experts, for support. Renegotiate old business. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

4★ Those of you in the performing arts or in sports can make great strides today because this is a fantastic day to practice and hone your technique. Meanwhile, every Scorpio can be productive today, especially finishing old business and wrapping up stuff that needs to get done. Tonight: Someone unusual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

4★ Despite your desire to enjoy fun times, including vacations, today you can make major headway with domestic improvements. Buckle down and get stuff done that will make a difference where you live or when dealing with family members. (You'll be glad you did.) Tonight: Equipment breakdowns.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

5★ Family and domestic issues will go well today, especially if you're finishing home repairs or redecorating projects. You are proactive and convincing, which is why others

will listen to you today. Count on getting a lot done! Tonight: Plans change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

4★ You'll be pleased at how productive you can be today, especially because your communications with others will get the results you want. Be firm about financial issues and financial arrangements. Ask for what you expect to get. Today your hard work will pay off! Tonight: A domestic surprise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

5★ Today has the potential to be one of the most productive days of the year for you, because fiery Mars in your sign is lined up with stern Saturn. In a word, you mean business! Financial discussions will go well. This is an excellent time to rethink financial deals. Tonight: Avoid accidents.

BORN TODAY

Actor Charlie Hunnam (1980), actress Shay Mitchell (1987), actress, singer Chyler Leigh (1982)

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Solution time: 23 mins. T A R T V A N A B B E A L A S I L E M E A L B I K E P A T H T R K S S E E T O I A G R E E S T E W B O Y L U B E T A L C P A Y E T A G A V E S I G A T E D O L E G G E E K P E R D O D O S T R I K E O S A G E U S E D B O S C P E A R L O S E A L P E R S U S S R Y E A L O B E

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek. Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. SEEEG MROAA GLHIPT MHALYN



Answer here: (Today's Answers Next Wednesday) Last Wednesday's Answers: Jumbles: FLIRT HANDY UNFOLD BUDGET Answer: The novice stand-up comedian's performance wasn't well received, but he -- LAUGHED IT OFF

SUDOKU PUZZLE King Classic Sudoku. 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: 3 9 2 6 5 4 7 1 8 4 1 7 8 2 9 6 3 5 6 7 5 3 1 7 9 4 2 5 7 6 9 4 3 2 8 1 1 4 3 7 8 2 5 6 9 9 2 8 5 6 1 3 7 4 2 6 9 1 3 8 4 5 7 8 5 4 2 7 6 1 9 3 7 3 1 4 9 5 8 2 6



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estates have been opened for probate in the Summers Fiduciary Supervisor's Office at 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 100, Hinton, WV 25951-0097. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in

accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code § 41-5-11 - 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Summers County Fiduciary Supervisor's office within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not

filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code § 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estates of the following named decedents will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good

cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.
First Publication Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024
Claim Deadline: Sunday, June 2, 2024
ESTATE OF: LACY BEACHER MCBRIDE
ADMINISTRATRIX: DIANA MCBRIDE
ESTATE OF: BILLY JOE MEADOWS
ADMINISTRATRIX CTA: SHIRLEY DILLON

ESTATE OF: CARL LEE FOSTER
ADMINISTRATRIX: CHERYL FOSTER
ESTATE OF: DONALD DEE MITCHEM
ADMINISTRATRIX: SHELLIA LEANN WILLIAMS
ESTATE OF: SILAS ROSCO BROWN
ADMINISTRATRIX: TIF-FANY HAL
ESTATE OF: REGINALD ARTHUR BOWER JR.
ADMINISTRATRIX:

CHRISTIN ADKINS
ESTATE OF: STRALEY EDWARD STANLEY
EXECUTRIX: LANA KARYN WARD
ESTATE OF: ESTELL G. ADKINS
EXECUTRIX: SHEILA D. RICHMOND
 Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 27, 2024.
 Donald R. Basham Jr.
 Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County
 (3,10ap)

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 County of: Summers, West Virginia

In accordance with WV Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Summers County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

General Fund	Estimated Revenues
Fund Balance	\$ 850,000
Property Taxes Current year	2,655,377
Prior Year Taxes	251,415
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	78,059
Property Transfer Tax	150,000
Gas and Oil Severance Tax	100,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	4,092
Hotel Occupancy Tax	300,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	115
Miscellaneous Energy Tax (Coal Bed Methane)	7,887
Licenses	86
Building Permits	1,514
Federal Grants / Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	75,000
Sheriff's Service of Process	9,000
Sheriff's Earnings	7,224
County Clerk's Earnings	36,530
Circuit Clerk's Earnings	11,981
Prosecuting Attorney's Earnings	951
Accident Reports	686
Motor Vehicle License Fee	2,761
Parks & Recreation Fees	135,000
Rents & Concessions	38,000
Franchise Agreement	42,332
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	60,720
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	640
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement	15,739
Interest Earned	25,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	30,000
Sheriff's Commission	4,570
Gaming Income	40,152
Filing Fees	260
Video Lottery	7,392
Refunds/Reimbursements (External Sources)	128,846
Parking	17,500
General School Reimbursements	46,070
Magistrate Court Reimbursements	5,078
Worthless Check Reimbursements	457
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund	247,673
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$ 5,388,107

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Coal Severance Tax	Assigned Fund Balance	Coal Severance Tax	Estimated Revenues
	\$ 62,000		
		20,000	
Total Coal Severance			\$ 82,000

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
County Commission	\$ 245,006	\$ -
County Clerk	328,613	-
Circuit Clerk	220,910	-
Sheriff - Treasurer	341,075	-
Prosecuting Attorney	335,265	-
Assessor	287,486	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund	247,673	-
Statewide Computer Network	27,209	-
Fiduciary Supervisor	45,000	-
Agricultural Agent	9,000	-
Elections - County Clerk	103,603	-
Purchasing Department	425,000	82,000
Courthouse	380,479	-
Other Buildings	92,500	-
Regional Development Authority	12,000	-
Economic Development	15,750	-
County Clerk Operations	11,495	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,128,064	82,000
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	748,383	-
Sheriff - Service of Process	9,000	-
Regional Jail	320,000	-
Police Special Duty	108,846	-
Emergency Services	62,453	-
Flood Control	17,175	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,265,857	-
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Parks & Recreation	120,552	-
4 - H Camp	239,599	-
Visitor's Bureau	150,000	-
Library	6,000	-
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	516,151	-

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CAPITAL PROJECTS	-	-
General Government	463,584	-
Courthouse	14,440	-
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	478,024	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,388,096	\$ 82,000

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year

SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
 REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY
 FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	14.30	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 317,405,920	28.60	\$ 907,781
Personal Property	1,735,584		4,964
Total Class II	\$ 319,141,504		\$ 912,745
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 139,035,180	57.20	\$ 795,281
Personal Property	49,925,402		285,573
Public Utility	98,263,635		562,068
Total Class III	\$ 287,224,217		\$ 1,642,922
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 34,864,010	57.20	\$ 199,422
Personal Property	19,304,279		110,420
Public Utility	18,787,469		107,464
Total Class IV	\$ 72,955,758		\$ 417,306
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 679,321,479		\$ 2,972,973
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		7.00%	208,108
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	55,297
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			2,709,568
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	0
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 2,709,568

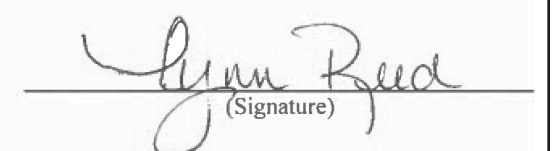
Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year

SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
 Excess Levy/Levies
 FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 COUNTY OF SUMMERS

I, Lynn Reed, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 28TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.


 (Signature)



LEGAL NOTICE

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)

Bradshaw Creek Bridge on WV-12 Undergoing Replacement Project with Detour

Rebecca Stalnaker

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Bradshaw Creek Bridge on WV-12 in Summers County, West Virginia is currently closed for replacement. The closure began on Monday, April 1, and will continue through Friday, Nov. 30. Thankfully, drivers won't

be facing a complete road-block. According to the West Virginia Department of Transportation, to minimize disruption, a temporary detour is in place to keep traffic flowing through the area while the main bridge undergoes construction.

WVDOT asks motorists

to observe all "traffic control signs and devices and use caution while traveling near the work zone."

Inclement weather may affect the project's timeline. For additional information on the project, you can contact the West Virginia Department of Transportation.

Senate candidate Alex Mooney to make stop in Pipestem

PIPESTEM W.Va. believes he will be the best man for the job of U.S. Senator for the great state of West Virginia. Admission to the event is Free. Come and learn about a Republican Senatorial candidate. The event is sponsored by the Summers County Republican Executive Committee.

Volunteer Fire Department, 229 Broadway Rd., Pipestem. Mooney wants the public to know why he

Remaining April 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 - Regular Meeting April 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building.

Summers County Commission - Regular Meeting - April 10 at 9 a.m. in the Commission Room in the Courthouse.

Summers County Public Library Board of Directors - Regular Meeting - April 11 at 5 p.m. in the library.

Summers County LEPC - No March meeting

Hinton City Council - Regular Meeting - April 16 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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

Summers County Dilapidated Structures Committee - Regular Meeting - April 22 at Noon in the Memorial Building Auditorium.

Summers County Republicans - Regular Meeting - April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building.

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - April 23 at 5 p.m. LSIC at Talcott Elementary. Call the

Board Office for more information.

Friends of the Summers County Public Library Book Group - Regular Meeting - April 24 at 7 p.m. in the library.

Levy Town Hall - Coffee with the Superintendent - April 27 at 8:30 a.m. - Kirks Restaurant.

Three Rivers Democratic Women - Regular Meeting - April 25 at 5 p.m. on the patio at Kirk's Restaurant.

*This list is subject to change in accordance with updates, cancellations, and additions.

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

A.A. meetings in Hinton

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hinton Alcoholics Anonymous group holds two weekly meetings on Wednesdays at noon and Fridays at 8 p.m. in the lower level of Ascension Episcopal Church. Both are open meetings.

The entrance to the meeting area is through the rear of the church,

which is located at the corner of Temple Street and 5th Avenue (222 5th Avenue). The format of the meeting will be an open discussion of a weekly topic related to alcohol use/abuse.

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

Date correction

An announcement in the Hinton News listed the date for the next Friends of the Summers County Public Library as April 11; however, the correct date is July 9. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience.

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