

Attorney General Morrissey's Mobile Office Sets May Stops for Central and Southeastern West Virginia

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with central and southeastern West Virginia residents in May to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure."

Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

- May 2: 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - The Chocolate Moose, 1818 Harper St., Beckley
- May 9: 5:30p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Tudor's Biscuit World, 323 N. Court St., Fayetteville
- May 15: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Summersville City Hall, 400 Broad St., Summersville
- May 23: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Hinton City Hall, 322 Summers St., Hinton
- May 28: 11 a.m. to noon - Raleigh County Courthouse, 215 Main St., Beckley

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Justin Arvon at 304-590-6462. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.

Rediscovering History: Maddy Cemetery Survey Reveals Surprising Number of Gravesites

Rebecca Stalnaker

BALLENGEE W.Va (Hinton News) - In a remarkable discovery for the local community, recent surveying efforts at the Maddy Cemetery in Ballengee, have unveiled a significantly higher number of gravesites than previously thought to fill the area.

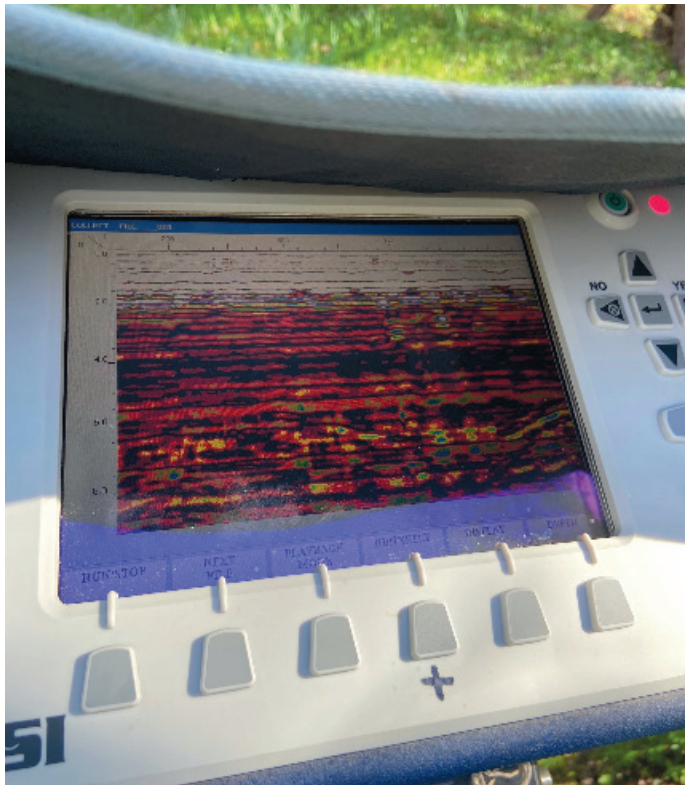
John Maddy, who has long been involved in the preservation and maintenance of the cemetery, after working to learn more about his family's history, took a significant step forward by commissioning a ground-penetrating radar (GPR) survey of the cemetery grounds. The survey, conducted by a company from Leesburg, Virginia, yielded astonishing results.

Maddy had initially believed there were between 20 to 30 gravesites in the cemetery, based on visible headstones and field stones. However, the GPR survey revealed a total of 63 graves, far surpassing his expectations.

"This past weekend (April 20-21) I had a company from Leesburg, Virginia come to the cemetery in Ballengee," Maddy shared. "I had them GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) the land the cemetery sits on."

The newfound information presents an invaluable opportunity for Maddy and the local community. With a more accurate understanding of the cemetery's layout and the number of gravesites, Maddy expressed his commitment to properly marking each grave for future generations.

"I may never come close to knowing who everyone is buried there (I am going to



"This is a picture of the GPR screen after locating a couple graves. The two descending arching white lines, on the top right, are indicating disturbances down to burial depth. These lined up with some field stones." According to Maddy. Photo by John Maddy

try to find as many as possible)," Maddy stated, "but it allots me the opportunity to properly mark the graves for future generations."

Moreover, the comprehensive survey allows Maddy to embark on additional projects without the risk of disturbing any gravesites. This newfound clarity provides a solid foundation for future preservation efforts and historical research.

The significance of this discovery extends beyond the mere number of gravesites. It underscores the importance of preserving and honoring the memories of those laid to rest in the Maddy Cemetery and elsewhere.

Each grave represents a piece of local history, and Maddy's dedication ensures that their stories will not be forgotten.

As Maddy continues his efforts to uncover the identities of those buried in the cemetery and embark on new projects, it signals efforts to preserve this vital piece of Ballengee's heritage.

As the community reflects on this remarkable revelation, one thing is certain: the Maddy Cemetery holds more secrets and stories than previously imagined, waiting to be discovered and cherished for generations to come.



John Maddy with GPR professional "Matt." Photo by John Maddy



GPR professional in Maddy Cemetery. Photo by John Maddy

New Overlook Platform Unveiled Near Almost Heaven Swing at Bluestone Lake

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - In an exciting development for nature enthusiasts and visitors alike, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to inaugurate a new overlook platform near the renowned Almost Heaven

Swing at Bluestone Lake. The event, attended by local officials, community members, and outdoor enthusiasts, marked the official opening of the platform, providing visitors with breathtaking views of the picturesque Bluestone Lake and its surrounding natural

beauty. Perched strategically near the popular Almost Heaven Swing, the new overlook platform offers a perfect vantage point for visitors to immerse themselves in the tranquil ambiance of the area and marvel at the scenic splendor of Bluestone

Lake. The ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated not only the completion of the platform but also the collaborative efforts of various interested individuals in enhancing the recreational offerings of the area. As visitors gather to ex-

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Mother's Day Gift Guide

5 inspirational gifts for Mother's Day

Mother's Day is celebrated on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Mother's Day is devoted to expressing love and showering praise on mothers, step-mothers and any other figure in one's life who has taken on a motherly role.

It is customary to lavish extra praise on moms come Mother's Day, and that often involves gift-giving. The following are five gifts that can ensure Mom knows her efforts and unconditional love have not gone unnoticed.

1. Prompt mindful thinking: The cards from Sunny Present Empowering Questions Cards pose questions to prompt meditation, journaling or simply to practice mindfulness during the day. They are a great way to encourage positive self-talk. Each of the 52 cards feature a door in the Estonian city of Tallinn. Available through Amazon and www.sunnypresent.com.

2. Motivational can-do candles: A little aromatherapy can treat any mother to an uplifting or relaxing fragrance in her special place in the home. But these inspirational candles from Bianchi Candle Co. feature names like "bravery," "joy" and "gratitude" and a motivational message. Purchase at bianchicandleco.com.

3. Inspirational coffee table book: Author and educa-



tor Natalie Friscia Pancetti wrote, "This Too. Life-Isms to Savor the Sweetness of Life and Calm You Through the Storms" to pay homage to her parents, particularly her father, who was fond of the phrase, "this too shall pass." Pancetti says people often relate the phrase to rough patches in life, but it also can refer to cherishing all the moments that are fleeting. The book offers many inspirational passages and lessons that can be applied to all aspects of life. It can be a touching gift for a mom, grandmother or another special woman. Available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and at www.nataliefrisciapancetti.com.

4. Relaxing home spa experience: Many people have turned their bathrooms into home spas, particularly empty nesters who now have more time to relax and pamper themselves.

Spending time in a relaxing shower is a way for Mom to clear her mind and unwind, and Shower Steamers from Body Restore can set the ideal environment. Purchase on Amazon and include alongside additional home spa necessities like loofahs or a bathrobe.

5. Ancestry exploration: Foster greater bonds in the family by giving Mom an opportunity to further trace her heritage. Popular genealogy companies include Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com and 23andme.com, enabling anyone to enjoy a look back at the lineage that helped shape who they are today. These companies can help trace ancestors and even connect people with distant relatives.

Mother's Day gifting can revolve around inspirational and heartfelt gifts that show special mothers how much they are appreciated.

How to ensure a relaxing day for Mom this Mother's Day

The unconditional love and undying patience moms exhibit as they raise their children is worthy of more than just a single day of appreciation in May. Moms do a lot for their families, and though that's something to celebrate every day, Mother's Day merits upping the ante in regard to showing Mom how much she's loved and appreciated.

This year, families can work together to ensure this Mother's Day is a day for Mom to relax and bask in all the extra attention she deserves.

· Serve breakfast in bed. Mom might be on breakfast detail on hectic weekday mornings, but Mother's Day marks the perfect time for spouses and kids to take over those responsibilities. This year, keep the cereal in the pantry and go the extra mile by preparing a homemade breakfast and serving it to Mom in bed. Present the meal with a small bouquet of flowers and some reading material and then let Mom eat in peace and quiet if she so prefers.

· Turn the en suite into a spa. Nothing complements a relaxing breakfast in bed better than a subsequent dip in Mom's own private spa. Transform the en suite or another bathroom into Mom's personal soaking space. Clean the bathtub, light some candles around the tub and bathroom, turn

on some relaxing music, dim the lights, and then invite Mom in to soak in a freshly drawn hot bubble bath.

· Keep Mom out of the kitchen. Keep the relaxing vibe going by making sure Mom doesn't have to lift a finger in the kitchen. Make sure all the dishes are washed before Mom comes downstairs for the day and let her know you've already ordered lunch from a local restaurant. Even if Mom loves to cook, a day off from kitchen detail can make Mother's Day that much more relaxing.

· Book some time in the great outdoors. If the weather allows, visit a nearby park as a family and go for a walk. Nature has its own way of helping people relax, so some time outdoors in the spring air can

keep the peaceful vibe going into the afternoon. If the family includes young children, choose a park with a playground so Mom can relax and watch the kids play from a nearby bench.

· Book a dinner reservation. It might require some advance booking, as Mother's Day reservations can be hard to come by, but a night at Mom's favorite restaurant can be the perfect conclusion to a relaxing day. If Mom's more of a homebody, whip up a homemade meal and let Mom relax with a glass of wine as you prepare a feast.

Mother's Day is the perfect time to plan a day of relaxation for mothers who do so much for their families throughout the year. Some simple planning can ensure Mom gets the R&R she deserves.



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Musings From Memory Lane: A Paramedics Widow

Lisa Abshire

Author Note: This piece is intended to be humorous and lighthearted. It is not to be taken seriously. It is important to see the humor in everything.

Years ago, before I was crotchety and divorced, I was a young bride and mother, not much experience in dealing with the

world but so excited to be out there with my own family. My spouse was a paramedic and little did I know that made me a paramedic's widow from the get-go. Those who are or were in emergency services know what I'm talking about.

You fix a nice meal thinking you and your spouse will eat it together, but no. A last-minute call keeps them

at work until way up into the night. The said plate of food never passes their lips. Soon, you forget you have a spouse, and sit down and don't know what to do when they show up and there's not enough food to go around. The only thing you can think of is to half your plate out of sight and sit there with your stomach growling while the prime cut of steak goes to

the spouse. Just as the last bite goes down the fire tones drop and off he goes to fight a house fire while the home fire is left unattended. I keep thinking that if the tones had dropped a little quicker, I could have gotten my steak back.

Let's not forget how you have to keep a picture of your spouse by the kid's bed so they don't think there's

a home invasion when Dad finally gets home. Wouldn't that have been awkward if ole Dad had taken a baseball bat to the head because everyone had forgotten what he looked like?

Then there were the times you would get asked your marital status, and you would have to seriously think because you're not sure if all the time apart

counts as an annulment or not. You check the box with "Ms." to be on the safe side.

On a serious note, emergency services are a good life. It is absolutely nothing like I've portrayed here. Every so often it's good to take a break from being serious and laugh. Next time you see an ambulance or fire truck, remember their families are home waiting for them.

Manchin: The Administration's Goal is Simple — Death by 1,000 Cuts for America's Reliable Fossil Fuel Industry

Charleston, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, released the following statement on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) newly finalized rules regarding U.S. power plants.

"It is obvious that the ultimate goal of these EPA regulations is to stop the use of fossil fuels to produce reliable energy in the United States by forcing the premature closure of coal plants and blocking new natural gas plants. The Administration is more frightened by political threats from climate activists than by the warnings from our nation's electricity reliability regulators and grid operators that these rules will further strain our already at-risk power grid. It is unfortunate, though no longer unexpected, that in an election year they are trying to

score short term political points rather than prioritizing long term reliability. This approach comes at the expense of ratepayers across the country and energy communities, like those in West Virginia that have powered our nation for generations. Let me be clear: American taxpayers will be forced to pay for these rules by purchasing unaffordable and unreliable energy. That makes no sense at all when America is producing record amounts of energy cleaner than ever.

"Their goal is simple: death by a thousand cuts to America's fossil fuel industry, especially coal. If the goal was truly to reduce emissions, the Administration would be doing everything it can to deploy carbon capture and hydrogen and help the fossil industry continue to produce cleaner energy. But instead, the radical climate advisors at the White House and EPA have

allowed over 120 permits for carbon sequestration wells to sit idle and put up roadblocks to deploying clean hydrogen which can help plants reduce emissions. In fact, they have even gone so far as to remove hydrogen blending from the final rule.

"This comes against the backdrop of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the Chips and Science Act bringing manufacturing back to America and causing a significant growth in electricity demand forecasts for the first time in two decades. We can't be open for business if we can't keep the lights on. When the Administration is playing favorites with the law and blocking all of the opportunities to include fossil fuels in a low carbon future, these regulations are neither feasible nor reasonable. All Americans should be concerned about their impact," said Chairman Manchin.

Hinton's Hometown Christmas Sponsors Spring Flea Market

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Hinton's Hometown Christmas committee would like to invite everyone to this year's Spring Flea Market on May 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Historic Freight Depot in downtown Hinton.

The Spring Flea Market will have a little of something for everyone in the family. Hanging flower baskets, antiques, coffee and spices, bottled wine, tools, furniture, children's games, and more. Over 45 vendors will be set up inside and outside.

The Spring Flea Market will also have a variety of food for everyone. Francie's Sweets will be on hand with your favorite donuts, Little Jimmy's Italian Ice will have your favorite shaved ice drinks, along with vendors bringing hot dogs, BBQ, popcorn, sausage biscuits, personal pizzas, nachos and cheese, and much more!

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The Grace Of God

(Part 1)

by Gene Taylor

The usual definition for grace, "unmerited favor," is not broad enough in its scope to fully define all that is meant by the term (see Luke 2:40; Col. 4:6). W. E. Vine defines it as, "That which bestows or occasions pleasure, delight, or causes favorable regard;...on the part of the bestower, the friendly disposition from which the kindly act proceeds, graciousness, lovingkindness, goodwill generally...especially with reference to the Divine favour or grace, e.g., Acts 14:26..." (*Expository Dict. Of New Testament Words*, pp. 509-510).

As seen in the Bible, grace, in respect to salvation, is a summary of all God has done to effect the salvation of man. It includes all of His acts which show favor to undeserving mankind. But God's grace is more than mere passive pity. It expresses itself in real, concrete acts of love (Rom. 5:8).

Considering several New Testament passages makes it easy to see how His grace runs through all God has done for man's salvation. By grace He sacrificed His Son (Heb. 5:8-9). By grace He revealed His plan of salvation (1 Cor. 2:9-12; Gal. 1:11-12; Eph. 3:1-5). It is by grace that God raises sinners to a new life in Christ (Eph. 2:4-7; cf. Rom. 6:4-5). By His grace, God commissioned His Son to build the church (Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28).

While grace includes all God has done to bring about the salvation of man, it excludes salvation by meritorious works (Rom. 4:4; 11:6). Salvation by works of this nature would demand a life of perfect obedience to divine law—it would be of debt. Salvation by grace, on the other hand, bridges the gap between our imperfection and God's perfect law by means of pardon and forgiveness (1 John 2:1).

The presence and reality of sin is what makes the grace of God necessary. Since all have sinned (Rom. 3:10, 23), all, therefore, are under the sentence of death, the penalty for or the wages of sin (Ezek. 18:20; Rom. 6:23; Rev. 21:8).

God, in His matchless love, provided His Son to die in man's place (1 Pet. 1:18-19). While the grace of God is demonstrated in many ways, none is greater than its manifestation in His Son (Rom. 3:23-24). Since man has sinned, he deserves the punishment of the second death in hell and no works he could do would earn or merit his salvation from it. Therefore, salvation is that which is given by the grace of God, a favor man has not merited. Hence, salvation is the gift of God (Eph. 2:8-9).

(Continued next week.)

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Registration is required for both interested employers and job seekers.

“Whether you’re looking for your next job, or interested in changing careers, we invite West Virginia job seekers to register now for the May 1 Statewide Virtual Job Fair,” said Scott Adkins, Acting Commissioner of WorkForce West Virginia. “Last month, we saw a record 1,124 job seekers register to connect with the nearly 115 registered

West Virginia employers.” Since the monthly Statewide Virtual Job Fairs were introduced in 2022, more than 12,000 West Virginian job seekers and nearly 2,400 employers have registered to participate, with nearly 6,800 resumes submitted.

“We invite West Virginia employers to connect with a diverse pool of talent from across the state through these Statewide Virtual Job Fairs,” said James Bailey, Secretary of the WV Department of Commerce.

When attending the event, job seekers are encouraged to dress professionally and have a calm, clutter-free background. The Virtual Statewide Job Fair portal features a Job Seeker Training video, a list of participating employ-

ers, and channels for attendees to register and log in.

“This is the best recruiting tool that we have right now. I can never go to an in-person event and make more connections,” said Ron Reimert, Jr. of The Baltimore Life Insurance Company.

After registering for the first time, new employers will create a “Virtual Booth” to connect with job seekers. After completion, this booth will be available during subsequent job fairs. Click here to register as an employer for the May 1 event.

For more information about WorkForce West Virginia and the Statewide Virtual Job Fairs, visit www.workforcewv.org or contact wfvwvif@wv.gov.

Community Obituaries



**Harry Lee Ayers
AYERS**

Harry Lee Ayers was born August 31, 1929, in Alderson, WV, and passed away April 16, 2024, in Spokane, WA.

He attended school and worked at a pharmacy in Alderson, WV, and was a

member of the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church, alongside his family. He later joined the U.S. Army. Harry served 21 years, spending time in England, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the US, before retiring as First Sergeant. When he was in England, he met and wed the love of his life, Ann.

He was a numismatist and philatelist. He also collected militaria (such as badges, buttons, and postcards) and had a general collection of toy cars, old and new. His passion was buying and selling collectibles.

Harry had many friends in the community. He donated to the Union Gospel Mission, Meals

on Wheels, Spokane Humane Society, and St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

Harry Ayers is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ann Patricia (Granger) Ayers; parents, Lonnie E Ayers, and Gertrude F (Woolwine) Ayers; and sister, Frances C (Ayers) Canterbury.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Ayers; son, Robert Ayers; grandchildren Brian Ayers (Candace) and Kendall Ayers (Jody); four great-grandchildren; and two grandnephews.

Harry will be forever remembered. Hennessey Funeral Home & Crematory of Spokane, WA, has been entrusted with his care.

If you want dining to feel like home, come to Tasty Bites and Small Delights

Annette Slonaker

ALDERSON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The newest addition to Alderson is Tasty Bites and Small Delights, a lovely cafe serving up breakfast like Grandma made and delicious lunches to satisfy any hunger. Jessica and Kenneth Marvin, the new owners, are working nonstop to bring you a taste of home.

With a focus on starting your day right, Jessica Marvin offers you a delicious breakfast such as made-to-order omelets, fresh cinnamon rolls, breakfast platters with all the fixins, french toast, pancakes and, of course, coffee. For lunch, you may find a homemade potato salad and pulled BBQ croissant, a BLT or chicken salad on her freshly baked slices of bread. Pepperoni rolls are also made daily, as well as pies, salads and cakes.

Although Jessica Marvin is only 27, she has worked as a chef for businesses in Hinton to The Greenbrier Sporting Club. Her passion for baking has brought her here to you, opening the doors for you to experience the love of her grandmother. Teaching, learning and excelling in the kitchen, her heart is in her food.

To carry on the Appalachian way of when you stop by, you’re going to be fed, and it was always delicious. Some say that cooking is their love language. We can agree that when food is



Jessica Marvin in front of Tasty Bites.

made with love, it somehow tastes better. Carrying the torch, Jessica Marvin hopes to satisfy the hungry morning workers and early birds and to delight the passers-by. Need a bunch of brownies, a lemon meringue pie or zucchini bread for a gathering? Give them a shout.

Tasty Bites and Small Delights will be at The Strawberry Festival in Alderson on May 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sunset Berry Farm, 791 Sunset School Road, Alderson. This is a fantastic day to try her strawberry and feta salad, strawberry shortcake and homemade jams.

You can find Tasty Bites on Facebook. Follow to see the daily specials and offerings. You will find the cafe at 201 S. Monroe Street, Alderson, or call 304-445-3121.

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QUALIFIED TO SERVE

- Graduated from Hinton High School / 1982
- Concord University - BS in Education / 1986
- Summers County Schools Teacher / 1987 to 1990
- WVU College of Law / 1999 to 2002
- Mann & Mann Attorneys at Law partner with Perry Mann / 2002
- Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Monroe County / 2003 to 2005
- Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Summers County / 2003 to 2006
- Appointed Prosecuting Attorney by the Summers County Commission / 2007
- Elected Summers County Prosecuting Attorney for two terms / 2009 to 2016
- Returned to private practice in January 2017 - focus on Real Estate, Estate Planning, and Juvenile Law
- Mental Hygiene Commissioner in Summers & Monroe County / 2017 to present
- Appointed by the Supreme Court to serve on the WV State Bar Character Committee / currently serving 3rd term
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Hinton Area Foundation
- Member of the Board of Trustees of Monroe Health Center
- Awarded Children's Hero Award by the Monroe Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT) / 2020
- Member of the Summers / Monroe County Corrections Board
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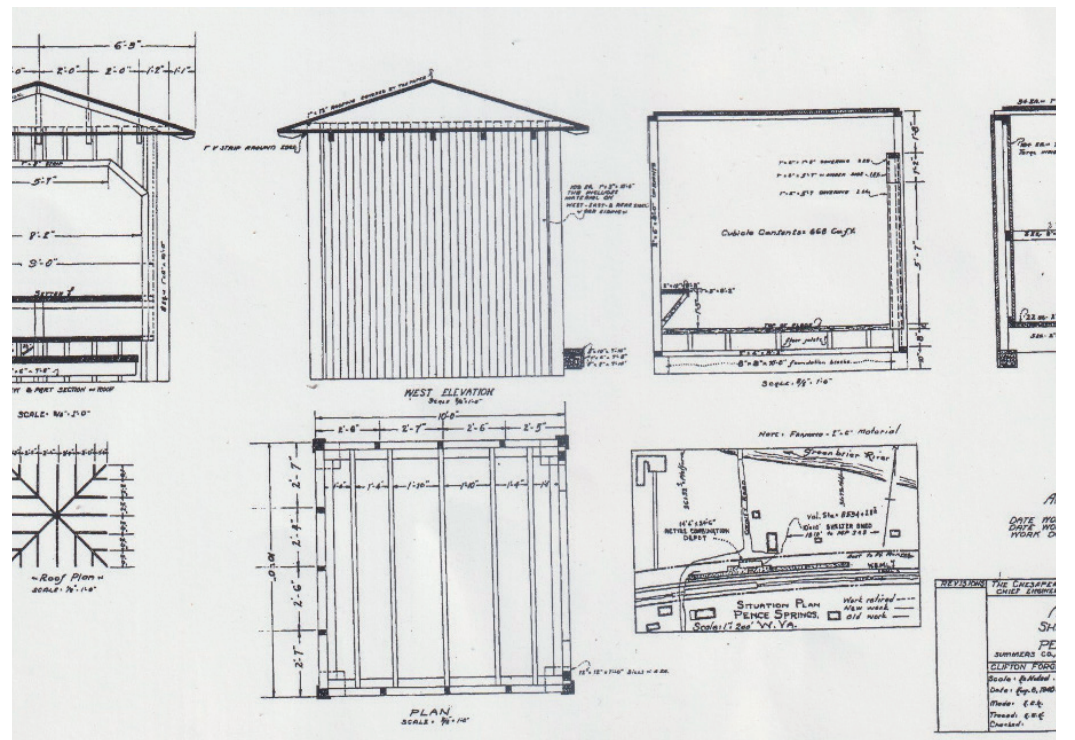
***EARLY VOTING BEGINS MAY 1ST.
ELECTION DAY IS MAY 14TH.***



A Peek into Summers County's Past: Pence Springs Depot Part 2



Antique photo provided by William Jones



A blueprint. Image provided by William Jones



Antique photo provided by William Jones

William Jones

PENCE SPRINGS W.Va. (Hinton News) - This week's piece is second to a story I had written about the train depot in Pence Springs. The tiny little shed you see in the photo of a man sitting on the stairs is what was a passenger waiting area after the depot was torn down.

A depot was erected at what is now the town of Pence Springs in 1872. At that time it was named Stock Yards. This is because the "stock" was unloaded there to drink at the Greenbrier River near where the bridge is now. Early on, there was a ferry in operation to ford the water to the hotel side of the river before the bridge was built in the early 1900s.

The stock pens were built at this location in 1875 so that the stock en route along this line of track to be unloaded, watered and rested before they finished their excursion. This process continued for twenty-some years until they were relocated to the city of Hinton.

Over the years the depot saw several large transformations including electric lights being installed in 1919. In 1923 a 200ft platform was installed to accommodate the large quantity of Pence Springs sulphur water that was being shipped out of state. The changing times later saw the removal of the cabin/tower making it look more like the standard depot of that time.

The Great Depression was devastating to small towns in the United States and Pence Springs was no exception. After the famous hotel closed its doors in 1929 the only people left to travel by train were the farmers of the community since Pence Springs was no longer inundated by tourists.

The depot managed to survive until May of 1940 when Alvin and Wolfy Garten dismantled the depot and saved the lumber to construct a home for Wolfy and his wife Pert in Pence Springs. As a result, Pence Springs became known as a "flag-stop." This means the train would only stop if

they saw a "flag" displayed and therefore knew a passenger was waiting on the train and could purchase a ticket right then to their location off the train they were about to board.

For this reason, the railroad constructed the simple three-walled shed that measured 10' by 10" with only one bench inside of it that you see here. "Flag-stop" services were discontinued at Pence Springs in 1956. The shed wasn't torn down until 1962.

In the C&O History The Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Magazine from May 2002 it says: "Unfortunately, no photo of the shed has yet been

found for the society's collection." It further talks about Pence Springs being one of if not the very last station on the railroad to utilize a mail crane for the collection of postal mail until May of 1968.

The two photos you see here are of a close-up of the shed and the other of the two guys standing beside the white building were copied from Lorene Garten Cales collection. Lorene was born and raised in Pence Springs and is a sister to Alvin and Wolfy Garten. The second photo shows Nowlan's Store in the corner where Lorene actually had renovated into her home for

several years. This photo has the three-walled shed in the top left corner. The really interesting thing about this photo is if you look closely you can faintly see

the mail crane that I had discussed earlier. Lastly is a copy of the original C&O Blueprints from the shed that was constructed to replace the depot in 1940.

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If you wish to vote a ballot other than a **Non-Partisan** ballot in this Primary Election, **YOU MUST REQUEST** the ballot from one of the following parties:

DEMOCRATIC - REPUBLICAN - MOUNTAIN

If you do not request one of these ballots, you will be given the Non-Partisan Ballot.

Note: The Libertarian Party nominates their candidates by convention.

April 23rd is the last day to register to vote or to make party changes.

Contact Lynn Reed, County Clerk, at 304-466-7104, if you have any questions about your Voter Registration.

Polling Place Locations for the Tuesday, May 14, 2024 Primary Election Summers County, West Virginia

Precinct #	Polling Place Location
#1 - Forest Hill	Forest Hill Volunteer Fire Department
#4 - Riverview	Summers Middle School Gym
#4A - West End	Summers Middle School Gym
#9 - Hinton Area	Hinton Area Elementary School
#11 - Bellepoint	Lifeline Church
#12 - Upland	Summers County VFD Station 13 Substation
#15 - Green Sulphur	Bobby Meadows Fellowship Hall
#17 - Sandstone	Green Sulphur Volunteer Fire Department
#22 - Jumping Branch	Jumping Branch Elementary School
#23 - White Oak	Jumping Branch Elementary School
#27 - Pipestem	Pipestem Volunteer Fire Department
#28 - Indian Ridge	Pipestem Volunteer Fire Department
#30 - Talcott	Talcott Elementary School
#31 - Lowell	Talcott Elementary School
#32 - Pence Springs	Talcott Elementary School

Early Voting will be held in the Summers County Memorial Building Located at 451 1st Avenue, Hinton WV 25951

Early Voting Dates & Times: May 1st - May 11th

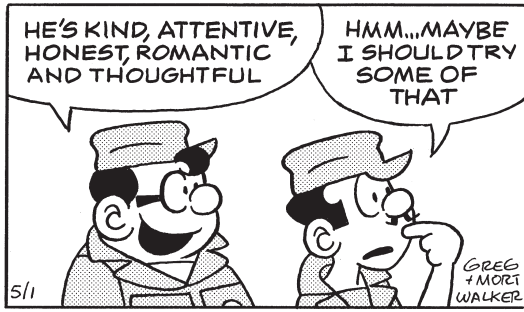
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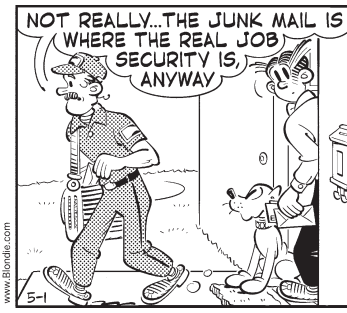
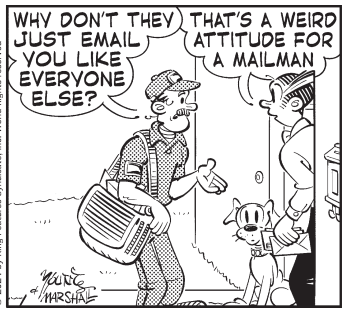
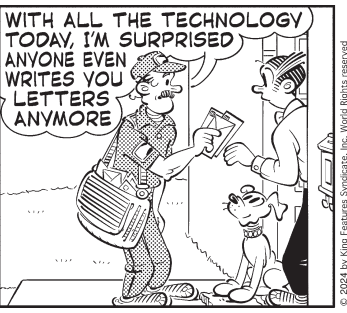
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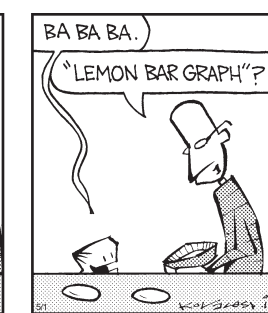
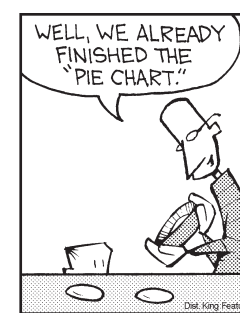
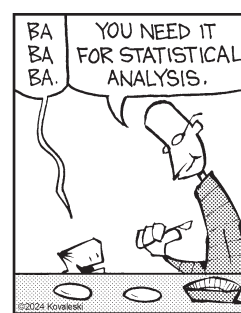
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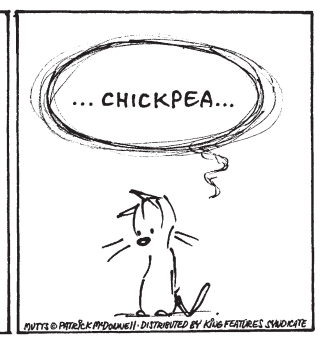
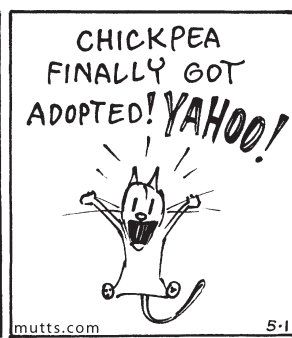
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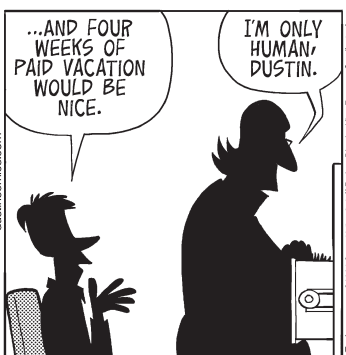
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 1, 2024:

You are calm, intelligent and insightful. You are also cautious and careful. You always know what's going on around you. This is a year of learning and teaching. Give yourself opportunities to study belief systems that can enrich your life at a deeper level. Physical exercise will be important.

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★ Today is more laid-back; however, with such strong activity taking place in your Money House, you can't ignore ways to boost your income, or get a better paying job, or attract money to you. Plus, Mars in your sign makes you ready to go, go, go! Tonight: Socialize.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

3★ Because the Sun, Jupiter and Venus are in your sign (as well as Mercury and Uranus) you're charming, interesting, entertaining and a bit impulsive. Others will certainly enjoy your company. Today you're high-viz and people will notice you. "Look Ma, no

hands!" Tonight: Be aware.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

4★ Today is a time of mixed messages for you. In one way, you want to explore and do something different because you want some adventure and a change of scenery. You also feel competitive with groups and friends. Nevertheless, another influence makes you want to hide and be low-key. Your call. Tonight: Changes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

4★ This is an excellent day to kick back and relax. Enjoy schmoozing with others, especially younger people or creative, artistic types. Group activities will be a source of pleasure and rewards for you.

Nevertheless, you can't ignore taxes, debt and financial matters. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

3★ This is a tricky day. In one way, with a gaggle of planets at the top of your chart, you're in charge and you look magnificent. However, today the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you have to be conciliatory and cooperative with others. Timing is everything. Tonight: Surprise!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

3★ Focus on work and getting better organized in whatever you do today. Likewise, you might want to organize your efforts to improve your health, because more than any other sign, you are aware of what is necessary to stay well. Tonight: Be careful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

4★ This is an excellent day to relax and pursue playful activities or to enjoy socializing with others. Sports events, fun times with children, plus an appreciation of the arts, including the entertainment world, will all be excellent choices for you. (Be patient with others.)

Tonight: Be observant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

3★ Try to steal some time for yourself so that you can kick back and relax at home. You will enjoy a chance to take it easy in familiar surroundings. You might have a discussion with a female relative. Although you're in work mode, today you need time off for good behavior. Tonight: Pay attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

4★ Seek out someone today, because you have a strong need to share your ideas with others. You have something to say, and you need to be heard. You also want to socialize; nevertheless, your main focus is on work and being productive. So much to do, so little time. Tonight: Avoid accidents.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

3★ Money issues have your attention today. Nevertheless, take care of what is pressing and make time for fun and pleasure today. This is the perfect time to relax and enjoy socializing with others. Romance is promising! You

will also enjoy fun activities with kids. Tonight: Guard your belongings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

4★ Get in touch with family members today. You might want to entertain at home. (Invite the gang over!) The main thing to keep in mind is that you need time to relax and enjoy yourself. You might convince someone else to pick up the slack to give you some rest. Tonight: Patience.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

3★ It's totally appropriate for you to seek some privacy today or find ways to enjoy yourself in solitude away from the busyness of everything around you. This is a busy, fast-paced week, but today you need a breather. Tonight: Stay chill.

BORN TODAY

Actor Jamie Dornan (1982), actress Joanna Lumley (1946), singer-songwriter Tim McGraw (1967)

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid and clues. Across: 1 Sentry's cry, 5 Switch positions, 8 Herring's kin, 12 "Lucky Jim" author, 13 "Yo!" Marathoner's tempo, 14 Marathoner's tempo, 15 Place of origin, 17 Diminutive suffix, 18 Mountain crest, 19 Basketball position, 21 Cheeky back talk, 24 Dime portrait, 25 Dull pain, 28 Boost, 30 "— show-time!", 33 Marseilles monarch, 34 Mila of "Black Swan", 35 Spy org., 36 Director Lee, 37 Coral formation, 38 Fine, 39 "West-world" network. Down: 1 "Funny!", 2 Roman god of love, 3 Rickey flavor, 4 Dangerous fly, 5 "So that's it!", 6 Up-to-date, 7 Harmonization, 8 Shell out, 9 Hockey coup, 10 Part of a French play, 11 Wood-land grazer, 16 Earl Grey, e.g., 20 New news, 22 Pivot, 23 Tendon, 25 Paraglider, 26 Swindle, 27 Like the latest computing equipment, 29 Poodle's name, perhaps, 31 Aunt, in Acapulco, 32 Utter, 34 Ray of McDonald's, 38 Pearl producer, 40 Low voices, 42 Scepter, 43 Mosque, 44 Asta's feeder, 45 Dull sound of impact, 47 Woody Guthrie's son, 48 Narc's measure, 49 Tarzan's clique, 52 Rock producer Brian, 53 Goal.

Jumble puzzle grid with circled letters and a cartoon illustration of a man with a guitar.

Answer key for the crossword and jumble puzzles. Crossword answers: Across: 1 SENTRY, 5 SWITCH, 8 HERRING, 12 LUCKY JIM, 13 YO, 14 MARATHONER, 15 PLACE, 17 DIMINUTIVE, 18 MOUNTAIN, 19 BASKETBALL, 21 CHEEKY, 24 DIME, 25 DULL, 28 BOOST, 30 SHOWTIME, 33 MARSEILLES, 34 MILA, 35 SPY, 36 DIRECTOR, 37 CORAL, 38 FINE, 39 WESTWORLD, Down: 1 FUNNY, 2 ROMAN, 3 RICKEY, 4 DANGEROUS, 5 SO, 6 UP-TO, 7 HARMONIZATION, 8 SHELL, 9 HOCKEY, 10 PART, 11 WOODLAND, 16 EARL GREY, 20 NEW, 22 PIVOT, 23 TENDON, 25 PARAGLIDER, 26 SWINDLE, 27 LIKE, 29 POODLE, 31 AUNT, 32 UTTER, 34 RAY, 38 PEARL, 40 LOW, 42 SCEPTER, 43 MOSQUE, 44 ASTA, 45 DULL, 47 WOODY, 48 NARC, 49 TARZAN, 52 BRIAN, 53 GOAL.

Sudoku puzzle grid and solution. King Classic Sudoku. Difficulty: ★★★. 5/1.



LEGAL NOTICE

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated October 27, 2006, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Document No. 132046, in Book No. 228, at Page 153, Martha L Dodd did convey unto Tommy J Dixon, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2021-GS4 to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Summers County Courthouse in Hinton, West Virginia, on

June 10, 2024 at 11:00 AM the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 05 - Jumping Branch District, Summers County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain property situated in the District of Jumping Branch, County of Summers and State of West Virginia, containing 3 acres, more or less, being more fully described in a Deed Volume 208 and page 397, Map #6 and Parcel #s 8.1 and 12.

Tax Map or Parcel ID No.: 6-8.1, Tax Map or Parcel ID No.: 6-12

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: HC 80 Box 43B, Hinton, WV 25951.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$4,000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States

would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale. SENECA TRUSTEES, INC. 5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104 Morgantown, WV 26508 (304) 413-0044 (304) 292-2918 Toll free: (888) 534-3132 Reference File No. 78042 (1,8my)

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Telephone: (304) 926-0495

Fax: (304) 926-0463
GENERAL WV/NPDES MULTI-SECTOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT

STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES

WV/NPDES PERMIT NO. WV0111457

Public Notice No.: SM-38-2024

Publication: Statewide/West Virginia Press Association
Publication Date: April 26, 2024

The State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Multi-Sector Water Pollution Control Permit for Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities. The General Permit will authorize discharges associated with industrial activity from industrial categories determined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to surface waters of the state for industrial operations.

It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5)-year term. All facilities covered under the existing general permit within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the reissued general permit will be required to submit a new registration form to obtain coverage under the new Multi-Sector Stormwater Permit.

The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the WVDEP website at:

<https://dep.wv.gov/WWE/Programs/stormwater/multisector/Pages/home.aspx>.

Hard copies can be mailed upon request.

The comment period for the Draft General Permit begins April 26, 2024 and ends on May 31, 2024.

During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and/or request a public hearing. Comments and/or a request for a public hear-

ing shall be made in writing and addressed to:

Director
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Attention: Sharon Mullins
Phone: (304) 926-0499, Extension 43808
Email: sharon.a.mullins@wv.gov

The request shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must be received within the comment period. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever he or she finds there is a significant degree of public interest in issues relevant to the draft permit.

For more information, contact Sharon Mullins at the email address or phone number listed above.

Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. (1my)

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 Ballegee 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 the notice 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, May 1, 2024

Claim Deadline: Sunday, June 30, 2024

ESTATE OF: LENZY E. ZICKAFOOSE

EXECUTRIX: LANA N. SMITH

ESTATE OF: ROY BURTON

CARTER EXECUTRIX: BEVERLEY ANN CARTER
ESTATE OF: PRISCILLA DANE BRIDGEWATER
EXECUTOR: FRANK STORM BRIDGEWATER
ESTATE OF: WILLIAM ALFRED HUGHES
CO EXECUTOR: WILLIAM MARK HUGHES
CO EXECUTOR: ANTHONY KEITH HUGHES
ESTATE OF: CLARK KENT SIZEMORE
CO EXECUTOR: PHILIP SCOTT SIZEMORE
CO EXECUTOR: JEREMY PATRICK SIZEMORE
ESTATE OF: DEBRA ANN BENNETT
ADMINISTRATOR: CHRISTOPHER CARRION
ESTATE OF: JOY GULLEY STONE
EXECUTOR: THOMAS EDWARD STONE
ESTATE OF: LUCINDA LOU AYRES
EXECUTRIX: CHRISTINA R. MCDANIEL
ESTATE OF: EMMA JEAN REPASS
EXECUTOR: WILLIAM WAYNE REPASS
ESTATE OF: MARGARET JANE CANTLEY
EXECUTOR: GEORGE ELBERT CANTLEY
Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 24, 2024.
Donald R. Basham Jr.
Summers County Fiduciary Supervisor
(1,8my)

Notice To Creditors, Distributees, and Legatees Proposed / Short Form Settlements

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the within named deceased persons:

I have before me the Final settlements and Proposals for the estates of the following deceased persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Summers County, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Hinton, West Virginia on the 8th day of May, 2024, at or near 10:00 a.m. These proposed settlements and short form settlements have been presented to me by the fiduciary of such estates which settlements I have approved as indicated below:

Estate: ROBERTA ANN SMITH

Fiduciary: KIMBERLY ANN HOFF

Estate: JAMES ALLEN WARF (PROPOSED)

Fiduciary: BILLY WARF

Estate: JAMES WILLIAM MARTIN

Fiduciary: JESSICA WINDON

Estate: HATTIE FAYE JOLLIFFE

Fiduciary: BILLY RAY JOLLIFFE

Estate: JANE ELLEN MEADOWS

Fiduciary: AMY L. MANN

Estate: SHARON ANN WARD

Fiduciary: JENNIFER D. THOMPSON

CAROLYN S. FOSTER

Any person having any interest in the estate of any such deceased person, may appear before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protect his interests as they may appear or else may be forever thereafter barred from asserting such interests.

Given under my hand this the 24th day of April, 2024.
Donnie Basham
Fiduciary Supervisor
(1my)

OP-ED: Mac Warner

Mac Warner

With a divided electorate that has been galvanized by the policy issues facing the nation since 2020, many passionate Americans have taken a newfound interest in voting information and the mechanics of election administration.

To protect the bedrock of our democracy – the voters – it is important that we amplify only credible and trustworthy sources of election information. West Virginia's 55 county clerks and I welcome the opportunity to educate those voters, candidates, and political action committees that are willing to learn more about the process. We all know that bad, incorrect, or misleading information can do lasting harm to voters and confidence in our election process if left unchecked.

In a society where anyone can instantly share information with thousands of people via social media from anywhere in the world, the spread of disinformation and misinformation this election cycle is inevitable. I serve as West Virginia's chief elections official. My team and I are dedicated to ensuring that all eligible voters have the right answers, tools, and resources to vote with confidence in the May 14 Primary Election.

You wouldn't visit a dentist for car trouble or a hair salon for an eye exam, so why would you seek elec-

tion information from anyone other than your state or local election official? As a proud member of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), I want to encourage all Mountaineers to support #TrustedInfo2024 – the official NASS nonpartisan public education initiative highlighting the importance of relying on trusted, credible election information directly from election officials.

In West Virginia, the Secretary of State's Office and the state's 55 county clerks are THE definitive trusted sources for all election information in the state.

For quick access to your voter registration status, polling locations, voter ID requirements, information on becoming a poll worker, and more, visit the WV Secretary of State's secure information website at GoVoteWV.com. If you have friends and family in another state, encourage them to visit their Secretary of State or Board of Elections website, which is an excellent resource to get them started.

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May meetings in Summers County

SUMMERS COUNTY at 5 p.m. in the library. Summers County LEPC - Regular Meeting - May 9 occurring in Summers County during March 2024. Summers County Parks and Recreation Committee - No May meeting. Summers County Commission - Regular Meeting - May 8 at 9 a.m. in the Commission Room in the Courthouse. Summers County Public Library Board of Directors - Regular Meeting - May 9

odist Church. Summers County Dilapidated Structures Committee - Regular Meeting - May 20 at Noon in the Memorial Building Auditorium. Summers County Republicans - Regular Meeting - May 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building. Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - May 28 at 5 p.m. at SCCHS (Location unconfirmed). Friends of the Summers

County Public Library Book Group - Regular Meeting - May 22 at 7 p.m. in the library. Three Rivers Democratic Women - Regular Meeting - May 16 at 5 p.m. at Botany Tropicals (location unconfirmed). *This list is subject to change in accordance with updates, cancelations, and additions. **If you would like to add a meeting to this list, contact news@hinton-news.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.

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD EXCESS LEVY ISSUE TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2024

TO THE VOTERS OF SUMMERS COUNTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: On January 23, 2024, The Board of Education of the County of Summers adopted and entered of record the following Excess Levy Order:

Upon motion of Kenneth Brogan, duly seconded by Megan Harvey, the following Order was adopted:

**LEVY ELECTION ORDER
AN ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMERS
DIRECTING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
MAY 14, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE SUMMERS
COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
A PROPOSITION FOR AN
ADDITIONAL SCHOOL LEVY
FOR GENERAL EXPENSES OF OPERATING THE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF
SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Summers, being of the opinion that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of the general current expenses of schools in Summers County, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, and has ascertained that the amounts hereinafter shown in excess of the amounts raised by regular levies will be needed by The Board of Education of the County of Summers during each of said five (5) fiscal years, and that an election should be held to increase such levies, in conformity with the law, hereby ORDERS and DECLARES:

1. The purposes for which such additional funds are needed is the payment of the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Summers, including for the purposes hereinafter set forth in the table below, and the approximate average annual amount considered necessary for each purpose, subject to variation from year to year as provided herein, are as follows:

PURPOSE FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED	AVERAGE ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR EACH PURPOSE
A. Safety and Security , including, but not limited to, school resource officers; probation officer; cyber security; and building security.	\$350,000.00
B. Student Academic Services and Transportation , including, but not limited to, support (interventions, tutoring, student assistant teams, and other support); avoiding split classrooms; Communities In Schools Programs; After-School and Summer-School Programs; Work Programs; field trips; Career and Technical Education (CTE); band/music competitions; and academic and athletic competitions.	\$652,712.00
C. Building and Grounds , including, but not limited to, maintenance of existing buildings and grounds (including needed repairs and renewal and replacement); playgrounds; and facilities.	\$500,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,502,712.00

As noted above and in Section 3 hereof, the amounts set forth in the table above are the approximate average annual amounts for each purpose. The actual amounts for each purpose will likely vary from one fiscal year to the next. If any item in the above-stated purposes is declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, then any affected funds will be distributed among the remaining constitutional and valid itemized purposes.

2. The Board of Education of the County of Summers is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the above amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations, for the enrichment, supplementation, operation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of the County of Summers.

3. The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes, after making reasonable allowances for uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$7,513,560.00, or the average sum of approximately \$1,502,712.00, annually. The actual amounts budgeted, as well as the amounts actually spent, for each purpose and in aggregate, likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next depending on the realized tax collections and the needs of the Summers County School District, as determined by the Board with respect to each fiscal year and, further, are subject to downward adjustments (if any) required to be made for any fiscal year under Section 8, Article 9B, Chapter 18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended. If the amounts budgeted by the Board for a specific purpose or purposes for a fiscal year are not able or needed to be spent entirely in such fiscal year, then the unspent amount shall be carried over and spent by the Board on such specific purpose or purposes in subsequent fiscal years.

4. The separate and aggregate valuation of each class of taxable property within the Summers County School District certified in March 2023 is as follows:

CLASS OF TAXABLE PROPERTY	ASSESSED VALUATION
Class I	\$0.00
Class II (Less Homestead)	\$297,932,866
Class III	\$270,347,608
Class IV	\$72,841,460
AGGREGATE ASSESSED VALUATION	\$641,121,934

5. The proposed additional rate of levy in cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property within the Summers County School District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, is as follows:

Class I	8.035
Class II	16.07
Class III	32.14
Class IV	32.14

6. The Board of Education of the County of Summers, to the extent permitted by then-existing law, reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and authority to reduce the rates of the excess levy should increased assessments produce funds beyond projected needs in any year specified in the levy call in accordance with Section 6g, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.

7. For each fiscal year beginning on and after July 1, 2024, The Board of Education of the County of Summers, to the extent permitted by then-existing law, shall reduce the levy rates proportionately for all classes of property when increased assessed valuations, excluding appraisal or valuation due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, would cause an increase of more than four percent in the total projected property tax revenues from the previous year's projected property tax revenues. In that event the levy rate, to the extent permitted by then-existing law, shall be reduced so as to cause such rate to produce no more than one hundred and four percent from all classes of property, excluding appraisal or valuation from new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, of the previous year's projected property tax revenues from all property.

8. The years to which the additional levy shall apply, if authorized by the voters, are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028.

9. The question of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote in the Summers County School District, which embraces Summers County, West Virginia, at an election to be held in said county on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

10. If a majority of the voters at an election to be held on May 14, 2024, approves the proposed additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, the said The Board of Education of the County of Summers will not issue bonds as provided by Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.

11. In the event The Board of Education of the County of Summers shall obtain additional money by grant or otherwise from the state or federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other source, for the purposes aforesaid, such additional money may be used either in substitution for, or in addition to, the sums obtained from such additional levies as The Board of Education of the County of Summers may from time to time determine.

12. In the event that the actual amount collected is less than the approximate annual amounts allocated for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine (i) which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year and (ii) the amount of each such reduction for such fiscal year; provided, however, that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall each year and; provided, further, that if any such reduction for one or more of the above-stated purposes is necessary, then subject to downward adjustments (if any) required to be made for any fiscal year under Section 8, Article 9B, Chapter 18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, the funds allocated for Purposes A and B set forth in the table of purposes and average annual amounts above shall be the last purposes considered by the Board for a reduction in funds in the event of a shortfall.

13. Notice of said election to authorize such additional levies shall be given by publication of notice thereof at least once a week for two successive weeks within fourteen (14) consecutive days next preceding the election in *The Hinton News* and *The Register-Herald*, newspapers of general circulation in Summers County.

14. The official ballot to be used in the election herein provided shall be in form as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Special Election to Authorize Additional Levies According to the Order of The Board of Education of the County of Summers entered on January 23, 2024

A special election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, in the total average amount of approximately \$1,502,230.84 annually, for the purpose of paying the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Summers, including for the purposes hereinafter set forth in the table below; all according to this Official Ballot and the Order of the Board entered on January 23, 2024, and as more particularly described below.

The approximate average annual amount considered necessary for each purpose, subject to variation from year to year as provided herein, is set forth as follows:

PURPOSE FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED	AVERAGE ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR EACH PURPOSE
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B. Student Academic Services and Transportation , including, but not limited to, support (interventions, tutoring, student assistant teams, and other support); avoiding split classrooms; Communities In Schools Programs; After-School and Summer-School Programs; Work Programs; field trips; Career and Technical Education (CTE); band/music competitions; and academic and athletic competitions.	\$652,712.00

For the Levies
Against the Levies

INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

Those favoring the additional levies shall mark after "For the Levies"; those against such levies shall mark after "Against the Levies."

----- END OF FORM OF OFFICIAL BALLOT -----

PURPOSE FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED (cont.)	AVERAGE ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR EACH PURPOSE (cont.)
C. Building and Grounds , including, but not limited to, maintenance of existing buildings and grounds (including needed repairs and renewal and replacement); playgrounds; and facilities.	\$500,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,502,712.00

As noted above and in the next paragraph, below, the amounts set forth in the table above are the approximate average annual amounts for each purpose. The actual amounts for each purpose will likely vary from one fiscal year to the next. If any item in the above-stated purposes is declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, then any affected funds will be distributed among the remaining constitutional and valid itemized purposes.

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The proposed additional rate of levy in cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property within Summers County School District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, is as follows:

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The Board of Education of the County of Summers is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, or for the enrichment, supplementation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools.

In the event that the actual amount collected is less than the approximate annual amounts allocated for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine (i) which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year and (ii) the amount of each such reduction for such fiscal year; provided, however, that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall each year and; provided, further, that if any such reduction for one or more of the above-stated purposes is necessary, then subject to downward adjustments (if any) required to be made for any fiscal year under Section 8, Article 9B, Chapter 18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, the funds allocated for Purpose A and B set forth in the table of purposes and average annual amounts above shall be the last purpose considered by the Board for a reduction in funds in the event of a shortfall.

The Board of Education of the County of Summers, to the extent permitted by then-existing law, reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and authority to reduce the rates of the excess levy should increased assessments produce funds beyond projected needs in any year specified in the levy call in accordance with Section 6g, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.

For each fiscal year beginning on and after July 1, 2024, The Board of Education of the County of Summers, to the extent permitted by then-existing law, may reduce the levy rates proportionately for all classes of property when increased assessed valuations, excluding appraisal or valuation due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, would cause an increase of more than four percent in the total projected property tax revenues from the previous year's projected property tax revenues. In that event the levy rate, to the extent permitted by then-existing law, is reduced so as to cause such rate to produce no more than one hundred and four percent from all classes of property, excluding appraisal or valuation from new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, of the previous year's projected property tax revenues from all property.



The Hillbilly Storyteller: Old Man Will and Buddy

The Hillbilly Storyteller

As evening came on Saturday the old people would gather inside the old store. The old stories would begin. The one that they would tell about was old man Will and his dog. My uncle was the best to tell this story.

The old man lived up the holler by the old mill. Uncle said someone told him Will was in the War. That is why he walked so bad. He got shot in the leg. They thought he was going to die. He was in the hospital for 6 months. When they released him he was in Germany. When he got back home he found out that his wife had died.

Uncle said, "I talked to him a lot but he would not talk about his wife's death."

He lived on the old home place. Twenty years ago he kept the place in wonderful condition. He had horses and pigs and chickens and put out a big garden. But every year it got less and less.

Uncle said, "I know of no kin people that he's got. He is getting old and his mind comes and goes. I believe he does not take his medicine right. The Veterans get him his medicine. They send it to him in the mail. He lives as poor as a church mouse. The neighbors help him now and then. They don't feel sorry for him because he will work. I told the neighbors we needed to get together this fall and help him with the wood." The neighbors said yes they would help but that they needed to get together to figure out what day would work.

The old man knew how to raise a good garden. The problem was he would plant something one day and then go back the next day and plant the same thing over again. He was forgetful. Everyone was surprised how good a garden he could grow.

The neighbors and myself and some of the bigger boys finally got together and got his wood in. He was very thankful for this help and thanks us over and over.

It was early fall that Uncle

stopped to see him. He was sitting on the porch. He was about half asleep. There was a little pup in his lap. Uncle said, "Where did you get the pup?"

Will said, "This is the best thing I have ever seen" talking about the pup. Then he began to talk about something else that nothing to do with anything.

Uncle said, "Will, where did you get the pup?"

He said, "Mama gave it to me."

Uncle said, "Your mother has been dead for forty years Will."

The old man looked up in the air and looked down in the ground and said to Uncle, "She gave it to me."

Uncle said, "No, Will. Your mother is dead."

Will said, "No. Not my mother. The dog's mother gave it to me."

Uncle said, "How did this happen?"

Will said, "I was about half asleep sitting in this chair when the mother came upon the porch and got real close and looked me right in the eye. As she left I could see how poor she was. She was very poor. I fell asleep again. All at once I felt something laying in my lap. It was the pup. The mother dog was in the yard looking back at me as if she was saying thank you. That is how I got the pup."

Uncle did not know what to think if it was the truth or not.

Uncle said, "What you going to call it?" The old man started talking about something else. Uncle told him he would send some milk over by one of the boys the next day to feed the pup.

About a week went by. Uncle stopped by to check on the old man. He was surprised to see him out in the yard working and talking and singing and talking to the pup. Uncle sit back and listened. The old man told the pup that he was a good boy and would grow up to be a fine dog.

All at once the little pup saw Uncle and started barking. Uncle laughed at the pup and the old man did

too. Uncle gave him milk for the pup.

Uncle said to himself, "I know that pup is good for the old man."

Uncle was down at the store building about two weeks later and one of the neighbors said, "I saw the old man up on the high ridge. I wasn't close but it looked like he was hunting."

Uncle said, "No way. He is too old to go up on that ridge."

The neighbor said, "Well maybe I am wrong but he had a dog with him."

Uncle said, "Well maybe."

On Sunday evening the neighbors and Uncle went to see the old man. Before they got there they could hear music playing. It was the Ales'. They was on the porch having a good time. Uncle said to a neighbor, "A month ago I thought he was half dead."

As they got closer the little dog started barking. The Ales' are known to carry their shine with them everywhere they go. It didn't take long for the neighbors to get in to it. They whooped and hollered and danced all day.

Uncle heard Will tell one of the Ales', "Life is worth living now." One of them asked Will what is the dog's name?

Will said, "I don't know but if you will come back next Sunday and bring your music I will let you know."

The next day one of the neighbors had been hunting up on the mountain above Will's and came by his place. The boy's first thought was, "That can't be the old man because this feller is carrying wood and putting it on the porch." The boy offered to help but Will said, "No, it is good for me and for the dog."

The boy got down on the ground and was rolling around playing with the little dog. The boy had to go home.

As Sunday came everyone started gathering at Will's place. As they gathered up the big boys built a fire in the back yard because there was lots of room back there.

The old man got up and



Photo drawn and provided by The Hillbilly Storyteller

thanked everyone. One of the neighbors hollered out "What are you calling the dog?"

Will said, "Well, I've thought long and hard about it. We do everything together and he is my best buddy, so I am calling him Buddy." All the neighbors thought it was the perfect name.

Moral of the story – we all need a buddy whether large or small.

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My name is Keith Lively, and I am running for Circuit Judge of Monroe & Summers County. My life and character spring from Monroe and Summers County. I was born and raised in the West End of Hinton. My father, Albert Lively, grew up on a farm in Wayside and was a graduate of Greenville High School and Concord College, before becoming a schoolteacher. He was the band director at Union High School in the 1960s and went on to teach at Greenbrier West and Greenbrier Elementary School in Hinton. He was the choir director for Central Baptist Church and long-time secretary for the Kiwanis Club in Hinton. My mother, Frances Lively, also taught school at Greenville, Greenbrier East, Alderson, Sandstone, and Hinton High School. My father was a founding member of Union Memorial Baptist Church, and his name is still on the cornerstone.

As for me, I graduated from Hinton High School in 1989 and from WVU in 1993. I went to law school at Columbia University and spent many years working out of state, primarily as a litigator in Washington, DC. In 2008, I purchased a house in my old Hinton neighborhood, when it was clear that nowhere else truly felt like home. Our community has always had a hold on me for a multitude of reasons: from our pace of life, to the beauty of our towns and countryside, and the common decency we show each other on a daily basis.

Over the past 25 years I have litigated cases in state and federal courts in West Virginia, as well as appearing before many West Virginia state agencies. I have dealt with a multitude of legal issues, including employment, contract, property, personal injury, premises liability, insurance, health care, and civil rights. I have represented companies as large as Walmart and American Electric Power, as well as small businesses and individuals. As a result of this lengthy and wide-ranging experience, I feel I am well qualified to serve as your Judge.

I am also proud to have served as counsel to the Board of Main Street Hinton, Inc, since 2009. I was able to assist in reopening the local nursing home on the 3rd floor of Summers County ARH hospital in 2013, as well as securing funding to build senior independent living apartments on Temple Street in Hinton.

I promise I will work hard to uphold the dignity of our Court by applying our laws fairly and impartially. I will do all I can to ensure that parties appearing before the Court will have a fair opportunity to present their case. I hope to have your vote this May 14th.

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