

Pat Jordan and Larry Meador chosen as Spirit of Hinton 2024



Pat Jordan

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Pat Jordan has served as a dedicated councilman for the City of Hinton for a total of 33 years. Pat has been a steadfast advocate for policies that balance economic growth with environmental responsibility. Known for his collaborative approach, he has played a key role in bringing together diverse voices from all sectors of the city to address pressing issues such as affordable housing, recreation and youth programs. Throughout his tenure, Pats has built a reputation for integrity, honor, and a commitment to ensuring that all residents have a voice in the city's future. Larry Meador was a dynamic councilman for the City of Hinton for 41 years. Larry focused on advancing the city's



Larry Meador

economic development, Larry has helped championed initiatives that support small businesses, create job opportunities, and enhance the city's cultural and recreational offerings. Known for his pragmatic solutions and proactive approach to challenges, Larry has played a pivotal role in improving public services, expanding green spaces, and enhancing the city's overall livability. His leadership has helped Hinton's growth and ensured its long-term success. "It has been an honor to have worked with these two gentlemen. Both have served their communities well. They both have earned the Spirit of Hinton award for their commitment to the community."-Mayor Scott

City of Hinton Hires Experienced Administrative Assistant

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) -The City of Hinton is excited to announce the recent hire of Megan Stevens as a full-time Administrative Assistant. Megan has jumped into learning everything there is to know about city operations and will begin to assume a variety of roles including Coordinator of Parks and Recreation to help develop outdoor recreation opportunities that will help expand local economy and tourism footprint.

Stevens is a passionate outdoor enthusiast from Raleigh, North Carolina. She earned a bachelor's degree in Parks and Recreation Management in 2020 and went on to complete her master's in Experiential and Outdoor Education from Western Carolina University in 2022.

Her training combines her love of nature with a commitment to foster learning through hands-on experiences. Stevens' personal goal is to bring people together through outdoor activities that create meaningful connections with nature by focusing on providing enriching experiences that promote personal growth, environmental stewardship and community engagement. "I am excited to be a part of the wonderful opportunities happening in Hinton and Summers County," said Stevens.

"We are extremely excited to have someone with Megan's experience and education to help guide the city. Outdoor recreation can help us create jobs, new businesses and will bring us much-needed exposure," Mayor Jack Scott said.

Stevens' experience includes employment with the City of Raleigh and the City of Asheville, North Carolina in outdoor recreation roles.

She is engaged to Summers County native, Tyler Turner, and will reside in Hinton and Summers County.

JBE held monthly award ceremony on Nov. 12



The following students received The Heart of the Tiger Award: Sullivan Medley, Braelyn Anderson, Gemma Robles, Rachel Lilly, Mallory Ward and Kelly Lilly. Photo provided by JBE



The following students received Magnificent Mathematician: Paislee Oxford, Niko Wuchevich, Karrington Holland, Levi Lilly, Sydney Graham and Kyron Bridwell. Photo provided by JBE



The October Honor Roll recipients pose for a photo at the Nov. 12 awards ceremony held at Jumping Branch Elementary School. Congratulations Tigers. Photo provided by JBE



The following students received the Roaring Reader Award: Willa Lyons, Austin Bennett, Contessa Kellan, Freyalise Stoner, Trenton Sears and Aubrey Lane. All of the listed October awards were presented during the Nov. 12 ceremony held at Jumping Branch Elementary School. Congratulations to all of the recipients. Way to go Tigers, making your community proud. Photo provided by JBE



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A Peek into Summers County's Past: The Hill or Drill Corn Planter

William Jones

CLAYTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - From the 1870s up through the 1910s the United States saw a large number of inventions for farming, in this case, the "planting" side of it specifically. One of these inventions was created by a person from Summers County, Mr. M.M. Ballengee of Clayton. On Dec. 5, 1916, he was granted a patent for his Hill or Drill Corn Planter.

It was a simple design that could be operated by hand. It was designed to place grain at a variety of distances apart, anywhere from 4 to 18 inches. The advertisement supplies a testimonial from E.K. McClung, the pastor of the Clayton Baptist Church

in Clayton, WV at that time.

The Clayton/Griffiths Creek area of the county is well known for its farming heritage, the Ballengee family played a large part in the farming role in the Clayton area of the county. My grandparents Gene and Catherine Jones moved to Clayton after purchasing their first farm when they were married in 1952 prior to purchasing their farm in Pence Springs that remains in the family today.

This new invention could be purchased at the Alderson Hardware Company in Alderson, WV. I'm certain that it could have been bought at locations in Summers County at that time but Alderson is the only place I know for certain.

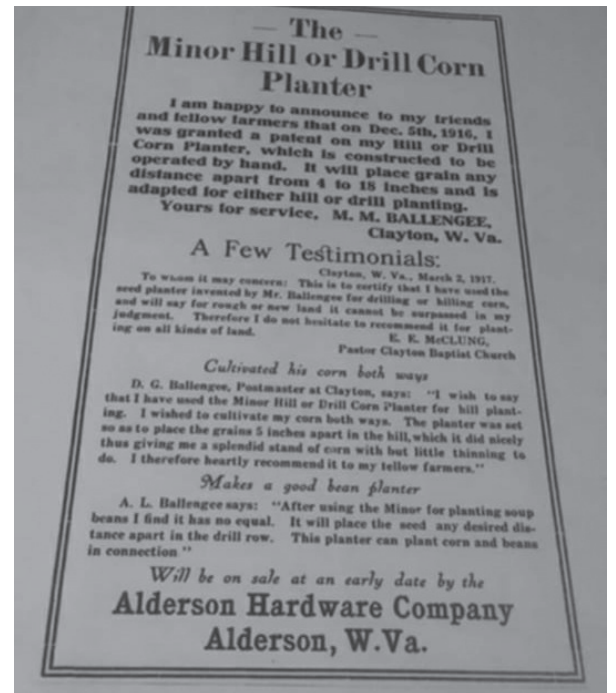
A copy of this early local advertisement was given to me by my good friend and Summers County historian, the late John Kessler. John collected and researched all areas of Summers County. He knew that my main interest was the eastern side of the county. So when he came across something like this advertisement about an invention in Clayton he would give me a copy of it.

In researching this piece in my collection I uncovered that M.M. Ballengee was also a reverend. In the Jan. 8, 1936 edition of the Hinton Daily News there was a column for "Ramp News." The Ballengee family was multifaceted much like the Graham

family in early Summers County history.

It states that Rev. M.M. Ballengee was conducting regular services at Ramp Baptist Church on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. I then found an article that was written when he died in 1957. He passed away at his home on Monday, Dec. 9, 1957, in Bellepoint. It further talks about him having been born July 5, 1879, in Clayton, where he had spent most of his life before retiring in 1952. At that time he and his wife moved to Hinton.

It later says that he was the son of D. G. and Delphia Flint Ballengee. I haven't traced the lineage yet but I can almost say with certainty that he and I are distant



An antique advertisement. Photo provided by William Jones

cousins. The Thomas side of my family brings the "Flint" name to my family from the Clayton area. My great grandmother was Effie Della Flint Thomas of the Clayton/Griffiths Creek area of Summers County.

Hinton's annual Christmas Walk is Dec. 14

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - This year's Christmas Walk will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 starting at 6 p.m. at Ascension Episcopal Church. Ascension is located at the corner of Temple and 5th Ave, directly across from the old middle school.

Christmas is a glorious and beautiful time of the year. It's a time for coming together and living out those great commandments to love God and to love our

neighbors. The Christmas walk is about just that, gathering in love with others to celebrate God's goodness.

It is a story made of truth and imagination, tradition and expectation. The focus of this year's walk is 'Light in the Darkness'. Even in the darkness with the

problems we face today, that light shines through.

We will visit six beautiful downtown churches, steeped in history and mystery. A part of that mystery is that even though we have different beliefs and ideas, we come together in love. And that makes it beau-

tiful.

Most of these churches were formed in the late 1800s, during Hinton's heyday. For about 150 years they have clung to the truth that comes from God. The architecture is awe-inspiring, especially as

they are decked out for the coming Christmas celebration.

After visiting these churches, we will gather in the space next to the First Methodist Church for warm drinks, snacks and renewing old friendships.

Come and be a part of this annual celebration of Christmas. It's a most wonderful time of the year, as we remember the light that always, always shines.

If you have questions, check with Sister Nancy Martin, 304-860-9446.

State Fair of WV to Host Three-Day Music Festival

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - The State Fair of West Virginia is set to host the inaugural Wild Trails Festival, a three-day music festival headlined by Oliver Anthony, Treaty Oak Revival and Flatland Calvary on June 19-21, 2025, at the State Fairgrounds in Fairlea.

Other artists include Ole 60, Pecos and the Rooftops, as well as several more to be announced. Early bird passes and VIP tickets will go on sale Friday, Nov. 22, at 10 a.m.

"2025 is going to be a big year, as we prepare to celebrate the State Fair of West Virginia's 100th anniversary," fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "What better way to begin celebrations than to host a music festival next June!"

This event will include three days of music and will be located in the carnival midway, with a festival setup. Ticket buyers may bring their own blankets or chairs. This event is set to begin a two-month-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the State Fair of West Virginia, while also promoting tourism in the state. Whether it's hiking, biking, kayaking or ATVs, West Virginia is known for its trails. This festival will include a promotion of the outdoor activities you can participate in while visiting West Virginia.

For more information on tickets or camping, visit www.wildtrailswv.com.

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Character Matters by Gene Taylor

Many people are willing to take a chance on others never discovering their wrongdoings. Many of these, however, are caught and punished for their misdeeds. Others get by with evil works because they are able to fool people all the days of their lives.

Others refrain from doing things which are wrong because they know society does not approve of those things. They are afraid to take the chance of being discovered in their evil schemes by the public. As the standards that are acceptable to the majority vary, though, so will the standards of such people. Just think of what is practiced now in the way of immorality that does not even cause an eyebrow to be raised that would have provoked the strongest kind of censure just a few years ago. One who allows society to establish his standards will never be anything but an advocate of the status quo.

Still others who would be willing to take the chance of doing many things which are evil even though they might be apprehended by society are deterred by a fear of God. Anyone who has any knowledge of the Bible knows that it reveals that all sin will be found out and judged (Eccl. 12:14; 2 Cor. 5: 10). Numbers 32:23 states, "...and be sure your sin will find you out." Hebrews 4:13 speaks of the same thought when it says, "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

Those who refrain from doing that which is wrong because they know it would displease the Lord are to be commended. However, God desires more than fear. Surely the person who has trained himself to follow the Lord's will ought to realize that he should do those things that are right because they are right. The religion of Christ does not encourage people to do all they think they can "get by with." Rather it teaches that those who are the Lord's disciples are to become good in their hearts (Matt. 15:18-20). Jesus shows the heart to be the wellspring of actions: evil proceeds from the heart (Mark 7:20-23), so should goodness. God has commanded those who desire to be His children to change their hearts (Rom. 12:1-2) and to become godly in their manner of life. God said, "Be holy, for I am holy." (1 Pet. 1:16).

As disciples, our goal ought not to be abstaining from evil only because we are afraid of punishment but rather to be holy even as God is. James 1:13 cites the supreme goodness of God: "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God;' for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone." Verse 14 shows that temptation comes because of lust, inordinate desire, which entices one to sin. God is so completely good that evil is not an enticement to Him, He is not even tempted by it. Since temptation comes because one is drawn by his own desires toward that which entices, then the impossibility for God to be tempted must mean He has no desire for anything that is evil.

Can you think of something you once practiced which was sinful but that you have now discarded? If so, you are becoming more like God. How great to be able to reach a state where you have no desire to sin.

Just how far have you gone toward real goodness? What do you do when you think no one is looking? What would you do if you could hide your deeds from the Lord? Surely honest answers to these questions will help each of us evaluate ourselves properly. Our answers will enable us to see the progress we have made as a Christian and to realize more fully that our own goodness is very meager, and that great challenges are before us and, with deep humility of our own unworthiness, that we must seek God's abundant love and grace to help us be the kind of people we ought to be, the kind He would have us be. The secret to good character is a converted heart.

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Shop local with The 211 Gallery

Lisa Abshire

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Shop Owner Dagan McKinney says that for approximately three years he was using office space on Temple Street as his studio space. He does mosaic glasswork, leather crafting and other artwork. He decided it was too good of a space not to do something with and that's when he decided to open a gallery/gift shop, which turned into The 211 Gallery.

McKinney said he began by selling furniture out of the display window. At the same time, he was working on fixing up the shop area. He wanted to have local artists featured, as well as signed pieces from artists all

over the world. McKinney explained that today he has that along with a collection of Blenko and Fenton glass. He said he likes to find unique items and oddities and that he is always trying to make the shop eclectic and fun.

McKinney said it's important to him to try and make the shop inviting to locals and tourists alike. He went on to explain that some of his best-selling items are macrame hangers by Evelyn McKinney, sun catchers, crystals, jewelry and mosaics.

Store hours are noon to 8 p.m. and the store is closed on Wednesday and Sunday. You can find the gallery at 215 Temple Street, Hinton.



The gallery decorated for Christmas. Photo courtesy of Dagan McKinney



The 211 Gallery lit up. Photo courtesy of Dagan McKinney

Shop Local with B's Shirt Shack

Lisa Abshire

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Looking for that certain gift that is wearable and a fashion statement? Check out B's Shirt Shack and More. Run by stay-at-home mom Brooklyn Faith Ratliff, the Shirt Shack provides both bleached and unbleached shirts and crewnecks. To make sure your whole family is in adorable prints, she also carries sizes for toddlers and children.

Ratliff also carries many items besides

shirts. She offers decorated beaded pens, aprons, engraved items such as cutting boards, women's wallets and hair brushes. She is also proud to offer cups, coffee mugs and sippy cups.

For the holiday season, Brooklyn will be offering three pens for \$12 or \$8 each. Shirts will be \$15 and crew necks will be \$30, while kid's shirts will be \$8. Check out B's Shirt Shack and More on Facebook or call 304-362-1979 for your holiday shopping needs. You will be happy you did.



An apron made by B's Shirt Shack. Photo provided by Brooklyn Faith Ratliff



A shirt by B's Shirt Shack. Photo provided by Brooklyn Faith Ratliff

City of Hinton Holiday Season 2024 November and December 2024

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Nov. 30: The City of Hinton proudly announces its participation in Small Business Saturday on Nov. 30, inviting community members to shop local and support the small businesses that are vital to our economy and community spirit.

Small Business Saturday is a nationwide movement dedicated to celebrating and supporting local businesses. This year, Hinton is highlighting the unique offerings of our local entrepreneurs, reminding residents that their choices can have a significant impact on the community.

Dec. 7 and 14: Get ready to celebrate the holiday season with

Hinton's Hometown Christmas festivities.

On Saturday, Dec. 7 from 1-7 p.m., Hinton's Hometown Christmas Festival will take place within the downtown historic district with vendors located in the McCreery Conference Center, the Boho Building, and on Temple Street. There will be free carriage rides, pictures with Santa and activities for children.

The Hinton Annual Christmas Parade will also take place on Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. Watch as the streets come alive with holiday floats, music, and more. Following the Christmas Parade, the Tree Lighting ceremony will be held in the City Park located on the corner of 3rd Ave-

nue and Temple Street. Bring your family and friends for a night of joy and celebration.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Hinton's Hometown Christmas Cookie & Art Walk will take place from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tickets are required for participation in the Cookie Express portion of the walk.

Dec. 21-25: The City of Hinton is once again sponsoring the Hinton Christmas Decoration Competition:

Enter by decorating

the exterior of your home for a chance to win prizes. Don't miss out on spreading cheer throughout the community. Applications should be submitted no later than Monday, Dec.

16 and can be found on the city's website.

Details for all Hinton's Hometown Christmas events can be found on their Facebook Page titled Hinton's Hometown Christmas Holiday.

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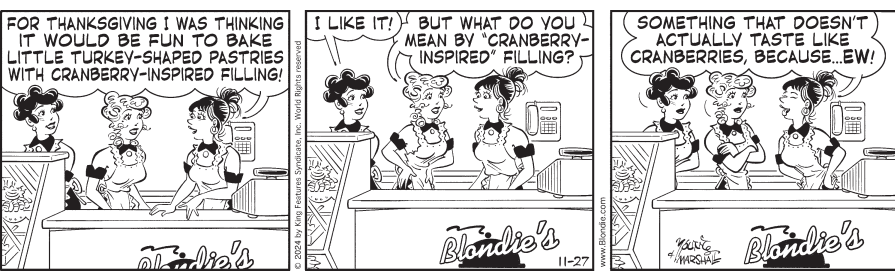


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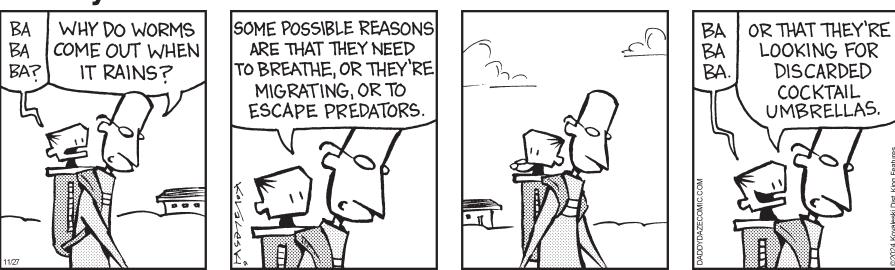
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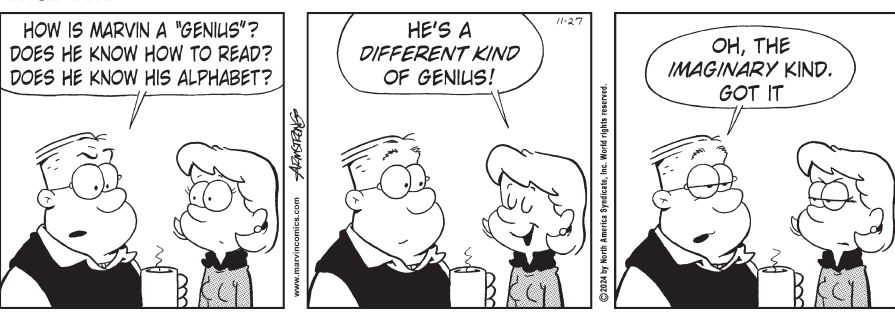
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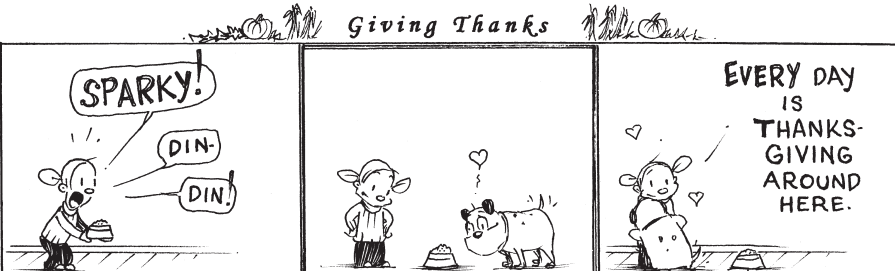
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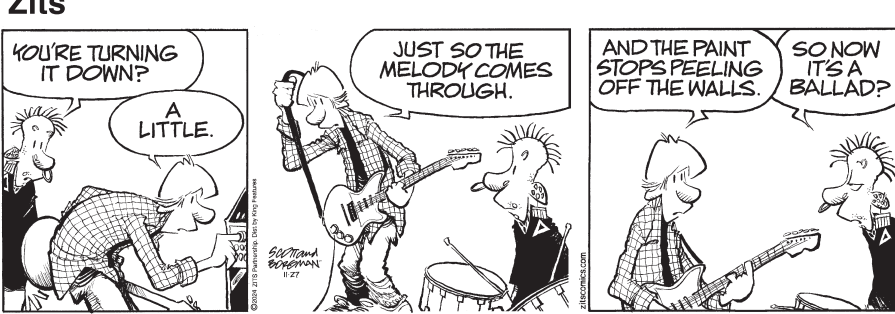
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Sudoku grid with numbers 4, 9, 3, 6, 5, 4, 6, 3, 8, 1, 4, 9, 3, 4, 7, 3, 7, 1, 9, 6, 1, 7, 8, 6, 5, 2, 6

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:

Grid of numbers for the previous puzzle's answer

Difficulty: ★★★

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Crossword grid with letters

Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

Crossword grid with numbers 1-41

ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 4 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST today (1 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Libra into Scorpio. HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024: You are warm and friendly. You are also individualistic, independent and sometimes impulsive. This is the beginning of a new nine-year cycle for you. Expect adventures and major changes. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities and be ready to act fast. A leadership role is likely. 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 you have strong feelings about being independent and wanting to do your own thing. You want to be free to make your choices. It's an excellent day to express your creativity. It's also a great day to be active in sports. Be patient with children, because you might be a tad bossy. Tonight: Patience. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) 3★ Today you're putting a lot of energy into your home scene. You might be shoving furniture around or rearranging things. Whatever the case, there's increased activity and chaos on the homefront! Be patient with family members. Expect practical and financial help. Tonight: Be helpful. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) 4★ Today you will say what you mean and mean what you say! This is because you're putting a lot of energy into expressing yourself; in addition to which, you identify with your ideas. Beware of trying to coerce others into believing as you do. Lighten up! Tonight: Avoid power struggles. CANCER (June 21-July 22) 3★ You're keen to work hard to boost your earnings today. You have big ideas about how to spend your money. You will also identify with your possessions, which is why you might feel "precious" about something, and not want to lend it. Tonight: Easy does it. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) 4★ You will get a lot done today; you're motivat-

ed and energetic. This is because fiery Mars is in your sign today getting a boost from the Sun. Naturally, you will be opinionated as well as dynamic -- oh yes, you're on a mission. This is fortunate, because you have big plans! "Hello, world!" Tonight: Avoid conflict. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) 3★ Home, family and your private life are your focus now. In fact, relatives and family members you haven't seen for a while are back in the picture. Stay calm. Don't give in to self-doubt or self-defeating behavior patterns that are basically insecure feelings. You've got this! Tonight: Check your money. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) 4★ With relatives, siblings and neighbors you haven't seen for a while back in your world, it's a small wonder that you have lots of energy to be involved with group activities and friends. You're ready to script things, because you know how you want them to flow. Tonight: Tolerance. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) 3★ You're keen to achieve something today, which is why it might be

best if you work alone. Your ambition is strong and you have lots of individual initiative. Tread carefully if you have to work with a parent or boss, because you might be overpowering. Tonight: Relax. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) 4★ Travel plans are exciting, which is why you have lots of energy to explore new places and see new faces. You're enthusiastic about your immediate plans and keen to talk to everyone, perhaps even old faces and ex-partners who are back on the scene. Tonight: Friendships. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19) 3★ Today you have the energy to direct things from behind the scenes. Oh yes, you will be pulling the strings. In particular, you want to settle any confusion about inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt and insurance matters. Tonight: Avoid disputes. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) 3★ You're buzzing with excitement. You're involved with friends as well as groups and organizations. Nevertheless, some aggres-

sive energy from a partner or close friend cannot be ignored. (Yikes!) This person has demands that you might have to meet. Tonight: Avoid controversy. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) 4★ This is a powerful day for you, and you will get a tremendous amount done. You have the energy and motivation to do so. However, don't expect others to work at your rate, because they're working hard too,

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Petitioner,

v.
CLINTON ALFRED ADKINS and TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$2,169.00) IN US CURRENCY, Respondents.
NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR FORFEITURE

The object of this suit is to seek an Order forfeiting the herein described property pursuant to the West Virginia Contraband Forfeiture Act (Chapter 60A, Article 7 of the West Virginia Code, as amended).

TO: Any Claimant of the right or interest in said property.

You have the right to file a claim on the herein described property on or before **December 13, 2024**. Any such claim must clearly state the identity of the Claimant and an address where legal process can be served upon said Claimant.

The property seized and subject of this suit is described as follows:

TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$2,169.00) IN US CURRENCY,

The Law Enforcement Agency responsible for the seizure is the Summers County Sheriff's Department.

The seizure took place on or about **August 8, 2024**, in Summers County, West Virginia.

That the **TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$2,169.00) IN US CURRENCY**, is located at the office of the Summers County Sheriff's Department, in Hinton, West Virginia.

That after the date set for filing said claims, an Order of the Court directing forfeiture of the seized property to the State and vesting ownership of said property shall be sought.

If you fail to file a claim, thereafter an Order, upon proper hearing, may be entered against you for the relief demanded for in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition

can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of this Court on the 13th day of November 2024.
 /s/ Stacy D. Ford
 STACY D. FORD,
 CIRCUIT CLERK OF SUMMERS COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA
 (27no4de)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CC-45-2024-P-18
KRISTIN R. COOK, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, EX. REL. SUMMERS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
Petitioner,

v.
ALFRED DOUGLAS ARMSTEAD, and a 1999 FORD WINDSTAR VALUED AT, TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) IN US CURRENCY, Respondents.
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 (27no4de)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Civil Action No. CC-45-2024-C-20
Judge: Hon. Robert Irons

CHRISTOPHER CARRION, INDIVIDUALLY, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF DEBRA ANN BENNETT, AND AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DEBRA ANN BENNETT, JENNIFER CARRION and AMANDA SWANN, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF DEBRA ANN BENNETT,
Petitioners.

vs.
ASHLEY CARRION, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SALE BY SPECIAL COMMISSIONER

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of that certain Order entered on September 12, 2024, in the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia, Civil Action No.: CC-45-2024-C-20, Christopher Carrion, et al, v. Ashley Carrion, that the Court found that the subject property in said action will be sold at partition sale by Anna R. Ziegler, Special Commissioner. The subject property consists of 25 acres, to be the same, more or less, and being the same property conveyed unto Arnold Simon Bennett and Debra A. Bennett, his wife, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, by deed dated September 22, 2000, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 202 at Page 567. The said Arnold Simon Bennett having died, vesting title unto Debra A. Bennett. The said Debra A. Bennett having died on or about March 3, 2024, intestate, leaving as heirs the Petitioners and Respondent herein.

Notice is hereby given that the following described property will be sold at a partition sale, which said sale shall occur on the front steps of the Summers County Courthouse, West Virginia, on **December 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

All that tract of land situate in Greenbrier District of Summers County, West Virginia and being more

particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a water elm on the line of the land formerly owned by the Lilly heirs; thence with the line of Chattin passing a sycamore on the bank of Big Cave Branch to a hickory; thence continuing with Chattin to a locust on the line of Bennett and with the line of Bennett and passing a rock with an "X" mark on the bank of Big Cave Branch, to pine on the line of the land formerly owned by the Lilly heirs; thence with the Lilly heirs line to the water elm, the place of **BEGINNING**, and containing 25 acres, more or less.

AND BEING the same property conveyed unto Arnold Simon Bennett and Debra A. Bennett, his wife, by deed dated September 22, 2000, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 202 at Page 567.

Said real estate will be sold as a whole tract of 25 acres more or less, as is, where is, without any warranty express or implied as to the condition of the premises. Any deed to be delivered to a buyer at this sale will be by special warranty deed.

The Special Commissioners reserve the right to reject any bid deemed inadequate.

Terms of sale: Ten percent cash in hand on day of sale, to be held in escrow pending approval by the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia. Balance due upon confirmation of sale by the Court.

/s/ Anna R. Ziegler
 Anna R. Ziegler
 Special Commissioner
 West Virginia State Bar No.: 9954
 Ziegler and Ziegler, L.C.
 110 James Street
 Hinton, West Virginia 25951
 304-466-1224

I, Stacy Ford, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the Special Commissioner has posted bond before me in the amount of \$50,000.00, as required by the Order of the Circuit Court of Summers County entered on September 12, 2024.

Given under my hand this the 20th day of November, 2024.

Attest: /s/ Stacy D. Ford
 (27no4,11de)

WVDNR seeks art for Calendar Contest

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. (Hinton News) — Artists who want a chance to have their wildlife paintings featured in the 2026 edition of the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar have until Feb. 19, 2025, to send their artwork to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. Each year, the WVDNR selects 12 paintings for its award-winning calendar based on overall composition, quality and anatomical and contextual accuracy. A \$200 prize is awarded for each chosen painting. The artist whose artwork is selected for the cover receives an additional \$500. Guidelines:

Art must be original color paintings on canvas or another flat surface and must depict native game and fish species or other wildlife found in West Virginia, such as snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, bats, songbirds, small mammals and non-game fish. Photographs and paintings with wildlife not found in West Virginia will not be considered. Paintings depicting hunting or fishing activities may be submitted. The calendar is horizontal and art should be at least 14.5 inches wide by 11.5 inches high. Artists who want to send art should mail a high-resolution copy to the following address: WV Division of Natural Resources Wildlife Calendar Art P.O. Box 67 Elkins, WV, 26241

Artists may send multiple paintings and artwork not chosen in previous years may be resubmitted. Digital copies of paintings of at least 300dpi may be emailed to Sanya.D.George@wv.gov.

For more information or to purchase the 2025 edition while supplies last, visit WVDnr.gov/wildlife-calendar.

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Hinton Wednesday Club learns Chinese Tea Ceremony

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - After 118 years you would think that the Hinton Wednesday Club would have run out of ideas for new experiences, but no. On Nov. 6, the members held their meeting at the Fox and Fairy Tea House in Hinton. Tea Specialist, Kira Le Pier, led the members through the Chinese Tea Ceremony. Kira demonstrated the technique of pouring, brewing and serving.

Everyone was enchanted by the Tea Pets. Tea pets, also known as drinking buddies, are small figurines that sit on the tea tray. They are usually made of clay that develops a patina from both the oils

in tea and the action of pouring tea over the pet. They are not just decorative but part of the ceremony. We were amazed when Kira's tea pets changed colors, spit and some even bubbled.

When asked the difference between the Chinese Ceremony and the Japanese ceremony, Kira said the Chinese focuses on the quality of the tea and the social aspect, while the Japanese Ceremony is centered around rituals and aesthetics.

It was a unique meeting and we encourage everyone to spend some time at the Fox and Fairy where they center on the social aspect of tea with friends.



From left front around to the right: Barbara Bowling, Lena Jane Jones, Barbara Wilcox, Peggy Kula, Kira Le Pier, Barbara Parmer, Julia Gaitor, Betty Hendrick. Not pictured: Cathy Browning, Michelle Bowles, Myra Ziegler.

Tibetan Oracle delivers message of faith at WVSOM

LEWISBURG, W.Va. (Hinton News) - Noting a "special karma," the Nechung Oracle, Kuten-la, the official WVSOM President State Oracle of Tibet and spiritual advisor to the Dalai Lama, said his visit Nov. 19 to the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) wasn't a random circumstance.

With the assistance of a translator, the Oracle told an audience of more than 120 people that while strangers today, they were sharing the same space because they have a bond from a previous lifetime. He explained that with Buddhism, knowing who you are today, requires reflecting on previous lifetimes.

Speaking during a public reception in his honor, the Oracle said he was honored to speak at WVSOM where students learn to reduce suffering and show compassion and kindness. He called the reception "a special gathering in a special place."

The Oracle said it's important to consider the well-being of the body and mind but also the soul and spirit.

During the reception, the Oracle shared a prayer with the audience and conducted

individual blessings, with most of those present lining up for a personal moment.

WVSOM President James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., in a live video message, welcomed the Oracle to campus. Dr. Dawn Roberts, Ed.D., associate dean for multicultural and student affairs, and Dr. Katherine Calloway, D.O., regional assistant dean for the South Central region of WVSOM's State-wide Campus, coordinated the reception.

The current Nechung Oracle is the Venerable Thupten Ngodup, who has been the medium of the Oracle since 1987. The Nechung Kuten-la was accompanied by Tenzin Rinchen, his personal assistant; Ganpat Purevdirj and Bayara Purevragchaa, both monks from the Nechung Monastery; Tenzin Chogyal, who has organized the Oracle's tour of the U.S.; and Tenzin Thomson, who served as the translator Tuesday.

Kuten-la visited members of Congress during a stop in Washington, D.C., the weekend before the WVSOM reception.

Talking of world events, the Oracle told the WVSOM audience that human beings fall into three groups:



The Nechung Oracle, the Venerable Thupten Ngodup listens to questions during a reception for the Oracle, who is the official State Oracle of Tibet and spiritual advisor to the Dalai Lama, during his visit Nov. 19 to the WVSOM in Lewisburg.

those with faith and spirituality, atheists and those who don't care about spirituality; and those who are anti-religion.

The Oracle was forced to flee Tibet for India in 1966 following the invasion of Tibet by the communist Chinese. Part of his mission in the U.S. is to represent the Tibetan Government-in-Exile.

The Oracle's stop in Lewisburg was the result of Calloway's visit in 2024 to India.

In April, Calloway and four others — Megan Kelley and Sarah McQueen, WVSOM Class of 2025 medical students; Caroline LaFleur, M.D., of Medical Diplomats International; and Calloway's 15-year-old daughter, Grace — visited Dehradun, Uttarakhand and Dharamshala, India, and met with the Dalai Lama.



Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady, What can be done with leaves? I have two truckloads of leaves and don't own a single tree! **Tired of Raking Leaves**

Dear Tired of Raking Leaves,

Leaves are an excellent soil fertilizer and a good source of organic mulch. So, next year mow your yard instead of raking it. Mowing breaks the leaves

up into smaller pieces that will add nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and carbon compounds to your grass that help to increase the soil fertility. Since mowed leaves are smaller, they will compost quicker and the recycling process of returning the nutrients to the soil occurs more rapidly. According to rural-sprout.com, mowed dead leaves that are left on the soil help to improve the soil's structure as they naturally break down over several months. This happens with the help of microorganisms, and it also creates air gaps in the soil. According to David Mizejewski, a naturalist at Natural Wildlife Federation, mowed leaves left in your yard will not only add organic material to your lawn or garden, but perhaps give small animals some shelter. Leaves raked into plants beds along the edge of your yard can become a wildlife habitat and offer protective cover for overwintering insects and small wildlife. Everything from earthworms, beneficial insects, toads, box turtles and chipmunks can live in this layer of leaves during the winter. If you have a compost pile or a composter, bag some of the dry leaves to use later during winter. Dry leaves are brown material for your compost and are a good source of carbon. Don't send your leaves out with the trash. According to the EPA, landfills in 2018 received nearly 11 million tons of leaves and yard clippings. This

yard waste breaks down in the landfill and forms methane, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. Never blow your leaves into the road, curb or ditch line as they will clog drains, injection wells, and affect local water. If there is foreign debris in your leaves, it can clog grates and prevent water from moving along the street.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have a #1 dark green hand soap bottle with a black plastic pump. Is this bottle recyclable?

Recycler

Dear Recycler,

Hold up your dark green bottle to the light. If you can see any light coming through the bottle, it is recyclable with #1 plastic bottles and jugs. If you can't see some light, it is not recyclable and goes in the trash along with the black plastic pump. The more bottles and jugs that are recycled, the fewer there are that end up in landfills. Are you familiar with the large variety of products that are made from recycled bottles and jugs? Products range from new bottles to carpeting, tennis balls, insulation for jackets, t-shirts, and paint brushes.

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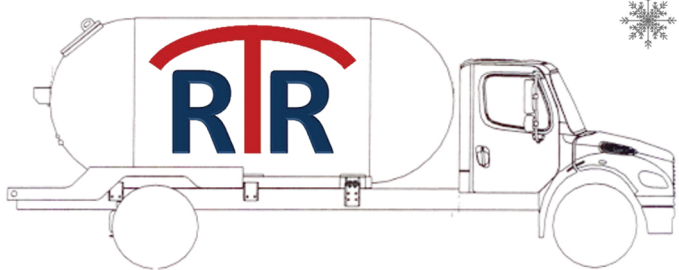
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