

TextMyGov Announcement

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The City of Hinton is excited to launch TextMyGov, a new, smart text messaging service! Residents can receive important notifications and text the city to find specific information. The City of Hinton

will officially launch the new text messaging system to the public on Feb. 1, 2025. Residents may receive a text message from 91896 from the City of Hinton initiating the service. You can choose to opt out at any time by texting STOP.

If you don't receive the initial message, you can choose to opt-in by texting the keyword "HINTON" to the number 91896. After sending the initial keyword, you will be asked to reply "YES" to confirm opt-in. Residents may receive notifications for

Events, Service Outages, Road Work, Weather Alerts, etc.

Also starting soon, residents will be able to receive on-demand information 24/7 by texting 1-2 keywords to Hinton's TextMyGov number: 304.660.3433. You'll be able to get

quick information about news, upcoming events, and other HINTON information.

Hinton's use of this technology is another example of how our community is enhancing resident services by implementing 21-century solutions. We're ex-

cited about this new way of communicating with residents and look forward to sharing important city notifications. Other governmental entities across the country are utilizing this system with great success. Stay Informed, stay ahead.

Summers County Archery Prepares for Local tournament

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Summers County Archery Team and Coaches would like to thank the public again for their support this past summer that allowed two archers to

compete in the championship at Daytona Beach. They also want to invite the community to their tournament at Summers County Comprehensive High School on Saturday, Feb. 15. They have a full day of

flights scheduled starting at 8:30 a.m.

Officials said, "This year is our biggest event ever. We have 22 schools competing with a total of 437 archers shooting. Come spend the day and be amazed

at the talent we have in Summers and our surrounding counties."

Admission to the event is \$5.

There will be concessions offering sausage biscuits and country ham sandwiches in the

morning, walking tacos and hotdogs starting around 11 a.m., and candy, chips, pop, water and coffee. They will also be selling chances on a Matthew's bow and a NASP bow - winners will be announced

before awards. You do not have to be present to win.

Awards will follow after the last flight at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Christian Bookstore in Beckley Celebrates 77 Years

Joshua Lambert

BECKLEY W.Va. (Hinton News) - For nearly eight decades, the Christian Bookstore in Beckley has been a beloved fixture in the local community, offering a wide range of spiritual resources, books and gifts. Founded in 1948, as old as the country of Israel, the store started as a small family owned business with a mission to provide affordable Christian literature and supplies to the people of southern West Virginia. This family has been able to stand the test of time.

Over many decades, the Christian Bookstore has become a cornerstone of the Beckley area, helping 800 churches in the area spread their message. The store has been family owned and operated by the current owners for nearly 30 years.

The store's community outreach contributions provide resources to churches and ministries. They offer a selection of books, inspirational music and gifts

for faith-based needs. The store plays an important role in supporting local churches, ministries and individuals seeking to deepen their faith. While it has expanded its offerings and embraced the digital age with a Facebook account and website, the store remains rooted in the values of personalized service and community connection.

With an extensive selection of items, it has become a go-to resource for those seeking inspiration and guidance through a variety of faith-based products. Whether for personal use, church programs or special life events such as baptisms and weddings, the store remains a trusted source.

Beyond its role as a retail shop, the Christian Bookstore has served as a gathering space for the community. Local churches regularly turn to the store for needed supplies. For countless families, the bookstore has been a place to build traditions, purchase meaningful gifts and find



The front of the store. Photo courtesy of Beckley Christian Bookstore Facebook page

resources that support their spiritual journey.

Throughout its long history, the store has managed to stay true to its mission, despite the challenges that face many small businesses. Its commitment to customer service, combined with strong ties to the Beckley community, has helped the bookstore thrive. Many of the staff members have been with the store for

years, and they pride themselves on knowing customers by name and helping strangers find the perfect item.

Looking ahead, the Christian Bookstore plans to continue offering high-quality products while keeping pace with modern trends. The store has embraced online sales and maintains an active presence on social media, allowing it to reach



A display in the store. Photo courtesy of Beckley Christian Bookstore Facebook page

more customers while preserving the personal touch as a hallmark of the business.

As the bookstore celebrates its 77th year, it remains a living testament to the strength of faith, family and community. With a focus on nurturing spiritual growth, the store is poised to continue its mission for years to come by bringing inspiration to the people

of Beckley and beyond. The owners of the bookstore would like to say they "are very thankful to the good Lord and our local shoppers and churches," as they continue their mission to assist the community.

For more information on the history or to explore the store's offerings, visit the Christian Bookstore's website or follow them on Facebook.

Morrisey Sees Unique Opportunity to Grow West Virginia Economically

Brandon Baker

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - On Wednesday, Jan. 29, West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey held a short press briefing following his meeting with WV House and Senate leadership.

Most of his time behind the podium was spent explaining his desire to make the state of West Virginia prosperous and where people will want to be and how to make it an economic success.

"I thought it was important to let the public know that your new Governor, were busy working

away with some terrific leaders of the House and the Senate to try to put together a legislative agenda that's really going to make West Virginia proud," Morrisey began.

"We've talked a lot over the last year about trying to take steps that are going to make West Virginia more competitive, and I think you're going to be seeing in the upcoming weeks, as different proposals will get unveiled, that there's an effort to move meaningfully toward economic gains in a lot of different areas," Morrisey explained.

He continued to

stress the need of working together.

"It's our intent to have a very strong work ethic with the legislature to be able to collaborate with so many different initiatives."

Although he admitted it will never be easy, Morrisey believes the opportunity is there to make the state economically attractive.

"We had an excellent meeting today," Morrisey said.

"There are a lot of big challenges in front of us, but I think that the Speak-

er, the Senate President, and I share the feeling that West Virginia has a unique opportunity to rise up the economic rankings. We want to do very well for this state," he added.

Near the end of the briefing, the Governor was asked about the Federal Funding Freeze that has shaken up almost everyone who has heard about it.

"We are unpacking a lot of the info that came out and now that that's in the court system, I don't think that's a relevant issue for today, but we are going to look at all these initiatives to make sure we put West Virginia first," he concluded.



Governor Patrick Morrisey speaks during his press briefing on Wednesday, Jan. 29 after meeting with House and Senate leaders.



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The Hillbilly Storyteller: Appalachian Down Home Rodeo



Riding to the rodeo. Picture by The Hillbilly Storyteller

The Hillbilly Storyteller

As I looked over the Appalachians my heart beat fast. I was looking at Crump's Bottom. My Poppy lived there before the government took it for the dam. It was nice level flat land. Some of my people were buried in the graveyard there. But they moved them to higher ground. They moved them higher on the hill. I was able to buy land that joined the land the government had taken from my dad. I was very happy about that.

The next morning the sun was shining. My cousin was coming over to help on the cabin. He said he is riding the old wild horse. It was a habit of his to ride like a daredevil. I heard the old train coming down in the holler. It sounded like a torpedo going off when it came around the bend.

Cuz came up to the porch and tied his horse up with a rawhide string. He hollered like Robin Hood. He is always happy. I said, "Why?" He said, "I am proud to be an American and to be free."

I said to Cuz, "How about you tell the hillbillies and the mountain people to come and let's have a rodeo down in the field beside the big rock. Ask them to stop and ask Eddie Cales to bring his dobro. I love to hear him play 'The Wildwood Flower.' I love mountain music. I hope the old hillbilly will bring his fiddle."

We caught 5 calves and put them in the lot and 1 old mule. Cuz said, "That is not much of a rodeo." The old mule had a star on his face.

Some of the hill people brought a wild silver horse. And the meanest

bull you have ever seen. They put a deer hide on the bull's back to sit on to ride him. What a time! Everyone was having their own good time. There was a little dog that got so excited he started howling like a coyote. He was having a good time too!

Cuz got a mash barrel and got in it. They rolled him into the lot with the bull and shut the gate. The bull got so mad he shoved Cuz and the mash barrel through the fence and got out. I said, "Good."

Cuz and them Bragg brothers had got in to too much shine. I was afraid they would get hurt. All the kids started throwing rocks at the bull and run him over the hill. The kids caught the old mule and was riding it. It was so old that it could not buck. The little girls were making mud pies. The women and the big girls and some of the men were cooking. If you have never had mountain food you are in for a surprise. It is wonderful and everybody eats too much.

I saw one of my neighbors coming up the road with a sack on his back. It had a pig inside of it. One of the women went and got some lard and rubbed the pig down good with it. They got all the kids and lined them up in a straight row. They told the kids, "If you can catch it and hold it for 2 minutes, you can have it." The pig was a little bit big for the game. The gun went off the rodeo began.

The pig was very fast and very slick. One of the big boys said, "I got him!" But he could not hold him. It slipped right out of his hands and run off again.

Cuz and the Bragg



The rodeo begins. Picture by The Hillbilly Storyteller

brothers decided they would help but they were not waling very good. They had been in too much shine. It was comical. The pig ran underneath a truck. One boy went underneath the truck and grabbed it by the ears. The big boys grabbed him by the feet and pulled him and the pig both out. The pig got away again. Everybody was whooping and hollering and a lot of goings on.

A little girl named Sissy always carried her baby blanket with her. By this time the pig was getting very very tired. The pig came up near her. She threw her blanket over the pig and sat down on him. She looked up at us. She had 2 upper teeth missing and 2 bottom ones missing. She was a true drama queen. She won the pig. We got a box and put the pig in it for her.

The bigger boys and some of the men were going to ride the wild silver horse. No one could ride this animal. He bucked off 10 in a row. He was as mean as a rattlesnake. A very old ancient man came up to me and said, "I want to ride the horse." All the boys and men were laughing behind his back. They all put up \$2 a piece and a bet on how long he could stay on the horse. The old man got into the lot with the horse. I told him to be careful. He said, "I am going to pray into the horse's ear to calm him down." He prayed in one ear and then prayed in the other ear. He told the horse how pretty he was and petted him on the nose.

All at once the old man

got on the horse. The horse walked down the road just like an old dog – never offering to buck. The old man rode the horse for at least 5 minutes. He rode it down the road for a long ways then let it loose.

The old man walked back to where everybody was. They were all looking surprised. And he collected his money. As he walked toward the horse, the horse started running towards him. I thought the horse was going to kill him. The horse stopped about a foot from him. The old man pulled something out of his pocket and gave it to the horse and the horse ate it. Just then a little girl came out of the house and said, "Poppy gives him sugar every day and they are the best of friends."

All the boys and the men got it put onto them by the old man! Instead of getting mad, they all had a good laugh.

At this time Eddie and the boys from Ramp started playing music. There was a girl called Rain. She started singing. It was very nice. She had a good voice. She came from the family around the road from us. There is nothing as good as a true friend. My mother told me a friend is worth more than money. How right she was.

There was a shade tree down by the road. That was as far as Cuz and the Bragg brothers made it. We left them alone to sleep it off.

The hill people say it was the best time they had had in a while. The young people will remember this



On the way. Picture by The Hillbilly Storyteller



Two boys and the wild horse. Picture by The Hillbilly Storyteller

forever.

The fiddler said to Eddie, "Let's leave them with some good music to remember." About that time Rain spoke up and said, "I would like to sing a song for my grandfather." She whispered in Eddie's ear and he started with a big smile on his face. I knew it had to be a good song. When Eddie hit the strings on his dobro, everybody got quiet. You could hear a pin drop. The old fiddler hit a long draw on his fiddle. Rain smiled at her grandfather and he smiled back. She started singing "You are My Sunshine". It was his favorite

and she was singing it just for him. On the second verse of the song Eddie picked it out on the dobro. Everybody got excited and joined in the chorus singing with Rain.

The kids laughed and danced and jumped up and down. The rodeo was over. The wild horse and even the old bull, I believe, had a good time.

I said goodbye to my true friends.

Moral of the story – good times and good friends make good memories.

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A Peek into Summers County's Past: Grandma's House and a Special Cupboard

William Jones

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - This week's piece is multifaceted. I am and have been an antique collector since going to my first auction in Pence Springs when I was 10 years old. It was the going-out-of-business sale for B&B Antiques that sat across from the famous Riverside Inn.

As I have mentioned before, the late Ashby Berkley was a dear friend of mine. He restored places such as Riverside Inn, Pence Springs Hotel and the Pence Springs Spring House. At the time of his recent death, he was in the process of restoring Sweet Springs. Ashby was also a local historian, antique dealer and collector.

He had this 1840s walnut stepback cupboard you see here from the time I was a child. I had always wanted it but being a young child there was no way I could purchase it. Fast forward nearly two decades and this piece left Ashby's hands and has sat in Grandma's House Antiques in Hinton for nearly all that time.

I had lusted over this piece basically my entire life. Until this past week when I was given the opportunity to buy it from Margie Temple's closing sale. Over the years I frequently stopped in Grandma's House to either browse the merchandise, or have a chat with Margie, occasionally buying an antique crock or something. And let's face it to "visit" with my favorite antique cabinet. HaHa

Grandma's House has become one of Hinton's treasures since she opened on Dec. 3, 2003. Unlike most antique stores Margie has a great talent for

staging her store to resemble your "grandma's house." Walking through it you felt like you were going room to room in an old home as opposed to a staged booth in your typical antique store.

I have friends in the antique circuit from Lewisburg to Charleston and every time Margie's store was mentioned you would get a response along the lines of, "You must be talking about that super quaint antique store that is called Grandma's House in Hinton, I love that place!"

When Margie acquired the piece from Ashby, he had told her that he purchased it from the F.H. Tomkies estate. Tomkies was in business on 3rd Avenue in Hinton. Tomkies made quite a name for himself throughout Summers County during his business tenure on 3rd.

Margie was telling me when I purchased this piece that during the time she had it, she had sold it twice. But it always found its way back to "Grandma's



Margie Temple. Photo provided by William Jones

House." I fell for this piece for three reasons, well four really. 1 it had belonged to my good friend Ashby, 2 I love early antiques, 3 it was from an early prominent businessman from Summers County.

And 4, I am only hypothesizing here but since this piece dates roughly 30 years prior to Summers County being formed. With knowing Tomkies came here from Huntington, WV and that Thomas Hannon was the first English settler in what is now the town of



The special cupboard. Photo provided by William Jones

Grandma's House will be closing soon, so if you are "out and about" stop by and check out the clearance sale or just to say hi. This is one of those times I think Hinton won't know the treasure it had until it is gone. Enjoy retirement Margie, your friend William.

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Calvinism
For the next few weeks, we will be looking at the topic of Calvinism. Many denominations are founded upon this religious doctrine. These articles will help the reader to better understand the history of Calvinism and to make personal decisions concerning its accuracy.

Series On Calvinism (Part 1) An Introduction to Calvinism by Gene Taylor

Calvinism is basic to nearly all the religious questions that the Christian will answer when talking to those who are in denominations because it permeates almost all denominations. Whenever someone contends that faith is a gift from God; affirms that he has been saved by faith only; embraces false teachings about the direct operation of the Holy Spirit in the conviction and conversion of sinners; or believes it is impossible for a child of God to sin and be eternally lost; he has fallen victim to the Calvinist system of doctrine.

Calvinism is also found in most cults, even those which claim to avoid denominational doctrines. The Jehovah's Witnesses, for example, embrace the doctrine of inherited sin, the foundation doctrine of Calvinism.

Calvinism has also become a danger and threat to the church of the Lord. Decades ago, preachers used to preach upon it frequently but now it is rare to hear an entire sermon on it. Many members of the church think it is wrong because it "sounds" wrong or because Mom, Dad or the preacher said it was wrong. They cannot begin to tell anyone why it is wrong.

In this article, we will develop the historical background of Calvinism and then examine its fundamental tenets by comparing them to the standard of plain, Biblical teaching.

"Pre-Calvin" Calvinism
Many of the fundamental concepts of Calvinism existed before John Calvin. The fundamental tenet of total hereditary depravity was not original to Calvin.

The Roman Catholic philosopher Augustine taught it in the fifth century A.D. The Reformation had already begun and the leading reformers taught doctrines similar to those of Calvin.

Martin Luther, the first great reformer, was born in Eisleben, Germany, in 1483. He entered a monastery at age 22 in the year 1505. Two years later he was ordained a priest. During the winter of 1512-13 he began to see some errors in the Catholic Church. In 1517 he nailed his famous 95 theses to the door of the church building in Wittenburg, Germany, in which he proclaimed the errors of the Catholic Church.

Luther's three greatest objections to Catholicism were the selling of indulgences, the authority of the Pope and the doctrine of transubstantiation. After much criticism and church trials, he was excommunicated from the church but he continued to preach against the errors which he had found.

The greatest error in his teachings was justification by "faith only." This doctrine teaches that men are saved at the point of faith in Christ without further acts of obedience. This doctrine stands as one of the basic tenets of Calvinism.

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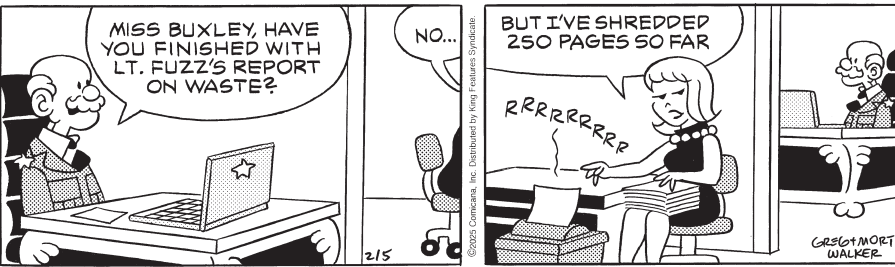


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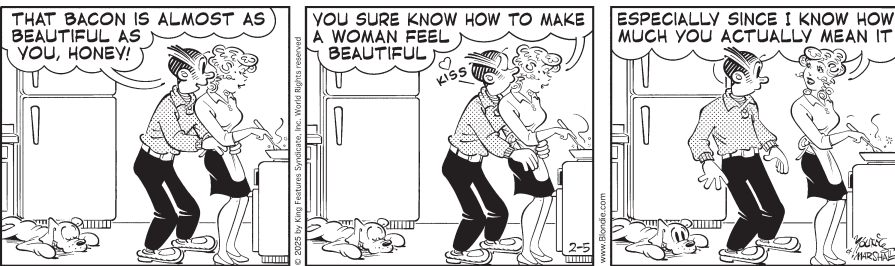


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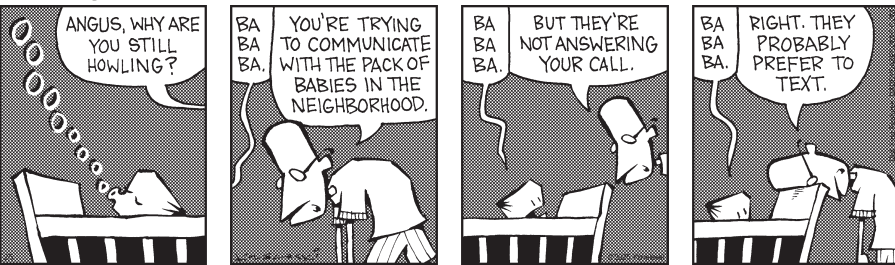
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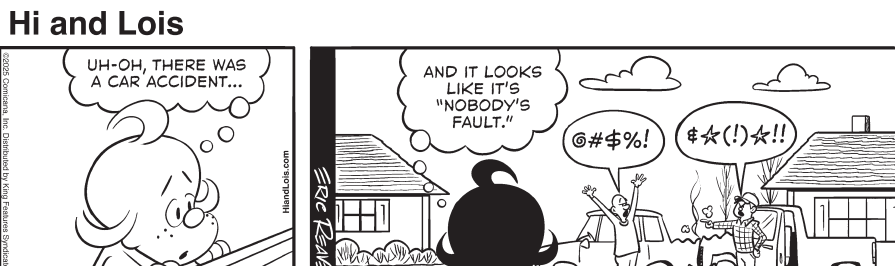
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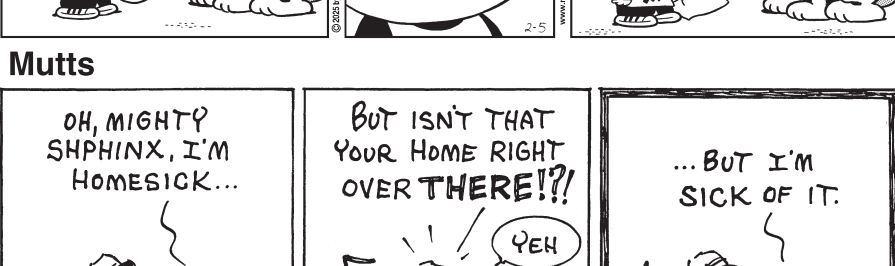
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SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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

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:

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Crossword grid with letters: ZAC WHOM HANA, ENO EURO AGAR, EKE SNOWGLOBE, SADAT NIT, BELA NEWSY, SHESGONE RARE, OAR GOTTA SOW, BLIP SEAGLASS, SEEYA SLAM, TUB TINANE, SETHGREEN JAY, AERO IRAS AVE, WREN TAUT RED

Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

Large crossword grid with numbers 1-59

ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or major decisions after 10 p.m. EST today (7 p.m. to 11 p.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Taurus into Gemini. HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025: You are competent, efficient and organized. You are also sensitive and intuitive. This is a year of learning and teaching for you. Take time to reflect and renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore philosophies that give you a better understanding of who you are. 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) 3* Keep your eyes open, because something unexpected might occur today. This is a slightly accident-prone day for you. However, a clever, practical, long-term solution for something might occur to you. Or perhaps you'll suddenly decide to take up a new study. Tonight: Discussions. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) 4* Today you feel restless, perhaps even impul-

sive. (Be careful you don't suddenly do something you might later regret.) Fortunately, someone older or more experienced might have excellent advice for you. Don't hesitate to consult a friend or even a member of a group for help. Tonight: Check your belongings. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) 3* This is a restless day. Fortunately, a boss, parent or someone in a position of authority will either help you in a practical way or give you some sensible advice. Be open to what is offered, because this assistance will benefit you. New studies, new ideas and chances to travel are at hand. Tonight: You win! CANCER (June 21-July 22) 3* Surprising news from a friend or a group might catch you off guard today. Or perhaps you will meet someone new who is different or unusual. Either way, this person might represent a chance for future travel, future studies or future publishing opportunities. Listen to what they have to say. Tonight: Enjoy solitude. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) 4* Bosses, parents and

people in authority might say or do something that catches you off guard today. ("Busted!") It could be anything. However, in all likelihood, it might help you settle disputes about shared property, debt or inheritances. There will be a practical benefit. Tonight: Friendships. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) 3* Travel plans will be interrupted today. They will either be canceled, rescheduled or delayed. Likewise, school schedules might be interrupted. Someone older or perhaps a partner or spouse will help you stabilize the situation, which is fortunate. Tonight: You're noticed. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) 3* Keep an eye on your assets, your bank accounts and anything to do with inheritances and shared property. Something unexpected could impact these areas. (You snooze, you lose.) When it comes to money, information is power. Spend some time and do your homework. Tonight: Explore! SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) 4* Someone close to you, probably a partner or spouse, might throw you a curveball today. They might

say or do something that surprises you, or perhaps something unexpected has happened to them. Either way, you might feel caught off guard. Be vigilant about your kids. Tonight: Check your finances. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) 3* Keep your eyes open. Something related to your job, your pet or your health might surprise you today. An older family member might be helpful or have practical suggestions for you. It never hurts to listen to the advice of someone more experienced in case it benefits you. Tonight: Cooperate. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19) 3* Parents should be vigilant today, because this is a potentially accident-prone day for their kids. Therefore, keep your eyes open and know where your kids are at all times. Meanwhile, you might devise a plan and set it in action. You want some practical results now and in the future. Tonight: Work. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) 4* Your home routine might be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down or a mi-

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Jumble game with scrambled words: AKYEL, MUPBL, RBEICK, EWSAEL. Includes a cartoon of a child and a man, and instructions to unscramble the words.

nor breakage could occur. Surprise company might appear at your door. Take it easy. Get dressed. Stock the fridge. Take a practical approach to things so that you're ready for anything. Tonight: Socialize. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) 3* Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is an accident-prone day. However, on the upside, you might come up with a brilliant, genius-like idea. New fac-

es and new places are likely. Listen to the advice of someone older or more experienced. This might help you. Tonight: Relax. BORN TODAY Actress Laura Linney (1964), actor Michael Sheen (1969), actor Henry Golding (1987) Find more Georgia Nicols horoscopes at georgianicols.com. (c) 2025 by King Features Syndicate Inc.



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 **February 24, 2025 at 10:00 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: \$3,500.00 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 (29ja5fe)

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2022-C-000014 Summers County To: KL WRONKE, DENISE LAWSON, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT FOREST HILL MAP 7 PARCEL 0064 0013 0000

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2022-C-000014**, located in FOREST HILL District, TRACT C OR 0.99 A. WHYTSELL S/D which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WRONKE K L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of SUMMERS County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 9, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 1145	\$215.58
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.....	\$0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-1142	\$114.28
Additional taxes with interest	\$0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.....	\$158.20
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.....	\$670.14
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.....	\$514.94
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check	\$1,673.14

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand January 8, 2025.

Christal G. Perry
G. Russell Rollyson Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of SUMMERS County, State of West Virginia (22,29ja5fe)

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until February 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the construction of the following project(s):
Call: 003
Contract: 2022890004
State Project: S389-REC/AL-25 00
Federal Project: STBG-2025(011)D
Description: PAVEMENT MARKINGS

D-9 RECALL STRIPING 2025 DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: FAYETTE, GREENBRIER, MONROE, NICHOLAS, SUMMERS
DBE GOAL: 5% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.
REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

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

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. (4,11fe)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estates have been opened for probate in the Summers Fiduciary Supervisor's Office at 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 100, Hinton, WV 25951-0097. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code § 41-5-11 - 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Summers County Fiduciary Supervisor's office within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code § 44-2 or 44-3A. Settlement of the estates of the following named decedents will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

First Publication Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025
Claim Deadline: Sunday, April 6, 2025
ESTATE OF: JOHNNY LAGRANT STARLING
ADMINISTRATOR: CHAD LAGRANT STARLING
ESTATE OF: EARL

WAYNE GRIMMETT
EXECUTRIX: DEBRA NEEL
ESTATE OF: DREAMA GAY SPANGLER
ADMINISTRATRIX: JESSICA RODES
ESTATE OF: KATHERINE A. HOLT
EXECUTRIX: NANCY J. TRUMAN
ESTATE OF: TOMMY WAYNE STENNETT
EXECUTOR: RICHARD KEY
ESTATE OF: FIELDS C. HUTCHENS JR.
EXECUTRIX: YANSEA TAYLOR
ESTATE OF: AMY SUZANNE CRAWFORD
ADMINISTRATRIX: MICHELLE COMER
ESTATE OF: JAMES EUGENE MONROE
EXECUTOR: JAMES E. MONROE JR.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 23, 2025.
Donald R. Basham Jr.
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County (5,12fe)

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Magistrate Court Case No.: 25-M45D-00002
Family Court Civil Action No.: 25-DV-2
TO: Raymond Gilman Respondent's Name
650 Clover Dale Road - Shady Rest Shady Spring, WV Respondent's Address
04/25/1978 Respondent's Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER/HEARING DATE)

1. The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.
2. The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order and Petition from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

If appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the SUMMERS County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until February 13, 2025.

A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 13th day of February, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., before the SUMMERS County Family Court.

Issued this 01/23/2025 at 10:14 a.m.
/s/ Stacy D. Ford
Circuit Clerk (5fe)

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 12TH day of February, 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: DELLA DELORES RICHMOND
Fiduciary: DEBORAH DIANN DODRILL
Estate: PATRICIA S.

YOUNG
Fiduciary: JEFFREY W. YOUNG
Estate: THOMAS A. PATRICK JR.
Fiduciary: STEPHEN ALLEN PATRICK SR.
Estate: CURTIS STEVE COX (PROPOSED)
Fiduciary: ALFREDA TINCHER
Estate: VIOLET LOUISE ADKINS
Fiduciary: JOHNNY W. RATLIFF
Estate: DORIS JEAN BENNETT
Fiduciary: WILLIAM ROBERT BENNETT
Estate: WARREN CAMERON CYRUS
Fiduciary: SANDRA ANGELL
Estate: TIMOTHY JAMES PLUMLEY
Fiduciary: SANDRA GILLESPIE
Estate: MARK ALAN ROSENBERG
Fiduciary: JUDY LEWIS

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 interest.

Given under my hand this the 22nd day of January, 2025.
Donnie Basham
Fiduciary Supervisor (5fe)

A.A. meetings in Hinton

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hinton Alcoholics Anonymous group holds two weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays at noon, 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

For more information, please call 304-660-7073 or 1-800-333-5051.

Funding Available for Adult Education Programs

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) - The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is conducting a competitive Request for Proposals process as required by Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to award grant funding for Adult Education Section 231, Corrections Section 225, and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Section 243 of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act. The Office of Adult Education is prepared to continue building skills for success by providing adults with the opportunity to enhance the quality of their lives and foster productive employment, family growth and citizenship.

Grants will be awarded for a five-year term beginning July 1. Funding for subsequent years will be contingent upon annual federal and state appropriations. Application forms and guidance information are available on the Adult Education Request for Proposals page beginning Jan. 27, and will be accepted by mail to: Mendy Marshall, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 6, Suite 825, Charleston, WV 25305; or email at-mamarsha@k12.wv.us. Mailed applications must be postmarked March 24, and emails must be received by 4 p.m. Eastern Time that same day.

See hintonnews.com for more.

NOTICE NOTICE

February is the last month to allow a discount of 2 1/2% on the Second Installment of 2024 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.

Justin Faris
Sheriff of Summers County

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National Coal Heritage Area Authority Seeking Grant Applications

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - To support community efforts to interpret, preserve and promote coal heritage resources, the National Coal Heritage Area Authority is seeking proposals for funding for eligible projects within the National Coal Heritage Area. Projects must be implemented within the following counties: Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo,

Raleigh, Summers, Wayne, Wyoming and the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek watersheds in Kanawha.

Applicants must have matching funds available for their projects. Project funding under this request must be matched dollar-for-dollar with other funds from non-federal funding or well-documented in-kind resources, such as donated materials and supplies, volunteer labor and services.

The National Coal Heritage Area management plan identifies interpretive themes for the area, which include: Business of Coal Mining, Work in Coal, The Company Town, Mining Technology and Crisis and Renewal. Each project must address at least one of the interpretive themes in some manner and could go across several thematic areas. Eligible activities for this round of grant funding include

Interpretation and Heritage Programming, Historic Preservation and Resource Stewardship, Archives and Historical Records Collection, Greenways, Public Parks and Non-Motorized Trails and Educational Activities and Events.

Previous projects have included preservation of archival materials, planning for preservation of historic structures, creation of museum exhibits, development

of trail head signage, brochure design and production, and marketing materials.

Organizations eligible for grant awards are legally established non-profit organizations and institutions, public and governmental organizations including county and municipal governments, state agencies, economic development authorities and educational institutions.

The first quarter applications for ma-

for and mini grants must be submitted by March 24, 2025. Future deadlines for mini-grant applications are June 23,

2025, September 15, 2025 and December 15, 2025. Major grant applications may vary from \$5,001 to \$30,000, while mini grant applicants may request up to \$5,000.

For more information and grant instructions call 304-465-3720 or email lhawkins@coalheritage.org



Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,
It's tax time again, and I am wondering what to do with bank statements, credit card bills, old tax reports and sensitive documents? **Need Safe Disposal**

Dear Need Safe Disposal,

The Greenbrier Recycling Center provides safe shredding of personal documents that is free and available for everyone. All confidential documents taken to the Recycling Center are locked in a secure, windowless room. They remain there until such time as the staff is shredding paper. After all documents in the safe room are shredded, they are mixed with other shredded paper so there is no chance

anyone could ever put your forms back together again.

Before taking your documents to the Recycling Center, go through all documents and remove paper clips, binders, manila folders, brown envelopes or large mailing envelopes. Staples do not need to be removed. Put all your papers in a bag or box and take them to the aluminum can door at the Recycle Center. Ring the bell and someone will meet you there and take your package to the locked, secure room.

Dear Recycle Lady,
What is sewage sludge?

Another New Word

Dear Another New Word,

When domestic or in-

dustrial sewage is sent to a wastewater treatment plant, liquids and solids are separated producing a semi-solid, nutrient-rich product called sewage sludge. Sewage sludge, also called a biosolid, is currently being used as a soil conditioner or fertilizer on farmlands throughout the US. However, the use of sewage sludge is under study by the EPA as it contains toxic "forever chemicals" known as PFAS. PFAS chemicals are absorbed into soil, crops and groundwater, and thus are a never-ending cycle of contamination. PFAS have been linked to cancer, birth defects and immune system disorders.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Last week's column defined #7 plastics as being a mixture of all the chemicals that don't fit in one of the other six categories. However, I read that #7 plastics are sometimes recyclable and sometimes not.

How Can This Be True

Dear How Can This Be True,

What you read is correct. Sometimes #7 plastics are recyclable and sometimes they are not, even though the #7 is in the chasing arrows recycle symbol. Number 7 plastics are a PLA (polylactic acid) plastic and not a PET (polyethylene terephthalate) plastic. PLA plastics, according to www.this-element.com are a bio-based polyester "produced by fermenting sugars from

renewable resources like corn starch or sugarcane. The fermentation process creates lactic acid, which is then polymerized to form PLA." While it is compostable and sometimes recyclable, PLA plastic requires industrial composting facilities and very

costly recycling equipment. PLA plastics are often used for compostable utensils, fabrics and packaging. Sturdy, single-use, lightweight items are also made of PLA plastic. The good news is that ongoing research is making PLA plastics more compostable.

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Valentine's Day Gift Guide



4 facts about St. Valentine

Saint Valentine is the patron saint of lovers and engaged and married couples. He also is the name behind the holiday that inspires images of red hearts and rose petals in the middle of February.

Not much is actually known about St. Valentine because records are sparse. However, these facts have emerged.

St. Valentine could be one of at least three individuals who were martyred. In fact, some believe there were about a dozen St. Valentines.

Of course St. Valentine is known for presiding over lov-

ers. However, he's also the patron saint of epilepsy, watching over those who experience seizures associated with the disease.

Visitors to the Basilica of Santa Maria in Rome can find the flower-adorned skull of St. Valentine on display. Other parts of St. Valentine's skeleton are on display in the Czech Republic, England, France, and Ireland.

Some people think Geoffrey Chaucer may have invented Valentine's Day. In his "Parlement of Foules," he speaks of a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Val-

entine's Day. This association became more established af-

ter Chaucer's poem received widespread attention.

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February 13 - 16

Feb 13 - 16 Margheritta pizza

Feb 13 Chicken picatta special

Feb 14 & 15 Filet Mignon dinner (starts at 4pm)

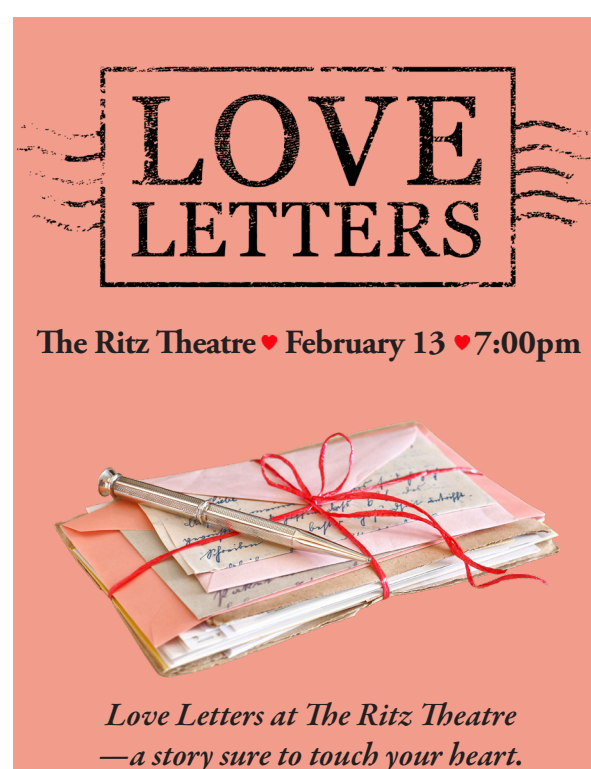
Feb 16 Salmon dinner (starts at 4pm)

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