

## Man Arrested for Domestic Assault in Alderson

**Joshua Lambert**

**A L D E R S O N** W.Va. (Hinton News) – A Summers County man was arrested last week on charges of domestic assault following an altercation with an individual.

Carl Eugene Wickline, 36, of Alderson, was taken into custody after an incident at his residence. According to law enforcement, the victim reported that Wickline had been drinking and became aggressive during a phone conversation with his family.

The victim told authorities that after returning from outside, Wickline demanded she return to the bedroom. Once inside, he allegedly threatened to physically harm her, blaming her for the situation. The victim also reported that Wickline allegedly punched the bedroom wall and placed a fist in front of her face while making further threats. She said she feared for her safety.

After the altercation, the victim left the residence and contacted authorities. Officers arrived at the scene and found Wickline intoxicated. He refused to speak about the incident, but authorities noted visible damage to the bedroom wall. Wickline was arrested and charged with domestic assault. Under West Virginia law, domestic assault occurs when a person unlawfully attempts or threatens to inflict a violent injury on a family or household member or places them in reasonable fear of immediate harm.

The arrest comes after an ongoing investigation into the incident, which occurred at approximately 10:50 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3. Authorities are continuing to investigate the case. Domestic assault and battery are



Carl Eugene Wickline

serious charges in West Virginia, with penalties ranging from jail time to fines. Wickline is currently being held in the Southern Regional Jail, pending further proceedings. His bail has been set at \$1,000. Authorities are seeking help and report incidents to law enforcement. According to officials, this investigation is ongoing. mestic violence to seek help and report incidents to law enforcement. According to officials, this investigation is ongoing. anyone experiencing do-

## Angela Rivera named CEO/CNO at Summers County ARH Hospital

**B E C K L E Y** , W.Va. (Hinton News) – Angela Rivera has been named Chief Executive Officer/Chief Nursing Officer of Summers County ARH Hospital.

Rivera is no stranger to the facility as she most recently served as Regional Chief Nursing Officer of both Beckley ARH and Summers County ARH.

“Angie has been a valuable part of the ARH team for several years,” said ARH Regional CEO Jeremy Hall. “Her experience, leadership and enthusiasm have had a strong impact on our community, and I am confident that will continue in her new role as CEO of Summers County ARH.”

Rivera said she enjoyed her time in Beckley and looks forward to her new position in Summers County.

“It has been an honor to serve alongside so many talented and dedicated people at Beckley ARH Hospital,” she said. “Together, we have accomplished so many things, and, on a personal level, I have experienced tremendous professional growth because of that.”

“Though it’s never easy to leave a place you love,” she continued, “I am excited for this new chapter and opportunity at Summers County ARH, and I look forward to leading

the hospital as we grow and continue our commitment to providing the best healthcare to our community.”

Before joining the Beckley ARH team as CNO in 2016, Rivera worked for a large hospital system in San Antonio, Texas, where she spent time in med surg, case management and as an associate nursing officer.

Rivera resides in Daniels with her husband and two children.



Angela Rivera

## Dirty Rain Sweeps Across Mid-Atlantic, Leaving Vehicles Coated in Dust

**David Hodge**

**S U M M E R S** COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) — Residents across the Virginias and in fact much of the Mid-Atlantic and Ohio Valley awoke Saturday, March 8, to an unusual meteorological phenomenon: vehicles blanketed in a grimy, dust-laden film following recent rainstorms, the result of massive dust storms originating in Texas and New Mexico. Powerful winds swept dust from arid southwestern landscapes hundreds of miles eastward, creating what meteorologists describe as “dirty rain” that transformed routine precipitation into a muddy coating across multiple states.

Dust storms in West Texas and eastern New Mexico, with wind gusts exceeding sixty miles per hour, lifted thick clouds of particulate matter into the atmosphere. The jet stream then transported these dust particles across Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois before reaching Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and parts of Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

Satellite analysis by the National Weather Service traced the dust’s trajectory, showing how atmospheric conditions transformed a regional dust storm into a widespread meteorological event. Car owners from Missouri to Ohio found themselves



Carla Bowles photo

unexpectedly visiting car washes, removing the muddy residue from their vehicles.

Thomas Kinds, a senior meteorologist at AccuWeather, explained that southwest winds were primarily responsible for transporting the dust, noting that the phenomenon was temporary and wind direction changes would minimize further dust accumulation. Interestingly, some experts also noted potential wildfire ash mixed with dust, adding another layer of complexity to the unusual precipitation.

Despite the messy aftermath, authorities have confirmed there were no significant air quality concerns.

On a more positive note, the added dust in the atmosphere created some incredibly beautiful vibrant-colored sunsets which could continue for a few days. This event serves as a dramatic reminder of the complex interactions between weather systems, demonstrating how dust from distant landscapes can dramatically impact regions thousands of miles away.



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# Jumping Branch Elementary Presents February Awards



Heart of the Tiger Winners



Perfect attendance winners



Social Studies Fair Winners



Roaring Reader Winners



Math Field Day Winners



Game Changer Winners

J U M P I N G BRANCH W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Jumping Branch Elementary School recently held its February awards Ceremony. The following students recieved awards.

Perfect attendance winners.

Heart of the Tiger:

Katie Blume, Brigston Petrey, Faron Ratliff, Calum McPherson, Derby Sampson, Chase Lucas.

Game Changers: Colton Harmon; Sydney Stephens.

Roaring Readers: Trinity Knight, Braelynn Anderson, Kaden Harper.

Hudson Petrey, Skye Adkins.

Marvelous Mathematicians: Malcolm Ford, Mason Bolling, Rylee Cole, Adalynn Johnson, Mikinslee Wright, Kelly Lilly.

Social Studies Fair Winners: Chase Lucas, Naomi Elkins, Teacher-Pearl Knott, Sydney Stephens, Lily Hatcher, Sadie Wheeler, Not pictured: Abby Dunford.

Math Field Day Winners: Chase Lucas, Lily Hatcher, Naomi Elkins, Teacher-Pearl Knott, Carson Young.



Magnificent Mathematicians Winners

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# A Peek into Summers County’s Past: A Local Photographer

William Jones

FOREST HILL W.Va. (Hinton News) - I was given this photograph and several others by my friend and ex-Summers County teacher Tom Hutchison. His grandfather was Oscar Hutchison, Oscar had a photography studio in Hinton around 1900. We have not been able to track down its exact location.

This photograph was taken by him in 1924 at Forest Hill, WV. It is of a steam tractor. On the back of the photograph, he made a note that reads, “This was one in the Forest Hill Community in 1924. He underlined “one” to show the rarity of this photograph at

that time.

This photo reminds me of a story Richard Leftwich, who owns Hinton Hardware, recently told me. You see, my great-grandfather Earl Jones was married to Richard’s Aunt Ruth Smith Jones, who became my step-great-grandmother.

Richard told me that he had always heard the story told to him that Earl, who worked for the Greyhound bus company in Charleston, West Virginia, during World War II, was able to save the used tires from the buses. Remember, tires were rationed during World War II, along with many other necessities.

Getting them for your car or truck was hard enough, but for a tractor in Summers County, it was next to impossible. So Earl took the tires he saved and, with his brother-in-law Malcom Smith, Ruth’s brother, fashioned them around an old steel wheeled tractor.

Allowing them to have one of, if not the only, rubber tired tractor in Summers County at the time. You see, the 1920s was only two decades before WWII, and that is when the steel-wheeled tractors really became popular. The farmers in Summers County were doing good to have a used steel wheeled

tractor during the war, let alone a new rubber tired one.

So Earl and Malcom were quite the talk around the county once the word got around about what they had done. Ha. And you have to think, too, that during that time, most of Summers County was filled with small farms. And you came into the city of Hinton to get your basic needs.

I digress. Tom Hutchison has his grandfather’s wooden camera and tripod in his collection. He told me that when Oscar passed away at an early age of only 49 due to a stroke, he owned the Dodge Brothers car dealership in Ron-



1924 photo provided by William Jones

ceverte. It was just too hard for someone to make a living as a local photographer at the turn of the century in Summers County.

# Carnegie Hall’s Second Stage Series Presents Ladies of Song

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - Carnegie Hall’s Second Stage Series continues Ladies of Song on Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m. in the Hamilton Auditorium. Guests are invited to come early for the Second Stage Lounge from 6–6:45 p.m. A cash bar and snacks will be available.

Presented by Barbara Wygal Lutz, the women of the Greenbrier Valley Chorale, and guest singers from around the state, Ladies of Song features an evening of solos, duets, trios and group ensembles - all singing music that spans the decades, even centuries.

The evening will include a cappella music of the renaissance, performances of choral music standards, torch songs and pop songs – old and new – and Broadway favorites from “Showboat” to “Wicked.”

Singers will include women from Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, and Pocahontas counties and guest soloists from Morgantown, Harrisonburg and the surrounding area. Featured solo performances include Carrie Neese, Kiersten White, Cathey Sawyer, Ginny Walls and Barbara Lutz.

The Second Stage Series consists of five

special events that take place in the Old Stone Room located on the ground floor of the Hall. The intimate setting creates a “speak easy” vibe with an eclectic lineup of entertainment.

Seating is general admission. Concerts are moved to the Hamilton Auditorium if the demand is high.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Thanks to the Carnegie Cardinal Fund, Greenbrier County students attend for free, but still must reserve a seat.

Tickets may be purchased by visiting [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org), calling 304-645-7917, or stopping by the box office at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Discounted



A few performers you will see in Ladies of Song

Second Stage Series subscriptions are also available through the box office.

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organiza-

tion supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and the Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

For more information, please call 304-645-7917 or visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org).

## Series On Calvinism (Part 7) Total Hereditary Depravity

(Last week we looked at some of the scriptural objections to the doctrine of total hereditary depravity. We will continue looking at those objections this week.)  
by Gene Taylor

**Ecclesiastes 7:29.** God made man upright. He is not depraved when born. Rather, he is without sin.

**Isaiah 59:1-8.** Your sins and iniquities, not someone else’s, separate you from God. Verses three through eight list some specific sins—murder, lying, acting violently, running toward evil, etc. Could a newborn baby have done these things?

**Ezekiel 18:5-20.** A righteous son is not guilty of his wicked father’s sins and a righteous father is not guilty of the sins of his wicked son. The conclusion in verse 20 is too obvious to miss: “The soul who sins shall die.”

**Matthew 18:1-5.** If we are to be as little children and if Total Hereditary Depravity is true, we need to be more like sinners. Total Hereditary Depravity is inconsistent with the teaching of Jesus about the nature of children. If one believes the Calvinist and his denominational creeds, when Jesus demands people to become as little children, they must be: “Wholly defiled in all the faculties of soul and body” and “By nature children of wrath.”

**Romans 7:9-11.** Rather than being born spiritually dead, the apostle Paul was born spiritually alive. We become spiritually dead because of our own sins not sins we inherit from our ancestors. Death came to all because all sinned. (Rom. 5:12) You become “dead through your trespasses.” (Col. 2:13)

**1 Corinthians 14:20.** “In malice be babes.” If babes are totally depraved, why would the apostle Paul encourage anyone to be like them?

**1 John 3:4.** Those who believe in inherited sin do not even understand the very nature of sin. One is a sinner because he commits sin by violating the standard of conduct God has given to guide him.

**Conclusion**  
The basis of Calvinism originated, not in the mind of God, but in the mind of a mistaken theologian. A person becomes a sinner when he violates God’s law not when he is born. We do not inherit the sin of our parents, Adam or anyone else.

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(Next week we will look at the second tenant of Calvinism, unconditional election.)

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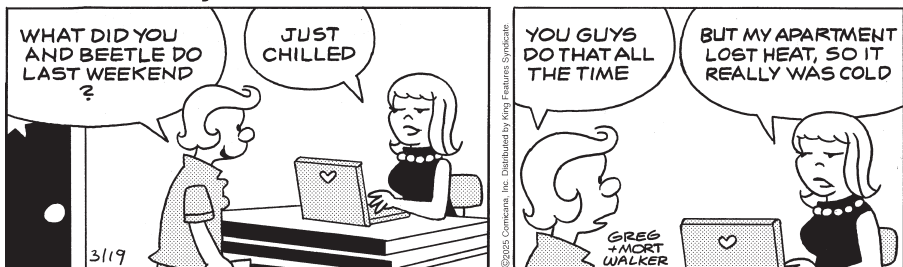
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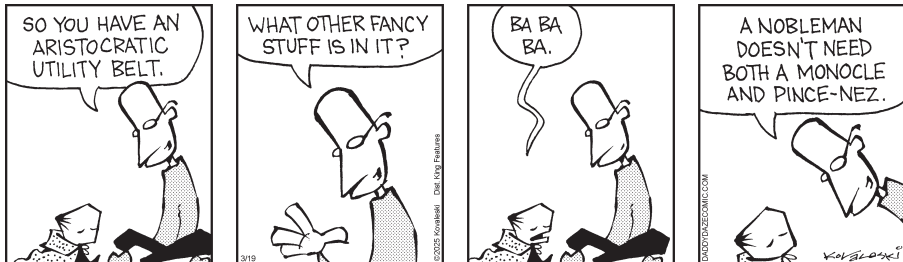
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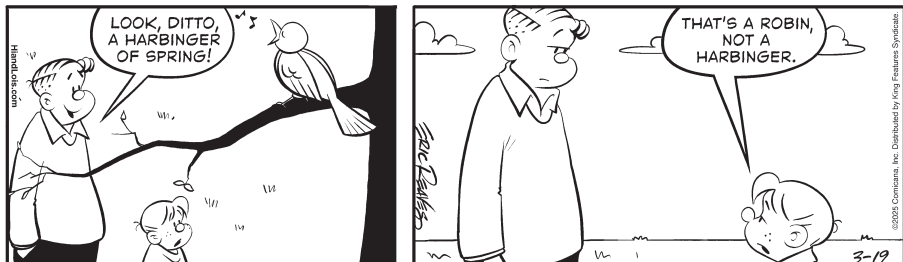
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

**MOON ALERT:** Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. EDT today (12 noon to 1:45 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Scorpio into Sagittarius.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, March 19, 2025: You are imaginative, fanciful and blunt. You're an original thinker who is a problem-solver. Simplicity is the key to life this year. Try to create solid foundations, both physical and internally. Stay grounded and levelheaded. Hard work is required to maintain your lifestyle.

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★ Planetary forces at play today will have an ego-denying quality that will enable you to identify with others and help them if you possibly can. Admittedly, you also might want to flee the everyday world and go off somewhere privately to discover adventure. Tonight: Explore!  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
3★ When dealing with

friends and groups today, you might have a tendency to idealize someone. Be aware of this so that you can stay grounded and realistic. Meanwhile, you might volunteer for a charitable organization or do something to help someone in need. Tonight: Check your finances.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
3★ This is a tricky day. You might use your influence -- or lobby for others with someone who has influence -- in order to get help for those who need it. However, this is also the kind of day where you might feel unsure about your direction in life. "What's it all about, Alfie?" Tonight: Cooperate.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
4★ Because your appreciation of beauty is heightened today, give yourself a chance to see and enjoy beautiful things. Visit museums, art galleries, architectural buildings, stunning boutiques and beautiful parks. You also might be enthused with profound discussions about lofty topics. Tonight: Get organized.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
3★ Today you might have a genuine concern for those who are less fortunate,

which will make you want to donate money or be generous to someone. This is a noble aspiration, and generosity is a wonderful thing. Nevertheless, don't do anything that you will later regret. Don't give away the farm. Tonight: Socialize!  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
2★ Today your relations with partners and close friends might be challenging, because astrological aspects are creating a confusing situation. Someone close to you might mislead you either intentionally or on purpose. Deceit is possible! Postpone important decisions for another day. Tonight: Cocoon.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
3★ You'll feel sympathetic to a co-worker today and want to help them if you can. Possibly, the shoe is on the other foot and you need help from someone. Meanwhile, be aware that this is a confusing day for a medical diagnosis. Be wise and get a second opinion. Tonight: Discussions.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
4★ This is a fantastic day for creative activity or exploring any talent that involves using your imagination or spidey sense. Artists

will be productive in an original, innovative way. This is also an inspirational day for filmmaking. Others will feel sympathetic to the needs of children. Tonight: Check your belongings.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
4★ You will help a family member if anyone is in need today. You might offer to help with practical assistance or give someone a sympathetic shoulder to cry on. Possibly, you are the one who needs to talk to someone and share your concerns. Either way, there is mutual sympathy. Tonight: You win!  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
4★ This is an amazing day for writers and artists. You're thinking outside the box today. Your imagination is in overdrive, which allows you to see possibilities, permutations and innovative approaches to whatever interests you. (Some of you will daydream a lot.) Tonight: Enjoy time alone.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
2★ Be careful with finances today, especially when dealing with others. You could be deceived. Someone might give you



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Difficulty: ★★★

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column, or box.

(Today's Answers  
Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last  
Wednesday's Puzzle:

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Difficulty: ★★★

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ACROSS

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- 11 Houston base-baller
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- 18 French pronoun
- 19 Passion
- 20 Tries the espresso
- 21 Ruhr Valley city
- 23 Holiday seasons
- 25 Neural transmitter
- 26 Contradict
- 27 Tavern
- 28 Hairnet

30 Scribble (down)

- 33 Wins big at a casino
- 36 Tuna type
- 37 Argue against
- 38 Adolescents
- 39 Yaks
- 40 Catchall abbr.
- 41 "Let You Love Me" singer Rita

4 Japanese menu item

- 5 Modify
- 6 School session
- 7 Kate of "House of Cards"
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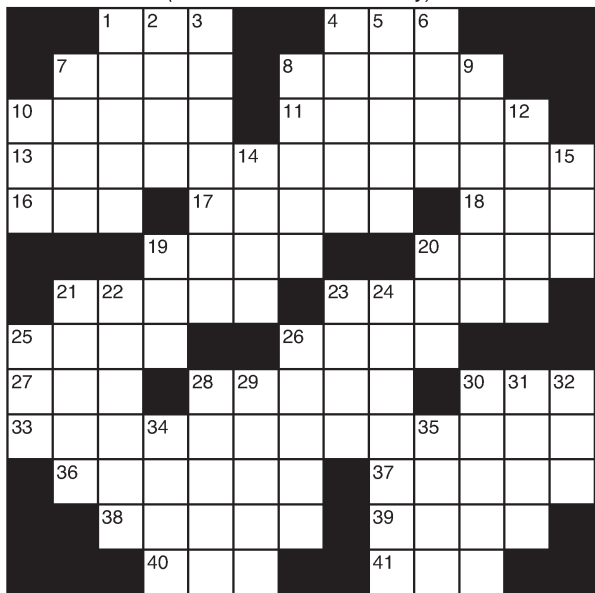
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- 29 "Bye Bye Bye" band
- 30 "Star Wars" villain
- 31 Burden
- 32 B'way show purchase
- 34 Pulitzer winner James
- 35 Smokey — (U.S. Forest Service symbol)

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Last Wednesday's Answer  
(Answers Next Wednesday)



JUMBLE

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

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Last Wednesday's Answers | Jumbles: DOUGH SKIER ANYONE INSIST  
Answer: To go from the Stone to the Bronze, to the Iron, to the Middle, etc. — TOOK AGES

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



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

the wrong information by accident or on purpose. You also might deceive yourself because you want something. You might go overboard spending on something luxurious. Caution! Tonight: Warm friendships.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
4★ Today the Sun is lined up with your ruler Neptune, which stimulates your awareness and makes you more sensitive. You will want to help someone if you can. You also might have a

stronger interest in the occult or paranormal activities and UFOs. Tonight: You're noticed.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actor Bruce Willis (1955), actress Glenn Close (1947), actress Rachel Blanchard (1976)

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In the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia  
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Case No. CC-45-2024-JA-33  
IN THE INTEREST OF: AVANI RICHMOND  
Adult Respondent(s): CRYSTAL RICHMOND  
ORDER OF PUBLICATION  
ORDER OF PUBLICATION TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The purpose of this action is to determine guardianship of Avani Richmond DOB: 10/11/2024. Petitioner, the West Virginia Department of Human Services, is seeking continued legal and physical custody of said child(ren), and/or Termination of Parental Rights.

It appearing that the whereabouts of Respondent Father of Avani Richmond or any known or unknown father, or of any named or unnamed father, or of anyone claiming paternity of the infant child, is presently unknown at this time, it is ORDERED that Respondent Father of Avani Richmond or any known or unknown father, or any named or unnamed father, or anyone claiming paternity of the infant child, appear in the Office of the Honorable Michael E. Froble, Special Judge of the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia, for a hearing on June 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., of that day and object, or make other defense, to the Petition, otherwise guardianship of the child may be granted to the West Virginia Department of Human Services, and the parental rights of the father be terminated.

Further, it is hereby ORDERED that any known or unknown father, or any named or unnamed father, or anyone claiming paternity of Avani Richmond DOB: 10/11/2024, be advised of their right to have counsel at every stage of these proceedings and that counsel will be appointed if they cannot pay for the services of counsel and that such proceedings may result in the severance of parental rights and the transfer of custody of said child(ren) unto the Petitioner.

/s/ Michael E. Froble  
Circuit Court Judge  
30th Judicial Circuit  
(19,26mr)



Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,  
What is the difference between reusing and reducing?  
Confused

Dear Confused,  
Good Question. Perhaps the simplest definition of reusing is finding another use for a product other than the use for which it was made. For example, using worn out clothing as rags instead of using paper towels, buying reusable items over disposable ones. or buying gently used clothing or furniture at consignment shops, Goodwill or the Habitat ReStore instead of buying the product new. Contributions of unwanted items to these organizations makes them available for reuse.

Reducing means using less or cutting back on the amount used. Taking shorter showers reduces the amount of water and energy you use. Replacing older appliances with Energy Star appliances not only saves energy, but it also reduces greenhouse gas emissions, fossil fuels and oil. Turning off the water while brushing your teeth can save up to 4 gal-

lons of water each time you brush. Taking your own silverware and reusable cup to work instead of using disposable ones both reuses your own items and reduces the amount of trash.

Check out this website for more ideas: <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-and-reusing-basics#benefits>.

Dear Recycle Lady,

It's me again. There is a short video made by Sierra Club that has information on cat litter that you could use for your column. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hm6G-k4Y387M>.

Sincerely,  
Cat Lover

Dear Cat Lover,

Thanks for the excellent video on cat litter. All cat owners should watch it as it has some important information about the disposal of cat litter. Never flush it down the toilet as it may overload the municipal sewer system, and many municipal systems can't eliminate toxoplasma, an organism sometimes found in cat waste. Don't dump it outside either, as this could also spread any par-

asites present.

The best way to dispose of litter is put it in a plastic bag (preferably a biodegradable one), tie it, and then put it in the trash. Best of all, use organic, biodegradable cat litter made from corn, citrus scraps, grains, paper or wood shavings. Has anyone seen this organic litter in a store here? Do let us know.

Dear Recycle Lady,

My husband is getting ready to change the oil in our cars. Is there somewhere locally that accepts used motor oil? Concerned for the Environment

Dear Concerned,

Yes, there is a local collection station. In the Greenbrier Valley area, used oil can be taken to the Advance Auto Parts store in Fairlea (304-645-5088), located in the Greenbrier Valley Mall on U.S. Route 219 South (Seneca Trail). Motor oil never wears out; it just gets dirty – and it can be recycled, refined and used again. A single quart of motor oil, if disposed of improperly, can contaminate up to 2 million

gallons of fresh water.

Please, encourage your husband to take the used motor oil to Advanced Auto Parts, and thanks for writing.

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Have questions about recycling or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to Recyclelady7@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

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holds two weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays at noon, in the lower level of Ascension Epis-

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0956-E-IDS  
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
WHEELING POWER COMPANY,

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

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have, on December 30, 2024, filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a Petition to update their Business Ready Sites Program (BRSP) surcharge rates, per W. Va. Code § 24-2-1n and the Commission's May 16, 2024 Order in Case No. 23-0956-E-IDS. If approved, the increased rates will apply to electric service to the Companies' customers in cities, towns, villages, unincorporated municipalities, and rural areas in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wetzel, and Wyoming. The Companies propose to increase BRSP rates by approximately \$1.37 million for the period June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. If approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential (1,000 kWh)	\$0.16	0.09%
Residential (1,150 kWh)	\$0.18	0.09%
Commercial	\$0.35	0.08%
Industrial	\$107.26	0.04%
Special Contract <sup>6</sup>	\$244.94	0.05%
Other	\$0.01	0.02%

<sup>6</sup> Excludes Special Contract customers who are billed standard tariff rates.

The increases shown are based on the averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive an increase that is greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this Petition. Any increase in rates will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing date on the Application that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on May 22, 2025, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and is available online at the Commission website ([www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us)). Anyone desiring to intervene or protest should file a written request to intervene or protest no later than twenty (20) days following the date of this notice, unless such period is otherwise modified by Commission Order. Failure to timely intervene or protest can affect your right to participate in or protest aspects of this proceeding. All requests to intervene or protest should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene or protest and comply with the rules set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All requests to intervene and protests should state the case name and number and be addressed to the Executive Secretary at the address listed above.

In the absence of substantial protest received within twenty (20) days of the issuance of this notice, the Commission may waive formal hearing and grant the Petition based on the Commission's review of the filings in this case.

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# John Denver’s “Country Roads” still paved with nostalgia

Nick Thomas

Fifty-five years ago this year, John Denver performed “Take Me Home, Country Roads” for the first time in public at The Celar Door in Washington, D.C. Released as a single in April the following year, “Country Roads” (as it’s fondly known) quickly became a pop sensation.

With its catchy, sing-along melody and heartfelt lyrics, the hit tune resonated across borders – national and international – even though it paid tribute to a single U.S. state, West Virginia. Evoking deep nostalgia and the universal longing for going home, the song has remained popular even becoming one of West Virginia’s four official state songs in 2014.

Composed by Bill Danoff and Taffy Nivert, with Denver facilitating the ballad’s completion, numerous cover versions of “Country Roads” appear on YouTube today where it remains as prolific as the Mountain State’s dazzling fall leaves are abundant.

Among my favorite versions are performances by The Petersens (a Missouri bluegrass family), the Hermes House Band (a Dutch pop group), New Zealander Jamie McDell, and South Korean YouTuber J.Fla.

While none can surpass the original, in my opinion, one standout contemporary version comes from Down Under. Since posting it on Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, and YouTube,

Aussie country music singer Sara Berki has racked up over 20 million views of her 2024 live pre-match performance at an Australian Football League game in the state of Queensland. The song has even been adopted by the Brisbane Lions’ football club as their official team song.

“It was an absolute privilege to be able to play at the game,” Sara told me by email. She says Denver’s storytelling was not only admirable, but memorable and personal.

“His music is sentimental, honest, and sincere which is relatable to so many human beings around the world in every generation,” she notes. “It reminds me of my Welsh grandmother playing it in her living room on vinyl when I was a little girl. It makes me think of home – tall pines, rolling green hills, and maple leaves all over the road when the weather changes. I think of my Mum, and how I always travel back home down the highway to her house when I’m feeling a little lost.”

Originally from Bundaberg on the Queensland east coast, and receiving a six-string nylon guitar for her 8th birthday, Berki now lives near Sydney. As a singer-songwriter, her numerous compositions include the debut self-funded single “Fallin’ off the Heartline” in 2022. A more recently released song “Tear You Apart” checks all the required boxes for a successful country chart hit (www.saraberki.com).



Sara Berki singing Country Roads at a 2024 football match

es for a successful country chart hit (www.saraberki.com).

Berki plans to travel to the U.S. this year, including Nashville, where every young country singer aspires to perform one day.

“I can’t wait to meet some inspiring people, play some writer’s rounds, work with songwriters and producers that I’ve had written down in my little black book since being an artist, drink some Dr Pepper,

eat fried chicken, and just take it all in really,” she says. “I’m excited to experience American culture, the landscapes, and all the opportunities that it can offer.”

In addition to being inspired by the Denver classic, she hopes to elicit that same inspiration in others through her own music.

“It’s just a well-respected song – a classic that will always remain popular,” she says. “Since playing it live and sharing it on You-

Tube, I’ve found it has meaning for each and every single person. I just remind myself that it’s my job on this earth to make people feel something, that’s all I can hope for.”

Nick Thomas teaches at Auburn University at

Montgomery, in Alabama, and has written features, columns, and interviews for numerous magazines and newspapers. A keen hiker, he has walked many beautiful trails in West Virginia. See www.getnick.org.

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