

Man Charged with Domestic Violence, Brandishing Weapons After Incident in Jumping Branch

Lisa Abshire

JUMPING BRANCH W.Va. (Hinton News) - According to a criminal complaint, on March 23, around 8:56 p.m., police received a call in which the officer was advised that a male was being chased down the road by another male carrying a shotgun and pistol. The first victim stated that he was walking up the steps to go to victim number two's house when the suspect, identified as George Henry Mohr, 64, of Jumping Branch, came up behind him with a shotgun in one hand and a pistol in the other hand. The first

victim said that Mohr was yelling at him and the other victim to go into the house while pointing the gun at them. Once Mohr had both victims in the residence, he took the second victim into the bedroom. According to the complaint, during this time, the first victim ran out the door and down the road. The deputy arrived on scene and made contact with Mohr, standing out in a field holding a beer bottle. Mohr was placed in handcuffs and inside the cruiser for further investigation, according to the criminal complaint. Mohr stat-

ed that the guns had been placed back in his camper. The deputy then made contact with both victims according to the information in the criminal complaint. According to the first victim, Mohr came up behind both of them and told the first victim to leave the property. Mohr had a gun pointed at them and told them to leave the property. The second victim stated that once in the bedroom she fought Mohr over a handgun. The criminal complaint states that he held it to her head and said, "You're going to meet Jeremy,"

who is her deceased husband. Right after that, Mohr reportedly left the room. The victim allegedly said she wouldn't press charges if he would leave. The two guns were located inside Mohr's camper which is located on the same property with the second victim. Both guns were reportedly fully loaded with one in the chamber. Mohr was placed under arrest on two counts of brandishing a deadly weapon, two counts of wanton endangerment involving a firearm, domestic battery and domestic assault. At the time of pub-



George Henry Mohr

lishing, Mohr is being held in Southern Regional Jail with his bail set at \$13,000.

Hinton's Summer Turn: A Peek Into This Year's Exciting Season.

Henry Jones

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Hinton is a charming town all year round, with each season offering unique experiences for its residents. However, summer truly stands out. Visitors from near and far come to enjoy the attractions available during this vibrant season. As summer approaches, the charming town of Hinton comes alive with vibrant attractions and activities that draw

visitors from near and far. The downtown area is remarkably diverse, featuring popular spots such as Lucky Rivers Cafe & Catering and the cozy Otter and Oak. Another local favorite, like the Wild Water Express. Having been built many years ago it remains one of the most popular places for a refreshing escape. Residents are proud of their community and support local businesses. For instance, Sarah Gleason, owner of Lucky

Rivers Cafe & Catering, expresses her enthusiasm after opening her restaurant here in 2021. Sarah noted that Hinton remains "a tourist destination with no bombardment feeling." She highlighted the New River Gorge, our country's newest National Park, as a key reason for the "Influx in tourism." She has guests at her restaurant who came to visit the park but find themselves "Looking for more to do in Summers County."

Our town offers numerous access points to the New River, making it an ideal location for cooling off during the summer months. One of the town's highlights is the West Virginia State Water Festival, held each July. This festival features a variety of activities that attract hundreds of participants, including a "float trip, kayak race, fishing tournament, food vendors, and more!" These activities are just a glimpse of what the festival has to

offer. Another beloved event in downtown Hinton is the Second Saturday festival, which all residents eagerly anticipate. Taking place from May to September, this festival draws people in for food, music, and classic cars. Additionally, Hinton hosts little-league games at the nearby Bellepoint Park, located in a small neighborhood at the foothills of town. During the summer, our town grows to be an ideal spot which cap-

tures the essence, that is at times, muted in a solemn winter season. It attracts visitors from not only our own but neighboring cities, and states. It goes without saying the residents, our neighbors, truly compose the spirit of our small town; Hinton. We all appreciate and enjoy the distinct charm and offerings that make Hinton special. With summer just around the corner, what will you look forward to in the coming months?

“Don’t Panic, Educate”: Summers County Health Department Addresses Measles Concerns

Lisa Abshire

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - One thing has been in the news a lot lately and that's the measles outbreak Texas has been experiencing. Due to an exposure at an airport, West Virginia now has the potential to see measles in our area. Hope Cooper from the Summers County Health Department has graciously shared information on the disease and what to do should measles hit our area. Cooper said that if an outbreak were to occur in Summers County, every effort would be made to ensure that patients isolate and that exposed individuals are notified as soon as possible. "Measles spreads rapidly and it's

very important that providers inform us immediately when they have a positive case," Cooper explained. She went on to state that the health department leans heavily on primary care physician offices to give them complete information and to aid in their contact efforts for all infectious diseases. Cooper said if someone thinks a family member has the measles, to isolate them immediately and contact the primary care provider. "It's always better to be safe than sorry," Cooper said. Measles is one of the most easily spread of all human diseases and just being in the same room with someone can result in infection according to Cooper. Cooper

told Hinton News that measles, unlike other viruses, can linger in the air up to two hours. This would make anyone that comes into a room susceptible to becoming infected. She went on to say that keeping exposed individuals away from everyone is key. Cooper advised that while measles is more contagious than COVID-19 there's no need to panic because education is the key. Don't be scared of it, she said but learn how to protect yourself. Always follow your doctor's recommendations and rest, hydrate, and isolate. Cooper said while it's not fun, it's safe for everyone. Cooper explained that practicing good hygiene is always a good idea along

MEASLES

A HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS INFECTION THAT SPREADS QUICKLY THROUGH AN INFECTED PERSON'S COUGH OR SNEEZE.

AS OF MARCH 7, 2025, THERE HAVE BEEN 222 CONFIRMED CASES OF MEASLES IN THE UNITED STATES. IN 2024, THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) REPORTED 285 MEASLES CASES FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT MEASLES CAN BE PREVENTED WITH A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE VACCINE. THIS IS YOUR BEST METHOD OF DEFENSE.

IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE MEASLES (MMR) VACCINE, CALL US TODAY AT 304.466.3388 TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT!

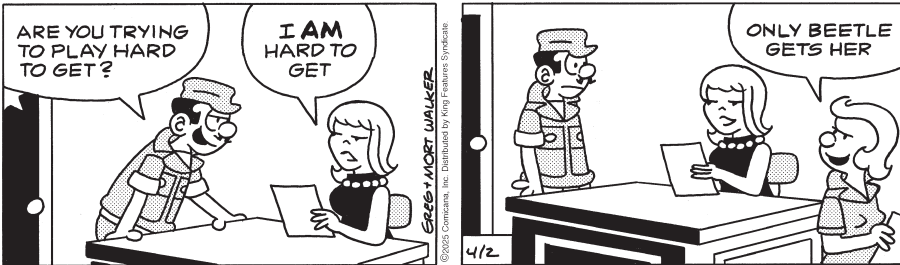
Graphic provided by Summers County Health Department

with disinfecting your surroundings often to help avoid contracting the measles. Of course, there's always the option of the vaccine. If you plan to travel, Cooper advises doing your research of what illnesses/viruses are active in the area. You should always check the CDC website for guidelines to help educate yourselves. Cooper told Hinton News that there's no cure for measles and every virus treats individuals differently. She said to make sure your health care provider is aware of any other health issues you have to make sure you receive the best choices possible for treatment of the measles. Cooper also said anyone who has questions about their immunity status or vaccinations should feel free to contact their primary physician. There are many questions surrounding this old yet newly emerging virus. "The more you educate yourself the healthier you will be."

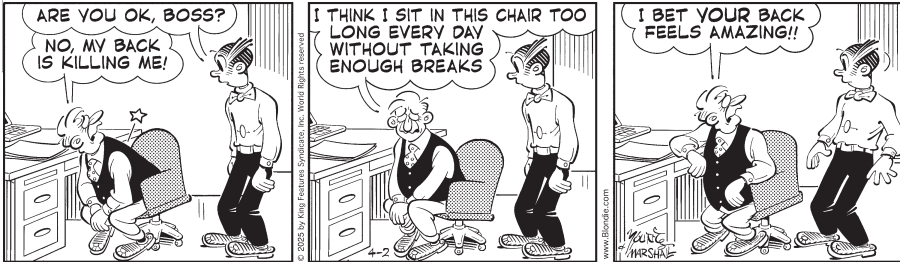


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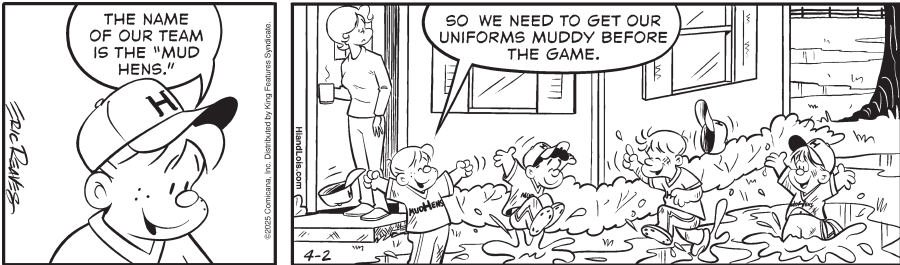
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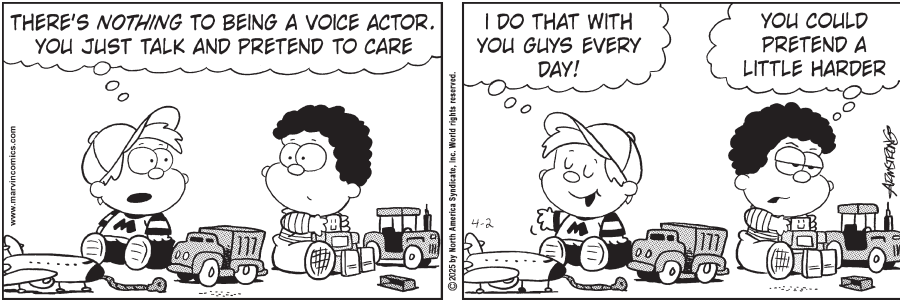
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(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Lost traction
- 5 Fan's shout
- 8 Miles away
- 12 Ginormous
- 13 Ab — (from the start)
- 14 "Casa-blanca" role
- 15 Meryl Streep film
- 17 "The Martian" actor
- 18 Hawk's nest
- 19 Bledel of "Gilmore Girls"
- 21 Wild guess
- 24 Thumbs-up
- 25 Olympic sled
- 28 Taboo
- 30 Twisty letter
- 33 Lennon's love
- 34 Former U.N. leader
- 35 Clean air org.

DOWN

- 1 Actor
- 2 Entice
- 3 "Young Frankenstein" role
- 4 Fitness expert
- 5 Fish eggs
- 6 "Hail, Caesar!"
- 7 Korb of "Dateline NBC"
- 8 Singer
- 9 Plant-based oil source
- 10 Italian wine region
- 11 "Phooey!"
- 16 Drenched
- 20 Rhone city

22 Novelist

- Rice
- 23 Actress
- 25 Texter's guffaw
- 26 French article
- 27 Act of kindness
- 29 "One-Llama" poet
- 31 Suntan lotion letters
- 32 Airline to Sweden
- 34 Shakespeare title
- 38 Steal
- 40 Leaks slowly
- 42 Remote batteries, often
- 43 TV host
- 44 Second-hand
- 45 Threaded fastener
- 47 Soccer legend
- 48 "For — jolly good ..."
- 49 Driver of "Logan Lucky"
- 52 LAX info
- 53 Marry

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 2, 2025:

You are warmhearted and generous. You have strong ideals that you support with inner discipline. This is a year of service for you, probably service to family. Because of this, you need to take care of yourself because you are a resource. Perhaps it's time for a makeover.

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★ Oh happy day! The Sun is in your sign and the Moon is lined up with lucky Jupiter. Your words are like gold! Others want to hear what you have to say, and they're ready to agree with you! It's a great day for short trips plus sales, marketing, writing, teaching and acting. Go, go, go!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

5★ You are the financial wizard of the zodiac. Today the Moon is lined up with

lucky, money-bags Jupiter in your Money House. Need I say more? Look for ways to boost your income. Find a better paying job. Make money on the side. Get richer. Tonight: Privacy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

5★ Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with lucky Jupiter, which makes you happy and fearless. Your confidence is high, and although you might not know this, you will get what you give, especially in terms of kindness, friendship and support. Cool! Tonight: You're popular.

CANCER (June 21-July 21)

4★ Day by day your energy is growing as Mars picks up speed moving forward in your sign. "Every day, in every way, I'm getting better and better." It's a good thing you're high-viz now, because you feel charitable and generous to those in need, which is making you a role model for others. Tonight: You're impressive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

5★ This is a popular day for you because people are attracted to your upbeat, positive energy. In addition to this, however,

your ability to steer and deal with groups and organizations is perfect today. The strong rapport you can build with others will last into the future. Tonight: Explore!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

5★ Lucky you! It might be smoke and mirrors, but you look great today. In a nutshell, you look successful, affluent and popular. Indeed, your ability to deal with groups and organizations is excellent right now. It's a strong day for physical sports and competitions. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

4★ Your ambition is aroused! You want to explore new ideas, see new places and meet new faces. It's the perfect day to travel. It's also an excellent time to nurture opportunities in publishing and the media, as well as medicine and the law. Co-workers are supportive. Yes! Tonight: Be conciliatory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

4★ This is the perfect day for discussions about how to share or divide something, like an inheritance. It's also a good day to discuss taxes, debt and

shared property because you have the advantage. Oh yeah, you'll be laughing all the way to the bank. Tonight: Work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

4★ Relations with partners, spouses and close friends are warm and friendly today. But more than that, know this: What you give and how much you extend yourself is exactly what you will receive in return. Quite literally, what goes around, comes around. Tonight: Socialize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

4★ Everything about your job and your health gets a positive boost from the universe today. Your ability to work with groups and teams is excellent. Many of you will enjoy work-related travel. You will be admired for the energy that you put out to cooperate with others. (People will remember.) Tonight: Family issues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

5★ This is a party day! Whether you party with one person or a group, you'll have a good time. Take a long lunch. (Play hooky if you can.) Enjoy

JUMBLE

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

NNOOI					
NRKIB					
WPNEEH					
SARYGS					

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Last Wednesday's Answers

Jumbles: ANKLE GUEST POROUS STURDY

Answer: The circle said goodbye to the other circle by saying — SEE YOU AROUND

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Oh, no! The button jammed again! It didn't record.

What? We need to get this story out.

I gotta get the cattle off the road before someone gets hurt.

WHEN THEIR EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTIONED DURING THE INTERVIEW, IT WAS ---

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers

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Answer: The circle said goodbye to the other circle by saying — SEE YOU AROUND

social outings, the theater, sports, fun activities with kids, saucy flirtations, happy hour, coffee with friends -- schmooze! Tonight: Conversations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

4★ This is the perfect day to entertain at home because family gatherings will be positive and mutually beneficial. However, this is also an excellent day to explore real estate opportunities or ways to expand

your home or move to a better home. Tonight: Finances.

BORN TODAY

Actor Pedro Pascal (1975), actor Michael Fassbender (1977), singer-songwriter Emmylou Harris (1947)

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A Peek into Summers County's Past: Rare Photos of Hinton



First photo mentioned



Second photo mentioned



Third photo mentioned

William Jones
HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - My friend and fellow Summers County Historian, Tom Hutchison, recently gave me several photos that his grandfather, who was an early photographer in the county, had taken during his career. His name was Oscar Hutchison and he had a

studio in Hinton around 1900. The first photo is not the clearest, but with all of my years of examining old photos of Hinton, I have never seen this particular shot. It says on the back of it in Oscar's handwriting, "Property of Thomas K. Hutchinson lent to Campbell Flannagan Murrell Foundation View

of the old First National Bank of Hinton and the National Bank of Summers C. 1900." The second photo with the top left corner missing is the building where Otter and Oak and the Summers County Visitors Center are now located. It is called "Explore Summers County CVB" and is on the corner above

Ronald Meadows Funeral Home. Oscar had written on the back, "Picture of 2nd Ave. Hinton, WV Turn of the century. Elks Lodge upstairs." Again, I have never seen this particular shot before. Even with it missing the corner, it is still a very valuable historical asset showing all of the architectural elements

on the facade of the building. The third photo I am not too sure about as it has nothing written on the back. I assume it is a never-before-seen view of Hinton. And appears to be to the right of the overhead bridge, leading into downtown showing more of the area where Save-A-Lot now is

or what is better known as Avis. The only thing that is written on the back of it is Mr. Jimmie Hutchison and his address where he lived in Forest Hill. Jimmie was Oscar's son. So it is assumed that this photo was taken of Hinton during Oscar's days as a photographer in the county.

Pivont-Jones Engagement Announced



Levi Jones and Gavin Pivont

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Jones, son Lee and Dena Pivont are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gavin Leigh Pivont to Mr. Levi and Mr. and Mrs.

Alfred Wykle. Levi is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Carolyn Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Linda Brandon. Gavin and Levi were both born and raised in Summers County. They were rivals in the third grade during Academic Round-up but became friends in the 7th grade at Summers Middle School. This friendship

grew to become something stronger when they entered their sophomore year at Summers County High School. This romance continued for six years until December 22, 2024 when Levi surprised Gavin with a proposal at Rockefeller Center in New York City. Gavin will graduate on May 16, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science in

Nursing and plans to work at Ruby Memorial in Morgantown, WV in the CVICU. Levi is a Foreman for Pillar Innovations in Morgantown. The happy couple

are planning a ceremony to be held in September 2025 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Hinton, WV with a reception following at Mia Bella in White Oak, WV.

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.



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Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,
I have purchased a new computer, so what do I do with my old one? Is it recyclable? **Recycler**
Dear Recycler,
Your old computer is completely recyclable. This includes the storage devices, keyboard, mouse, printers and the monitor, if it is a flat screen monitor. However, there are several steps you should take to preserve your data and protect your privacy before you recycle your old computer. Be sure to back up your personal files to another location, deactivate and remove any licensed software you may have and be sure to wipe the hard drive clean, thus removing all your personal data.
Computers are made up of many raw materials that can be reused in making new products. Metals removed from old computers can help cut the costs of new computers, these include copper, steel, aluminum and rare earth metals. In addition to the Recycling Center, several stores in the area accept old computers for recycling, including Best Buy and Staples. Goodwill partners with Dell to accept all computers, just drop them off at any Goodwill location. Using recycled components enables companies to offer refurbished devices at lower prices and helps to conserve the environment. Computers and other electronics that are not recycled but are sent to the landfill are considered toxic waste, and all the reusable parts are lost.
Dear Recycle Lady,
I have a large metal flashlight that no longer works. Can it be recycled with metal cans? **In The Dark**
Dear In The Dark,
Your metal flashlight can be recycled, but not with metal cans. It re-

cycles with scrap metal. Be sure to take the batteries out before recycling it.
Have you considered dedicating a container for the collection of small metal items such as your flashlight? Other items that could be added to this container are metal lids that come on jars, canning lids and old doorknobs. When you have accumulated several items and are headed to the Recycling Center, take these items with you. Ring the bell on the aluminum can door, and one of the employees will come to help you. Metal coat hangers can be taken to the Greenbrier Valley Cleaners in Fairlea on Route 219 across from Greenbrier Motors.
Dear Recycle Lady,
The packaging for a chocolate rabbit I purchased for my grandson for Easter has an inset of plastic on the front of the box that makes the chocolate rabbit inside the box visible. Must this plastic window be removed before putting the box in with cardboard? **Chocolate Lover**
Dear Chocolate Lover,
Good catch. Unlike the plastic film windows in envelopes, the plastic windows in cardboard boxes must be removed before recycling with cardboard. Envelopes go through a glue-removing process that dissolves any plastic windows, so they do not need to be removed. However, cardboard does not go through this process, thus, the plastic windows on cardboard boxes must be removed before recycling the box. Sadly, the colored aluminum foil that wraps the Easter eggs and rabbits is no longer recyclable.
Good/Bad News:
The bald eagle, a symbol of American strength and freedom, has made a remarkable recovery.

However, these majestic birds now face a serious threat from lead poisoning. Fishing weights and hunting bullets contaminate the environment, and eagles consume the lead as they eat animal and fish carcasses. This exposes eagles to toxic lead poisoning, which jeopardizes their health and survival.
Conservation campaigns are urging hunters and anglers to switch to non-toxic alternatives like tungsten, bismuth, or steel. Individuals can also help by properly disposing of fishing gear and reporting any sick or dead eagles to the authorities. (fto.com)
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.

LEGAL NOTICE

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 9TH day of April, 2025, 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: Shelba Jean Fox
Fiduciary: David Wayne Fox
Estate: Charles William Richmond
Fiduciary: Charles Douglas Hoke Richmond
Estate: Rebecca Ann Lilly
Fiduciary: Gregory S. Lilly
Estate: Jimmie Joe St. Clair
Fiduciary: Bobbie Karen St. Clair
Estate: Jean Sifers
Fiduciary: Dean Sifers
Estate: Reginald R. Bowler Jr.
Fiduciary: Christin Adkins
Estate: Patrick Jackson Keaton
Fiduciary: Meridith Whittaker
Estate: Lena Christine Bemer
Fiduciary: Ray Dewayne Beymer Jr.
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 26th day of March, 2025.
Donnie Basham
Fiduciary Supervisor
(2ap)

Winners of the 2024 Summers County Student Writing Contest Announced

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Congratulations to the winners of the Summers County Student Writing Contest. All first place winners received \$40, all second place winners received \$20, all third place winners received \$10. All winners also received a certificate.
5th Grade
Sarah Bishop – 1st place Poetry
Amelia Hartwell – 1st place Short Story
Isaiah Fitts – 2nd place Short Story
6th Grade
Ellie Ward – 1st place Short Story
Jackie Daniel – 2nd place Short Story
Ella Connor – 3rd place Short Story
8th Grade
Annalise Eerenberg – 1st place Poetry
Miriam Fitts – 1st place Short Story
Jayden Bragg – 2nd place Short Story
Jade Cook – 3rd place Short Story
Please consider making a donation to this writing contest to help motivate students to write and hone their writing skills. The Jones Writing Fund and the Student Writing Contest Pass-Through fund has been established with the Hinton Area

Foundation, a 501c3 organization. Donations can be made to the fund by sending money to Hinton Area Foundation, PO Box 217, Hinton, WV 25951.
For more information about the contest, or to volunteer to judge this fall, please contact Cheryl Kula at Cheryl.kula@gmail.com.

West Virginia Renters may be eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance

CHARLESTON, W.Va.– West Virginia renters in Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Wayne, and Wyoming counties who experienced losses due to the winter floods from February 15–18, 2025, may be eligible for disaster recovery assistance from FEMA and the U.S Small Business Administration (SBA).
Renters may be eligible for Individual Assistance grants from FEMA to help with such disaster-related expenses as:
Renting a new place to live when the renter's previous home was significantly damaged or lost due to the disaster.
Disaster-related medical and dental expenses.
Replacement or repair of necessary personal property lost or damaged in the disaster, such as appliances and furniture; textbooks and computers used by students; and work equipment or tools used by the self-employed.
Repair or replacement of vehicles damaged by the disaster.
Accepting FEMA funds will not affect eligibility for Social Security – including Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) – Medicare, Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or other federal benefit programs.
Renters who sustained losses can apply for assistance in several ways:
Visiting DisasterAssistance.gov.
Downloading the FEMA App.
Calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362.
Phone lines are open every day and help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service such as video relay service (VRS) or captioned telephone service, please provide FEMA your number for that service.
Speaking with someone in person.
Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) teams will be on the ground in impacted communities, walking door-to-door to share information and help residents apply for FEMA assistance.
In coordination with the West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD) and officials in impacted counties, FEMA has opened a Disaster Recovery Center (DRCs) in Logan, Mercer, McDowell, Mingo, and Wyoming Counties. At a Disaster Recovery Center, you can get help applying for federal assistance, update your application, and learn about other resources available.s
In addition to applying for FEMA assistance, renters can also apply for a U.S. Small Business Administration disaster loan. Residents can apply online at sba.gov/disaster, call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955, or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Those who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability should dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay service.
For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit emd.wv.gov, West Virginia Emergency Management Division Facebook page, www.fema.gov/disaster/4861 and www.facebook.com/FEMA.

Community Invited to Health and Wellness Event

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – A community meeting focused on health, wellness and connection is scheduled for April 4 at the Summers County Memorial Building.
The TM3 Health Community Meeting will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and is open to the public.
The event aims to promote community engagement and awareness of health-related topics.
All are welcome to attend.

Pence Springs Flea Market

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Vendors set up at 4:00AM - 5:00AM

March 1st - October 31st, 2025

Marie Ruritan and Friendship Club

Spring Dinner

Saturday, April 5, 2025

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

at the Marie Ruritan Building
Marie, WV

Menu: Choice of Baked Steak/Gravy or Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apples, Sweet Potatoes, Rolls, and Desserts

Cost: Adults \$15.⁰⁰

Children (6 to 12) \$7.⁰⁰

Children (Under 6) FREE

Yard Sale / Bake Sale

Jams, Jellies, and Apple Butter also available.

NOTICE NOTICE

The 2024 Real and Personal Property Taxes are now Delinquent. Unless paid by April 30, 2025, they will be included for publication in the forthcoming delinquent list.

Justin L. Faris
Sheriff of Summers County

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Civil Action No. FC-45-2024-D-46
IN RE: The Marriage of: Kasondra Kay Meadows, Petitioner, and Joshua Adam Meadows, Respondent

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISE-MENT.

To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Joshua Adam Meadows is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Joshua Adam Meadows serve upon Kasondra Kay Meadows, Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 107, Hinton, WV 25951, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before May 2, 2025. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Di-

voice, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office. Entered by the Clerk of said Court March 21, 2025. /s/ Stacy D. Ford Clerk of the Court (2,9ap)

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 Commissioner through the Summers County Fiduciary Supervisor's office within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later.

If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code § 44-2 or 44-3A.

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

First Publication Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025
Claim Deadline: Sunday, June 1, 2025
ESTATE OF: DAVID LEE FARLEY
EXECUTRIX: DREMA MAXINE FARLEY
ESTATE OF: BARBARA ELIZABETH GRIMMETT
CO EXECUTOR: ALAN LEE GRIMMETT
CO EXECUTRIX: SARA ELIZABETH (GRIMMETT) FIX
ESTATE OF: JESSE WILLARD GILL II
ADMINISTRATOR: DREW ALLEN GILL
ESTATE OF: MILDRED LOIS RICHMOND
ADMINISTRATOR: GREGORY K. RICHMOND

ESTATE OF: JAMES LEWIS RICHMOND
ADMINISTRATOR: GREGORY K. RICHMOND
ESTATE OF: DONALD

GRIFFIN SPEIDEN
EXECUTRIX: LINDA PAULINE SPEIDEN
Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 26, 2025.

Donald R. Basham Jr. Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County (2,9ap)

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026			
The above named county board of education, having ascertained that the amount to be raised by a levy of taxes for the purposes and within the limits prescribed by statute or authorized by voters, does hereby propose to adopt the following levy rates to be laid on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of each class of property:			
Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy		Taxes Levied
	Levy Rate/\$100		
Class I Personal Property Public Utilities Total Class I			
		19.40	
Class II Real Estate Personal Property Total Class II			
		38.80	
Class III Real Estate Personal Property Public Utilities Total Class III			
		77.60	
Class IV Real Estate Personal Property Public Utilities Total Class IV			
		77.60	
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$ 708,497,767		\$ 4,175,387
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies		3.00%	(125,262)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts		2.00%	(81,003)
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)			
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund			3,969,122
Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		2.00%	(79,382)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected			\$ 3,889,740
SIGNED THIS 20 DAY OF MARCH , BY Dr. Linda Knott COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT <i>Linda D Knott</i> Signature			

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
County of: Summers, West Virginia

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

General Fund	Estimated Revenues
Fund Balance	\$ 905,434
Property Taxes Current year	2,748,946
Prior Year Taxes	253,921
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	90,991
Property Transfer Tax	134,916
Gas and Oil Severance Tax	81,113
Wine & Liquor Tax	5,096
Hotel Occupancy Tax	300,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	121
Miscellaneous Energy Tax (Coal Bed Methane)	4,915
Licenses	115
Building Permits	3,234
Federal Grants / Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	75,000
Sheriff's Service of Process	9,000
Sheriff's Earnings	6,437
County Clerk's Earnings	36,031
Circuit Clerk's Earnings	9,259
Prosecuting Attorney's Earnings	1,093
Accident Reports	741
Motor Vehicle License Fee	2,800
Parks & Recreation Fees	135,939
Rents & Concessions	35,904
Franchise Agreement	42,627
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	70,737
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	459
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement	16,555
Interest Earned	13,444
Miscellaneous Revenue	25,383
Sheriff's Commission	13,799
Gaming Income	40,618
Video Lottery	33,815
Refunds/Reimbursements (External Sources)	32,578
General School Reimbursements	34,456
Magistrate Court Reimbursements	4,837
Worthless Check Reimbursements	63
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund	301,243
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$ 5,471,620

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year

Coal Severance Tax	Estimated Revenues
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 72,811
Coal Severance Tax	20,000
Total Coal Severance	\$ 92,811

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
County Commission	\$ 249,549	\$ -
County Clerk	356,907	-
Circuit Clerk	229,959	-
Sheriff - Treasurer	362,877	-
Prosecuting Attorney	349,209	-
Assessor	283,883	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund	301,243	-
Statewide Computer Network	34,209	-
Fiduciary Supervisor	50,000	-
Agricultural Agent	9,000	-
Elections - County Clerk	103,603	-
Purchasing Department	525,000	92,811
Courthouse	391,317	-
Other Buildings	92,500	-
Regional Development Authority	12,000	-
Economic Development	15,750	-
County Clerk Operations	13,306	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,380,312	92,811
PUBLIC SAFETY	-	-
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	836,757	-
Sheriff - Service of Process	9,000	-
Regional Jail	320,000	-
Emergency Services	18,650	-
Flood Control	17,990	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,202,397	-

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
CULTURE AND RECREATION	-	-
Parks & Recreation	129,180	-
4 - H Camp	235,300	-
Visitor's Bureau	150,000	-
Library	6,000	-
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	520,480	-

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year

General Government	353,991	-
Courthouse	14,440	-
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	368,431	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,471,620	\$ 92,811

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year

SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I Personal Property Public Utility Total Class I		
	14.30	
Class II Real Estate Personal Property Total Class II		
	28.60	
Class III Real Estate Personal Property Public Utility Total Class III		
	57.20	
Class IV Real Estate Personal Property Public Utility Total Class IV		
	57.20	
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 708,497,767	\$ 3,077,734

Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	7.00%	215,441
Less Tax Discounts	2.00%	57,246
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)		0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection		2,805,047
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)	2.00%	0
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes		\$ 2,805,047

Summers County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF SUMMERS

I, Lynn Reed, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 19th DAY OF MARCH 2025.

Lynn Reed
(Signature)

Concord University Welcomes Three Presidential Finalists to Campus



ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) — Concord University has welcomed the three finalists in its presidential search to The Campus Beautiful over the last week. The Presidential Search Committee intends to continue its research and send its recommendations to the Board of Governors. They will deliberate on the recommendation at their upcoming April meeting with the intention to announce the school’s 13th president by April 30. Beginning March 19, Concord’s students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community hosted: Dr. Keith Moore, who is currently the senior vice president at Virginia Wesleyan University. Dr. Bethany Meighen, vice president of academic and student affairs in the University of North Carolina system. Dr. Laura Jacobson, the interim associate dean for interprofessional education at Radford University. After 41 years of dedicated service to Concord University, Dr. Kendra S. Boggess announced her retirement in 2024, making her departure effective in August. Dr. Boggess, the university’s first female president, took on the role in spring 2014 and has since led Concord through a transformative period marked by significant growth and resilience in the face of various challenges. Throughout her tenure, Dr. Boggess has been a visionary leader, guiding Concord University through the complexities of the COVID-19 pandemic, funding cuts, and typical hurdles of higher education. Reflecting on her presidency, Dr. Boggess expressed profound gratitude: “It is with a mixture of gratitude, pride, and a touch of sadness that I plan to leave The Campus Beautiful and embark on my future retirement plans. I have been consistently buoyed by an extraordinary community through

every challenge. It has truly been the honor of my lifetime to represent and help build our community at Concord University.” Concord alum and optometrist Dr. Brad Lane is chairing the Presidential Search Committee tasked with finding Dr. Boggess’s successor. “With Dr. Boggess’s announcement, it marks the end of a significant era of leadership and dedication. Her tenure has been characterized by a commitment to academic excellence, student success, shared governance, and community engagement. The search committee will diligently seek a leader who can uphold Concord University’s values, traditions, and also bring innovative ideas to guide the institution into the future,” Lane said in the wake of the retirement announcement. The University will hold a celebration of Dr. Boggess’s accomplishments on April 23 on the Athens campus. For more information on the CU presidential search, visit <https://www.concord.edu/presidential-search>. Questions regarding the presidential search may be directed to cubog@concord.edu.

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Invitation to Join the Summers County Writers Group

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Are you an experienced writer, or just starting to doodle stories? Do you find yourself wanting to write but putting it off? Would you like to join a local writer’s group to help motivate your writing creativity? The Summers County Writers Group meets every two weeks in person and is inviting other local writers and writer-wannabes to join us. They offer writing prompts, a deadline for submission, and then a round of kind, yet fiercely specific writing critiques, to help each writer grow and improve. If you are working on a writing project, you can also skip the writing prompts and submit sections of your project for critiques. Their focus is typically on writing fiction and memoir pieces, although we do foray into poetry. They are a group of adults, and while we are not encouraging anything gratuitous, members should expect the occasional bit of colorful language or description. In general, they leave politics and discussions of the world at the door – we are focused on writing! If you are interested in participating or just want to try one visit, please contact Cheryl Kula (Cheryl.kula@gmail.com) to get the next meeting schedule and location. We look forward to some fresh eyes and new creativity.

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Series On Calvinism (Part 9) Unconditional Election

(Last week we began to look at unconditional election also known as predestination. This week we will define the concept and begin looking at some of the proof texts used by denominations in support of the concept.)
by Gene Taylor

Predestination Defined
“The doctrine that the salvation or damnation of individuals has been foreordained by God; the determination beforehand of future events.” (*Webster’s Dictionary*, 1977 edition, p.289)
To understand predestination, one must understand the Greek word **proorizo**. This Greek word is translated three different ways in the King James Version of the Bible: “predestinated,” “ordained,” “determined before.” It is translated “foreordained” in every occurrence in the American Standard Version of the Bible. It means, “To limit or mark out beforehand; to design definitely beforehand, ordain beforehand, predestine.” (*The Analytical Greek Lexicon*, p. 345) It “...denotes to mark out beforehand, to determine before, foreordain.” (*Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, p. 307) A.T. Robertson says it means, “To define or decide beforehand.” (Word Pictures in the New Testament, p. 517)
A summary from Scripture reveals that predestination refers to Jehovah’s creation of man and His determination beforehand of the conditions through which man might live with Him eternally. It concerns the Father’s predetermination that all people who meet His conditions would live eternally in heaven and all who refuse submission to those conditions would suffer eternal damnation.
Proof Texts Used to Support Unconditional Election
Acts 4:28. Calvinists use this text to say that God purposed all things before the foundation of the world. One must ask, “What was ‘determined before?’” The answer is the death of Jesus. Jesus’ death had been prophesied as part of God’s plan to save mankind. (Luke 22:21, 22; Acts 2:22, 23) The Jews did not realize that they were fulfilling God’s plan. God did not force them to kill His Son. They were accountable for their actions.
Acts 13:48. The argument here is that God, before the foundation of the world, appointed only certain individuals to life. This verse does not state that those who were ordained to eternal life were given it apart from their own will. Belief is made a condition to eternal life. Thus, as many as had been appointed put on Christ, or met the conditions. Reversing the sentence causes the true thought to be clearer: Those who believed became part of those who had been appointed to eternal life.
Romans 8:28-30. The argument from this passage is that God, before the foundation of the world, predestinated certain individuals to salvation. Under consideration in this passage are “those who love God” (v. 28), not just a few who God loves and “those who are called according to His purpose.” (v. 28) One is not called by a still small voice or by a direct operation of the Holy Spirit but by the gospel. (2 Thes. 2:14) Those who hear, believe, and respond in obedience are referred to as being “called.” (Gal. 1:6; Heb. 9:15; 1 Pet. 2:9)
This passage is a statement of God’s entire purpose and its succession of events. God determined to send mankind a Savior to die for all who would come to Him. Then He foreordained it all before the events actually took place. In that sense, God predestinated our salvation. God foreordained that anyone who accepted His call would be conformed to the image of His Son. It is the confirmation that is predestined, not the acceptance. Those who accepted the gospel call were then justified and glorified.
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(Continued next week when we will continue looking at proof texts used to support unconditional election and then read some Bible references in contradiction to the idea.)

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