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Impressive Summers County Scholars Receive 105 Awards

SUMMERS COUNTY ton Scholarship - \$500 Sarah Turner \$1,000. Depot. Fifty-six imprestotaling \$142,780.

Campaign 2000 Schol-3 of 4), Sydney

\$1,000 each. E. Ann Gore Scholar-

ship Fund – Jonah Pugh per, \$150 (2 nd of 2 yr. \$600. CHPR Gwinn Family

Jones, Nathan Tickle \$3,000 each.

Bill Van Sant Scholarship Fund – Ella McDaniel \$2,000.

Summers County KIDS Fine Arts Scholarship Fund – Rhyan Eerenberg, Ava Stover \$1,000 each.

Joyce Jarrell Memorial Scholarship Fund – Hallie Rodes, Lauren Foster, Kaylee Jones, Candace Crawford \$1,500 each.

W.Va. (Hinton News) - (1 of 4 yr. award) Ella The Hinton Area Foun- McDaniel, Gracie Lesdation held their annual ter, Ava Stover, Madison Scholarship Reception on Wykle. \$500 (2nd of 4) Wednesday, May 28, at yr. award) Sydney Far-Hinton's Historic Freight rish, Kaylee Jones. \$500 (3rd of 4 yr. award) Emsive scholars received ily Cox, Emily N. Rich-105 scholarship awards mond, Sarah Turner. \$500 (3rd of 3 vr. award) Hallie Rodes. \$250 (1st arship – Ellie Rhodes (fi- of 2 yr. award) Avery nal year), Emily Cox (yr. Lilly. \$250 (3rd of 4 yr. award) Karsynn Davis, Farrish (yr. 2 of 4), Harley Ward. \$250 (2 Xena Sears (yr. 1 of 4) nd of 2 yr. award) Alyvia Harvey. \$150 (2 nd of 4 yr. award) Sean Coo-

award) Brian Cooper. Dr. J.W. Stokes/Ro-Scholarship - Lawson tary Scholarship Fund - Lauren Foster \$1,500,

Sarah Turner \$436. Margaret Peggy Rossi Scholarship Fund – Sha-

keela Chapman \$1,700. Joseph M. Plumley/ Rotary Scholarship Fund - Bryson Keaton \$1,500,

Sarah Turner \$1,064. Randy "Paul" Martin II Scholarship Fund – Wilson Sears \$700.

"Billy" William E. Turner Memorial Fund - Matthew Cox \$3,000,

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William Garten Scholarship Fund - John Brandon Isaac \$3,000.

Gene Fife Scholars Fund – Ayden Gardner, Michael Ferrell Mann \$1,000 each.

First United Meth-Church/Eleanor odist Meadows Scholarship Fund - Ella McDaniel \$1,600.

Summers County Historical Society Scholarship - Nathan Tickle \$1,000.

Lori & Mitch Bowling Student Athletic Scholarship Fund – Avery Lilly \$1,600.

Dr. Sahib Shammaa Memorial Fund - Eli Patterson \$900.

Burkey & MaryLou Lilly Memorial Fund -Karsynn Davis, Bruce Richmond \$2,500 each. Smith-Willey Scholarship Fund – Matthew

Cox \$2,600.

Jones-Willey Scholar-Kiwanis Club of Hin- Lydia Richmond \$1,000, ship Fund - Kristen Rat-

liff, Sarah Okes \$1,250 Jr. Scholarship Fund

Kimberley Anne Abbott Scholarship - Abigayle Persinger \$1,800.

William G. & Joyce H. Meador Lifelong Learning Fund – Megan Cooper \$1,450.

Dr. Matthew Ellison Memorial Scholarship – Nathaniel Day, Brandon Isaac, Avery Lilly, Jacob Smith \$1,000 each.

First National Bank of Hinton Scholarship -Marlee Meador \$500.

Paul E. Hess Memorial Scholarship - Matthew Cox, Bryson Keaton \$1,000 each.

Howard Creed Fund – Bryson Keaton, Sullivan Pivont, Matthew Cox \$1,200.

Claude Johnson Memorial Scholarship – Stephenie Williams \$1,500. National Bank of Summers Scholarship Fund -Gracie Lester \$700.

Ralph Jones Scholarship Fund – Matthew Cox \$2,000.

Lincoln School Scholarship Fund – Michael Ferrell Mann, Ayden Gardner \$465 each.

Dr. Joseph F. Marsh, Burdette

– John Brandon Isaac Sears \$900 each. \$1,000.

Jean Dressler Beasley Fund – Averee Davis, Karsynn Davis, Sophie Ford, Harleigh McGraw, Marie McKinney, Molly Mann, Jonah Pugh, Kristen Ratliff, Bruce Richmond, Xena Sears \$1,000 each.

Clark Family Scholarship – Sophie Ford \$1,000.

Coach Julian "Buzzy" Richmond Memorial Fund - Abigavle Persinger \$500.

John Henry Historical Scholarship – Candace Crawford \$500.

Scholarship fund – Ash-Gore, Maggie Gunter, Al-\$1,700 each.

Hedrick mond \$1,500.

Marjorie Bowles Family Scholar-Jones \$1,000.

Abbie Keaton, Xena

Animal Control \$ Welfare Fund - Harleigh McGraw, Marie McKinney \$500 each.

Mary L. Rogers & Mary Doffermeyer Scholarship – Gracie Lester \$600.

Regina Gwinn Eckle Vocational Scholarship – Matthew Cox \$500.

Darrell K. Cales Trust Scholarship – Avery Lilly, Jonah Pugh, Jacob Smith, Ava Stover, Stephenie Williams, Sarah Okes \$5,000 each.

Each scholar, their guests, donors and HAF board members enjoyed a delicious meal catered Robert & Faye Gwinn by The Market located in Hinton. HAF wishes Cooper, Krystina to thank their generous sponsors: City Nayvia Harvey, Liv Meador, tional Bank of Hinton, Eli Patterson, Laci Sears Burke and Herbert Bank of Hinton and sever-Ellsworth & Beulah al anonymous donors. Scholarship Special appreciation to fund - Emily N. Rich- those who volunteered to assist in the prepara-& Lester tion and clean-up of the event: Jerod Ewing, Ausship Fund – Robert Luke tin Lilly, Melinda Gore, Rick Isaac, Robert Luke John E. & Marjorie Jones, Avery Lilly, and Scholarship Brandon Isaac.

"Juneteenth" A Celebration of Freedom and Resilience

David Hodge

WEST VIRGINIA (Hinton News) - On June 19, the United States will again commemorate Juneteenth, a that celebrates the end of slavery and honors African American history, culture, and the ongoing struggle for equality.

Juneteenth, a combination of the month "June" and day of the month "19th," traces its origins to June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers led by Major Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the emanci-

pation of approximately memoration of freedom. 250,000 enslaved people. More than two years primarily in Texas, Juneafter President Abraham teenth spread across the Lincoln's Emancipation United States as African Confederate states.

in 2021, represents a clothes profound moment of liberation and resilience in into an annual com-

Initially symbolizing newfound freedom.

"Juneteenth American history. Major both a long, hard night General Gordon Grang- of slavery and subjugaer's General Order Num-tion and a promise of ber 3 declared all slaves a brighter morning to in Texas free, triggering come," President Joe spontaneous celebra- Biden said during the tions that would evolve holiday's federal recognition ceremony.

The holiday's signif- foods and drinks, sym- universities to corporacelebrated icance extends beyond historical remembrance. It has been a powerful platform for addresstraditions. Early obser- particularly during piv-The holiday, now a vances featured prayer otal moments like the national presidential declaration ing, and wearing new and the racial reckonings following George Floyd's tragic murder in 2020.

Typical Juneteenth celebrations include parades, educational events, musical performances, and family gatherings. A cultural tradition of the celebration involves consuming red

during slavery and hon-

recognition. cacy resulted in the federal holiday designation, transforming what was a regional commemoration into a nationwide reflection on America's complex history. Modern Juneteenth obserremembrance with con-

temporary activism. Institutions,

bolizing the blood shed tions, now recognize the day as an opportunity oring ancestral strength. to discuss racial equity, Opal Lee, known as systemic inequalities, Proclamation abolished Americans migrated and ing systemic racism and the "grandmother of and paths toward recpivotal holiday and one the horrid practice in shared their celebratory promoting social justice, Juneteenth," was instru- onciliation. As the Unitmental in the holiday's ed States continues to grapple with its legacy of federal observance since meetings, spiritual sing- Civil Rights Movement Her decades-long advo- slavery and racial injustice, Juneteenth stands as a powerful reminder of progress achieved and challenges remaining. This year's celebrations will occur on Thursday, June 19, 2025, with events planned in cities vances blend historical nationwide, continuing a tradition of remembrance, resilience, and hope.

Community Remembers Doug Skaff Jr. After **Tragic Lewis County Accident**

Rebecca Stalnaker Hinton News

COUNTY LEWIS W.Va. (Hinton News) West Virginia is mourning the loss of Doug Skaff Jr., a deeply connected figure in both the state's political and media circles, who died Tuesday, June 10, at the age of 48 following a vehicle accident in Lewis County. Skaff Jr. was widely recognized as the president of HD Media, which publishes the Charleston Gazette, and a dedicated board member of the West Virginia Press Association. His career also notably included serving

as a state delegate. Details about the accident, which occurred at mile marker 101 on I-79 near the Weston exit, have not yet been

released. The state feels this suing statements.

House Speaker Roger Hanshaw said, "I am sad today. Yesterday our state lost a leader, and I lost a friend. Doug Skaff and I had been friends for over 25 years. We first met as students at WVU when he and I were there together as young men straight out of high school. Even then we would talk about what we thought the state of West Virginia could be and brainstorm ideas for making it happen. It was among the highlights of my professional life having the opportunity to work with him on some of same ideas he and I talked about over 20 years prior."

Congressman Riley Moore said, "Tonight, Mina and I join the community—wheth- there is no last call trapeople of West Virgin- er through his public dition in the newspaper

Doug Skaff, my good friend, was a West Virginian through and through. From his time as Student Body President at West Virginia University to his time in the West Virginia House of Delegates, Doug loved our state and our people."

Chairman Mike Pushkin, who served alongside Skaff in the House, shared his condolences, saying, "Doug Skaff was more than just a colleague; he was a friend to many of us, even after he left the legislature. His humor was infectious, and his dedication to his family, particularly his love for his children, was evident in everything he did. Doug was deep-

loss deeply, with many ia in grieving the loss service, his entreprestate representatives is- of a true Mountaineer. neurial spirit, or his active community involvement. He leaves behind a lasting legacy of community fiengagement and dedication, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Marisa, his children Andrew, Elias, and Alexander, and his

many friends." Like many newspapers, The Hinton News mourns Skaff's passing. His legacy will not be

forgotten. In emergency services, there is a tradition of a "last call." This tradition entails the deceased being called on the radio system one last time, along with a eulogy of sorts and the phrase "we'll take ly committed to the it from here." While



Doug Skaff Jr.

industry, I want to in- us all. May press across clude a variation.

the state remember Doug, you will be your efforts and work to missed by all who knew keep newspapers alive you. We will all carry and delivering factual, on with the business of unbiased news. May news and look back on you rest in peace. We the example you set for will take it from here.



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Friends of the Summers County Library Set to **Host Annual Golf Tournament**

SUMMERS COUN- having their annual Willowwood Country as bookmobile main- organization that sup- library and welcome News) - The Summers on Sunday, June 22, County Friends of the at 1 p.m. Golfers can extra funds to the li-

W.Va. (Hinton golf tournament. It is Club at 304-466-3220. tenance, summer read-ports the library in its new volunteers; just This event provides ing programs, book endeavors. Library are pre-register by calling brary for such items Friends are a volunteer a quarterly basis at the Facebook page.

discussions, etc. The

fill out the form at the The Friends meet on library or message the

Eastern recognizes Summers County student for spring semester honors

resident lege. academic achieved

News) - A Summers and Technical Col- grade point average, field, serves six ru- degrees, early enroll- ing

Earning President's Ashley Lucas. honors during the List honors, which re-Spring 2025 semes- quires completing 12 ginia

SUMMERS COUN- ter at Eastern West or more credit hours and Technical Col- ademic

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programs, Eastern is accredited TY W.Va. (Hinton Virginia Community this spring with a 4.0 lege, based in Moore- including five online by the Higher Learnwas county resident ral counties in West ment courses for high For more informa-Virginia's Potomac school students, and tion, visit easternwy. Eastern West Vir- Highlands by offer- a variety of flexible edu or call 304-434-

Men's Mental Health Month Brings Awareness to a Growing Crisis

Joshua Lambert Hinton News

WEST VIRGINIA (Hinton News) - As June gets underway, health officials and advocacy groups across the country are recognizing Men's Mental Health Month, a nationwide effort to spotlight an often-overlooked public health

Suicide remains one of the leading causes of death among men in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than

39,000 men died by men as well. suicide in 2022, making up nearly 80% of lack of access to men- including all suicide deaths. That tal health care and sominutes. Each month prevent men from seekan estimated 3,273 men ing help. die by suicide.

among younger men. estimates that about 6 For males ages 18 to 34, million men in the U.S. suicide is the second experience depression leading cause of death. each year. Yet, research White men account shows men are signififor nearly 70% of male cantly less likely than suicide deaths, though women to receive a disuicide rates are increasing among Black, ment. Latino and Indigenous

The National Insti-The risk is highest tute of Mental Health agnosis or seek treat-

sionals point to a range encourage open con- erage and addressing Experts say stigma, of contributing factors, versations about men- shortages of culturally untreated tal health. mental illness, finanamounts to an average cial pressure to appear cial stress, substance community of 107 suicides per day, strong and self-reliant use and social isolation. media campaigns and unique needs of men in or about one every 13 are major barriers that Men are also more likely to use highly lethal means, such as firearms, when attempting suicide.

> dation, Mental Health tal health support. America and the National Alliance on Men- long-term

expanded access to tele- rural and underserved health services tailored communities. specifically for men. Workplaces, schools Crisis Lifeline is availand faith-based orga- able 24/7 by phone or In response, national nizations are also being text for anyone in emoorganizations including encouraged to take part tional distress. Calls are the Movember Foun- in destignatizing men- free and confidential.

Mental health profes- increase outreach and proving insurance cov- struggle alone.

competent care provid-Some efforts include ers. They also call for forums, greater attention to the

The 988 Suicide &

Men's Mental Health Health advocates say Month aims to break solutions the silence and send tal Illness are using the must include increas- a clear message: It's month of June to pro- ing funding for mental OK to ask for help and mote public education, health services, im- no one should have to

Warrants issued in relation to fight after Woodrow Wilson High School graduation W.Va. going dispute between on on premises of a ston (19) - Charged the wanted subjects, ginia via their free P3

School graduation:

Department would like sored event is illegal Battery to update the public regardless of where the regarding the fight that occurred following the Center. The results of

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ing demand for skilled dustry need.

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(Hinton News) - Depu- several of the individu- school-sponsored func- with: Battery ty Chief David S. Allard als involved. A firearm tion with the Beckley Police was recovered from one Department released of the individuals at the Morris (21) - Charged Battery the following informa- time of the incident, with: Battery tion regarding the fight however, the firearm Woodrow Wilson High during the altercation. Possession of a firearm "The Beckley Police during a school spon- III (18) - Charged with: like event occurs."

"Today, June 5, 2025, Woodrow Wilson High felony and misdemean- ble (21) - Charged with: School Graduation on or warrants were issued Battery Saturday, May 31, 2025, by Magistrate Timothy at the Beckley Raleigh P. Deems for the follow-Convention ing individuals:"

Jalen Marquis the investigation deter- Cook (19) - Charged Burks Jr. (18) - Charged mined that this incident with: Felony Possesstemmed from an on- sion of a deadly weap-

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These programs are de- ing their employability

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 Stephon Tyreese presumed with: Battery

· Tommy Lee Payton

Charged with: Battery

• Ty'Lai Khalis Kim-

 Zachary Lee Pennington (18) - Charged with: Battery

with: Battery

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• Tayvon Anthony (18) - Charged with:

** All subjects are innocent that broke out at the was never brandished Yancy (18) - Charged until proven guilty in a court of law. **

> "Chief Bailey would commend to WWHS School Re-• Tytus Ira Mason (21) source Officer, Lt. Wall on his efforts during this investigation."

> "The Beckley Police Department would ask that all subjects listed above turn themselves in at the Beckley Po-• Brandon Jerrell lice Department. If a member of the public has information on the whereabouts of any of

> > For more information

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William Jones Hinton News

(Hinton Great W.Va. News) more than 2 years a local auction. writing this series, I haven't 1900s advertising Made

original Civil War Pamphlet are for section of the bot- der to Virginia."

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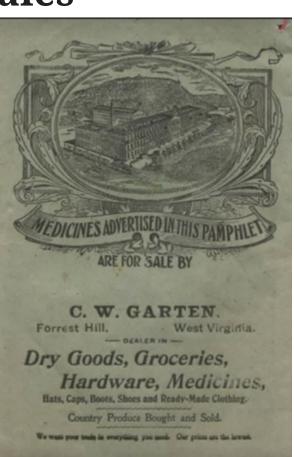


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Students Honored at Golden Horseshoe Ceremonies

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CHARLESTON annual test, given student recipients, (Hinton to every 8th-grade WVDE Director of News) - The West student, spotlights Student Enrichment Depart- Mountain State civ- Joey Wiseman was ment of Education ics, government, ge- inducted as an hon-(WVDE) recognized ography and numer- orary Knight of the 223 8th-grade stu- ous other categories. Golden Horseshoe. dents from West These newly in- His unyielding supmiddle ducted knights will port of students and public join the more than unwavering dedicacharter schools and 15,000 students who tion to achievement the West Virginia have received this exemplify the spirit and purpose of the Golden Order of the Golden

The Golden Horsetoday at the West dents to be recog- shoe legacy dates Culture nized for their in- back to 1716 when Center in Charles- credible academic Governor of the Virton. These top-scor- prowess and enthu- ginia Colony Alexaning students were siastic pride in the der Spotswood orga-State," nized and recognized recognition said State Superin- a delegation of men tendent of Schools to explore the land The WVDE in- Michele L. Blatt. west of the Alleghe- Horseshoe during Ceremony 1 ducted the students "Our history and ny Mountains (most as part of the 309th culture continue to of which is now West anniversary of the flourish as the next Virginia). He pre-Golden Horseshoe generation of Moun- sented each with a legacy, recognizing taineers share their small golden horsethem for their exten- knowledge as am- shoe to commemosive knowledge of bassadors of West rate their bravery in crossing the mounto tain. The Golden



Students knighted into the Order of the Golden

Horseshoe remains nitions dating back ners and learn more the longest-running to 1931.

program of its kind View the complete visiting the program in the country, with list of 2025 Gold- page on the WVDE annual state recog- en Horseshoe win- website.

Series On Calvinism (Part 20) Perseverance of the Saints

(Last week we began looking at the last tenet of Calvinism, perseverance of the saints. We looked at a couple of quotes concerning the doctrine from those who support it. Today we will look at one more such quote and then we will see how the doctrine of imputation has influenced this idea of perseverance of the saints.)

by Gene Taylor

Sam Morris, a Baptist preacher, adds, "All the prayers a man may pray, all the Bibles he may read, all the churches he may belong to, all the services he may attend, all the sermons he may practice, all the debts he may pay, all the ordinances he may observe, all the laws he may keep, all the benevolent acts he may perform will not make his soul one whit safer; and all the sins he may commit, from idolatry to murder, will not make his soul in any more danger....The way a man lives has nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul." (Do a Christian's Sins Damn His Soul?)

The Calvinistic Doctrine of Imputation

The doctrine of Perseverance of the Saints is based upon the false assumption that the elect sinner is clothed in the personal righteousness of Jesus Christ. Therefore, when God looks at him, He does not see the sins of the elect one. rather He sees the perfection of Jesus. Thus, one does not have to be concerned with doing righteousness if he is one whom God has elected to save.

To impute is "to credit to a person or a cause...to credit by transferal." (Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, p. 421). Calvinists believe the guilt of Adam's sin was imputed to the whole human race—that all are sinners by virtue of the fact that being descendants of Adam they inherited the guilt of his sin. The remedy Calvinists offer for imputed sin is a second imputation. The perfect life of Christ is imputed to the elect sinner. God, in viewing that individual, only sees the personal righteousness of Jesus, not the sins of the sinner. This allows the elect one to continue to sin because Christ lived a sinless life in his stead and the innocence of Christ now clothes him. He is relieved of any responsibility for living a godly life. He does not even have to correct his wrongs because he will not be judged by his own actions but by the perfect life Jesus lived.

John Calvin, speaking on imputation, said, "...I answer, that the grace which they call accepting, is nothing else than the free goodness with which the Father embraces us in Christ when he clothes us with the innocence of Christ, and accepts it as ours, so that in consideration of it he regards us as holy, pure and innocent. For the righteousness of Christ (as it alone is perfect, so it alone can stand the scrutiny of God) must be sisted for us, and as a surety represent us judicially....Our imperfection and purity, covered with this purity, are not imputed, but are as it were buried, so as not to come under judgment until the hour arrive when the old man being destroyed, and plainly extinguished in us, the divine goodness shall receive us into beatific peace with the new Adam, there to await the day of the Lord, on which, being clothed with incorruptible bodies, we shall be translated to the glory of the heavenly kingdom." (Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book III, p. 82)

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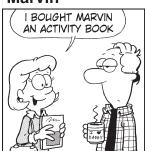


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MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or big decisions from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EDT today (2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from PI-SCES into ARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 18, 2025:

You're adventurous, positive and loyal. Your enthusiastic approach to life makes you attractive to others. This is a year of service, probably service to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so you can be a help or support to others. Explore the arts. Is it 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

4★ This is a tricky day, which is why you might feel restless. Later in the day, the Moon will move into your sign, which will be empowering for you. Meanwhile, give serious thought to family members who need your help. Remain practical. To-

night: You win! TAURUS (April 20-May

3★ A friend might surprise you today, or perhaps you'll be caught off guard

by a member of a group or an organization. Feelings of optimism mixed with sympathy might create confusion about how to approach a situation. If you're not sure what to do, don't act. Tonight: Seek privacy. **GEMINI (May 21-June**

3★ People notice you today. In fact, some will be aware of details about your personal life. Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Meanwhile, think twice before you spend or share your money today. Know what you're doing. Tonight: Enjoy friendships.

CANCER (June 21-July

4★ Sudden changes to travel plans or something to do with education, medicine or the law might occur today. However, for the most part, be careful about important decisions that affect your future life direction. Get your data, but wait a week (or two) to decide. Tonight: You are admired.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

3★ Double-check banking details and anything to do with shared property. A few hiccups might create problems for you this morning. Later in the day, your

humanitarian impulses or desire to assist someone might need to be fine-tuned. Be discriminating about whom you should help. Tonight: Explore and discover! VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

3★ A spouse, partner or close friend might throw you a curveball early in the day. Whatever happens, you can handle this. However, major decisions about shared property, inheritances and funding for groups and organizations could be subject to confused thinking, even deceit. Be aware of this. Tonight: Check your

finances LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

3★ Double-check issues related to work, your health and a pet, because unpredictable something (possibly even an accident) might happen today. However, be aware that important discussions with bosses and partners might not unfold as you think or hope. Double-check everything. Tonight: Be patient and co-

operative. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

4★ Parents should be vigilant today to avoid accidents with their kids. Meanwhile social plans might suddenly change. Scrutinize

work-related opportunities, as well as other apparent advantages, because things might not be as they appear. Do your homework. Tonight: Get organized. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21)

3★ Your home routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down, a minor breakage could occur or someone unexpected might appear at your door. Double-check all aspects of benefits to children to make sure things are as they should be, especially with funding and inheri-

tances. Tonight: Socialize! CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan

3★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for you. Meanwhile, you also need to pay attention to decisions related to parents, home and real estate. What might look like good news could be deceptive. Get your facts. Tonight: Relax at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

3★ Keep an eye on your money and your possessions today to avoid loss, theft or damage. Meanwhile, make sure you know what's going on at work or

JUMBLE Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. KONNW RCDOH DEREGE SNHVAI Now arrange the circled letters ©2025 Tribune Content Agency, LLC to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. All Rights Reserved. (Today's Answers Next Wednesday) Last | Jumbles: GLORY WAFEH SINGULARY Wanger: What's a dog's favorite type of chair?

with issues related to your health. What the large print giveth, the small print might taketh away. Always read the small print. Tonight: Conversations. PISCES (Feb. 19-March

4★ You feel restless, even impulsive, today. Don't do anything you will regret later. Go slowly to avoid accidents. Meanwhile, sometimes it's worth looking a gift horse in the mouth, especially if it relates to your

kids, vacations, the arts or the entertainment world. Be smart. Tonight: Check your belongings. **BORN TODAY**

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

Singer-songwriter,

musician Paul McCartney (1942), actress Isabella Rossellini (1952), Kim Dickens (1965)

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Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Lady,

What is greenwashing and who does it? **Newspaper Reader** Dear Newspaper Reader,

Greenwashing, also called green marketing, is a form of marketing used by companies to make their company or their products appear to be more environmentally friendly than they are, or that a sustainable change has been made in their products. Since consumers are beginning to be more willing to pay a little more for eco-friendly products and packaging, some companies Words such as natural, nontoxic, environmentally friendly, green, sustainable, naturally derived, low carbon and net-zero are used in ad-

Recycle that their product is eco-friendly.

Earth.com says that "greenwashing is a harmful and deceitful way of advertising that a company is more sustainable than it actually is," and they list 10 companies that have been caught greenwashing in various ways. The 10 companies on their list are Volkswagen (cheated on results of carbon emissions tests), BP (advertised low-carbon energy products when 96% of its annual spending is on oil and eco-friendly and are gas), ExxonMobil (advertising suggested that its experimental algae biofuels could one day reduce transport emisare using greenwashing sions when 2025 emisto increase their profits. sion reduction targets do not include the vast majority of these emissions), Nestle (stated that it would have packaging that was 100% recyclable or reuseable, of discarded textiles go vertising and packaging but no progress made to the landfill). Numer-

it is eco-friendly and sustainable. Named the largest plastic polluter in the world, along with Nestle and PepsiCo.), Starbucks (released a straw-less lid that contained more plastic than the old lid and straw combination), IKEA (linked with illegal logging in Ukraine greenwashes the timber industry), Plastic Bottle Water Companies (bottles labeled "natural"), Major Banks, including JP Morgan, Citibank, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Goldman Sachs, Barclays and Deutsche Bank (Issued new "green investment opportunities" yet lending huge sums to industries that contribute the most to global warming, and boasting they are leaders in being green), Fast Fashion Brands and clothing industry (80%

(falsely advertised that have been found guilty not accepted as they is proposed. This year's of greenwashing but cause problems with theme was "Sustaining are not on this particular list.

Dear Lady,

I have a tape measure that used to automatically return the tape into the housing. However, the retraction feature no longer works, so I am left with a 6-footlong piece of metal. Can this metal tape measure be recycled? Measurement too Long

Measure-Dear ment too Long,

ing tape is disconnected from its housing, the metal tape will recycle. However, if the metal tape is still connected to the plastic housing, it is not recyclable as the plastic housing is not recyclable.

to convince the buyer in doing so), Coca-Cola ous other companies screws, and nails are Each year a new theme works Recycling.

the baling equipment.

hangers are not ac- destructive cepted for the same of human activities reason. Take them to the Greenbrier Valley street from the Greenbrier Motors in Fairlea. They accept all hangers and reuse them.

Dear Lady,

When is World Ocean If your metal measur- Day? **Celebrate the** Ocean

Ocean,

World Ocean Day is an international day that is celebrated on recycling or interest-June 8 each year! It was first proposed in 1992 recycling? Send ques-The Recycling Center on Environment and Recyclelady7@gmail. accepts most kinds of Development in Rio de com. Dear Recycle Lady metal. However, small Janeiro. It was officially is sponsored jointly by pieces of metal such recognized by the Unit- the Greenbrier Recyas small metal caps, ed Nations in 2008. cling Center and Green-

the Wonder That Sus-Boggs Recycling in tains Us." According to Recycle Caldwell does accept igas.int, "World Ocean these small pieces of Day is a platform to metal. Metal clothes raise awareness of the from pollution to overfishing — and to galva-Cleaners across the nize a global movement for ocean stewardship. It's a day to inform, mobilize, and unite people around the sustainable Recycle management of marine ecosystem."

> Kudos to all our recyclers - The Greenbrier Recycling Center **Dear Celebrate the** shipped out 77 tons of recyclable materials this month!

Have questions about ing information about at the UN Conference tions or requests to

Miller, Veasey, Graves, and Carter Reintroduce the Community Training, Education, and Access for **Medical Students Act**

D.C. (Hinton News) Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV), Congressmen Marc Veasey (D-TX), Sam Graves (R-MO), and Troy Carter (Ding, Education, and for Medical Act. The Community Services Administra-(HRSA) grant program that would community-based training for medical students in rural and medically underserved communities.

"Americans in rural communities deserve health care treatment populated areas. The Community **TEAMS** Act gives medical students the ability to adapt to medical challenges that may arise while serving in rural communities and promedicine in the rural workforce. By training medical students in underserved areas in the U.S.," said Con-

gresswoman Miller. communities across the DFW area reflects the people it and throughout Texas, where many families rely on Federal-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) for essential care, need more medical professionals who are trained and ready to meet the needs of underserved populations. I am proud to help introduce the Community TEAMS Act, which will ensure that medical students gain the community-based training they need to serve communities like ours. By expanding medical

make sure every patient, regardless of ZIP code or income, has access to high-quality care," said Congress-

"Being a doctor in LA), reintroduced the a rural area provides a unique set of challenges. That's why it's critical our medical on-the-job necessary to provide exceptional care to rural Americans. The Community Training, Education, Access for Medical Students Act does exactly that and I'm proud help introduce it," said Congressman Graves.

"I'm proud to reinthe same quality of troduce the bipartisan Community **TEAMS** as patients in more Act because I'm committed to strengthening our healthcare workforce and ensuring access to quality care for every community. This bill will expand clinical training in rural and undervides them with op- served areas-where portunities to practice care is essential and where students can make the greatest impact. By forging partnerships between of our country, we are medical schools and laying the foundation community-based for better health care clinics, we are addressing provider shortages and investing in a healthcare system that serves. This is how we build a stronger, more equitable future in healthcare," said Con-

gressman Carter The Community TEAMS Act is supported by the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM), the Association American Medical Colleges (AAMC), and the National Rural Health Association (NRHA):

"The American Asopportuni- sociation of Colleges ties, we can improve of Osteopathic Med-

resentatives Veasey, Graves and Carter for reintroducing the Community TEAMS Act. We need more medical school rotations in rural communities, as students who train in these areas are nearly three times more likely to students have access return and serve them to rural clinical set- as physicians. With 64 TEAMS Act creates a tings, so they get the percent of colleges of requiring clinical rotations in rural and underserved areas, this bill is a vital step toward expanding rural training opportunities, strengthening the physician workforce and improving healthcare access in communities that need it most," said Robert A. Cain, DO, President and CEO of AACOM.

> "On behalf of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) and the osteopathic medical community, I applaud Representatives Carol Miller, Marc Veasey, Sam Graves, and Troy Carter for championing the Community TEAMS Act. A long-

WASHINGTON, health outcomes and icine applauds Rep- WVSOM, osteopathic ening the physician ences their decision of Miller, medicine and rural workforce by expandimportance of providing medical students with clinical training in community-based settings to ensure they understand the unique healthcare needs of rural and underserved poputraining osteopathic medicine also addresses our ensure future physiphysician workforce shortage by increasing the probability these students will practice in the communities after graduation. Rep. Miller is a Congressional leader who understands the needs of her constituents and rural regions of this country. WVSOM and our students thank her for working to advance this critical legislation and support medical education," said James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., President of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medi-

> "The AAMC proudly supports the Community TEAMS Act, which takes a vital champion of step toward strength-

health care, Rep. Carol ing clinical training in Miller recognizes the rural and underserved areas. This emphasis on the workforce is important and necessary now more than ever. We thank Representatives Carol Mill-Graves, and Troy Carter for their leadership lations. Rep. Miller on this critical legis- outpatient experience knows this training lation that will help during their academcians are prepared to where they are needed most," said Danielle Turnipseed, JD, MHSA, MPP, Chief Public Policy Officer, Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). "The National Ru-

Health Association thanks Representatives Veasey, Graves, and Carter for their introduction of the Community TEAMS Act. We know that where medical students rotate and train influ-

posure to rural community-based settings key to recruiting and retaining a robust physician workforce. We applaud the Representatives for creater, Marc Veasey, Sam ing new opportunities for medical students to gain valuable rural ic careers," said Alan Morgan, Chief Executive Officer, NRHA.

Background:

The HRSA grant program under the Community TEAMS Act will fund medical school clinical rotations in rural and underserved ar-

75% of medical schools report concerns of having only a few training sites in rural communities across the country.

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Gates Open at 6:00AM - 1:00PM Vendors set up at 4:00AM - 5:00AM March 1st - October 31st, 2025

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Summers County Schools will be destroying all special education student records that have been inactive for at least 6 years, through June 1, 2019.

If you wish to obtain a copy of your special education records, please send a written request before August 31, 2025 to:

> Linda D. Knott, Ed.D. Director of Student Services Summers County Schools 418 Temple Street Hinton, WV 25951 304-466-6000

Cordially,

Linda D. Knott Director of Student Services

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The Hillbilly Storyteller: The Frog Croaked to Save the Still

The Hillbilly Storyteller Hinton News

The sun came up over the mountain top casting the shadows of three men walking on the old path heading toward the Bunk Flat. They carried parts to a still. Two of the men were tall and one was short. They were all Bragg's. There were two brothers and one cousin called "Cuz" who was the short one.

Cuz had the hard job of setting up the still. As they cleaned out the spring they heard the sounds of an old frog croaking. The sound took them by surprise. Cuz decided to look for the old frog but could not find it.

They set up the mash barrel beside an old rotten stump. As they were leaving to get the corn, barley and yeast they heard the croaking again of the old frog. The tallest of the two Bragg brothers said, "I will find him it if takes all night." The other brother said, "We have a long walk to get home before dark." The hunt for the frog would have to wait.

Next morning a rain came. The two brothers and Cuz decided to stay home and get what they needed for tomorrow. Cuz got an old canvas and a shovel and an axe. The two brothers got a box of dry kindling for tomorrow. The brothers said we got to get the mash on tomorrow so it can be working.

One of the brothers said, "I would like to find that croaking frog."

80 pounds of sugar, which is only one-half of what was needed for a run of shine. Cuz covered the sugar with the old canvas, and as he left, he heard the low sound of the frog's croak. He did not have time to look for it. As Cuz went back for more sugar he run into the two brothers bringing in the corn and barley.

They sat down on an old log beside the trail and discussed how they would get everything done. Cuz said he would like to get it done in one day. The two brothers laughed and said, "Mavbe and maybe not."

sight, the two brothers finally got to the still. spring. The water was very clear. The tallest brother got him a drink of water. As he did he heard the old frog croak low. He said, "If I had my gun and if I could find the frog I would shoot it." The other brother said, "We got too much work to do brother laughed and said, "You are right."

The brothers packed up a large pile of wood for the fire. Then they set up rocks to set the still on. Then they cleared the dead leaves and debris from around the still.

The knew that Cuz could not the frog rest. pack the rest of what it took to make the shine.

help him. They met Cuz it to work off. After the about 200 feet below

came, Cuz was packing down on a large rock that was covered with moss. Cuz took the opportunity to lay back on the moss. The brothers went back to get the rest of the makings. Cuz headed on to the still.

As Cuz laid down the load he was carrying, he stepped on a dry limb, and as it broke, the old frog croaked very loudly. Cuz laughed very hard and did it again. The old frog croaked. Cuz did it for a third time.e and the old frog croaked again. He said, "The brothers will have fun with this."

As morning come, Cuz said to the brothers, "Every time I break As Cuz went out of a stick, the frog croaks." brothers "Have you lost your They walked up to the mind?" Cuz said, "Wait and see."

> As they approached the still, they were carrying the fruit jars, the worm and the pot, and the thumping keg. They had a lot of work ahead of them. Cuz picked up a stick and broke it.

The old frog gave a loud croak. The brothto kill frogs." The first ers laughed so hard that Cuz thought they would cry. They did it several times and the old frog croaked every time.

> But they could not find the frog – the reason being that the holler had an echo in it.

Cuz said, "We got to get back to work." So two brothers the brothers finally let er said, "Thank God it's

They finally got the mash barrels put on. They went back to It takes four days for

As very early morning about halfway. They sat fourth day was up the brothers and Cuz and the little dog that belonged to Cuz all headed back to the still.

> The little dog had a stub tail. It walked on three feet. The fourth foot had three toes missing. Rufus was the dog's name. They had Rufus to let them know if someone was around the still.

> They got the still fired up, and one of them. while they were resting, picked up a stick and broke it again. Again, the old frog croaked on cue. And the little dog Rufus run around everywhere trying to find what was making the croak. The echo again kept them from finding the frog.

> The still began to run shine. Every time the thumping keg made a noise, the frog would croak. This went on all day. Rufus was like a kid looking for the frog.

> As evening came, Rufus was standing in front of an old chestnut stump that was decayed. He was hopping up and down on three legs and barking.

> One of the brothers said, "I see it." It was in the soft dirt in the rotten stump. Only its eyes could be seen. They wanted to be sure it was the frog so they broke a stick, and sure enough,h the frog croaked.

> The tall Bragg brothover." They decided just to move the old frog. There were a lot of old rotten chestnut stumps



Picture by The Hillbilly Storyteller

them. They picked out a said Rufus' feet were hole and took a shovel, had to be left at home. to his new home.

lent with no croaking anyone was around. of a frog. One of the croaked very loud.

and Cuz started break- was standing up. ing down the still. Rufus was busy chasing Rufus was with us." ground squirrels and Suddenly, the old frog paid no attention to croaked very loud. One anybody.

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The next morning, the brothers and Cuz met to Paul D. Bragg return to the still. Cuz

good rotten stump with sore from digging out good dirt. They dug a ground squirrels. He and moved the old frog They wished the little dog was with them. He The still site was si- would let them know if

Cuz and the brothbrothers said, "I'm go- ers had a secret word ing to go within 50 feet to holler to let them of that frog and break know to run three ways me a stick." The old frog if something was not right at the still. As Cuz The shine was done, and the brothers ap-It was all safely in the proached the still, Cuz fruit jars. The brothers said the hair on his neck

Cuz said, "I wish of the brothers said They had everything "rainbow". All three left ent directions.

> The moral of the stoming.

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Trail Building Workshop Empowers Local **Volunteers in Greenbrier Valley**



Photo from the event provided by GVORBA

GREENBRIER COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) — On Saturday, May 31, almost 20 local volunteers gathered for a hands-on workshop designed to improve and sustain the Greenbrier Valley's growing trail network. The "Intro to Trail Building" training was presented by the West Virginia University Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative (OEDC) in partnership with the Greenbrier Valley Off-Road Biking Association (GVORBA), with support from the Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Led by OEDC team members Richard Edwards and Logan Champman, the free one-day training drew an eager group of community members interested in learning best practices in trail construction and maintenance. The morning began with a classroom-style session covering technical

maintenance, followed by an afternoon of hands-on tree - contributing an estitrail work in the Greenbrier State Forest. Participants rebenched a section of the ardship efforts.

aspects of trail design and Mabel Dowdy Trail that had been damaged by a fallen mated \$1,200 worth of volunteer labor to trail stew-



GVORBA's mission of "Pioneering Trails, Connecting Communities, and Empowering Youth," as well as OE-DC's broader commitment to identifying and developing outdoor recreation resources that enhance quality of life across West Virginia.

GVORBA encourages community members to take part in future trail workshops and regular volunteer maintenance days held in the Greenbrier State Forest. Volunteers of all

The training reflects experience levels are welcome-whether it's an hour or an afternoon, every bit of support contributes to a ways to get involved, visit stronger, more accessible GVORBA.org.

local trail system.

For details on upcoming events, trail projects, or





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