

New Mural Brightens Summers County Library Kids’ Room



View to the left standing in the doorway. Photo by Rebecca Stalnaker

Rebecca Stalnaker
Hinton News

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) – “Something wild and wonderful is growing in the library,” according to Kris Kellan, Di-

rector of the Summers County Public Library. The library is getting a vibrant new addition to its children’s playroom; artist Carol Jackson has been commissioned to



Center view of the room. Photo by Rebecca Stalnaker

paint a new mural in the space. The work is well underway, and visiting kids can already see many of the animals and trees bringing the playroom more fun and excitement.

One of the children at the library, Tes-sa, said, “The kids’ room is so cool!” Following the “Wild and Wonderful” motif, the library’s summer reading program



View to the right standing in the doorway. Photo by Rebecca Stalnaker

is underway with a West Virginia theme. Children can stop in during library hours with a parent or guardian to sign up. There are fascinating books and fun prizes wait-

ing. The library’s calendar of events is available on its web-site, and Kellan encourages patrons to keep an eye out for all of the summer events.

Enthusiastic Campers Make 2025 Summers County 4-H Camp a Success

Lesley Sears

FOREST HILL W.Va. (Hinton News) - Summers County 4-H held its annual camp June 9-13, at Camp Summers in Forest Hill. With a crowd of enthusiastic campers and beautiful weather, it was a great week. This year’s theme was A Walk on the Wild Side, and campers learned about various ecosystems.

On Tuesday, Cloverbuds came to 4-H Camp for the day. Cloverbuds are 5-8-year-olds who are interested in seeing what 4-H camp is all about. While there, they made crafts, toured the camp, sang songs, and enjoyed a pizza party.

This year, tribes were full of 4-H spirit. They

were enthusiastic and hard-working throughout the whole week. The Seneca tribe won the Spirit Stick for the week for their outstanding energy, teamwork, tribal duty performance, and enthusiasm. During the week, the tribes compete for points based on cleaning, sports, swimming, sportsmanship, bed checks, songs, skits, and teamwork. All of the tribes did a great job.

The chiefs and sags for the 2025 4-H Camp were:

Cherokee:
Chief: Alyssa Niday
1st Sag: Greyson Gumm
2nd Sag: Fayrin Mitchum

Delaware:
Chief: Caylee Mitchum

1st Sag: Dylan Galloway
2nd Sag: Brailyn Cook Mingo:
Chief: Ayden Gardner
1st Sag: Colsen Elkins
2nd Sag: Ralph Romanello

Seneca:
Chief: Tyler Niday
Chief: Alana Harrison
Sag: Drew Mansfield

The chiefs and sags are responsible for leading their tribe and setting a good example. All of the chiefs and sags worked hard and did a great job during camp.

Each H of 4-H represents something important. The Head H is for clearer thinking and making good decisions. The Heart H is for loyalty and caring. The Hand H

stands for helping others, while the Health H is for better living.

Many well-deserved awards were given during camp. The winners were: Health H: Ayden Gardner and Brynne Wykle, Hands H: Gretchen Foster, Heart H: Dylan Galloway, and Head H: Alana Harrison.

The Mary Grace Surbaugh Return Scholarship was awarded to Lieschen Kula, and the Bob Baber Return Scholarship went to Grayden Deaton. The Outstanding First Year Male Camper was Parker Buckland, and the Outstanding First Year Female Camper was McKinley Tabor.

The Camper of Character Scholarship was

awarded to Isiah Farmer, and the Trey Bennett Memorial Scholarship went to Ralph Romanello.

State 4-H Camp Scholarships were awarded to Logan Osborne, Megan Richmond, Landon Lester, Canyon Persinger, Alana Harrison, and Natasha Naik. Finally, for embodying head, heart, hands and health, the Spirit of Camp was awarded to Tyler Niday.

Thank you to all of the campers, counselors, chiefs and sags who made 2025 4-H camp such a big success. 4-H wishes to thank the following businesses, individuals, and organizations for contributions to camp: Big Four, City National Bank, Commu-

nities in Schools, Dairy Queen, Gear Up, First Community Bank, Fox Photographics, Hinton Area Foundation, Hinton Floral, Hinton Helping Hands 4-H Club, Hinton Hope Foundation, Hinton Kiwanis Club, Amy L. Mann, REACHH, The Ritz Theatre – Cinema & Performing Arts, Safe and Sound, Sears Septic, Service Club, State Farm – Regina Gwinn Eckle, Summers County 4-H Leaders’ Association, Summers County ARH Hospital, Summers County Board of Education, Summers County Commission, Twin State Salon Supply Inc., United Way of Southern WV, Ziegler and Ziegler, and many individuals.

PracticeLink Announces Inaugural First Practice Fund Scholarship Recipients, Celebrating Six Inspiring Medical Journeys

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) - PracticeLink, the nation’s most trusted physician recruitment resource and home of the leading online physician job board, is proud to announce the recipients of its inaugural First Practice Fund, a biannual scholarship program designed to provide financial support to future healthcare leaders.

Launched on National Doctors’ Day, the First Practice Fund received an overwhelming response in its debut year, with hundreds of applicants sharing their powerful personal stories

and professional aspirations.

After careful evaluation, six extraordinary individuals have been selected to receive a \$2,500 scholarship, one from each of the program’s six focus categories, which included Internal Medicine, Hospital-based Medicine, Primary Care, Rural Medicine, Medical Students and Advanced Practice Providers.

Spring 2025 First Practice Fund Recipients:

Bryan Bui, DO
Alejandro Nieto Dominguez, MD
Sarah Eichinger, DO

Margaret Giggey Dilpreet Singh, MD
Jill Wenger, PA

Among the recipients is Dr. Sarah Eichinger, who chose to divide her residency training between two hospitals to better serve underserved communities and Jill Wenger, PA, who left behind a successful career as a massage therapist to pursue her calling in neurodegenerative care, driven by a desire to better support patients living with these challenging conditions.

Recipients also include Dr. Bryan Bui, whose commitment to diversity and equity

has been a cornerstone of his medical training. “The First-Practice Fund Scholarship speaks directly to my experiences and aspirations,” said Dr. Bui. “Financial support has always been a limiting factor in my education. My father, an immigrant refugee from the Vietnam War, worked as a low-wage laborer and could offer little financial assistance. With this support, I will strive to serve those who need it most, ensuring that everyone, regardless of their circumstances, has access to compassionate and equitable care.”

Hinton Officials Named in Civil Lawsuit Alleging Financial Misconduct

Hinton News Staff

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) — A civil action lawsuit has been filed against several Summers County officials, alleging misuse of grant funds, denied permits, and potential mishandling of those funds.

The lawsuit, initiated by Wilderness Land Holdings LLC, stems from two denied building permits. Plaintiffs Elizabeth and Harry Stuckey appeared before Judge Amy Mann to address the permits for two properties in Summers County.

City Attorney Anna Ziegler represented the named officials: Cris Meadows, Chris Brust, Jackie Scott and Jim Les-

lie. Ziegler also represented herself in the case.

Judge Mann dismissed the case related to the permits after Ziegler reportedly stated the permits were prepared and available for the Stuckeys to collect at City Hall. However, other parts of the suit remain active.

The Motion for Discovery also includes allegations of misused DEP REAP grant funds and a potential intentional effort to conceal financial disbursements.

The next hearing in the case is scheduled for the afternoon of July 23.

Stick with Hinton News for more information as it becomes available.



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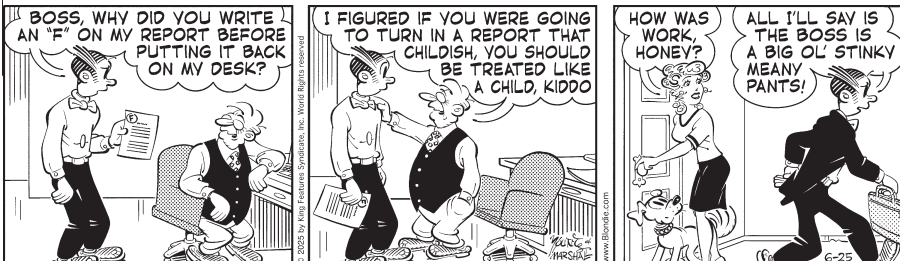


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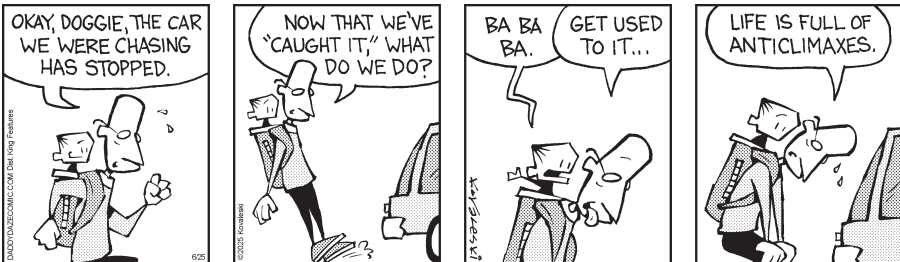
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The New Moon is in CANCER exactly at 6:32 a.m. EDT (3:32 a.m. PDT).
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 25, 2025: You are compassionate and have lofty ideals. You're also intuitive, imaginative and original. This is a year of construction. It's time to build foundations in your life, both externally and internally. Simplicity is the key to this year. Stay grounded and levelheaded. Stay organized to accomplish your goals.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19) 3★ This is the best day of the year to make resolutions about how to improve your home or where you live, as well as how to improve your family relationships. This is most fitting, because this year, you will improve where you live, or you'll move somewhere else that you prefer. Definitely! Tonight: Home and family.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) 4★ The New Moon each month gives us a chance to set intentions and make resolutions. Today's New Moon is all about your daily habits and ability to communicate to your daily contacts, especially siblings and relatives. Think about this. How can you improve your daily surroundings? How can you improve your daily communications? Tonight: Discussions.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) 3★ Today's New Moon takes place in your Money House. This gives you a marvelous opportunity to think about moneymaking ideas, along with possible ways to improve your assets and your wealth, as well as ways to take care of what you already own. Give this some thought, because you will get richer this year! Tonight: Check your belongings.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) 4★ Today the only New Moon in your sign all year is giving you the chance to take a realistic look in the mirror and check out the impression you make on your world. What do you see? How can you improve your

image? Wardrobe changes, haircut, shoes -- ideas? Tonight: Socialize.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) 3★ The New Moon today is in a hidden part of your chart, which means you will have a chance to think about your spiritual values and ways to improve your life in intangible, subtle ways. In what areas are your most self-defeating? Tonight: Enjoy solitude.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) 4★ We are Gregarious creatures. We need to go out to see others, and we need to be seen. Today's New Moon takes place in your House of Friendships, which is your chance to think about how you might improve your relations with friends and groups. Tonight: Be friendly.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) 3★ The New Moon today makes you high-viz. People will notice you more than usual. This placement also gives you a chance to think about your style of relating to the authority figures in your life -- parents, bosses, teachers and the police. Any insights? Tonight: You're admired.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) 4★ Each month the New

Moon is our chance to make resolutions. Today's New Moon wants you to make travel plans, plus explore opportunities related to the law, medicine, publishing and higher education. How can you expand your world? Tonight: Explore!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) 3★ Today is an excellent time to think of ways to improve how you deal with shared property and anything that you own jointly with someone else. This includes credit card debt, loans and mortgages. What can you do to improve these areas? Tonight: Check your finances.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19) 3★ Today the only New Moon that takes place opposite your sign all year is happening. This is a great opportunity to see how to improve your closest relationships. Ideas? Listening better? Reducing criticism and expectations? Increased appreciation? What do you think? Tonight: Cooperate.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) 4★ This year you will have many opportunities to improve your health as well as your job. And if you can't

JUMBLE

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

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PNITU
NCIORI
NAMHEU

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Last Wednesday's Answers: Jumbles: KNOWN CHORD DEGREE VANISH Answer: After going fishing for the first time, — HE WAS HOOKED

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

ARRIVALS: INDIANAPOLIS DELAYED DETROIT DELAYED COLUMBUS DELAYED

DEPARTURES: LOUISVILLE DELAYED MEMPHIS DELAYED ATLANTA DELAYED BOSTON DELAYED

I have no idea! I guess it depends if these planes can land soon.

Do you think we'll get out?

BECAUSE OF NEARBY THUNDERSTORMS, FLIGHT ARRIVAL TIMES WERE NOW ---

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

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

8				1	2		7	5
4	5		7	9		1		2
1					5	4	9	
2	3		5	7	4			
			6	8	9		2	3
	4	8				2		1
	2	7			3	8		9
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Difficulty: ★★★

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column, or box.
(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:

1	4	3	5	7	2	8	9	6
5	2	7	9	8	6	1	3	4
9	6	8	1	4	3	5	2	7
3	5	9	8	2	4	7	6	1
2	1	6	7	9	5	3	4	8
8	7	4	6	3	1	2	5	9
6	8	5	2	1	9	4	7	3
4	9	1	3	5	7	6	8	2
7	3	2	4	6	8	9	1	5

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Pit
- 5 Bar bill
- 8 Hendrix hairdo
- 12 Unsigned (Abbr.)
- 13 Moody music
- 14 Former queen of Jordan
- 15 Fireplugs
- 17 Pot starter
- 18 Self-evident truth
- 19 Trombone parts
- 21 Marshy areas
- 24 Red — beet
- 25 Marathoner's tempo
- 28 Conn of "Grease"
- 30 Mets' div.
- 33 Outback bird
- 34 Imposed a levy on
- 35 Sailor
- 36 Standard
- 37 Pro votes
- 38 Bygone fleet
- 39 Eggnog ingredient

DOWN

- 1 "Funny!"
- 2 Cameo stone
- 10 Memory method
- 11 Raw minerals
- 16 "I love," in Latin
- 20 Deposited
- 22 Aussie greeting

Solution time: 23 mins.

G	I	G	L	O	A	M	N	E	T	S
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O	N	C	E	S	S	U	L	U	E	A
B	O	A	S	T	O	P	S	I	T	

Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
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improve your current job, you'll get a better job. This is encouraging! Today's New Moon is the perfect time to think about how to make this happen. Tonight: Work.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) 4★ The rest of this year promotes social diversions, fun activities with children, romance, vacations and chances to explore your creative talents. Today's New Moon urges you to begin this process. Plan for fun and enjoyment ahead! Tonight: Play!
BORN TODAY Comedian, actor Ricky Gervais (1961), actress Linda Cardellini (1975), actress, singer Grace McKenna (2006)
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A Peek into Summers County’s Past: Pence Springs School



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PENCE SPRINGS W.Va. (WVDN) - I was recently talking to my cousin Lota Skaggs, who lives in Riverside Rest. She had told me this story before, but it is so neat and part of Summers County’s history, I just had to tell you about it. Not to mention, it would be unheard of today for this to happen with a school.

When Lota was a child, she attended the Pence Springs School from the 1st to the 8th grade. When she was in school there, there were four grades in each classroom for each of the two teachers. Mrs. Oma Boyd taught 1st through 4th grades, and Mr. William Perdu taught 5th through 8th and was also the principal.

The school did not have a large enough freezer to store the meat for lunch. So it was stored at what was at that time the West Virginia State Prison for Women and later was returned to its previous glory as the Pence Springs Hotel by Ashby Berkley, a Pence Springs native.

Each week, Mr. Perdu would select students to go with him to bring the frozen food back to the school so Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Bremer could prepare lunch for the students. Mr. Perdu would select Lota and a few other students regularly to go with him to the prison weekly to go get the frozen food so the cooks would have it on hand to prepare.

She recalls one memory of getting to go to the prison vividly. There was one prisoner there who

had murdered all of her family. And the school children found out about it. They would tell each other tales about it to scare each other if they knew the ones that were going that week.

She said the prisoners were all nice and very friendly. They got used to them coming each week and would have extra cookies, apples and oranges on hand for them to take back to the school to share with the other students. So it was always a treat for the kids to either get to go to the prison with Mr. Perdu or wait to see what they would bring back for everyone.

One other thing she remembers well was going to the Pence Springs School, which made her hate milk to this day. The school board had contracted

with local dairies to supply the milk to the schools in the county. The milk that Pence Springs would receive is what the “old timers” referred to as “Blue John”, which is today skim milk.

The milk had the cream removed and was absent of butterfat. It had a slightly blue color to it, hence the name “Blue John”. She said it had an almost burnt taste and she could not stand it at the time. And that taste never left her and sticks in her mind 70-some years later. Ha

While on the subject of Pence Springs School and the prison. I remember the late Ashby Berkley talking about his days as a child in Pence Springs. His mother, Grace Berkley, was employed at the prison when he was a

child.

If the prisoners had behaved and had a good record, they were allowed to go down over the hill from the prison where the flea market now is. Here they could play ball with Ashby and other children from the community. Solitary confinement was 4 cells on the 3rd floor on the flea market side.

this day and are one of the few reminders of the hotel’s days as a prison.

The prisoners in solitary confinement would watch the games from the window on the 3rd floor. They got so used to them that even though they had never physically met them, they “adopted” them. And during the times they were playing ball with the other prisoners, they had the children’s backs. None of the women would try to cheat, and if they did, they knew they had had it when they made their way back to the prison. Ha

Note these cells are still in the building to

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Series On Calvinism (Part 21) Perseverance of the Saints

(Last week we looked at the doctrine of imputation and the effects it has had on the idea of perseverance of the saints. Today we will finish the discussion of imputation and then consider the proof texts used by Calvinists to support the doctrine.)

by Gene Taylor

The word “impute” is found some seven times in the King James Version of the New Testament. (Rom. 4:6, 8, 11, 22, 23, 24; 2 Cor. 5:19; Gal. 3:6) Not a one of these passages teaches that Christ’s personal righteousness ever becomes the righteousness of another. None of these verses states that God imputes Christ’s righteousness to anyone.

The Bible clearly states that one who is considered righteous by heaven is one who **practices** righteousness (1 John 3:7), not the one who has had the personal righteousness of Jesus imputed to him. A sinner becomes righteous by pardon made possible by the atoning death of Jesus, not by imputation of His perfect life. (Matt. 26:28; Rom. 5:8-9) The atoning death of Jesus provides for the sinner’s pardon if he will face up to his responsibility to repent and then obey God’s law of pardon. (cf. Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7-9)

Proof Texts Used to Support the Perseverance of the Saints

John 3:16, 36 and 5:24. The argument Calvinists base on this passage is that the believer, the saved, has (present possession) **eternal** life. Since eternal means “unending,” if the Christian could be lost he could not possess eternal life. Therefore, since the Christian **has** eternal life, he can never lose it. The answer to their argument is that eternal life is used in two senses in the Scriptures: 1) the life Christians now possess. (1 John 5:11-13); and 2) something for which the Christian hopes (Titus 1:2) and will receive “in the age to come.” (Mark 10:29-30)

The eternal life Christians now possess would not be altered if they lose it. It is the life that is eternal, not the possession of it. The fact that one may leave it behind does not alter its intrinsic nature. Possession of eternal life is conditional upon walking with God in accordance with His will.

John 10:28-29. The argument on this passage is that no one can snatch any of Christ’s sheep from out of the Father’s hand. Therefore, no one who has been saved can ever be lost. To answer this argument, it is true that no one is able to pluck the saved out of the hand of God unless **the person is willing to go**. Becoming a “sheep” and being placed in the hand of God is conditional. It takes hearing Christ (v. 27), believing Christ (v. 26) and following Christ. (v. 27) Remaining a “sheep” is likewise conditional. As long as a person remains a faithful follower of Christ he “shall never perish” (v. 28) but remember, a sheep can go astray. When a person places himself in God’s care and humbly submits to His will, no other person or being can tear him from this position. But this passage does not teach that he is not able to remove himself from the hand of God by sinning. (cf. Isa. 59:1-2)

Romans 8:35-39. The argument from this text is that nothing can separate the elect from the love of God. Therefore, if they cannot be separated from the love of God, they can never be lost. In answer to this argument, while it is true that all the things named in this passage cannot separate one from the love of Christ, but both the Father and the Son love all persons. (John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:14). Are all people going to be saved? Even Calvinists do not believe that. The passage is not speaking of the love Christ has for us but of the love we have for Him. (cf. v. 28)

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SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2024					SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024							
Primary Government		Component Units			General	Coal Severance Tax	Emergency 911	American Rescue Plan	State Grants	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
Governmental Activities	Board of Health	Farmland Protection	Public Library									
ASSETS												
Current assets:												
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	6,026,966	\$	299,580	\$	10,752	\$	73,482				
Receivables:												
Taxes		140,227	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Accounts		--	248,316	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Due from:												
Inventory, at cost		--	2,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Prepaid expenses		121,299	16,392	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Total current assets		6,288,492	566,788	10,752	73,482							
Restricted assets:												
Capital assets:												
Nondepreciable:												
Land		217,163	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Depreciable:												
Buildings		5,290,189	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Machinery and equipment		1,733,208	34,446	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Less: accumulated depreciation		(4,217,063)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Other debits:												
Net pension asset		4,727	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Net OPEB asset		46,061	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Total noncurrent assets		3,074,285	34,446	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Total assets		9,362,777	601,234	10,752	73,482							
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS												
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions												
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB		564,348	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Total deferred outflows of resources		582,873	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
LIABILITIES												
Current liabilities payable from current assets:												
Accounts payable		241,348	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Deferred revenues:												
Other deferred revenues		1,104,769	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Noncurrent liabilities:												
Leases payable - due within one year		9,108	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Leases payable - due in more than one year		36,432	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Compensated absences payable		74,655	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Net pension liability		270,508	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Total liabilities		1,736,820	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
DEFERRED INFLOWS												
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB												
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions		65,551	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Total deferred inflows of resources		72,592	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
NET POSITION												
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt												
Unrestricted		2,977,957	34,446	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Total net position	\$	8,136,238	\$	601,234	\$	10,752	\$	73,482				
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SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024												
Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position												
Program Revenues												
Charges for Services												
Operating Grants and Contributions												
Capital Grants and Contributions												
Primary Government												
Governmental Activities												
Board of Health												
Farmland Protection												
Public Library												
Expenses												
Functions / Programs												
Primary government:												
Governmental activities:												
General government												
Public safety												
Health and sanitation												
Culture and recreation												
Capital projects												
Total governmental activities												
Total primary government												
Component units:												
Board of Health												
Farmland Protection												
Public Library												
Total component units												
General revenues:												
Ad valorem property taxes												
Alcoholic beverages tax												
Hotel occupancy tax												
Animal tax												
Gas and oil severance tax												
Other taxes												
Coal severance tax												
Licenses and permits												
Intergovernmental:												
Local												
Unrestricted investment earnings												
Refunds												
Reimbursement												
Gain on sale of capital assets												
Miscellaneous												
Total general revenues												
Change in net assets												
Net position - beginning												
Net position - ending												
The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.												
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SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2024												
Coal Severance Tax												
Emergency 911												
American Rescue Plan												
State Grants												
Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds												
Total Governmental Funds												
General												
ASSETS												
Current:												
Cash and cash equivalents												
Receivables:												
Taxes												
Prepaid expenses												
Total assets												
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES												
Liabilities:												
Accounts payable												
Deferred revenues:												
Other deferred revenue												
Total liabilities												
Deferred Inflows:												
Unavailable revenue - taxes												
Total deferred inflows of resources												
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources												
Fund balances:												
Restricted												
Assigned												
Unassigned												
Total fund balances												
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances												
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SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024												
Coal Severance Tax												
Emergency 911												
American Rescue Plan												
State Grants												
Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds												
Total Governmental Funds												
General												
REVENUES												
Taxes:												
Ad valorem property taxes												
Alcoholic beverages tax												
Hotel occupancy tax												
Animal tax												
Gas and oil severance tax												
Other taxes												
Coal severance tax												
Licenses and permits												
Intergovernmental:												
Federal												
State												
Local												
Charges for services												
Fines and forfeits												
Interest and investment earnings												
Refunds												
Payments in lieu of taxes												
Contributions and donations												
Miscellaneous												
Total revenues												
EXPENDITURES												
Current:												
General government												
Public safety												
Culture and recreation												
Capital outlay												
Total expenditures												
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures												
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)												
Transfers in												
Transfers (out)												
Capital leases												
Total other financing sources (uses)												
Net change in fund balance												
Fund balance - beginning												
Fund balance - ending												
The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.												
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SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024												
Budgeted Amounts												
Actual Modified Accrual Basis												
Adjustments Budget Basis												
Actual Amounts Budget Basis												
Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)												
REVENUES												
Taxes:												
Ad valorem property taxes												
Alcoholic beverages tax												
Hotel occupancy tax												
Gas and oil severance tax												
Other taxes												
Licenses and permits												
Intergovernmental:												
Federal												
State												
Local												
Charges for services												
Fines and forfeits												
Interest and investment earnings												
Refunds												
Payments in lieu of taxes												
Contributions and donations												
Miscellaneous												
Total revenues												
EXPENDITURES												
Current:												
General government												
Public safety												
Culture and recreation												
Capital outlay												
Total expenditures												
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures												
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)												
Transfers in												
Transfers (out)												
Capital leases												
Total other financing sources (uses)												
Net change in fund balance												
Fund balance - beginning												
Fund balance - ending												
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SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024												
Budgeted Amounts												
Actual Amounts Budget Basis												
Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)												
REVENUES												
Taxes:												
Coal severance tax												
Total revenues												
EXPENDITURES												
Current:												
General government												
Total expenditures												
Net change in fund balance												
Fund balance - beginning												
Fund balance - ending												
The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.												
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SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS June 30, 2024												
Agency Funds												
ASSETS												
Non-pooled cash												
Total cash												
Receivables:												
Taxes												
Total receivables												
Total assets												
NET POSITION												
Restricted for:												
Individuals, organizations, other governments												
Total Net Position												
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Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,

I read that sponges contain microplastics that are hazardous to humans. What about cellulose sponges? Are they safe to use, and are they recyclable? Uses Cellulose Sponges

Dear Uses Cellulose Sponges,

Dear Puzzled Recycler, Congratulations on your choice to use cellulose sponges instead of plastic sponges. Since cellulose sponges are made of coniferous wood and cotton fibers, they are safe to use. Also, cellulose sponges are more durable than other kinds of sponges. Although they are not recyclable, cellulose sponges are 100% biodegradable and sustainable.

One word of caution: sponges should not be used to wipe up raw egg, raw meat or other substances that might contain bacteria. Cellulose sponges

can be cleaned with an antibacterial soap or by putting them in the microwave or dishwasher.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is single stream recycling? Is it used at the Recycling Center in Roncheverte? Puzzled Recycler

Dear Puzzled Recycler,

Single stream recycling, also called comingled recycling, was introduced in the mid-1990s as a way to put all recyclables in a single bag, with no sorting required. In other words, all paper, metals, plastics, aluminum, cardboard, junk mail and any other recyclables were all put in the same bag and taken to a recycling center.

Large cities have dedicated equipment that sorts all these recyclables and places them in the proper bins. However, our Re-

cycling Center doesn't have this equipment. Thus, any bags of mixed recyclables that are left at the Center must be sent to the landfill as the Center just doesn't have enough employees to sort mixed recyclables.

Dear Recycle Lady,

My printer uses long cartridges that must be changed when one runs out of ink. Is it possible to recycle these cartridges? Printer Dear Printer,

Recycling printer cartridges is not only possible, it is important, as ink and toner cartridges are made of materials that can be harmful to the health of humans and to the environment.

When bringing ink cartridges to the Recycling Center, put them in the yellow container that is on the porch that has the aluminum cans

sign. Several retailers recycle toner cartridges, and others will pay you for them. Staples, Office Depot, Walmart and Best Buy all participate in a free drop-off program. HP has a recycling team that can be reached through the HP recycling page or 1-800-340-2445, Monday-Friday, to request free boxes or envelopes for returning the cartridges to HP.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have four or more boxes of old tax and bank type papers that need to be shredded. Do you still do this? Need Safe Disposal

Dear Need Safe Disposal,

Yes, the Recycling Center provides this service free of charge to everyone. When you take your papers to the Recycling Center, go to the aluminum cans door and push the button. Someone

will come to help you. Your boxes will be immediately taken to a locked room with no windows to wait until they begin shredding paper. Your shredded documents will then be mixed with other shredded paper, so it would be impossible for anyone to reassemble them.

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.

For All Your Plumbing Needs, Contact Donnie Zimmerman Plumbing 304-222-2630 Backflow Installer & Tester 12 Years Experience 10% Discount For Seniors • Free Estimates Now accepting all major credit cards.

Pence Springs Flea Market ~ Open Saturday & Sundays ~ Gates Open at 6:00AM - 1:00PM Vendors set up at 4:00AM - 5:00AM March 1st - October 31st, 2025

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			FY2024 Vendor List			FY2024 Vendor List		
AAA POLICE SUPPLY	\$111.00	BRENDA HINKLE	\$281.62	LEEDY ELEVATOR INSPECTION SERVICE	\$460.00	PACK REBECCA ELLEN	\$225.00	
AAA SEPTIC TANK & PORTABLE TOILET	\$3,875.00	BRENDA WEBB	\$275.00	LEONARD ALUMINUM UTILITY BUILDINGS	\$1,559.00	PACKARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$1,230.00	
ACT AUTO PARTS AND GARAGE	\$10,508.98	BRIDGESTREET AUTO REPAIR CENTER	\$569.04	LESLEY WOODRUM	\$6,932.21	PAULA G. HEPHNER	\$150.00	
ACTIVE 911	\$5,520	BROOKFIELD VET	\$170.00	LICK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH	\$75.00	PAYPAL	\$300.00	
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$798.82	BROWN ANNE M	\$225.00	LIFELINE CHURCH	\$75.00	PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE	\$18,813.25	
ADVANCING SOLAR SOLUTIONS	\$12,020	BROWNING DARLENE	\$225.00	LILLY TAMMY LYNN	\$225.00	PICTOMETRY INTL CORP	\$4,500.00	
ADVENTURE PRINTING & DESIGN	\$475.22	BROWNING WILLIAM NEIL	\$225.00	LITTLE GENERAL	\$506.67	PIPESTEM ONE STOP	\$213.55	
ADVENTURES ON THE GORGE	\$397.95	C. ADAM TONEY TIRES-WHOLESALE	\$2,619.36	LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.	\$12,631.81	PEPESTEM VFD	\$28,730.00	
AFA STORES LLC	\$3,506	CALCULATED KINETICS - DOGTAG	\$476.80	LOYD LOWRY	\$395.30	PITNEY BOWLES, INC.	\$3,779.68	
AGGREGATE/ ADJ/PAYROLL	\$2,455,573.67	CALES VIRGINIA LEE	\$235.00	LUZADERS 3 GIRLS DINER, LLC.	\$77.65	PIZZA HUT	\$50.98	
AIRMEDCARE NETWORK	\$2,730	CALL ELECTRIC	\$2,278.00	MANN LARRY ANDRE	\$235.00	PLUMLEY JANICE LYNN	\$240.00	
AJ ALLEGHENY SYSTEMS	\$530.00	CAMP DAWSON MWR SERVICE	\$240.00	MARATHON	\$153.39	POOL OPERATION MGMT	\$365.00	
ALDER DEBRA	\$225.00	CANAAN VALLEY RESORT	\$321.00	MARC OFFICE FURNITURE, INC.	\$8,857.75	PRECISION PRINTED PRODUCTS	\$115.88	
ALDER DENNIS H	\$235.00	CANTERBURY DONNA RAE	\$225.00	MARGARET HYPES-DOLAN	\$101.84	PRIMARY ARMS, LLC.	\$4,764.88	
ALDI	\$66.22	CANTERBURY FLOYD D	\$235.00	MARIE BRYANT PROPPS	\$612.75	PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS PRODUCTS	\$7,287.35	
ALL AMERICAN UNIFORM	\$2,271.36	CAROLINA CARPORTS, INC.	\$11,310.70	MARRIOTT BUSINESS SERVICES	\$127.09	PTS SOLUTIONS, INC.	\$36,965.00	
ALLEGHENY TEE SHIRT	\$130.00	CASE MARY ELLEN	\$225.00	MCKENZIE LUMBER	\$393.13	QUILL CORPORATION	\$817.05	
ALLFILTERS.COM	\$729.15	CASTO & HARRIS	\$4,118.35	MCNEER DEBORA JUNE	\$225.00	R.E. MICHEL COMPANY, LLC.	\$957.50	
ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECTRONIC MON.	\$21,641.91	CBI-MACRIUM	\$245.00	MEAGERS IRISH PUB	\$67.63	R.T. ROGERS OIL	\$4,299.78	
AMAZON.COM	\$4,676.22	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	\$854.85	MEEKES KARLEANA M.	\$225.00	RACKSPACE	\$1,582.97	
AMERICAN FIRST AID	\$750.00	CENTRAL PRINTING CO.	\$105.95	MEMBERSHIPWARE, LLC.	\$1,251.00	RAZORBACK TACTICAL	\$562.50	
AMY RICHMOND	\$700.00	CHAMPION OUTPUT SOLUTIONS, INC.	\$11,007.25	MICHAEL R. GORE	\$150.00	REACH-FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER	\$500.00	
ANALABS, INC.	\$100.00	CHANLETT CHRISTOPHER	\$225.00	MICROSOFT	\$317.97	REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LAB, INC.	\$13,869.80	
ANGELL'S COUNTRY SHOP	\$128.17	CHARLES W. SAUNDERS	\$108.54	MIKE CALES	\$109.44	REED JUSTIN SHANE	\$240.00	
APPALACHIAN POWER	\$597.65	CHARLESTON ACOUSTICS	\$490.36	MILLER WILMA SUE	\$240.00	REED WILLIAM	\$240.00	
APPLEBEES	\$58.88	CHILDERS	\$5,000.00	MOCO SHRTS-UNION	\$162.00	REGION 1 P & D COUNCIL	\$28,380.09	
ARMENDARIZ VICKIE	\$225.00	CHRISTOPHER D. LEFLER	\$196.99	MON POWER	\$53,519.29	RICHMOND EMILY NICOLE	\$285.00	
ASHBY W MADDY	\$4,025.00	CINDY ADKINS	\$908.00	MONI'S HOUSE OF TINT	\$391.40	RICHMOND JACQUELINE	\$240.00	
ASMUS LONNA SUE	\$225.00	CIRCUIT CLERK OF SUMMERS CO	\$90.28	MORGAN BRAGG	\$175.00	RICHMOND SANDRA D	\$225.00	
ASSOCIATES IN PSYCHOLOGY & THERAPY	\$450.00	CITCO WATER	\$715.00	MORRIS SHELBY	\$235.00	ROBERT BAILEY	\$120.00	
AT&T	\$806.28	CITY OF HINTON SAN. BOARD	\$3,527.32	MOSER CONSULTING, INC.	\$720.00	ROBERT LESLIE BENNETT	\$44,176.23	
AT&T MOBILITY	\$3,676.48	CLAYTOR ENTERPRISES, LLC	\$3,500.00	MOTOROLA	\$2,705.00	ROIC	\$300.00	
ATLAS GEOGRAPHICAL DATA, INC.	\$25,150.00	CO COMMISSIONERS ASSOC	\$2,400.00	MOUNTAIN SPRINGS MOTEL	\$59.00	ROOKSTOOL JENNIFER	\$225.00	
AUCREMANE JOSEPH F	\$225.00	COLLINS JOHN D	\$225.00	MOUNTAIN STATE EQUIPMENT	\$382.95	ROSES	\$506.70	
AVERILL JONATHAN WESTON	\$235.00	COMPILED TECHNOLOGIES	\$32,672.00	MOUNTAINEER COMMUNICATIONS	\$3,766.00	Round Table-Straight Gate, INC	\$12,425.00	
AWVA	\$380.00	COMPUTER PROJECTS OF IL, INC.	\$396.00	MOUNTAINEER CUSTOM CARTRIDGE	\$2,320.00	RT ROGERS OIL CO. INC.	\$1,377.09	
BARCODES GR ID PRODUCTS	\$1,353.27	COOK MELISSA DAWN	\$240.00	MOUNTAINEER GAS CO.	\$20,583.71	RURAL KING	\$1,472.60	
BENTLEY REFRIGERATION	\$9,650.00	COPQUEST, INC.	\$1,728.72	MYRA ZIEGLER	\$300.00	RYZYLIANT INC.	\$3,086.10	
BIG BEND PSD	\$34,315.00	COURSEFORVIOLENCE.COM	\$340.00	NATIONAL COAL HERITAGE AREA AUTH.	\$1,845.54	SAFE & SOUND SECURITY SYSTEMS INC.	\$13,670.80	
BKT UNIFORMS	\$132.98	COURT STREET CONSTRUCTION	\$4,459.00	SAFE KIDS WORLDWIDE	\$95.00	TOM SCOTT	\$120.00	
BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK	\$240.00	CROSS CONSTRUCTION	\$3,446.00	SAMS WHOLESALE CLUB	\$2,536.80	TRACTOR SUPPLY	\$481.34	
BLANKENSHIP CONNIE	\$225.00	CURTIS J ADKINS	\$7,685.00	SANDRA BRAGG	\$12,252.92	TRI CO VET. SERVICE	\$999.23	
BLUE 360 MEDIA, LLC	\$575.40	DAKOTAH COLE	\$69.54	SANDSTONE GENERAL STORE	\$62.81	TRIANGLE ONE STOP	\$75.00	
BLUE ALPHA BELTS	\$139.47	DAVID DENT	\$771.19	SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	\$24,085.27	TRI-RIVER TRUCKING INC.	\$234.00	
BODNO	\$274.99	DAVID LESTER	\$1,096.24	SERENITY GARDENS	\$3,319.54	TRU BY HILTON	\$214.00	
BOWLES LISA	\$240.00	DAVID RICHMOND	\$120.00	SHAWN CONNER	\$1,107.89	TYRELL TECH, INC.	\$1,992.62	
BRAY DELETEA	\$235.00	DAVID ROY RICHMOND	\$80.00	SHEETZ	\$245.81	ULINE	\$451.74	
DAVIS DAVID	\$225.00	GOINS, JR. AARON H	\$225.00	SHERIFF OF SUMMERS CO	\$1,022,725.27	ULTIMATE SHINE EXPRESS	\$88.00	
DAVIS HILDA	\$235.00	GOOGLE, INC.	\$60.87	SHERWIN WILLIAMS	\$251.39	UNEMPLOYMENT- WV TREASURY	\$11,323.05	
DAYS INN	\$1,313.50	GORE JANICE B	\$240.00	SHIREY CARRIE E	\$225.00	UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING	\$10,407.75	
DEBRA LYNN REED	\$248.90	GORE'S AUTOBODY	\$245.54	SIGN WAREHOUSE	\$91.62	UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE	\$2,388.25	
DELL MARKETING L.P.	\$176.38	GREEN SULPHUR DISTRICT VFD	\$28,730.00	SOUTHEASTERN CHEMICAL CO, INC.	\$2,291.49	US BANK- COPORATE	\$330,781.50	
DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PRO.	\$181.50	GREENBRIER CO 911	\$579.60	SOUTHERN AIR, INC.	\$5,151.00	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$4,430.53	
DISPLAY THIS WAY	\$588.00	GREENBRIER TECHNOLOGIES & ELECTRIC	\$14,361.33	SOUTHERN SANITATION, INC.	\$16,960.70	US POSTMASTER	\$11,810.65	
DOLLAR GENERAL STORE	\$75.25	GREG VANDALL	\$779.95	SPADE CLEITUS L	\$225.00	VALENSEC INTERNATIONAL	\$59,376.15	
DOLPHIN JUDITH C	\$225.00	GRIMMETT EMILY	\$225.00	SPEIDEN LINDA PAULINE	\$225.00	VERIZON	\$317.18	
DON PATTON	\$600.00	GST-WV DIVISION	\$1,060.00	STACY FORD	\$180.24	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$2,860.16	
DONALD RAY BASHAM JR.	\$343.26	HACH COMPANY	\$60,241.47	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	\$10,057.51	VUKOVICH HAZEL PHAN	\$225.00	
DUTCH MILLER'S AUTO	\$49,803.00	HALL SIGNS, INC.	\$10,108.93	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY	\$3,398.86	VUKOVICH JOANNE	\$225.00	
E.L ROBINSON	\$19,500.00	HALOID RADIOS	\$328.96	STATE TAX DEPT/PROPERTY TAX DIV	\$20,553.22	WALGREENS	\$66.63	
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, INC.	\$27,859.09	HAMPTON INN	\$820.23	STI NETWORKS	\$5,808.00	WALMART	\$6,402.86	
ELECTRONIC SPECIALTY CO	\$1,400.00	HARBOR FREIGHT	\$60.40	STONEWALL RESORT	\$85.81	WARD DEBORIAH	\$240.00	
EMBASSY SUITES	\$1,308.16	HARVEY JENNY LEE	\$225.00	SUMMERS CO. COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.	\$32,500.00	WARD KIMBERLY KAY	\$225.00	
ENVELOPES.COM	\$517.10	HEADS UP HOLDING, LLC	\$5,160.00	SUMMERS CO. LIBRARY	\$6,000.00	WARD MARY HELEN	\$235.00	
EUROOPTIC	\$2,343.23	HEPHNER PAULA	\$240.00	SUMMERS CONCRETE & SUPPLY	\$5,696.30	WARNER DIANE	\$180.00	
EVERBRIDGE, INC	\$10,300.00	HERSMANS SAFETY PRODUCTS	\$86.97	SUMMERS CO BOARD OF EDU.	\$34,831.51	WATERDAWG OUTDOORS	\$854.41	
EXXON	\$159.30	HILTON GARDEN INN	\$214.96	SUMMERS CO COMMISSION JB	\$77,838.06	WEST VIRGINIA APCO.	\$2,325.01	
FAIRFIELD INN CHARLESTON	\$490.00	HINTON AREA FOUNDATION	\$2,500.00	SUMMERS CO FIDUCIARY FUND	\$59,000.00	WEST VIRGINIA ASSOC OF COUNTIES	\$4,000.00	
FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD	\$27,000.00	HINTON FLORAL & GIFTS	\$164.14	SUMMERS CO HEALTH DEPT.	\$1,025.00	WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF LABOR	\$180.00	
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC #1480	\$1,795.58	HINTON HARDWARE	\$4,706.82	SUMMERS CO VFD	\$28,730.00	WEST VIRGINIA NETWORK	\$180.00	
FIREPENNY FIREFIGHTER EQUIP.	\$161.15	HINTON NEWS	\$5,066.05	SUMMERS/MONROE DAY REPORT	\$22,000.00	WHITMAN EXTERMINATING CO	\$3,000.00	
FISHER AUTO PARTS INC.	\$889.06	HOBO'S TOWING, LLC.	\$4,850.00	SUNOCO	\$599.89	WILLIAM T COSTOMIRIS	\$500.00	
FLAGUSA	\$215.75	HOLIDAY INN	\$107.00	SUNRISE MARKET	\$1,101.13	WILSON BROTHERS AUTO PARTS	\$207.27	
FMRS HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.	\$2,100.00	HOWERTON ELEANOR ANN	\$225.00	SUSAN R. RUTHERFORD	\$319.72	WIX.COM	\$279.84	
FOLEY DEFENSE, LLC	\$2,355.00	HUBER RICHARD JEFFERY	\$225.00	SWEET SPRINGS VALLEY WATER	\$2,195.20	WV AMERICAN WATER CO.	\$7,202.21	
FOREST HILL VFD	\$28,730.00	ID WHOLESALE	\$4,310.59	TACTICALGEAR.COM	\$1,122.00	WV ASSOC. OF CIRCUIT CLERKS	\$525.00	
KIMBERLY FOSTER	\$225.00	INNOVATIVE WIRELESS TECHNOLOGIES	\$8,077.25	TAD A. WITHROW	\$1,002.26	WV ASSOC. OF CO.	\$1,175.00	
FOSTER SHERRY E	\$225.00	J&J COUNTRY STORE	\$519.95	TALCOTT FIRE DEPT	\$28,655.00	WV DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MGMT	\$150.00	
FRONTIER	\$56,382.37	J. WILLIAM JEFFRIES	\$629.96	TANGO TANGO	\$4,490.00	WV EMERGENCY MAN. COUNCIL	\$175.00	
FURROW ELOISE	\$240.00	JACOB MASSEY	\$109.30	TED KULA	\$138.94	WV ENHANCED 911 COUNCIL	\$968.96	
GAAL JAMES	\$235.00	JANICE GORE	\$1,208.50	THE HOPE CENTER	\$2,000.00	WV PARKWAYS AUTHORITY	\$707.29	
GAGNON GUY GEORGE	\$225.00	JASON GROSE	\$206.71	THE MARKET	\$1,448.82	WV PRO. ATTY. INSTITUTE	\$3,900.00	
GALLS, QUARTERMASTER	\$663.96	JASON L. FARMER	\$1,075.07	THOMAS JOHNNY COCHRAN	\$908.00	WV PROSECUTOR SUMMER MEETING	\$300.00	
GARRY S WHEELER	\$4,800.00	JBNPSD MADAMS CREEK WATERLINE	\$90,644.66	THOMAS SIGN & AWNING COMPANY	\$5,725.00	WV PROSECUTOR WINTER MEETING	\$300.00	
GARTEN DYNEAL	\$320.25	JEFFRY D. LYON	\$492.00	TIMMY ADKINS	\$1,282.82	WV REG JAIL AND CORRECTIONAL FAC	\$185,258.58	
GARY KEATLEY	\$11,738.74	JESSE MEDLEY	\$824.33	TINCHER DARRELL WESLEY	\$225.00	WV ST AUDITORS OFFICE	\$11,430.00	
GATES SUPPLY	\$5,270.68	JOEL MCGRAW	\$1,856.00	TINCHER KAREN SUE	\$225.00	WVCORP	\$235,670.00	
GILES BETTY	\$225.00	JOHN K. FARMER	\$908.00	TOLER DANIEL THOMAS	\$240.00	WVEMC	\$10,000.00	
GILL COLUMBUS	\$235.00	JOHN WARD	\$908.00	WVU EXT BUSINESS OPERATIONS	\$1,372.80			
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GLOBAL SCIENCE & TECH, INC.	\$20,567.36	JOSH FARMER	\$1,148.00	ZERO9 HOLSTERS	\$552.85			
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I, Lynn Reed, Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by Summers County Commission on 17th day of June, 2025

Damaging Boxwood Pest Confirmed in West Virginia

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has confirmed the presence of the Box Tree Moth (Cydalisma perspectalis) in Berkeley County, marking the first detection of the invasive pest in the state. Native to East Asia, the Box Tree Moth (BTM) feeds primarily on boxwood plants (Buxus species), a popular ornamental shrub widely used in landscapes across West Virginia.

Since its initial detection in North America near Lake Ontario in 2021, the pest has rapidly spread and is now confirmed in Delaware, Massachusetts, Michigan,

Ohio, Pennsylvania, and, as of 2025, West Virginia.

“This pest poses a serious threat to boxwood plants, which are foundational elements in many residential and commercial landscapes,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “Early detection is critical, and we’re asking homeowners and landscapers to keep an eye out and report any suspicious damage.”

BTM larvae feed on the leaves and bark of boxwoods, potentially causing complete defoliation and plant death. The lime-green caterpillars are small and difficult to detect in early stages, often blending in with foliage. Infestations may not be noticeable until significant damage has occurred.

Signs of infestation include:

- Chewed or missing leaves,
- Presence of small green caterpillars,
- Webbing on or inside the plant,
- Bark stripping in advanced stages.

The pest can produce multiple generations per year, compounding the damage if left untreated.

If caught early, BTM can be effectively managed with treatment options such as *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* (Btk), a naturally derived pesticide safe for use on boxwoods and available at many garden cen-

ters. Multiple insecticides labeled for BTM control may also be effective. Always read and follow all pesticide label instructions.

Residents who suspect their boxwoods may be af-

fecting by Box Tree Moth are encouraged to contact the WVDA immediately for confirmation and treatment guidance.

Contact the WVDA at: 304-558-2212 or bugbusters@wvda.us

For more information about the Box Tree Moth and treatment recommendations, visit www.agriculture.wv.gov.



Photo provided by WVDA

Join the Three Rivers Youth (TRY) Theater Program

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Three Rivers Youth (TRY) Theater program is now accepting new members. Are you an experienced performer? First timer? Are you reluctant to get on stage, but interested in helping backstage with props and costumes? Are you looking to be the star of the show or just a background character? This group is for everyone in 4th through 12th grades. Their first meeting is Aug. 25 at 4:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building, where they will read the script for the new play, The Dragon's Egg. During that session, they will discuss who is interested in each role or job to support the actors.

Practices will be every Monday from 4:30-6:30, Sept. 8 to Nov. 3, and performance will be on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.

Contact Cheryl Kula at cheryl.kula@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to join the program.

WVDNR Partners with MCA Youth on Restoration and Recreation Projects

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) recently hosted the cadets from the Mountaineer Challenge Academy (MCA) to Pipestem Resort State Park for a day of learning and activities to celebrate their upcoming graduation and many acts of service giving back to the community and West Virginia's natural resources.

On June 7, 40 cadets participated in a “Bucket Brigade” stream restoration project at the headwaters of the Middle Fork of the Williams River, where they helped WVDNR staff and Trout Unlimited volunteers dump more than 1,000 buckets (10 tons) of limestone gravel in four hours. The gravel helps improve water quality and aquatic habitat for native fish species. On June 11, the WVDNR also hosted a field day for 78 cadets and 15 MCA staff members at Pipestem Resort State Park.

“We’re proud to support the mission of the Mountaineer Challenge Academy and help these kids become responsible young adults who are also enthusiastic about stewarding West Virginia’s incredible natural resources,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion.

The WVDNR’s partnership with MCA began in 2009 with hunter education classes and has since grown into a collaboration that spans across the agency’s Law Enforcement, Wildlife Resources and State Parks sections. These partnerships offer cadets hands-on learning experiences that reinforce the National Guard Youth Challenge Program’s eight core components, which include academic excellence, health and hygiene, job skills, leadership, life-coping, physical fitness, responsible citizenship and community service.

Beyond this year’s stream project and field day, cadets have worked alongside WVDNR staff on several conservation and improvement projects across the state. Past efforts include cleanup projects at Kanawha Falls and Plum Orchard Lake, trout fingerling stocking and stream cleanups in Kanawha and Fayette counties and the construction of more than 60 picnic tables now used at West Virginia State Parks. Cadets have also participated in guided deer hunts with Natural Resources Police Officers.

“These experiences not only strengthen the cadets’ personal development but also create opportunities for mentorship and career exploration,” said McMillion. “Several graduates of the program have gone on to pursue careers with the WVDNR, inspired by the relationships they built with agency staff and the pride they took in contributing to their state’s natural resources.”

The Mountaineer Challenge Academy is a residential pro-

gram operated by the West Virginia National Guard, with campuses in Preston and Fayette counties. Since 1993, more than 5,000 West Virginia teens have completed the program, with more than 2,000 earning a high school diploma. The award-winning academy places at-risk youth in a structured, quasi-military environment designed to help them develop into productive, responsible and successful members of their communities.

To learn more about the Mountaineer Challenge Academy, visit wvchallenge.org.

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