



## Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Hinton News

Hinton News Staff

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) — As the holiday season reaches its peak, the staff of the Hinton News extends a warm Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and a safe holiday wish to the residents of Summers County and the surrounding region.

In a year marked by both community challenges and celebrations, the local spirit of Hinton remains a cen-

tral theme. From the bright holiday displays in the historic downtown district to the quiet winter beauty along the banks of the Greenbrier and New Rivers, the area continues to reflect the resilience and neighborly care characteristic of southern West Virginia.

"We are honored to serve as the voice of this community," Editor Rebecca Stalnaker said. "This season is a time for us to reflect on the sto-

ries we've shared and the people who make this town a unique place to call home. We wish every family a day filled with peace, joy, and togetherness."

While local government offices and many businesses will be closed for the holiday, emergency services and law enforcement—including the Hinton Police Department and Summers County Sheriff's Department—will remain on duty to ensure public safe-

ty throughout the weekend.

The Hinton News office will observe holiday hours, but our journalists remain committed to providing timely updates on breaking news and community events as the region prepares to ring in the new year. Our website and Facebook page will continue to be updated regularly.

From our family to yours: have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2026.

## Big Bend Public Service District Awarded Work Zone Sign Package to Improve Highway and Worker Safety



Photo provided by Big Bend PSD

BIG BEND W.Va. (Hinton News) — The Big Bend Public Service District applied for and was awarded a Work Zone Sign Package valued at \$3,500 by

the West Virginia Local Technical Assistance Program (WV LTAP). The Big Bend PSD was one of ten local agencies awarded this package, which will

be used to improve work zone safety during road maintenance, utility operations, and incident management.

The Big Bend PSD was selected because of its demonstrated need of work zone traffic control devices and commitment to work zone safety. The Work Zone Sign Package Program is one of the many services offered by the WV LTAP to improve roadway safety across the state.

Each package includes twelve portable work zone signs, six sign stands, four barricades, four drums with reflective tape, 16 cones, two reflective "Stop/Slow" paddles, four Class III full-coverage safety vests, and two whistles with lanyards. In addition to the package, each municipality receives a free, work zone safety training course taught by the WV LTAP.

"The WV LTAP staff recognize how important these work zone sign packages are to West Virginia communities. Both the equipment and the train-

ing that goes along with the packages helps enhance safety for both motorists and workers and facilitate traffic flow in these communities," says WV LTAP Program Coordinator Andrew Morgan.

The goal of this program is to help West Virginia municipalities make their work zones safer for motorists and roadway workers. Including this year's group of recipients, the WV LTAP has awarded 116 work zone sign packages to state municipalities since the program began in 1996.

The WV LTAP is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the West Virginia Department of Transportation and is housed at West Virginia University. The WV LTAP serves the state by providing training, demonstrations, personalized technical assistance, resource materials, and other services to individuals and agencies responsible for managing and maintaining West Virginia's roadways.

## Summers County man charged with aggravated DUI, vehicle theft

Lisa Abshire

Hinton News

JUMPING  
B R A N C H  
W.Va. (Hinton News)

- According to a criminal complaint, on Dec. 11, an officer received a call regarding a person taking a vehicle without permission in the vicinity of Will Dodd Road.

The officer then made contact with the accused, later identified as

Harold Price, in a red Nissan Sentra, which reportedly matched the vehicle described by the victim. Price was asked to step out of the vehicle, and the officer could allegedly smell an intoxicating substance coming from Price.

The officer then explained and administered the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, in which Price showed signs of impairment, according to the criminal complaint. The officer then explained, demonstrated, and administered the walk and turn. Price once again reportedly showed signs of impairment. The officer next explained, demonstrated, and administered the one-leg stand test. Price again allegedly showed signs of impairment. Price provided a breath sample using an Alco sensor FST. The sample



Harold Price

was a .228.

Price was then transported to the WVSP Hinton Detachment for processing and read the WVSP 47a implied consent form and signed it at 6:07 p.m. Price then provided a sample of intox EC/IR 11

with a reported .236 result. Price was charged with aggravated DUI, unlawful taking of a vehicle, and driving revoked.

At the time of publishing, Price is in Southern Regional Jail with bail set at \$6,000.

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## ENTERTAINMENT &amp; COMICS PAGE

## Beetle Bailey



## Blondie



## Daddy Daze



## Dustin



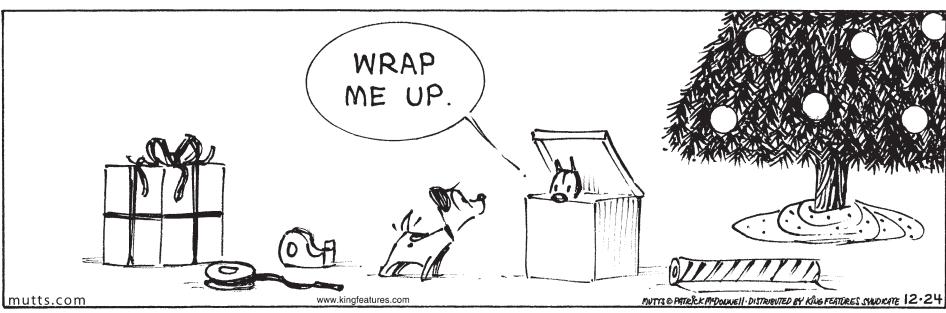
## Hi and Lois



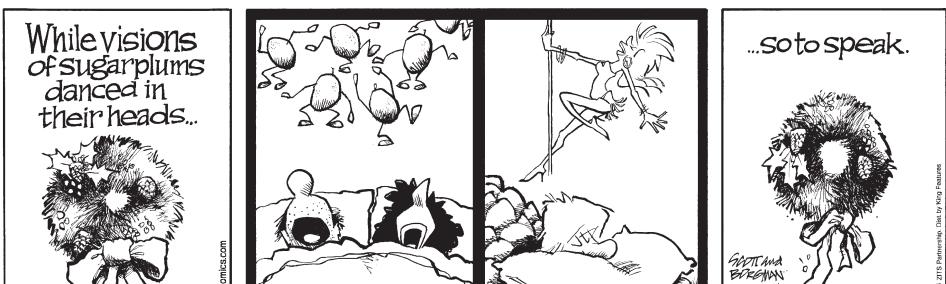
## Marvin



## Mutts



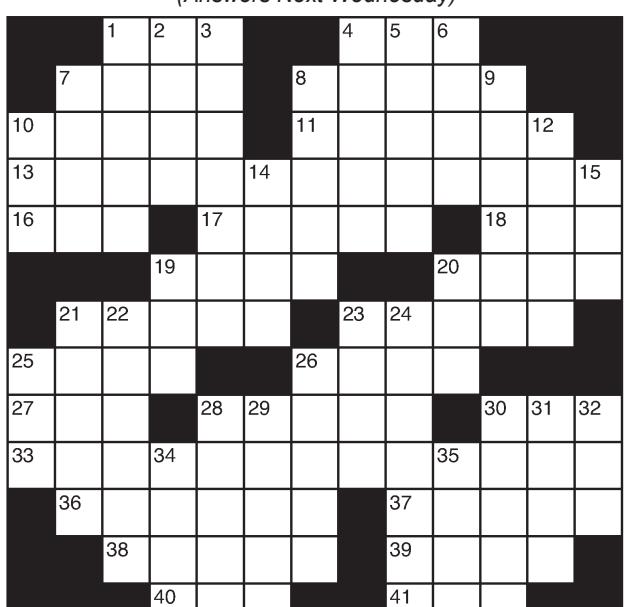
## Zits



## — SHEFFER CROSSWORD —

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Fireplace residue	1 Enjoyed im-
4 Combat	26 Help a robber
7 "Beetle Bailey" dog	27 Corn serving
8 Gelato holders	28 De Mille of dance
10 Concepts	30 Tramcar contents
11 "Break Free" singer Grande	33 Coffee order
13 Joni Mitchell album inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame	36 Deli meat
16 Ballpark figure	37 Agra's land
17 Beethoven's "Für —"	38 Gift recipient
18 Numbered rd.	39 Mideast gulf
19 Diner orders	40 Sailor
20 Lena of "Chocolate"	41 Sweetie guitarist
21 Stab	

Solution time: 23 mins.

Last Wednesday's Answer  
(Answers Next Wednesday)

## SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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

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 →

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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## JUMBLE

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

BRYED

NUWSG

SNASEO

NOYBDE

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Answers

Jumbles: ETHIC ABATE BRONCO WARMTH

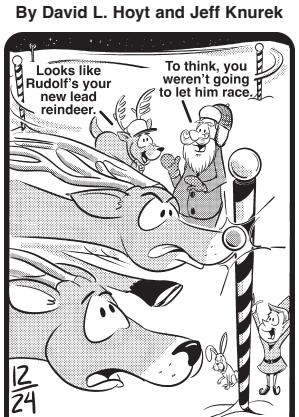
When she saw that the fitness watch could track her pulse, she bought it — IN A HEARTBEAT

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's  
Answers

Jumbles: ETHIC ABATE BRONCO WARMTH

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

IN THE RACE WITH THE OTHER REINDEER, RUDOLPH ---

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

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Answers

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# Community Obituaries



**Judith Ann "Judi" Lilly McCoy**

Judith Ann "Judi" Lilly McCoy, 84, of Rockingham County, (formerly of Bath Co. and Grot-

toes), VA, passed away on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at her home.

She was born in Hinton, WV, on July 30, 1941, and was a daughter of the late James William and Leona Virginia (Ellison) Lilly.

Judi was a two term member of the Bath County Board of Supervisors. She was active in both the Millboro and Port Republic Ruritan Clubs, where she held numerous offices. Judi was a lifelong member of the Horeb Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school.

She had attended Mt. Vernon Church and most recently Congregation of Christ Church. She was a Facebook political sparring partner with numerous people. Above all she was a fierce defender of her family.

Judith was united in marriage on June 3, 1960, to John William McCoy.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Kimberly (Bill) Shepard, Lisa (Steve) Halterman, Robin (Robert) Cragett, Sandra (Jason Spart) Levengood; 12 grandchil-

dren, Stephanie Laos, phries.

Josh Shepard, Hayley Shepard, Rita Croy, Diane Plecker, Luke Halterman, Alyssa Jo Halbeisen, Chelsey Shifflett, Allyson Gladden, Amber Levengood, John Levengood, and Savannah Levengood; numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Bob Lilly, Vivian Lilly, Rev. Bill Lilly, John Lilly and Jack Lilly; and sisters, Imogene Grimmett and Mary Carol Hum-

22801. The family received friends on Friday, December 19, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral & Cremation Service in Grottoes, VA.

A service celebrating Judi's life was held on Saturday, December 20, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at Congregation of Christ Church, 3231 People's Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sentara RMH Hospice, 2010 Health Campus Drive, Harrisonburg, VA

Online condolences may be sent to the family at johnsonfs.com.

Information submitted by Johnson Funeral & Cremation Service in Grottoes, VA.

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## A Peek into Summers County's Past: Tyler's Bar-B-Q Lunch



**Photo provided by William Jones**

William Jones  
Hinton News

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - I am once again asking for your help with obtaining some history around the piece I am showcasing in this week's story. In all of my years of collecting Pence Springs history, I have never seen or heard of this place, and that is coming up on three decades of collecting and research. Having been born and raised here, Pence Springs' history is my passion. I love all local history, but there is just something about this place.

After walking into Pence Springs Community Church this past Sunday, knowing how much I love local history, my friend Mary Rudisill handed me some old papers. In the bag was "The Milestone" from Greenville High School in Greenville, W.Va., a yearbook from 1947 (Mary had gone to school with my grandmother,

Ruth Catherine McDaniel Jones). A mileage ration booklet from Ballengee, W.Va., from 1945.

And last but not least, this little business card, which appears to be from the 1910s or 1920s, from Tyler's Bar-B-Q Lunch. Again, I have never heard of this business being mentioned before, so I know nothing about it. Just this little card that has my mind working in overdrive at the moment. Ha.

The back of the card reads "Sing While You Drive At 45 Miles per hour, sing - Highways Are Happy Ways!, At 55 miles, sing - I'm But a Stranger Here, Heaven is My Home!, At 65 miles, sing - Nearer, My God to Thee, At 75 Miles, sing - When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There, At 85 miles, sing - Lord, I'm Coming Home."

This is the only thing other than what you can see on the front of

the card that I know, such as it saying in the

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SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2025							SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS June 30, 2025						
Primary Government		Component Units					ASSETS		NET POSITION				
	Governmental Activities	Board of Health	Farmland Protection	Public Library									Agency Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>													
Current assets:													
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,008,626	\$ 374,375	\$ 18,300	\$ 31,760									
Receivables:													
Taxes	122,749	--	--	--									\$ 475,242
Accounts	19,260	192,648	--	--									475,242
Due from:													
Inventory, at cost	--	2,500	--	--									
Prepaid expenses	115,000	16,615	--	--									
Total current assets	5,265,635	586,138	18,300	31,760									192,885
Restricted assets:													
Capital assets:													
Nondepreciable:													
Land	217,163	--	--	--									\$ 668,127
Construction in progress	75,330	--	--	--									
Depreciable:													
Buildings	5,290,189	--	--	--									
Machinery and equipment	1,908,184	34,446	--	--									668,127
Less: accumulated depreciation	(4,444,400)	--	--	--									
Other debits:													
Net pension asset	189,601	--	--	--									
Total noncurrent assets	3,236,067	34,446	--	--									\$ 668,127
Total assets	8,501,702	620,584	18,300	31,760									
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>													
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	743,828	--	--	--									
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	20,520	--	--	--									
Total deferred outflows of resources	764,348	--	--	--									
<b>LIABILITIES</b>													
Current liabilities payable from current assets:													
Accounts payable	83,268	7,019	--	--									
Deferred revenues:													
Other deferred revenues	332,130	--	--	--									
Noncurrent liabilities:													
Leases payable - due within one year	9,108	--	--	--									
Leases payable - due in more than one year	18,216	--	--	--									
Compensated absences payable	79,314	--	--	--									
Net pension liability	252,207	--	--	--									
Total liabilities	774,243	7,019	--	--									
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS</b>													
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	7,633	--	--	--									
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	292,866	--	--	--									
Total deferred inflows of resources	300,499	--	--	--									
<b>NET POSITION</b>													
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,019,142	34,446	--	--									
Unrestricted	5,172,166	579,119	18,300	31,760									
Total net position	\$ 8,191,308	\$ 613,565	\$ 18,300	\$ 31,760									\$ 105,860

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Summers County Commission FY2025 Vendor List		Summers County Commission FY2025 Vendor List		Summers County Commission FY2025 Vendor List	
12-2-1 Roundtables - Straight Gate, Inc.	\$ 6,715.00	CASE MARY ELLEN	\$ 225.00	MANN LARRY ANDRE	\$ 225.00
9 Square in the Air, LLC	\$ 6,870.00	CASH	\$ 400.00	MARGARET HYPES-DOLAN	\$ 99.16
AAA SEPTIC TANK & PORTABLE TOILET	\$ 1,650.00	CENTRAL PRINTING CO.	\$ 1,645.00	MARIE BRYANT PROPPS	\$ 1,236.00
ACT AUTO PARTS AND GARAGE	\$ 529.16	CHADWICK LILLY DBA MASTIFF TREE CARE	\$ 7,000.00	MARLIN LEASING CORP	\$ 8,603.34
Advancing Solar Solutions	\$ 20,176.00	CHAMPION OUTPUT SOLUTIONS, INC.	\$ 11,350.68	MARSHALL HEPHNER	\$ 150.00
AGGREGATE/ADJ/PAYROLL	\$ 2,778,574.40	CHANLETT CHRISTOPHER	\$ 225.00	MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	\$ 140.43
AIRMEDCARE NETWORK	\$ 5,775.00	CHARLES W. SAUNDERS	\$ 383.44	MCGRAW SARAH RUTH	\$ 225.00
AJ- ALLEGHENY SYSTEMS	\$ 1,871.00	CHICAGO MOTORS INC	\$ 24,295.00	MCKENZIE LUMBER	\$ 1,202.32
ALL AMERICAN UNIFORM	\$ 2,226.15	CHRISTOPHER D. LEFLER	\$ 806.80	MEADOW CREEK PSD	\$ 2,336.01
ALLEGHANY TEES	\$ 403.94	Cindy Adkins	\$ 908.00	MEEKS KARLEANA M	\$ 225.00
Allied Universal Electronic Monitoring US Inc.	\$ 18,698.16	CINTAS	\$ 1,982.95	MICHAEL R GORE	\$ 393.24
AMERICAN FIRST AID	\$ 903.55	CITY OF HINTON SANITARY BOARD	\$ 3,270.87	MIKE CALES	\$ 178.63
ANALABS, INC.	\$ 75.00	CLAYTOR ENTERPRISES, LLC	\$ 3,500.00	MIKE SMITH	\$ 1,985.00
ANDREA RICHMOND	\$ 311.25	HOBO'S TOWING, LLC	\$ 410.00	MILLER'S BUG BUSTER EXTERMINATING	\$ 1,100.00
ANGEL BROOKS	\$ 100.00	HORIZON STRUCTURES	\$ 82,238.89	MITYLITE INC	\$ 2,998.63
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE	\$ 50,000.00	IDEAL POOL & SPA SUPERSTORE	\$ 63.00	MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA	\$ 90,096.00
APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 352.16	INDIGITAL	\$ 8,689.75	MON POWER	\$ 61,974.17
ARMENDARIZ VICKIE	\$ 235.00	INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES, LLC	\$ 3,031.20	MORGAN BRAGG	\$ 175.00
ASSOCIATES IN PSYCHOLOGY & THERAPY, INC	\$ 450.00	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$ 137.64	MORRIS SHELBY	\$ 235.00
ASSOCIATION OF WV ASSESSORS	\$ 400.00	J & J FABRICATING AND TRAILERS	\$ 9,179.48	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	\$ 22,935.57
AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 1,350.74	J.DAN SNEAD & ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$ 2,500.00	MOUNTAIN STATE COMPUTER	\$ 748.00
ATLAS GEOGRAPHIC DATA, INC	\$ 28,800.00	J. WILLIAM JEFFRIES	\$ 369.36	MOUNTAINEER AUTO GLASS	\$ 430.00
A.V. LAUTTAMUS COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$ 1,260.00	JACOB PEREZ	\$ 908.00	MOUNTAINEER COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 3,499.94
AVERILL JONATHAN WESTON	\$ 225.00	JASON L. FARMER	\$ 1,240.41	MOUNTAINEER CUSTOM CARTRIDGE	\$ 2,870.00
AWVA	\$ 100.00	JEFFERY CHAMBERS	\$ 882.00	MOUNTAINEER GAS CO.	\$ 19,354.30
BACKROADS OF APPALACHIA	\$ 5,000.00	JEFFREY DAVIS	\$ 225.00	MOUNTAINEER GENERATOR SERVICE	\$ 28,286.97
BASALO'S AUTO DETAILING	\$ 1,030.00	JOHN JONES AUTOMOTIVE GROUP	\$ 54,609.50	MYRA ZIEGLER	\$ 250.00
BENTLEY REFRIGERATION	\$ 11,363.50	JOHN K. FARMER	\$ 604.00	NEW RIVER ANIMAL HOSP.	\$ 193.40
BIG BEND PSD	\$ 97,357.50	JOHN WARD	\$ 925.97	SPILMAN THOMAS & BATTLE, LLC	\$ 4,000.00
BILL BAILEY INSURANCE AGENCY	\$ 4,408.91	JONATHAN LIPSCOMB	\$ 100.00	STACY FORD	\$ 770.24
BLANKENSHIP CONNIE	\$ 225.00	JOSH FARMER	\$ 997.75	STATE TAX DEPT/PROPERTY TAX DIV	\$ 40,584.33
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BRAY DELETA	\$ 225.00	KARLSEN MORTEN	\$ 225.00	SUMMERS CO COMMISSION-JB/NIMITZ PSD</td	



## Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,

After all the packages are opened on Christmas day there is always a pile of ribbons and bows left. Are ribbons and bows recyclable? Love Christmas

Dear Love Christmas,

Ribbons and bows make packages festive and pretty, but they are a definite no-no for recycling. If ribbons get into any of the equipment, they can bring everything to a halt. Bows are less hazardous to equipment than ribbons, but they usually have a plastic component and a glue that sticks the bows to the packages. Both of these two components make bows nonrecyclable. Please do not put any ribbons, bows, twine, or anything long and stringy in a recycling bin. When opening packages, keep a bag or a box handy for the bows and ribbons. They will then be ready for use the next time you wrap

a package.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What about Christmas cards? Can they be recycled? Love Christmas Cards

Dear Love Christmas Cards,

Yes, most Christmas cards can be recycled but look them over first. Any glitter, ribbons, foil, or felt must be removed as these items do not recycle. Glossy cards go in the magazine/slicks bin and plain paper cards go in the office paper bin. There are other options to recycling/reusing Christmas cards that you might consider. Two websites: <https://earthfriendlytips.com/epic-ideas-to-recycle-christmas-cards> and <https://www.shelterness.com/ideas-to-recycle-christmas-cards> have some wonderful ideas for repurposing/recycling Christmas cards. When choosing cards for next year, consider using seeded Christmas cards that

have wildflower seeds embedded in 100% recycled paper. Next spring these cards can be soaked in water, torn up and planted in a thin layer of soil. A great start for summer wildflowers! Seeded cards are eco-friendly and zero waste. These cards can be purchased online, as well as other eco-friendly cards made from recycled paper.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have two plastic bottles, both of which have a label on them. One bottle's label says, "Remove Label Before Recycling." The other bottle's label doesn't say anything about removing it. Can the second bottle be recycled without removing the label? Confused Recycler

Dear Confused Recycler,

If a bottle doesn't have a label that says to remove the label before recycling, then the bottle is recyclable with its label. If you look

at the labels on your two bottles you will notice that the label that needs to be removed is considerably heavier than the label on the other bottle. The labels on your bottles are made of two different types of plastics, and different types of plastic process differently. The thinner plastics burn off during processing, but the heavier plastics do not. Thus, they must be removed before recycling.

Sad News: The brightly colored red and white clown fish are getting smaller and lighter as they adapt to the rising heat of the ocean. This helps them to survive on less food and less oxygen.

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

## Concord University launches women's triathlon team

ATHENS, W.Va. (WVDN) – The Concord University Athletic Department has announced the creation of a women's triathlon team.

The three aspects of triathlon are swimming, biking, and running. The mountainous terrain of southern West Virginia allows triathletes to train on some of the best conditions for competition. With the generosity of Pipestem State Park, the swimming portion of training can take place in the Adventure Lake located within the state park.

"Adding women's triathlon to Concord is an exciting leap forward," said President Dr. Bethany Meighen. "We're proud to be the first in West Virginia to offer the sport and even prouder to provide more opportunities for student-athletes to grow, compete, and thrive."

The triathlon season takes place during the fall with races beginning in late August. The season culminates with the USA Triathlon National Championship in early November.

"Firstly, I would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Meighen for her support in adding this exciting new sport to Mountain Lion Athletics," Concord Co-Athletic Director Luke Duffy said. "I would also like to thank USA Triathlon and Tim Yount for offering their guidance and expertise in how this sport will benefit Concord University and our future student-athletes."

While not an NCAA Division II sport, the CU women's triathlon club team would compete against other colleges under the ban-

ner of USA Triathlon. Currently there are 41 schools across the nation that sponsor triathlon, including fellow Division II schools: King University (Bristol, Tennessee), Lenoir-Rhyne (Hickory, North Carolina), Newberry (Newberry, South Carolina) and Wingate (Wingate, North Carolina). Some notable schools

that sponsor the sport include Duquesne (Pittsburgh), East Tennessee State (Johnson City, Tennessee), Greensboro and Guilford Colleges (Both in Greensboro, North Carolina), Hampton (Hampton, Virginia) and Queens (Charlotte).

With triathlon being brought to Concord's campus, the student-athlete enrollment will con-

tinue to grow with more than 500 athletes already in Athens.

"Concord will become the first school in West Virginia to offer women's triathlon," Duffy said. "Our geographic location

allows us to consistently compete against some of the strongest programs

in the sport while offering a training landscape that will elevate the student-athlete experience from day one. We are ex-

cited to build and develop this program moving forward."

The newest sport on campus will begin forming in the spring and compete in the fall of 2026.

### Simply Christians

(Part 1)

by Dale Smelser

Many people are growing disenchanted with present religious forms which originated in the middle ages and have become meaningless. There is displeasure with denominational structures and dogma. Some, because of such views, have even decided that "Christianity" is not relevant today. We believe they have made that decision because they are not sufficiently acquainted with the Scriptures to be able to distinguish between the gospel of Christ and what men over the centuries have attempted to add to it.

If some of these things have troubled you and you have felt a yearning to return to the simple, uncomplicated religion of Christ, stripping away all the nonessential elements of religion and simply abiding by the truths of Christ, truths which transform the soul and bind it to God, let us suggest that it can and has been done.

The Bible, God's word to man, presents Jesus Christ as the Son of God. He was foreshadowed and predicted in the Old Testament which God used to govern His people until Christ should come and establish the New (Jer. 31:31-33; Gal. 3:19, 23-24). That New Testament reveals the religion of Christ. By studying it we learn all there is to know of the way of Christ.

We learn that among the followers of Christ there existed no denominational organizations whatever. All began at a later time. In the New Testament we see people hearing the gospel and obeying the conditions of God's grace. Being thus saved, they were added to the Lord's people, the church (Acts 2:36-47). As the gospel spread, we find them assembling together in congregations in various localities. Each congregation was under its own elders (Acts 14:23) and no one else on earth. These elders could not make laws and be masters. They were given the responsibility of tending and caring for the congregation as shepherds would a flock (Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Pet. 5:1-3). The only headquarters those disciples knew was heaven, where their head, Jesus Christ, was and is (Eph. 1:22-23).

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(We will complete this short study on being simply Christians next week.)

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## A Christmas Message for Our Community

**Susan Smith-Linton**

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ery member of our team who helps tell the stories that matter.

To our readers: thank you for your support, engagement, and loyalty. Your feedback, letters, and shared experiences remind us why journalism exists: to inform, connect, and empower our communities.

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To everyone on the Hinton News team who contributes to bringing each issue to life. Your teamwork

shines, and it is an honor to work beside you.

This Holiday season, may your days be filled with warmth, laughter, and joy. Thank you for reading, and for helping us stay strong. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## Summers County Christmas Decor Through the Years



Downtown Hinton 2023



Hinton Christmas Tree 2024



Talcott Volunteer Fire Department 2023

# Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

• This holiday season, all of us at MountainPlex wish you joy, peace, and wonderful moments with loved ones. We hope your celebrations are filled with magic and meaning.

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- **Classic Hits 98.3 FM & ESPN Radio 102.3 FM** – Your soundtrack for the season.

# Summers County Christmas Decor Through the Years Continued



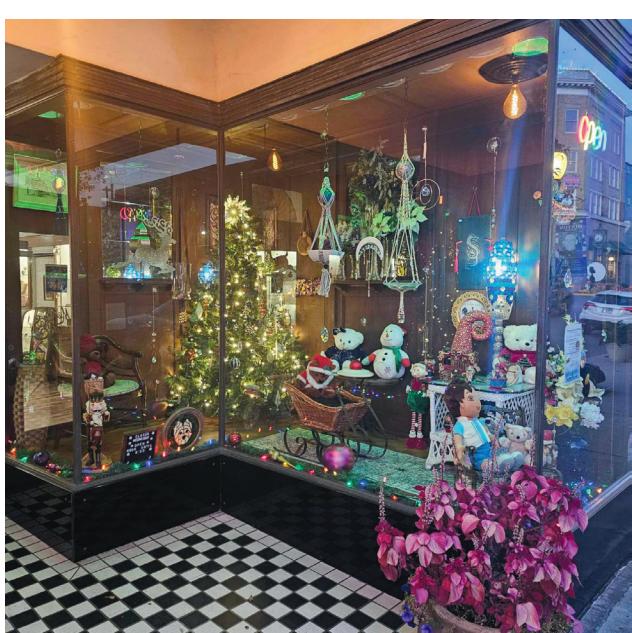
Award Winning Hinton Storefront Christmas Past



A Snowman puts up lights in Downtown Hinton Decorations in 2023. Hinton News photo



The stage at John Henry Park Decorated in 2024. Hinton News Photo



211 Gallery Christmas Past



Hope your holiday is filled with the comforts of home and family, warmed by the blessings of friendship, and touched with the beauty of the season.

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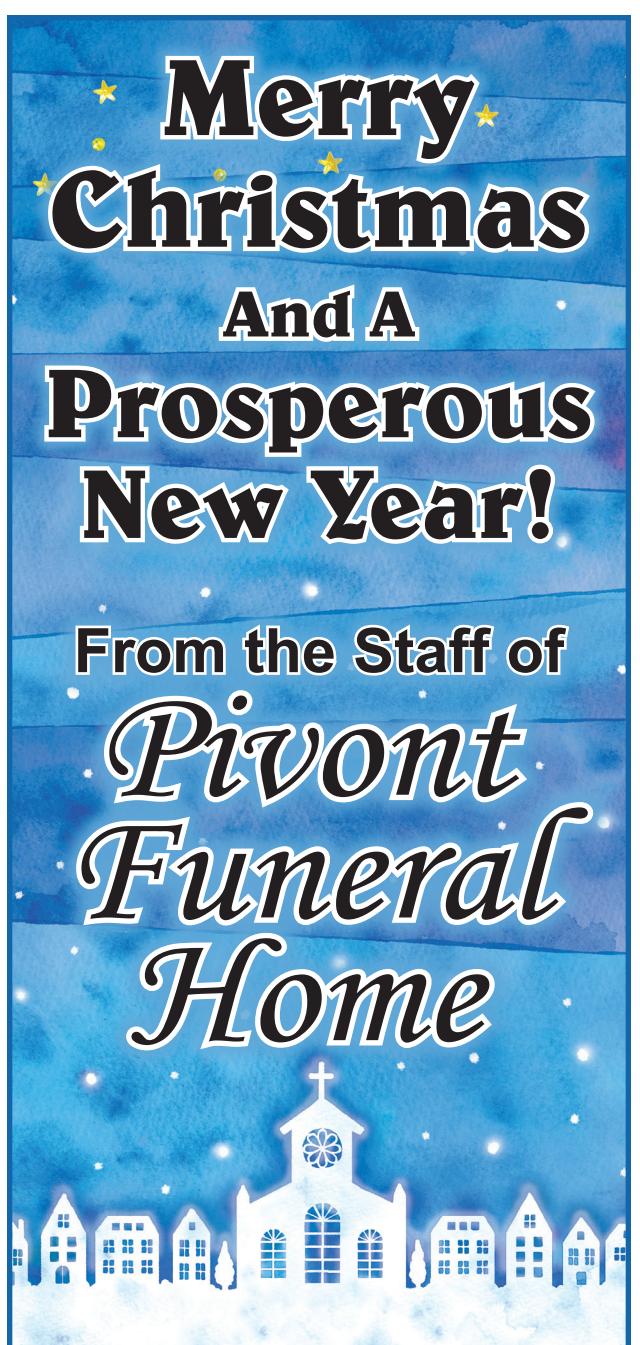


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										Summers County Commission FY2025 Vendor List			
<b>SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025</b>													
<b>Program Revenues</b>													
<b>Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position</b>													
<b>Charges for Services</b>													
<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>													
<b>Capital Grants and Contributions</b>													
<b>Primary Government Governmental Activities</b>													
<b>Board of Health</b>													
<b>Component Units</b>													
<b>Farmland Protection</b>													
<b>Public Library</b>													
<b>Functions / Programs</b>													
<b>Primary government:</b>													
Governmental activities:													
General government	\$ 4,046,371	\$ 1,406,063	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,058,144	\$ (1,577,164)								
Public safety	2,871,014	--	246,919	--	(2,624,095)								
Health and sanitation	17,640	--	--	--	(17,640)								
Culture and recreation	465,447	--	--	--	(465,447)								
Capital projects	87,214	--	--	--	(87,214)								
Total governmental activities	7,487,686	1,406,063	251,919	1,058,144	(4,771,560)								
Total primary government	\$ 7,487,686	\$ 1,406,063	\$ 251,919	\$ 1,058,144	\$ (4,771,560)								
<b>Component units:</b>													
Board of Health	499,762	303,046	128,311	--	--	\$ (68,405)	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --				
Farmland Protection	9,452	17,000	--	--	--	--	7,548	--	--				
Public Library	257,787	97,446	70,449	--	--	--	--	--	(89,892)				
Total component units	\$ 767,001	\$ 417,492	\$ 198,760	\$ --	--	\$ (68,405)	7,548	\$ (89,892)					
General revenues:													
Ad valorem property taxes				3,090,659	--	--	--	--					
Alcoholic beverages tax				3,734	--	--	--	--					
Hotel occupancy tax				269,437	--	--	--	--					
Animal tax				2,062	--	--	--	--					
Gas and oil severance tax				35,792	--	--	--	--					
Other taxes				667,330	--	--	--	--					
Coal severance tax				33,049	--	--	--	--					
Licenses and permits				10,605	--	--	--	--					
Intergovernmental:													
Local				100,911	--	--	--	--					
Unrestricted investment earnings				122,710	--	--	--	70,674					
Refunds				82,967	--	--	--	--					
Reimbursement				33,297	2,036	--	--	--					
Gain on sale of capital assets				18,630	--	--	--	--					
Miscellaneous				355,447	88,494	--	--	44,013					
Total general revenues				4,826,630	90,530	--	--	114,687					
Change in net assets				55,070	22,125	7,548	24,795						
Net position - beginning				8,136,238	591,440	10,752	6,965						
Net position - ending				\$ 8,191,308	\$ 613,565	\$ 18,300	\$ 31,760						
The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.													
<b>SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025</b>													
<b>Coal Severance Tax</b>													
<b>Emergency 911</b>													
<b>American Rescue Plan</b>													
<b>State Grants</b>													
<b>Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>													
<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>													
<b>REVENUES</b>													
Taxes:													
Ad valorem property taxes	\$ 3,106,443	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 3,106,443					
Alcoholic beverages tax	3,734	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,734					
Hotel occupancy tax	269,437	--	--	--	--	--	--	269,437					
Animal tax	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,062	2,062				
Gas and oil severance tax	35,792	--	--	--	--	--	--	35,792					
Other taxes	125,863	--	--	--	--	--	--	459,377	585,240				
Coal severance tax	--	33,049	--	--	--	--	--	--	33,049				
Licenses and permits	6,523	--	--	--	--	--	--	4,082	10,605				
Intergovernmental:													
Federal	62,417	--	--	772,639	--	--	--	265,648	1,100,704				
State	5,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	204,359	209,359				
Local	18,682	--	--	--	--	--	--	82,229	100,911				
Charges for services	366,045	--	793,735	--	--	--	--	188,907	1,348,687				
Fines and forfeits	14,607	--	--	--	--	--	--	42,769	57,376				
Interest and investment earnings	7,234	--	45,470	35,415	8,857	--	--	25,734	122,710				
Refunds	82,967	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	82,967				
Reimbursements	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	33,297	33,297				
Payments in lieu of taxes	82,090	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	82,090				
Contributions and donations	30,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	30,000				
Miscellaneous	72,244	--	75	--	--	--	--	253,128	325,44				

# New River CTC Honors Associate Degree Nursing Students

BEAVER, W.Va. (Hinton News) - New River Community and Technical College honored graduates of its Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program during a pinning ceremony held Friday, December 12 at the Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg. The ceremony marked a significant milestone, celebrating the students' successful completion of the program and their transition into the

nursing profession.

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at New River CTC prepares students to become Registered Nurses (RNs) through a combination of rigorous academic

coursework and hands-on clinical training. Designed for nursing licensure and immediate entry into the workforce, the program reflects the college's commitment to meeting the growing demand

for skilled, compassionate RNs who serve communities throughout West Virginia and beyond.

Congratulations to Sabrina Bryant, Emily Canady, Trena Canady, Cami Cosner, Emily

Dillard, Kylie Dunbar, Delaney Edwards, Meghan Friddle, Alexis Garansuay, Sarah Garland, Michele Harvy, Kitor NtantangAko, Kelly Peyatt, Ernestina Sarfo, Cassidy Tyson, and Heather Weikle.

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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, 2025									Summers County Commission FY2025 Vendor List	
REVENUES	Budgeted Amounts			Actual Modified Accrual Basis	Adjustments Budget Basis	Actual Amounts Budget Basis	Final Budget Positive (Negative)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	Summers County Commission FY2025 Vendor List	
	Original	Final								
Taxes:										
Ad valorem property taxes	\$ 2,984,851	3,100,370	\$ 3,106,443	\$ 53,038	\$ 3,159,481	\$ 59,111			NEW RIVER GATEWAY CVB	\$ 136,991.92
Alcoholic beverages tax	4,092	4,092	3,734	--	3,734	(358)			NEW RIVER GORGE RDA	\$ 12,275.88
Hotel occupancy tax	300,000	300,000	269,437	--	269,437	(30,563)			NOAH YODER	\$ 3,375.00
Gas and oil severance tax	100,000	100,000	35,792	--	35,792	(64,208)			OMEGA COMMERCIAL INTERIORS LLC	\$ 4,196.16
Other taxes	150,000	150,000	125,863	--	125,863	(24,137)			OSBORNE'S SEPTIC, LLC	\$ 1,750.00
Licenses and permits	9,487	11,476	6,523	--	6,523	(4,953)			PACE ENTERPRISES INC	\$ 329.00
Intergovernmental:									PACK REBECCA ELLEN	\$ 225.00
Federal	--	116,143	62,417	--	62,417	(53,726)			PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE	\$ 42,619.17
State	--	448,244	5,000	--	5,000	(443,244)			PICTOMETRY INTL CORP	\$ 4,500.00
Local	--	5,000	18,682	--	18,682	13,682			PINNACLE CONSULTANTS, LLC	\$ 4,640.00
Charges for services	345,185	349,158	366,045	--	366,045	16,887			PIPESTEM VFD	\$ 12,451.35
Fines and forfeits	640	640	14,607	--	14,607	13,967			PLUMLEY JANICE LYNN	\$ 240.00
Interest and investment earnings	40,739	40,739	7,234	--	7,234	(33,505)			PRECISION PRINTED PRODUCTS	\$ 117.00
Refunds	128,846	138,930	82,967	--	82,967	(55,963)			PRIMARY ARMS, LLC	\$ 1,340.11
Payments in lieu of taxes	75,115	75,115	82,090	--	82,090	6,975			PRINE'S MOBILE BLASTING	\$ 2,200.00
Contributions and donations	--	30,000	30,000	--	30,000	--			PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS PRODUCTS	\$ 9,697.40
Miscellaneous	99,874	114,097	72,244	--	72,244	(41,853)			PTS SOLUTIONS, INC.	\$ 12,204.00
Total revenues	4,238,829	4,984,004	4,289,078	53,038	4,342,116	(641,888)			R.E. MICHEL COMPANY, LLC	\$ 901.13
EXPENDITURES									RBS INC	\$ 2,458.00
Current:									REED WILLIAM	\$ 240.00
General government	3,128,064	4,562,441	3,064,837	186,113	3,250,950	1,311,491			REGION I P & D COUNCIL	\$ 41,791.41
Public safety	1,265,857	1,295,943	1,147,190	35,449	1,182,639	113,304			RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST FUND	\$ 16,694.00
Culture and recreation	516,151	547,436	455,569	34,129	489,698	57,738			RICHARD RICHMOND	\$ 400.00
Capital outlay	478,024	514,595	87,214	--	87,214	427,381			RICHMOND AMY	\$ 1,950.00
Total expenditures	5,388,096	6,920,415	4,754,810	255,691	5,010,501	1,909,914			RICHMOND ELEANOR ANN	\$ 225.00
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,149,267)	(1,936,411)	(465,732)	(202,653)	(668,385)	1,268,026			RICHMOND JACQUELINE	\$ 259.43
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									RICHMOND SANDRA D	\$ 225.00
Transfers in	299,267	487,193	353,737	--	353,737	(133,456)			RINGWOOD MOTORS, INC	\$ 1,080.00
Transfers (out)	--	--	(66,000)	66,000	--	--			ROBERT BAILEY	\$ 80.00
Total other financing sources (uses)	299,267	487,193	287,737	66,000	353,737	(133,456)			ROBERT LESLIE BENNETT	\$ 43,071.27
Net change in fund balance	(850,000)	(1,449,218)	(177,995)	(136,653)	(314,648)	1,134,570			ROCID	\$ 600.00
Fund balance - beginning	850,000	1,449,218	1,322,374	136,653	1,459,027	9,809			RON IDDINGS	\$ 219.00
Fund balance - ending	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 1,144,379	\$ --	\$ 1,144,379	\$ 1,144,379			RONALD GORE	\$ 300.00
The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.										
SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2025										
ASSETS										
Current:										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,134,366	\$ 30,860	\$ 1,054,197	\$ 439,662	\$ 569,798	\$ 1,779,743	\$ 5,008,626			
Receivables:										
Taxes	122,749	--	--	--	--	--	122,749			
Accounts	19,260	--	--	--	--	--	19,260			
Prepaid expenses	--	--	--	115,000	--	--	115,000			
Total assets	\$ 1,276,375	\$ 30,860	\$ 1,054,197	\$ 554,662	\$ 569,798	\$ 1,779,743	\$ 5,265,635			
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES										
Liabilities:										
Accounts payable	60,591	--	14,524	--	--	8,153	83,268			
Deferred revenues:										
Other deferred revenue	--	--	--	332,130	--	--	332,130			
Total liabilities	60,591	--	14,524	332,130	--	8,153	415,398			
Deferred Inflows:										
Unavailable revenue - taxes	71,405	--	--	--	--	--	71,405			
Total deferred inflows of resources	71,405	--	--	--	--	--	71,405			
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	131,996	--	14,524	332,130	--	8,153	486,803			
Fund balances:										
Restricted	--	--	--	222,532	\$ 569,798	1,771,590	2,563,920			
Assigned	--	30,860	--	--	--	--	30,860			
Unassigned	1,144,379	--	1,039,673	--	--	--	2,184,052			
Total fund balances	1,144,379	\$ 30,860	\$ 1,039,673	\$ 222,532	\$ 569,798	\$ 1,771,590	\$ 4,778,832			
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	\$ 1,276,375	\$ 30,860	\$ 1,054,197	\$ 554,662	\$ 569,798	\$ 1,779,743	\$ 5,265,635			

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 the 8th day of December, 2025.

/s/ Lynn Reed

Lynn Reed, Clerk

Summers County Commission

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CLASS II-o LEGAL**  
**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S TAX LIEN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACTS OR LOTS OF LAND, OR INTERESTS THEREIN, ON REAL ESTATE IN THE COUNTY OF SUMMERS, WHICH WAS DELINQUENT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES THERON, FOR THE YEAR 2024. HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED TO THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE AUDITOR PURSUANT TO WEST VIRGINIA CODE 11A-3-8. ANY PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN ANY LISTED PROPERTY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE REDEMPTION, SALE, OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY WILL PROCEED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE - LAND DIVISION.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.  
SHERIFF/TREASURER OF SUMMERS COUNTY JUSTIN L FARIS.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

List of tax liens certified in the County of SUMMERS on the 3rd day of November, 2025 for the nonpayment of taxes thereon for the year 2024, and certified to the Auditor of the State of West Virginia:

**2024 TAX LIENS**

**01-FOREST HILL**

TICKET	TAXPAYER(S)	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
126	BROOKS EMMA L	7 ACRES CEDAR BRANCH TRACT 2	227.05
301	DONELAN ELIZABETH ANN	2 ACS LITTLE WOLF CREEK	405.04
314	EAST REUBEN T JR & ROBIN R	1.4 A. SPRUCE RUN	428.44
434	HALL RONALD II & STEPHANIE M W/S	1.29 ACRES STINKING LICK (HOUSE TRAILER)	518.15
436	HALL RONALD II & STEPHANIE M	1 LOT NEAR CHEROKEE STRIP 0.47 ACRE	80.22
512	HUNT BRANIT LLC	1 A. APPROX. NEAR MARIE	1,004.15
580	LESTER GALE	4.713 ACRES CEDAR BRANCH RESURVEY	1,058.33
857	RUNYON ARCHIE	LOT 1, 2.25 AC. RED ROCK ON GBR. DIV. # 3	2,673.68
1077	WENGERD RUDY & RUTH W/S	0.63 A. FOREST HILL	1,775.78
1078	WENGERD RUDY & RUTH W/S	1.739 ACRES BRADSHAW RUN	892.35
1100	WILLIAMS GARY N	LOT 1 SECTION G HOLLY GROVE S/D	408.31

**02-GREENBRIER**

TICKET	TAXPAYER(S)	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1522	BROWNING PAUL & CATHY W/S	18 ACRES GREENBRIER RIVER HILLS	556.01
1523	BROWNING PAUL D & CATHY W	4 ACRES M/L GREENBRIER RIVER	287.48
1754	GREEN CAROLYN JUNE	5 ACRES M/L	302.25
1943	LUSK KYLE G	3 ACRES AND 80 POLES BIG CREEK	137.95
2077	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	2 ACS 40 POLES COAL ONLY	72.94
2078	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	10 ACS 48 POLES COAL ONLY	72.94
2079	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	10 ACS 48 POLES COAL ONLY	72.94
2080	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	24 ACS 30 POLES COAL ONLY	72.94
2081	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	9 AC 10 POLES COAL ONLY	72.94
2082	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	9 ACS 10 POLES COAL ONLY	72.94
2083	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	15 ACS COAL ONLY	72.94
2084	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	22 ACS 80 POLES COAL ONLY	72.94
2085	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	5 AC 40 POLES COAL ONLY	72.94
2156	RICHMOND PATTI ELLISON	1/2 ACRE GBR. RIVER	411.29
2416	WILLS BOBBY	1/2 ACRE NEW RIVER HILLS	666.29

**03-GREEN SULPHUR**

TICKET	TAXPAYER(S)	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2707	BAILEY ASHLEIGH JEAN & LARRY L W/S	LOT 13 FOX DIV.	746.77
3127	CLEMMER BOBBY JR & MARY L W/S	35 ACRES MORE OR LESS SURFACE	867.78
3128	CLEMMER BOBBY, JR. & PHILLIP & CHARLES	1/2 AC & HOUSE	376.02
3129	CLEMMER BOBBY, JR. & PHILLIP & CHARLES	3 SINGLE WIDES	422.69
3277	ESOTERIC VENTURES LLC	1.97 ACRES LICK CREEK SURVEY C-94C	1,676.26
3308	FLESHMAN DARLENE	0.64 ACRES LICK CREEK	594.11
3514	HARRIS JULIUS	83 ACRES MINERAL	112.36
3637	KENNEDY JEREMIAH 100% 2/3 LIFE GILL SELINA 1/3 LIFE ON HOUSE	2.598 ACRES SURVEY C-90A	625.29
3786	MARTIN DOLLY & CHILDREN	3.16 ACRES LICK CREEK	109.19
3815	MCLANAHAN STANLEY L & MARY J W/S	2.12 ACRES LICK CREEK	1,323.46
3834	MCGRAW JAMES RANDOLPH	10 ACRES AND 144 POLES NEW RIVER HILLS	360.28
3889	MILLER CHARLES K	10 ACRES CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN	309.78
3890	MILLER CHARLES K	13 ACRES 120 POLES, CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN	317.58
3971	MYERS ROBERT W & BUFFY	60.61 ACRES	2,328.04
3972	MYERS ROBERT W & BUFFY M W/S	14.90 ACRES	311.80
3973	MYERS ROBERT W & BUFFY M W/S	25.6 ACRES	647.41
3974	MYERS ROBERT W & BUFFY M W/S	40 ACRES	1,064.54
3975	MYERS ROBERT W & BUFFY M W/S	6.75 ACS M/L	209.87
3995	NORTHERN DUSTIN L	1/10 OF AN ACRE LAUREL CREEK	731.53
4000	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	14 ACS COAL ONLY	72.94
4001	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	17 ACRES COAL ONLY	72.94
4002	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	66.5 ACRES COAL ONLY	75.65
4003	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	1 ACRE COAL ONLY	72.94
4004	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	27 ACS 120 POLES COAL ONLY	72.94
4134	RICHMOND GARY W & KAREN M W/S	5.90 ACRES NEW RIVER HILLS	541.35
4395	SMITH IRMA L	1/8 ACRE MEADOW CREEK (STORAGE-JOINS HOME)	622.87
4419	STEVENS CHARLES EMMONS JR	25 ACRES PATTERSON CREEK	739.45
4566	VIERS VELMA "ETALS"	LOT 36 BARKSDALE	548.50

**04-HINTON CORP.**

TICKET	TAXPAYER(S)	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
4580	WALKER DANA & CAROLYN W/S	7.937 ACS M/L LITTLE MEADOWS	263.31
4738	WILLS BOBBY & FRITTS HEATHER W/S	19 A. 40 P. STONE LICK BRANCH	1,039.66

**05-JUMPING BRANCH**

TICKET	TAXPAYER(S)	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
7448	BANTHER JACKIE & PHYLLIS W/S	LOT 27	531.57
7449	BANTHER JACKIE & PHYLLIS W/S	HINTON BY-PASS	1,820.10
8132	FIRST STATE BANK	LOTS 24-25-26	961.86
8267	HARBISON EARL BENJAMIN "SURF"	HINTON BY-PASS	1,209.42
8296	HARTWELL KEAGAN & THOMAS HILL LAND, LLC	7.844 ACRES FLAT TOP MOUNTAIN "FEE"	104.96
8416		50.5 ACRES WHITE OAK MOUNTAIN	224.11
8482	JACKSON BRUCE	LOT 50X BEECH RUN	345.96
8517	JONES EDDIE L & WILMA R W/S	759 ACRES 96 POLES BIG SWELL MOUNTAIN	347.69
9076	MORRISON WILLIAM & BOBBI & SALYERS CINDY W/S	12 ACS M/L MADAMS CREEK	316.78
9149	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	36.246 ACRES SUCK CREEK BLUESTONE HILLS	316.78
9150	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	27 ACRES 120 POLES COAL ONLY	93.38
9151	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	40 ACRES 9 ACRES	119.50
9152	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	6.18 ACRES COAL ONLY	101.35
9153	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	5.39 ACRES COAL ONLY	1339.92
9154	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	6.18 ACRES COAL ONLY	72.94
9155	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	100 ACRES COAL ONLY	72.94
9156	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	88 ACRES 80 POLES COAL ONLY	72.94
9157	THOMPSON MELVA B	5000 SQ FT BEECH RUN	607.57
9158	THOMPSON MELVA B	1 LOT 15X100 BEECH RUN	77.55
9619	TODD BERTHA EST	6.32 ACRES JUMPING BRANCH	129.76
9620	TODD BERTHA EST	1/2 INT (MINS)	147.69
9621	VIA LETHA & MATTIE O	1/2 INT MINERALS ONLY	140.33
9622	VIA LETHA & MATTIE O	195.20 ACRES WHITE OAK MOUNTAIN MINERAL ONLY	88.53
9623	WILCOX INDUSTRIES INC	3 ACRES M/L MADAMS CREEK	2,029.52
9624	WILCOX INDUSTRIES INC	100% INST(SURF) & 1/2 INST (MI 5.32 ACS MT 1 AC COUNTY	92.57
9625	WILCOX INDUSTRIES INC	100% INST(SURF) & 1/2 INST(MIN 6.32 ACRES JUMPING BRANCH	216.82
9626	WILCOX INDUSTRIES INC	1/2 INT MINERALS ONLY	88.29
9627	WILCOX INDUSTRIES INC	195.20 ACRES WHITE OAK MOUNTAIN MINERAL ONLY	481.71
9628	WRIGHT GARY E & ROBIN S W/S	13.311 ACS M/L	1,781.66

**06-PIPESTEM**

TICKET	TAXPAYER(S)	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10229	BAILEY CODY & DESTINY W/S	5.01 ACRES M/L PIPESTEM CREEK	2,148.39
10297	BLANKENSHIP NICKY DBA VILLAGE AT ROCK RIDGE INC	0.46 ACRES ROCK RIDGE	1,204.16
10308	BOSLEY MICHAEL & ROSEMARY D W/S	LOT #9 1AC TALLERY MOUNTAINS	110.56
10390	CARR COREY & ANDREW & SHELLEY	2.7 ACRES	1,727.62
10415	COLANERO GLENNA FARLEY	TRACT A 1.61 ACRES PIPESTEM CREEK	(Continued On Next Page)

**LEGAL NOTICE****NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in her by that certain Deed of Trust executed by and between **Cecil Romanello**, ("Borrower"), and **Amy L. Mann (First Trustee)**, and **First Century Bank, Inc., n/k/a Burke & Herbert Bank, ("Lender")**, dated the 16th day of May, 2014, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Summers County Commission in Summers County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 272, at Page 182. Whereas, said Lender having nominated and appointed **ANNA R. ZIEGLER, ROBERT A. GARDNER, DAVID L. ZIEGLER, and the law firm of Ziegler & Ziegler, L.C., any one of whom may act, ("Substitute Trustees")**, by Substitution of Trustee dated November 5, 2025, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Book 324 at Page 742. Said Deed of Trust being presently in default, the said Substitute Trustees having been requested by the beneficiary thereof so to do, **NOW, THEREFORE, we, ANNA R. ZIEGLER, ROBERT A. GARDNER, DAVID L. ZIEGLER, and the law firm of Ziegler & Ziegler, L.C., Substitute Trustees as aforesaid, will proceed to sell the hereafter described real estate at public auction on the 7th day of January, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., to the highest bidder for cash in hand, 10% down the day of the auction, remainder due within 30 days of the sale, at the front door of the Courthouse of Summers County, West Virginia, which real estate is located in the Forest Hill District, Summers County, West Virginia, and is more particularly described as follows:**

BEGINNING at a 12" red oak, corner to Charles W.

Mitchell and James R. Hart and proceeding thence with said Hart and Robert Cales S. 31° 53' 50" W., 885.02 feet to a large fence post found, being a distant N. 32° 20' 18" E., 147.40 feet from a 5/8" rebar and cap found on northeast line W. V. Route 12 in old road; thence with Brent Romanello and Joyce Miller along said road the following, N. 35° 22' 49" W., 44.19 feet; N. 44° 05' 14" W., 152.79 feet; N. 19° 41' 39" W., 67.24 feet; N. 19° 41' 39" W., 33.63 feet; N. 18° 49' 37" W., 66.06 feet; N. 22° 53' 15" W., 27.20 feet; N. 28° 37' 24" W., 27.14 feet; N. 19° 46' 44" W., 50.33 feet; N. 15° 46' 51" W., 46.67 feet; N. 04° 43' 11" W., 37.92 feet; N. 00° 21' 38" E., 56.00 feet; N. 10° 57' 51" E., 95.05 feet; N. 16° 17' 06" E., 43.58 feet; N. 16° 17' 06" E., 51.53 feet to a 5/8" rebar and cap set; thence leave said road with Joyce Miller, N. 60° 40' 09" W., 85.80 feet to a 5/8" rebar and cap set at walnut stump; thence N. 31° 40' 09" W., 152.62 feet to a 5/8" rebar and cap set on easterly line of W. V. Route 12, thence with said Route 12, N. 11° 05' 07" E., 479.86 feet to a point on said Route 12, being distant N. 53° 32' 08" W., 8.92 feet from the northeast corner of a 2 story building; thence S. 75° 26' 52" E., 15.00 feet to appoint on said Route 12, being distant N. 68° 55' 25" W., 16.88 feet from the northeast corner of said block building; the (sic) continue with Route 12 N. 14° 33' 08" E., 175.00 feet to a 5/8" rebar and cap set, corner to Elmo Allen and Ronald Bolling, thence with said Bolling S. 75° 07' 18" E., 131.08 feet to a 16" sugar maple found marked; thence S. 13° 15' 24" E., 110.06 feet; thence S. 13° 15' 24" E., 446.09 feet to a spring; thence S. 88° 04' 16" E., 25.77 feet to a 5/8" rebar and cap set on line of said Mitchell; thence with said Mitchell, S. 03° 58' 08" E., 196.46 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

AND BEING the same

property conveyed unto Cecil Romanello from Cecil Romanello by deed dated January 12, 2012, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Summers County Commission in Deed Book 240 at Page 713.

AND FURTHER BEING the same property that descended unto Anthony Romanello, Elizabeth Romanello, Carol Horney, Lilly Romanello, and Hannah Romanello upon the death of Cecil Romanello on August 16, 2016, by virtue of intestate succession.

AND FURTHER BEING the same property conveyed unto Anthony and Tommi Lynn Romanello from Anthony Romanello, Elizabeth Romanello, Carol Horney, Lilly Romanello, and Hannah Romanello by deed dated July 31, 2020, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Summers County Commission in Deed Book 270 at Page 665.

**THIS SALE IS MADE** subject to such easements, rights-of-ways, restrictive covenants, reservations and agreements as are contained and set forth in prior deeds of conveyance pertaining to said real estate.

**SAID SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1) 10% of the successful bid shall be paid by the successful bidder unto the Substitute Trustee(s) the day of sale, by cash or certified funds. The balance of said bid shall be due via certified funds unto the Substitute Trustee(s) within 30 days of the sale.

2) Subject to any and all mineral rights and reservations, stipulations, restrictions, reservations, easements, conditions and covenants contained in all former conveyances of the subject property or appearing of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office except any pertaining to race, color or creed.

3) Subject to all real estate taxes against said property

and any taxes which constitute a lien upon the said property but which are not yet due and payable.

4) The subject property will be sold in AS IS condition. The trustees shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

5) The property will be conveyed by the undersigned Trustee(s) to the purchaser without warranty of any kind, expressed or implied.

6) The aforesaid sale may be adjourned from time to time as the undersigned Trustee deems advisable, which adjournment may be made by oral proclamation at the time and place of the sale or any adjournment thereof.

GIVEN under our hands on this the 10th day of November, 2025.

**/s/Robert A. Gardner  
Robert A. Gardner  
Trustee**

Ziegler & Ziegler, L.C.  
110 James Street  
Hinton, WV 25951

**/s/ David L. Ziegler  
David L. Ziegler  
Trustee**

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**/s/ Anna R. Ziegler  
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110 James Street  
Hinton, WV 25951  
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is commenced within five years after the publication of this notice. Creditors should submit information describing the nature of their claims against the Corporation to the following address:

Sprouting Farms Corp.  
c/o Stroud  
24 Elizabeth Valley Road,  
Morgantown WV 26508<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> As provided by West Virginia Secretary of State Business Entity Details.  
(24de)

**A.A.**

**Meetings**

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hinton Alcoholics Anonymous group holds multiple weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 8 p.m., Wednesdays at noon, and Saturdays at 5 p.m. in the lower level of Ascension Episcopal Church.

**2026 Courthouse Holiday Schedule**

Veterans' Day: Wednesday, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving: Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27

Christmas: Friday, Dec. 25

New Year's Day (2027): Friday, Jan. 1

The commission noted that the schedule includes all holidays granted by the governor of West Virginia. Additionally, any days or partial days designated as time off under West Virginia Code 2-2-1 will be incorporated into the county's paid holiday schedule.

For holidays designated as "half-day holidays," the courthouse will maintain limited morning hours, operating from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Summers County Commission is composed of Saunders, Mike Gore and Ted Kula. The office is supported by Clerk Lynn Reed and Administrator Lisa Eads.

Residents seeking more information can contact the commission at 304-466-7100 or visit the county's website at [www.summerscountywv.gov](http://www.summerscountywv.gov).

**NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION FOR DISSOLUTION**

The Board of Directors of Sprouting Farms Corp. ("Corporation") filed articles of dissolution to dissolve the Corporation. Claims against the Corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim

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**06-PIPESTEM**

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13766 MARTIN JOSEPH L LOT 1,.59 ACRES 956.51  
13770 MARTIN W E 103 ACRES 2,240.41

HUNGARTS CK LOT 99 OF BBB SUB DIV 334.17  
GREENBRIER SPRINGS 60 ACRES 72.94

COAL ONLY 77 ACRES 80 POLES 72.94

14094 OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC COAL ONLY 72.94

14095 OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC 17 ACRES 72.94

COAL ONLY 50 ACRES 72.94

COAL ONLY PCLS 1-8,S/D 577.90

WEST ALDERSON COMBINED PARCELS 117THU134&140 1,299.50

WEST ALDERSON S/D COMBINED PARCELS160&182&183&19 2,345.09

WEST ALDERSON LOTS 12165 SQ FT 333.13

GREENBRIER RIVER LOT 50 X 30 X 50 X 30 133.39

**07-TALCOTT**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**AMOUNT**

**TICKET** **TAXPAYER(S)** **LEGAL DESCRIPTION** **AMOUNT**

14434 ROMANELLO RALPH W. JR. AND CONSD: 1/28,29,30,35,37,38, 2,199.04  
JENNIFER K. SHIRES GOLDIE 39,40,41,42LOTS:94,95,96,100

14569 SHIRES GOLDIE 102,103104,105,106,107,108,109 .75 ACRES HUNGARTS CREEK 289.91

14758 STEWART ELIZABETH A CONSD: 21/6.1 & 21/6.3 553.18

14885 THOMPSON JEANNIE Z .49A & .54A GREENBRIER RIVER 570.49

CONSD: 25/80 & 25/81 40X49 & 40X49

WILLS DECREDIA I & EARL J W/S 3.94 ACRES HUNGARTS CREEK 266.52

WILLS RHONDA E 4.01 ACRES HUNGARTS CREEK 167.48

LOT 156 GREENBRIER RIVER ESTATES 368.20

LOT 155 GREENBRIER RIVER ESTATES 257.61

LOT 155 GREENBRIER RIVER ESTATES

The owner of any real estate listed above, or any other person entitled to pay the taxes thereon, may, however, redeem such real estate from the Auditor of the State of West Virginia as provided by law.

Given under my hand this 26th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Justin L. Faris

Justin L. Faris, Summers County Sheriff

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CONSD: 1/28,29,30,35,37,38, 2,199.04

39,40,41,42LOTS:94,95,96,100

102,103104,105,106,107,108,109 .75 ACRES HUNGARTS CREEK 289.91

CONSD: 21/6.1 & 21/6.3 553.18

.49A & .54A GREENBRIER RIVER 570.49

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# Featured Dog of the Week: Brody



HINTON, W.Va. seeking a permanent (Hinton News) — home for Brody, a 9-month-old Mountain Cur and hound



mix recently found wandering alone on a rural road.

Brody, who weighs approximately 50 pounds, was discovered by passersby af-

ter what appeared to to claim him.

be an extended period of roaming. Despite efforts by the organization to locate his original owners, no one has come forward

leash. He has mastered the "sit" command and generally interacts well with other dogs. However, potential adopters are advised that Brody has a tendency to chase cats and should be placed in a home without felines.

The organization characterizes the young dog as "eager for love and adventure" as he awaits a fresh start with a forever family. Those interested in adopting Brody or learning more about the application process are encouraged to visit the Summers County Humane Society's website.

## PSC employees host holiday food drive for YWCA



PSC staff, Wesley Buckley (left), and Ben Sadler (right) loading the YWCA van with donations.

of support like this, we can continue providing critical services and a pathway to stability for women and families in our community."

The week-long initiative included an employee holiday tree-decorating contest, with staff members voting for their favorite tree by donating nonperishable food items or making monetary contributions. Through the generosity of PSC employees, the drive collected 2,600 nonperishable food items and \$900 in monetary donations. These contributions will help provide meals and es-

ential support to women and families seeking safe shelter and stability throughout the holiday season and beyond.

"The food drive reflects the generosity and compassion of our employees and their commitment to giving back to the communities we serve," Lane said.

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Employees of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (PSC) came together to support the YWCA Sojourner's Homeless Shelter for Women and Families through a food drive that provided critical resources to women and families in need.

YWCA Charleston Chief Executive Officer Sonya Hairston accepted the donations from PSC Chairman Charlotte R. Lane on Monday at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street in Charleston.

"This generosity helps create lasting change," said Hairston. "Because

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