



Fishermen Lead Police to Crime Scene in Shanklin's Ferry Homicide Investigation

Hinton News Staff

MONROE COUNTY, W.Va. (Hinton News) — The West Virginia State Police have launched a homicide investigation following the discovery of a body in the Shanklin's Ferry area on Feb. 27.

According to authorities, two

fishermen alerted police at approximately 9:40 a.m. after finding a burned-out vehicle and a deceased male near the riverbank. The victim has been identified as 55-year-old James Jeffries of Peterstown. State Police are currently treating the death as a homicide, and the investigation remains active.

SMS Bobcats Play in The Bluegrass Conference



SMS Bobcats after winning against Western Greenbrier in the Bluegrass Conference. Photo submitted by Matt Stalnaker

Rustic Paws Grooming Celebrates Grand Opening



Ashton Phillips cuts the ribbon.

ALDERSON W.Va. (Hinton News) - A nice crowd joined Ashton Phillips on Saturday, Feb. 28, as she celebrated the grand opening of "Rustic Paws Grooming," a new dog grooming business located at 301 Chase Street in the Alderson Opportunity Center (the old elementary school complex). Alderson Main Street President, Don Sutherland, said, "We are excited to have this new business in town and very pleased

that she chose to join Alderson Main Street immediately."

Ashton, a certified dog groomer, said, "My family and I have owned many different dog breeds that all require different types of care. I quickly realized how expensive regular grooming can be, especially for dogs that need it more often. I wanted to change that and make grooming more accessible, so everyone in my area and surrounding communities can af-

ford the care their pets need."

The 20-year-old is a busy person currently finishing a term with AmeriCorps, in school for forensic psychology, and now, opening her own business.

You can book online at <https://rusticpawgrooming.square.site/> or get in touch with Ashton at rusticpawgrooming@gmail.com.

She said, "Every dog that walks through my door will be treated as one of my own."

WV Spring Fire Season, Burning Restrictions Returned March 1

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – The start of West Virginia's annual spring fire season on Saturday, March 1, marked the return of burning restrictions.

The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) reminds residents to confine outdoor burning to 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., according to West Virginia State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m.

"Despite the recent cold and snowy winter, the fuel sources can dry out quickly. Since January 1, we have responded to 50 fires that have consumed approximately 232 acres. We urge everyone to strictly adhere to burning regulations, particularly during sunny and windy conditions," said

Jeremy Jones, Director/State Forester of the West Virginia Division of Forestry.

Statewide burning restrictions will remain in effect until the spring fire season closes on May 31. The Division of Forestry has issued burning guidelines on its website at wvforestry.com/fire-laws.

Regulations include:

All fires must have a safety strip.

The safety strip itself must be cleared of burnable material and be at least 10 feet wide.

Fire must be attended until completely extinguished.

Only vegetative materials such as leaves, brush and yard clippings are permitted to be burnt.

Spark-throwing machinery such as power shovels or sawmills operating on land subject to fire must contain an adequate spark arrestor.

Inflammable waste disposal areas must annually remove all grass, brush, debris and other inflammable material adjacent to disposal areas to provide adequate protection, preventing the escape of fire to adjacent lands.

"We understand that folks will be wanting to clean up their yards after the winter storms," Jones said. "However, we urge everyone to adhere to our burning restrictions and to contact their local Regional Office with any questions



Photo provided by West Virginia Division of Forestry

about current conditions. During the sunny and warm days of spring, fuels can dry out quickly, allowing fires to start and spread easily."

Commercial burning during prohibited periods requires a permit, which are issued by local WVDOF offices. A permit is required for each commercial burning site. For more information, contact your regional headquarters at <https://wvforestry.com/contact-us>.

Any person or company that causes

a fire on grass or forest land must reimburse the state for the costs of suppressing the fire. Fines for forest fires caused by negligence range from \$100 to \$1,000, with an additional civil penalty of \$200.

The Division of Forestry protects nearly 12 million acres of forestland across West Virginia. For more information on fire safety and programs like forest legacy, logging and landowner assistance, visit wvforestry.com.



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Weekly + HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
A collaboration brings out your best side, Aries. Someone else's strengths may complement your drive right now. You'll get a lot of things done this week.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Your patience pays off in a relationship, Taurus. A long-term goal you share with a partner starts to move into the planning stages this week. Enjoy the excitement ahead.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, joyful news arrives via a friend in the next few days. Celebrate the successes of others, as your own turn for good news is right around the corner.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
This week you may have the opportunity to find beauty in small things, Cancer. A simple walk or a quiet meal with a loved one can bring about peace and insight.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
You are the life of the party right now, Leo. Your warmth draws people to you, making this a great time for networking. A job offer may come from your efforts.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
An act of kindness you performed recently may come back to you in surprising ways, Virgo. The universe will reward your generous spirit. You may continue to pay it forward.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Figure out the perfect middle ground between work responsibilities and fun this week, Libra. If you delegate some of your tasks, you may free up time for personal enjoyment.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, optimism is your guiding light this week. Your "can-do" attitude may inspire others who cross your path in the days to come. Lots will get done in little time.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Deep conversations may lead to a breakthrough, Sagittarius. You might start to understand someone else or a situation on a whole new level.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, financial stability is something you should carefully consider this week. A smart decision you made in the past may not be the best way to continue forward.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you may feel a strong draw toward community or giving back this week. Helping out a neighbor will bring you satisfaction, or you can volunteer.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
It's important to trust your intuition, Pisces. This is leading you toward a very happy coincidence by the end of the week. Someone special becomes involved.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 8 Benny Blanco, Producer (38)	MARCH 11 Anthony Davis, Athlete (33)	MARCH 13 William H. Macy, Actor (76)
MARCH 9 Khaby Lame, TikTok Star (26)	MARCH 12 Malina Weissman, Actress (23)	MARCH 14 Steph Curry, Athlete (38)
MARCH 10 Bad Bunny, Rapper (32)		

Weekly Recipes

Soup Makes An Ideal Appetizer

The right appetizer can lay the foundation for a delicious meal. Appetizers run the gamut from homemade bread to small samplings of seafood. Soup is a popular and versatile appetizer that won't fill anyone up before the main course is served.

Home cooks can choose from any number of soups to serve as the first course at their next dinner party or family meal. The unique flavor profile of this recipe for "Beetroot Soup With Mixed Seeds" from Lines+Angles makes it an opening course.

Beetroot Soup With Mixed Seeds
Serves 4

For the soup:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 onion
- 1 finely chopped garlic clove
- 3 chopped celery stalks
- 1 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1/2 teaspoon dried dill
- 5 cups vegetable stock; plus extra as needed
- 1 1/4 pound pickled beetroot, in juice, cooked, cubed with juice reserved
- 2 tablespoons yogurt, coconut or soy milk
- Salt
- Freshly ground black peppercorns

To serve:

- 4 tablespoons yogurt, coconut or soy milk
- 2 tablespoons chopped pistachio nuts, shelled
- 2 tablespoons black chia seeds
- 2 tablespoons pumpkin seeds
- 2 tablespoons golden linseeds, or linseeds
- 1 handful mint leaves

1. For the soup: Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan set over a medium heat until hot.
2. Add the onion, garlic, celery, and a generous pinch of salt, cooking for 6 to 7 minutes until softened.
3. Stir in the dried herbs and vegetable stock. Bring to a simmer before stirring in the beetroot.
4. Simmer gently for 20 to 25 minutes, until the beetroot is very tender to the tip of a knife.
5. Purée with an immersion blender, adding in some of the reserved beetroot juice to thin out the consistency to your liking; you can also thin it out with more stock or some water.
6. Return the soup to a simmer and stir in the yogurt and some salt and pepper to taste. Keep warm over a very low heat, making sure the soup does not boil.
7. To serve: When ready to serve, ladle into warm bowls and top with some yogurt.
8. Garnish with a scattering of chopped pistachios, mixed seeds and some mint leaves before serving.



Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,
Can Ziplock baggies be recycled? Must the top part of the Ziplock baggie be removed before recycling it? Some Say Yes and Some Say No

Dear Some Say Yes and Some Say No,

Yes, Ziplock baggies, as well as other brands of baggies, can be recycled in the Trex Boxes for plastic film. These boxes are at the Recycling Center, Amy's, Lewisburg Methodist Church and St. James Episcopal Church. However, there are two types of zipper closings on the baggies that must be considered before recycling the baggies. The zipper that is totally part of the baggie does not need to be removed as it is the same kind of plastic as the lower part. However, the zipper that is made of hard plastic and is pulled across the top of the bag to close it must be removed before recycling as it is made of a different kind of plastic. Before recycling any baggies, be sure they are

clean and dry. Baggies can be reused several times if they are washed in warm soapy water and dried.

Baggies were invented in 1968 by a team of engineers with Dow Chemical Co. looking for a way to keep food fresh. However, it was the revolutionary plastic zipper, originally called Flexigrip, invented in 1951, that changed the packaging of food products to zipper bags now known as baggies. The downside of Ziplock baggies and all baggies is that they are made of plastic, which is made from petroleum, a non-renewable resource. As they age, baggies break down into inorganic matter and microplastics and can leach chemicals into the environment. According to theguardian.com, most plastic baggies contain toxic PFAS or "forever chemicals." PFAS are added to the baggies to prevent food from sticking to them and to prevent plastics from sticking to equipment during

manufacturing. Fortunately, there are now non-toxic, sustainable, and eco-friendly alternatives available for plastic baggies. This includes Stasher Silicone food bags, Beeswax sandwich bags, plant-based food wraps, If You Care Sandwich bags, and Cleanomic baggies. Also stainless-steel sandwich boxes are available with no plastic in them at all. All of these are eco-friendly, plastic free and reusable. Most items can be purchased at Earthhero.com.

Dear Recycle Lady,
What are ecosystems? Curious

Dear Curious,
According to The Australian Museum, an ecosystem includes all living things, whether plants, animals or organisms, and whether marine, aquatic or land-based. They interact with each other and with their non-living environments: weather, earth, sun, water, climate, and atmosphere. Ecosystems determine

the health of the entire Earth system and are the foundation of the Biosphere, which is made up of all the parts of the Earth where life exists. Ecosystems come in all sizes and can be as large as the Great Barrier Reef in Australia or as small as a tiny organism, such as bacteria that are an important part of decomposition. This explanation only scratches the surface of ecosystems, and there are many websites available. For a more detailed explanation of ecosystems, see <https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/ecosystem/>.

Interesting Information: The Arctic Ocean

is the shallowest ocean in the world and it's also the smallest. With an average depth of just over two miles, the Arctic Ocean is home to the unique marine life that thrives beneath its icy surface.

Have questions about recycling or

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(Part 2)
by **Mark A. Copeland**
https://executableoutlines.com/topical_series/jesus-the-way-guide/jtw_01.html

Last week, in looking at Jesus as the Way to forgiveness, we ended by reading Romans 6:23 which says the wages of sin is death.

This "death" of which he speaks is ultimately described as the "second death" which involves eternal torment for those who die in their sins:
"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8)

Why is sin considered so bad that unforgiven sinners must experience such torment? To understand why, we must appreciate...

THE NATURE OF GOD AND THE PROBLEM OF SIN

God's nature is such that it is very difficult for a sinner to be acceptable before Him. First, God is supremely **holy**. His holiness makes any "truce" with sin impossible. The Psalmist understood this aspect of God's nature:
For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. (Psalms 5:4-6)

Because God's holiness cannot tolerate sin, sin serves to separate man from God:
But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. (Isaiah 59:2)

Not only is God supremely holy, He is also supremely **just**. His justice demands that sin be punished accordingly. As examples of the strict justice of God, notice what happened to the sons of Aaron when all they did was offer in sacrifice something God had not commanded:
Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.'" So Aaron held his peace. (Leviticus 10:1-3)

Even Moses and Aaron, the servants God used to lead the children of Israel, had to learn the hard way that sin must be justly dealt with. When they struck the rock instead of speaking to it as God commanded, they lost the right to enter into the promised land of Canaan:
Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them." (Numbers 20:12)

And since we have already seen that the ultimate penalty for sin is eternal torment, all this tells us two things:
How **holy** God must be!
How **terrible** sin must be!

Next week we will look at the terrible predicament man is in due to these two factors.
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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CASING	FLASHING	PERMIT	SUBFLOOR
CIRCUIT	GROUT	PIPES	VALVE
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DAY IN HISTORY



1912: The Girl Guides, eventually renamed the Girl Scouts, are founded in the United States.

1947: The Truman Doctrine is proclaimed to help stem the spread of Communism.

2020: The United States suspends travel from Europe due to COVID-19.

MUSIC FACT:

This instrument features prominently in traditional Irish music.

Answer: Fiddle and bow

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the individual words to reveal letters for the phrase.

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Answers: Island, Green, Ocean, Brook : Erin Go Bragh

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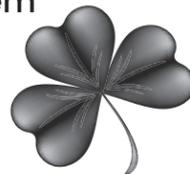
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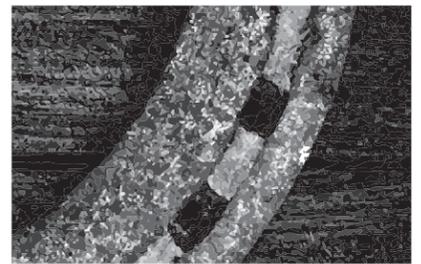
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- German:** Irland

Did You Know?

St. Patrick supposedly used the clover/shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to native Irish in an effort to convert them to Christianity.



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Answer: Horseshoe



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Bluestone Hydro AE, LLC
Project No. 15418-000
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING APPLICATIONS
(February 9, 2026)

On September 23, 2025, Bluestone Hydro AE, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of hydropower at the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Bluestone Dam located on the New River in Summers County, West Virginia. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed Bluestone Hydroelectric Project would consist of the following: (1) a new 180-foot-wide, 180-foot-long reinforced concrete powerhouse to be located downstream along the right bank looking downstream; (2) an existing intake and trashracks; (3) three 5-megawatt (MW) turbine-generator units with a total generating capacity of 15 MW; (4) a new 180-foot-wide by 300-foot-long tail-race; (5) an existing access road; (6) a new 60-foot-long by 60-foot-wide substation with a three-phase step-up transformer; (7) a new 2.1-mile-long, 36.7-kilovolt transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 83 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Roy Powers/Zac Osgood, Agilitas Energy Inc., 401 Edgewater Place, Suite 570, Wakefield, MA; phone: 914-805-2522.

FERC Contact: Monir Chowdhury; phone: (202) 502-6736.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 10, 2026. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCONline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>. Enter the docket number (P-15418) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)
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NOTICE OF
SUBSTITUTE TRUST-
EE'S SALE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned, **STEPHEN J. GOLDER, ESQUIRE** ("**Substitute Trustee**"), by NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF TRUSTEE, which Notice is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia (the "**Clerk's Office**"), in Book No. 324, at Page No. 705, and by a DEED OF TRUST, ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND RENTS, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING executed and dated August 4, 2014, but effective August 15, 2014, executed by **RITE WEST PARTNERS LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company ("**Borrower**"), to **CAMDEN P. SIEGRIST, ESQUIRE**, Trustee, to secure the payment of Five Million Five Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and No/100 (\$5,554,875.00) to **BASIS REAL ESTATE CAPITAL II, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company, of record in the Clerk's Office, in Trust Deed Book No. 273, at Page No. 497, as assigned to **WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF WFRBS COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE TRUST 2014-C22, COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2014-C22** ("**Beneficiary**"), by ASSIGNMENT OF DEED OF TRUST, ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND RENTS, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING executed and dated September 29, 2014 and of record in the Clerk's Office in Assignment Book No. 6, at Page No. 531 (the "**Deed of Trust**"), and by a UCC FIXTURE FILING naming Borrower as Debtor recorded in the Clerk's Office on August 21, 2014 as Instrument No. 174967, assigned to Beneficiary by UCC FINANCING STATEMENT AMENDMENT recorded in the Clerk's Office on May 11, 2015 as Instrument No. 178234, continued by that CONTINUATION recorded in the Clerk's Office on February 28, 2019 as Instrument No. 195960, and further continued by that CONTINUATION recorded in the Clerk's Office on February 29, 2024 as Instrument No. 211856 (the "**Fixture Filing**"), the undersigned Substitute Trustee has been requested, in writing, by Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and the Fixture Filing to sell the real estate and personal property described below, as there has been a default under the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust, the Fixture Filing and the Promissory Note secured thereby. Therefore, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell the real estate (the "**Land**") and the personal property described in the Deed of Trust, at a public auction, on **FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026 AT 1:00 P.M., EASTERN STANDARD TIME**, to the highest bid-

der at the front door of the courthouse of Summers County, West Virginia, 120 Ballengee Street, Hinton, West Virginia 25951, which real estate and personal property is more completely described as follows:

513 Stokes Drive
Hinton, Summers County,
West Virginia

Being a parcel or tract of land situated on the waters of the New River, in the City of Hinton, Summers County, West Virginia to which a more particular description is made to wit:

Beginning at a 1/2" IRON PIN IN CONCRETE FOUND being a common corner with the northeast corner of the Summers County Commission Property, Deed Book 133, page 561, known as Tract No. 25, thence with a line through the CSX property:

S 33° 36' 15" E a distance of 198.12 feet to a 5/8" REBAR FOUND marking a common corner of McDonald's Corporation, Deed Book 175, page 581, thence with the common line of said McDonald's;

S 56° 25' 52" W a distance of 247.22 feet to a 5/8" REBAR FOUND on the northern right-of-way line of State Route 107, thence with said right-of-way line 25' parallel to the Project 3603A centerline thereof;

N 41° 25' 08" W a distance of 200.00 feet to a 1/2" IRON PIN IN CONCRETE FOUND, said POINT being a common corner with previously mentioned Summers County Commission Property, thence with the common line of said Summers County Commission Property;

N 56° 25' 52" E a distance of 274.45 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing in all 51,677 square feet or 1.186 acres more or less.

Less and Except an out conveyance made by Linco, Inc. to the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, by Deed dated May 3, 2001, of record in said Clerk's office in Deed Book 205, Page 226, and being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the eastern existing right of way line of West Virginia Route 107, said point being in the division line between land now or formerly owned by McDonald's Corporation and Linco, Inc., and 25.47 feet right of and at right angle to West Virginia Route 107 centerline at Station 27+64.84, Project U345-107-0.17, Summers County, West Virginia;

Thence, northwesterly, with the meanders of said existing right of way line 200 feet, more or less, to a point in the division line between land now or formerly owned by Greenbrier Valley National Bank and Linco, Inc., and 25.51 feet right of and at right angle to centerline at Station 29+67.36;

Thence, southwesterly with said division line 10 feet, more or less, to a point in the eastern proposed right of way line 35.51 feet right of and at right angle to centerline at Station 29+66.13;

Thence, southeasterly, in a reverse centerline direction, with said proposed right of way line 200 feet, more or less, to a point in

the division line between land now or formerly owned by McDonald's Corporation and Linco, Inc., and 45.47 feet right of and at right angle to centerline at Station 27+64.88;

Thence southwesterly, with said division line 10 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning and containing 2,000 square feet, more or less.

Together with the following:

(a) **Improvements.** The buildings, structures, fixtures, additions, enlargements, extensions, modifications, repairs, replacements and improvements now or hereafter erected or located on the Land (collectively, the "**Improvements**");

(b) **Easements.** All easements, rights-of-way or use, rights, strips and gores of land, streets, ways, alleys, passages, sewer rights, water, water courses, water rights and powers, air rights and development rights, and all estates, rights, titles, interests, privileges, liberties, servitudes, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances of any nature whatsoever, in any way now or hereafter belonging, relating or pertaining to the Land and the Improvements, and the reversions and remainders, and all land lying in the bed of any street, road or avenue, opened or proposed, in front of or adjoining the Land, to the centerline thereof and all the estates, rights, titles, interests, rights of dower, rights of curtesy, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, both at law and in equity, of Borrower of, in and to the Land and the Improvements, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances thereto;

(c) **Fixtures and Personal Property.** All machinery, equipment, fixtures (including, but not limited to, all heating, air conditioning, plumbing, lighting, communications and elevator fixtures), furniture, software used in or to operate any of the foregoing and other property of every kind and nature whatsoever owned by Borrower, or in which Borrower has or shall have an interest, now or hereafter located upon the Land and the Improvements, or appurtenant thereto, and usable in connection with the present or future operation and occupancy of the Land and the Improvements and all building equipment, materials and supplies of any nature whatsoever owned by Borrower, or in which Borrower has or shall have an interest, now or hereafter located upon the Land and the Improvements, or appurtenant thereto, or usable in connection with the present or future operation and occupancy of the Land and the Improvements (collectively, the "**Personal Property**"), and the right, title, and interest of Borrower in and to any of the Personal Property which may be subject to any security interests, as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted and enacted by the state or states where any of the Property is located (the "**Uniform Commercial Code**"), and all proceeds and products of the

above;

(d) **Leases and Rents.** All leases, subleases, subsubleases, lettings, licenses, concessions or other agreements (whether written or oral) pursuant to which any Person is granted a possessory interest in, or right to use or occupy all or any portion of the Land and the Improvements, and every modification, amendment or other agreement relating to such leases, subleases, subsubleases, or other agreements entered into in connection with such leases, subleases, subsubleases, or other agreements and every guarantee of the performance and observance of the covenants, conditions and agreements to be performed and observed by the other party thereto, heretofore or hereafter entered into, whether before or after the filing by or against Borrower of any petition for relief under any Creditors Rights Laws (collectively, the "**Leases**") and all right, title and interest of Borrower, its successors and assigns therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, cash or securities deposited thereunder to secure the performance by the lessees of their obligations thereunder and all rents, additional rents, rent equivalents, moneys payable as damages or in lieu of rent or rent equivalents, royalties (including, without limitation, all oil and gas or other mineral royalties and bonuses), income, receivables, receipts, revenues, deposits (including, without limitation, security, utility and other deposits), accounts, cash, issues, profits, charges for services rendered, and other consideration of whatever form or nature received by or paid to or for the account of or benefit of Borrower or its agents or employees from any and all sources arising from or attributable to the Property, including, all receivables, customer obligations, installment payment obligations and other obligations now existing or hereafter arising or created out of the sale, lease, sublease, license, concession or other grant of the right of the use and occupancy of property or rendering of services by Borrower and proceeds, if any, from business interruption or other loss of income insurance whether paid or accruing before or after the filing by or against Borrower of any petition for relief under any Creditors Rights Laws (collectively, the "**Rents**") and all proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the Leases and the right to receive and apply the Rents to the payment of the Debt;

(e) **Insurance Proceeds.** Subject to the terms and conditions of the Leases, all insurance proceeds in respect of the Property under any insurance policies covering the Property, including, without limitation, the right to receive and apply the proceeds of any insurance, judgments, or settlements made in lieu thereof, for damage to the Property (collectively, the "**Insurance Proceeds**");

(f) **Condemnation Awards.** Subject to the terms and conditions of the

Leases, all condemnation awards, including interest thereon, which may heretofore and hereafter be made with respect to the Property by reason of any taking or condemnation, whether from the exercise of the right of eminent domain (including, but not limited to, any transfer made in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of the right), or for a change of grade, or for any other injury to or decrease in the value of the Property (collectively, the "**Awards**");

(g) **Tax Certiorari.** Subject to the terms and conditions of the Leases, all refunds, rebates or credits in connection with reduction in real estate taxes and assessments charged against the Property as a result of tax certiorari or any applications or proceedings for reduction;

(h) **Rights.** The right, in the name and on behalf of Borrower, to appear in and defend any action or proceeding brought with respect to the Property and to commence any action or proceeding to protect the interest of Lender in the Property;

(i) **Agreements.** All agreements, contracts, certificates, instruments, franchises, permits, licenses, plans, specifications and other documents, now or hereafter entered into, and all rights therein and there-to; respecting or pertaining to the use, occupation, construction, management or operation of the Land and any part thereof and any Improvements or any business or activity conducted on the Land and any part thereof and all right, title and interest of Borrower therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, the right, upon the happening of any default hereunder, to receive and collect any sums payable to Borrower thereunder;

(j) **Intangibles.** Subject to the rights of Tenants under the Leases, all tradenames, trademarks, servicemarks, logos, copyrights, goodwill, books and records and all other general intangibles relating to or used in connection with the operation of the Property;

(k) **Accounts.** All reserves, escrows and deposit accounts maintained by Borrower with respect to the Property, including, without limitation, the Accounts and all cash, checks, drafts, certificates, securities, investment property, financial assets, instruments and other proceeds, products, distributions or dividends or substitutions thereon and thereof;

(l) **Proceeds.** All proceeds of any of the foregoing items set forth in subsections (a) through (k), including, without limitation, Insurance Proceeds and Awards, into cash or liquidation claims; and

(m) **Other Rights.** Any and all other rights of Borrower in and to the items set forth in subsections (a) through (l) above.

TERMS OF SALE:

1. Cash in hand paid on the day of sale.
2. Sale of the property shall be made subject to all matters having priority over

the Deed of Trust and Fixture Filing referred to herein including, but not limited to, any and all assessments and taxes against said property, all prior liens, rights of redemption, deeds, encumbrances, leases, restrictions, reservations, covenants, conveyances, conditions, rights-of-way and easements of any nature whatsoever.

3. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by West Virginia Code § 11-22-1, *et seq.*, and any additional recording costs.

4. The subject property will be sold in an "**AS IS**" physical condition by deed containing no covenants or warranties, express or implied. Substitute Trustee makes no representations or warranties of any kind or character, including, but not limited to, the condition of the real estate and personal property or the title to the real estate or personal property to be conveyed and transferred.

5. Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property or to remove any personal property from the subject property.

6. Substitute Trustee reserves the right to adjourn the sale for a time, or from time to time, without further notice by announcement at the time and place of the sale described above.

7. Beneficiary, or servicer, of the Deed of the Trust and holder of the Promissory Note thereby secured reserves the right to submit a bid for the property at the sale, which bid may be in the form of a credit bid.

8. Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

9. Such other terms as may be announced at the time of sale.

Given under my hand this 24th day of February, 2026.
STEPHEN J. GOLDER,
ESQUIRE
Substitute Trustee
(304) 523-2100
(4,11mr)

"LEGAL NOTICE"

Request for Proposals (RFP):

Notice of available funding to serve as the One-Stop Operator and/or Title 1 Comprehensive Youth Service Provider under the guidelines of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 for the eleven-county area of Region 1 in West Virginia (Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh Summers, Webster & Wyoming). Interested parties can review the RFP's at www.r1wib.org on or after Monday March 2, 2026. Youth Services Prover Contract is \$789,342.33 and One-Stop Operator Contract is \$100,000.00

The Mandatory Bidder's Conference for this Request for Proposal will be held on Friday March 13, 2026, at 2 PM at the Raleigh County WORKFORCE American Job Center, 200 New River Town Center, Beckley, WV 25801.
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A Peek into Summers County's Past: Richard Clayton



William Jones
Hinton News

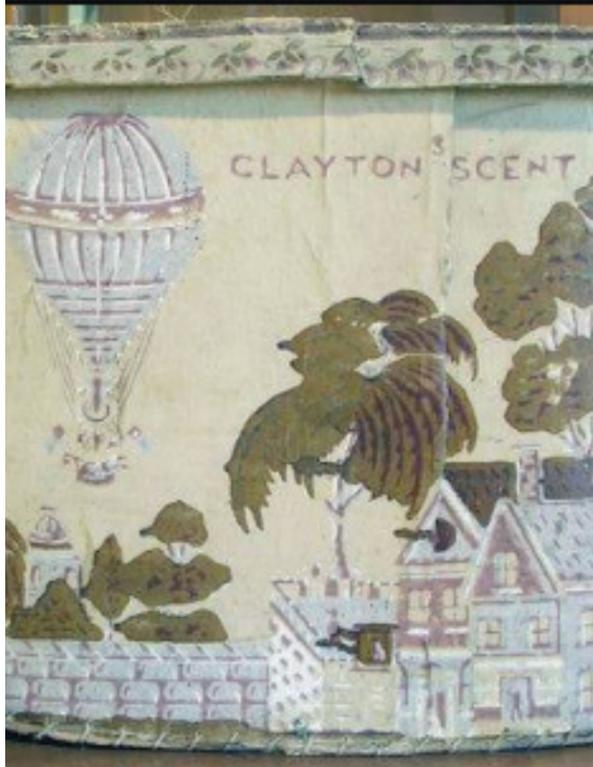
CLAYTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - This week marks my 157th piece in the "A Peek Into Summers County's Past" series. I have tried to do each week around a piece I have in my collection. This one will be a tad different. I do wish I owned these two rare early items, though.

In one of my early stories, I told the history of Clayton, W.Va., and how it earned its name when Richard Clayton, an early balloonist, got stuck in a tree after taking flight from Cincinnati, OH,

Amphitheater in April 1835. He landed in the tree at about 2:30 a.m. after a 9 1/2 hour flight.

You don't see many things about Richard Clayton or referencing the history of Clayton. I do have five spoons that I have mentioned before that were made by Richard, who was an early coin silversmith in Cleveland, OH. He was also a watchmaker on top of being an "aeronaut," better known as a "balloonist."

The first thing is this early papier-mache box commemorating Richard Clayton's ascent, which is an instance of rising through the air. "The



first balloon ascent was in 1783." Based on the graphics painted on the box, it must have depicted a view near the amphitheater in Cincinnati, OH.

Next is the rare antique crock jug. The description for the jug reads, "Commemorating Richard Clayton's 1835 air balloon descent in what later became Clayton, WV. An exceptional cobalt blue slip decorated ovoid stoneware jug with a balloon ascension motif, circa 1835-55. The unique subject commemorates the historical significant 350-mile flight of Richard Clayton, who ascended from the Cincinnati, Ohio, Amphitheater in April 1835 and landed 9 1/2 hours later in Monroe

County, Virginia, breaking the world record for the farthest distance traveled in a balloon."

In 1835, Monroe County was still in Virginia. This area was part of the state of Virginia until West Virginia separated in 1863. Monroe County was established in 1799 from Greenbrier County

as part of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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