



More Than Just a Grade: How Drama and Community Shaped the Summers County 2026 Teacher of the Year



Lisa Abshire
Hinton News

SUMMERS COUNTY, W.Va. (Hinton News) - After winning the Summers County Teacher of the Year award, Briana Miller discusses the early steps of her journey toward this achievement. Briana Miller didn't originally plan to be a teacher; she first attended college and earned a degree in communications. Ultimately, after some time, Briana chose to return to college to obtain

a degree in education. Following her graduation, Briana got married and moved to Louisiana, and later to Colorado. About three years ago, she and her family decided to return to Summers County. This move, according to Briana, set the stage for her being named Teacher of the Year.

"I wanted to come back here to teach, especially the Summers County drama program."

Briana added that she never imagined leaving Summers County. However, she met her spouse—stationed in Germany—through a mutual friend, which changed her path.

"I never wanted to leave Summers County, but I'm glad I had the opportunity to, because I feel like it exposed me to so many different people," Briana went on to say. The experience allowed her to teach in Colorado and bring many benefits back to Summers County.

"I became a teacher because of the drama program, because I knew when I grew up, I wanted to stay involved in theater," Briana added. Recognizing the limitations of drama teaching, she went on to say she chose elementary education since it offered more opportunities.

"I ended up falling in love with fourth- and fifth-grade education." Although she started teaching drama, it didn't

work out, so she returned to earn her education degree. Briana shared, "I'm so glad I did because it just so happens I love teaching in the classroom as well."

Briana loves teaching in Summers County because, unlike her experience in Colorado, she knows the families and feels a real sense of community.

"It was a really big place. Coming back to Summers County, I'm getting to teach the children of a lot of classmates I graduated with, and it feels more like home to me," Briana explained, highlighting the difference between Colorado and Summers County.

"I love teaching the drama program because it gives Summers County kids a way to express themselves beyond sports. Many students have pursued arts careers."

Briana recalled a favorite memory with one of her students, Jayden, while pursuing her degree in education. On the first day of practice, Jayden forgot the group song and started crying.

Briana took Jayden into the hallway and asked what was wrong. Jayden said, "Miss Bree, I can't go in front of people." At 20, Briana wondered how to help Jayden, who later earned a main role and excelled on stage. She had Jayden as a student for several more years.

Briana explained that those moments when a kid and their parents are so concerned because the child is shy, and then by the end of the year, they're so outgoing. "I think that's my favorite thing about it."

Asked how she felt winning Teacher of the Year, Briana responded with a mix of emotions. The pride in her voice showed how much these kids mean to her.

Briana expressed humility and disappointment for her teacher friends who didn't win. She said Savannah Connor went through the process with her, which was nice. All nominees deserved to win, but Briana felt honored and excited to be recognized.

She said the one thing she wanted everyone to know is that Summers County has a bad reputation for education, and it's so undeserving. Briana said when it comes to teachers and our education system, she sees all the positive things that the administration, teachers, and students are doing.

Briana expressed her wish that the public could see more of the positives, instead of only the negative things presented online and on Facebook.

After speaking with her, it's easy to see how Briana earned the prestigious Teacher of the Year award.

Summers County Woman Sentenced to Life for Daughter's 2022 Murder

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Hinton News

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — A Summers County woman was sentenced Thursday, April 30 to two life terms in prison for the 2022 murder of her 4-year-old daughter, concluding a case that prosecutors described as "monstrous."

Rebakah Weikle, 33, of Forest Hill, received the sentences after pleading guilty to first-degree murder and child abuse and neglect resulting in death. Under the terms of a plea agreement, Weikle will be eligible for parole in 30 years, though the court noted she is likely to spend the remainder of her life be-

hind bars.

The sentencing follows a multiyear investigation into the death of Haley Weikle, whose body was discovered in the family's home in July 2022. According to evidence presented by Summers County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Lefler, Rebakah Weikle admitted to stabbing the girl and cutting her throat while the child lay in bed.

Investigators said the motive for the killing was an obsessive jealousy regarding the attention the child's father, Rusty Weikle, paid to his daughter.

"She was jealous that I was paying attention to her, doing what I was supposed to do, watching out for her," Rusty Weikle said following the hearing. "To do this to a baby that's four years old... is monstrous."

In the immediate aftermath of the killing, Rebakah Weikle attempted to frame her husband, claiming he had murdered the girl to cover up alleged sexual abuse. She later admitted those claims were fabrications intended to deflect responsibility, according to court testimony.



Rebakah Weikle

Rusty Weikle also faced charges in the case, pleading guilty to child neglect and abuse resulting in death, as well as neglect involving two other children in the home. He was sentenced to home confinement and probation. Prosecutors stated that while he was not involved in the murder, he

failed to address "red flags" exhibited by Rebakah Weikle leading up to the incident.

The couple's other two children have since been adopted by another family.

"She revealed that she was solely responsible for this," Lefler said. "It almost seems impossible to accept."



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Alpha-Gal Syndrome Cases Climb as Ticks Spread Across U.S., Doctors Warn of Summer Risk

David Hodge
Hinton News

SOUTHERN U.S. (Hinton News) - Cases of alpha-gal syndrome—a red meat allergy linked to tick bites—are surging across the United States due to rising temperatures and expanding tick habitats, according to doctors and public health experts.

Once considered a rare condition largely confined to the Southeast, alpha-gal syndrome is now being diagnosed in the Midwest, Northeast, and other regions. The illness is triggered by a sugar molecule called alpha-gal, found in the saliva of certain ticks, most notably the lone star tick, which can sensitize the immune system and lead to delayed allergic reactions after eating beef, pork, lamb, or dairy.

“It’s an emerging public health concern,” said state epidemiologist Katie Brown, noting that the lone star tick is pushing northward and westward and is expected to continue

expanding its range. Illustrating the growing impact, in some areas with heavy Lone Star tick populations, up to 3% of residents may be affected.

Doctors estimate tens of thousands of people in the Southeast and Midwest alone have alpha-gal syndrome, with hot spots in states such as Missouri, Arkansas, Virginia, and North Carolina. However, despite the rising number of cases, many clinicians remain unfamiliar with the condition, leading to misdiagnoses or delayed care.

Patients often present with puzzling symptoms: chest pain, low blood pressure, gastrointestinal distress, or rashes that occur hours after eating red meat. Consequently, some are initially treated for anxiety, panic disorder, or other unrelated conditions before eventual allergy testing points to alpha-gal.

Unlike typical food allergies, which often cause immediate reactions, alpha-gal symptoms can be delayed by

three to six hours, making it difficult to recognize the connection between a meal and a reaction. As a result, some patients develop hives or swelling, while others experience severe gastrointestinal problems or even anaphylaxis. Up to 60-75% of diagnosed cases involve potentially life-threatening reactions, according to allergy specialists.

Doctors say the rise in cases is closely tied to changes in tick ecology. Warmer winters and expanding suburbs give ticks more time and space to feed and reproduce, increasing human-tick encounters during activities like outdoor recreation, farming, or yard work.

“The tick populations are high, and people are outside more as the weather warms,” one public health expert said, adding that the months from spring through early fall are especially risky. “Whether there are slightly more ticks this year or slightly fewer than next year, there are still a lot of them. That’s what mat-

ters.” Physicians are particularly concerned about the upcoming summer months, when tick activity peaks and people spend more time outdoors.

They warn that alpha-gal is often underdiagnosed and that tick bites can also transmit other serious illnesses, including Lyme disease, babesiosis, ehrlichiosis, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. This broader threat underscores the urgency of recognizing and addressing tick-borne diseases.

Recent research suggests that alpha-gal and Lyme disease can co-occur. Some studies indicate that about 17% of alpha-gal patients also have Lyme disease, complicating diagnosis and treatment and increasing the overall health burden.

Managing alpha-gal syndrome requires strict avoidance of red meat

and, for many patients, other mammal-based products such as gelatin, certain medications, and personal care items that may contain hidden animal-derived ingredients. Because some individuals are so sensitive that they react even to cooking fumes or trace exposures, constant vigilance is required.

There is currently no specific cure, but some patients improve over time by avoiding further tick bites, and a subset can gradually reintroduce certain meats under medical supervision. This offers some hope for long-term management.

Doctors and public health officials urge aggressive tick bite prevention: wear long sleeves and pants outdoors, use EPA-registered repellents, treat clothing with permethrin, check for ticks after being outside, and shower promptly. These

steps are increasingly important as risks climb.

“Prevention is absolutely critical,” one tick-borne disease specialist said. “With alpha-gal and other tick-borne illnesses on the rise, what happens this summer will depend on how seriously people take tick protection now.”

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TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Financial clarity is coming your way, Taurus. You might discover a subscription you don't need or a better way to save for that big-ticket item. Your future self will thank you.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Your words have extra weight this week, Gemini. Use them to bridge a gap between friends or to draft that important email. A sibling or close neighbor has some surprising news for you.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
Don't ignore your dreams right now, Cancer. Your subconscious is trying to solve a puzzle while you sleep. Keep a notepad by the bed; a “Eureka!” moment arrives soon.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
You're the glue holding your team together this week, Leo. While you're busy leading, don't forget to delegate. You'll find that people are more than willing to help if you seek assistance.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
A change in your daily routine brings a massive boost to your mood, Virgo. Try a morning workout or a different lunch spot. Breaking the cycle opens the door for a fresh perspective.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Romance is leaning toward the intellectual this week, Libra. A deep conversation about your values or goals will bring you closer to a partner or a new interest.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, whether it's your home life or a long-term project, pay attention to the small details and you will prevent a headache later. A family member offers some sage advice.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Your curiosity is your best asset this week, Sagittarius. Take a deep dive into a topic that usually bores you—you'll find a hidden connection that benefits your career.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Patience is your mantra, Capricorn. You're waiting for an answer, and while the silence is frustrating, the result will be worth it. Use the downtime to refine your current strategy.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You are a magnet for eccentric people this week, Aquarius. Embrace the weirdness. A chance encounter with someone outside your usual circle sparks a very profitable idea.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Quiet reflection is more productive than busy work right now, Pisces. Slip away for some solitude. You'll soon have the clarity you need to make a big decision about your living situation.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MAY 10 Kenan Thompson, Comic (48)	MAY 12 Emilio Estevez, Actor (64)	MAY 15 Chazz Palminteri, Actor (74)
MAY 11 Sabrina Carpenter, Singer (27)	MAY 13 Robert Pattinson, Actor (40)	MAY 16 Pierce Brosnan, Actor (73)
MAY 14 George Lucas, Director (82)		

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WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ALIGNMENT	ENLIGHTENMENT	MINDFULNESS	STILLNESS
AWARENESS	EQUANIMITY	MUDRAS	TRANSCENDENCE
BREATHWORK	FOCUS	NIRVANA	VIPASSANA
CHAKRA	GRATITUDE	PRANAYAMA	VISUALIZATION
CLARITY	INTENTION	PRESENCE	ZAZEN
COMPASSION	MANTRA	SAMADHI	ZEN

A Peek into Summers County's Past: Talcott School Question



William Jones
Hinton News

TALCOTT, W.Va. (Hinton News) - I am again asking for your help with a piece in my collection. I received this photo many years ago. It is faintly identified in pencil: "Talcott School, Talcott, W. Va. 1888". This is the only information I have about this photo.

It is unusual to see a two-story building as a school at that time around these parts. It appears to sit on an embankment that slopes towards the back of the building. The main part of Talcott is virtually

flat terrain. So, unless this building sat up on the hill where the current Talcott Elementary is today, I couldn't venture to guess where it was located in Talcott.

If you know any information about this school/school building, for example, if it was torn down or burned down. What year did either/or occur? Its location in Talcott, etc., please email me at greenbrierantiques@gmail.com.

Library Craft Lab Announced

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) - The next Friends of the Library's Craft Lab will be held on May 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the library. This month, students will learn the craft of quilling, which involves shaping paper into delicate pleats or folds to create images or patterns.

They will use quilling techniques to create small greeting cards featuring bouquets or simple animals on the front cover. Create a piece of art that you can

mail to a friend. The cost is \$20 total, of which \$10 is for supplies and \$10 supports the library programs. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of chatter and creation. You must register no later than May 22 to ensure we have enough supplies for each person. (If you were at the April session, you are already registered for this one.)

In a world heavily dominated by screens, join a small group focused on the

arts. This activity will help you to express creativity, reduce stress, achieve a sense of accomplishment, and connect with others in a meaningful way. Even if you are not particularly "crafty," it is just simple fun.

To register, contact Cheryl

Kula - 304-445-6748 or cheryl.kula@gmail.com.

Future Craft Lab Dates:

June 26 - Embroidery

July 24 - Holiday Ornaments

August 21 - Ugly Faces Sculpting

September 25 - Cross

Stitch

October - No Craft Lab - this month is packed already!

November 13 - Craft TBD

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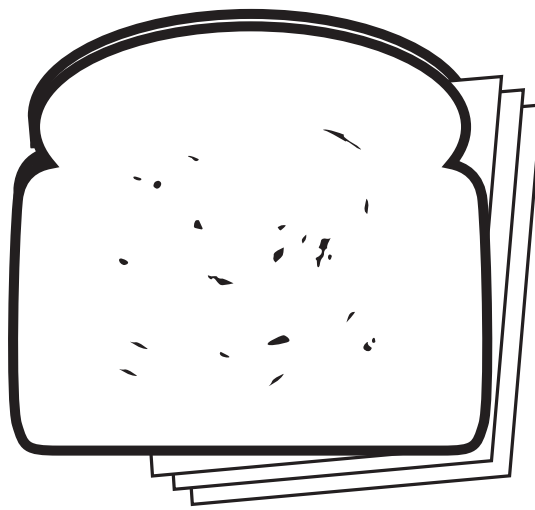
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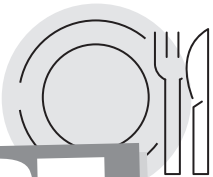


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1985: The Bradford city stadium fire takes place in England.

2009: The space shuttle "Atlantis" is launched on its final mission.

Food FACT:



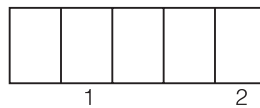
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Answer: American cheese

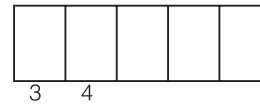
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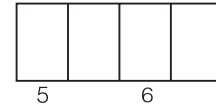
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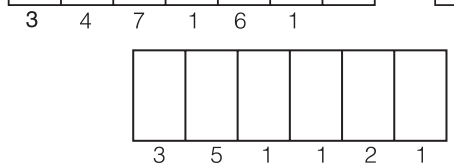
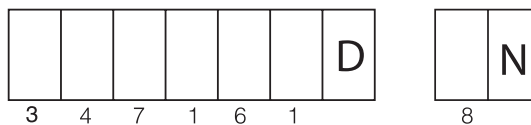
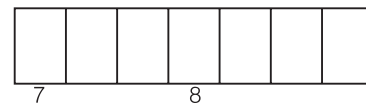
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Answers: Melts, Colby, Hard, Variety : Covered in cheese

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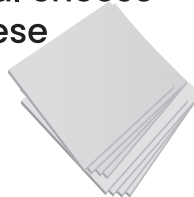
the watery part of milk that remains after the formation of curds

How they say that in...

- English:** Cheese
- Spanish:** Queso
- Italian:** Formaggio
- French:** Fromage
- German:** Käse

Did You Know?

American cheese typically is made from a blend of colby and cheddar with emulsifiers. It is not classified as a real cheese but a processed cheese food or pasteurized processed cheese.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Breakfast sandwich



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Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts of lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

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7 ACRES CEDAR BRANCH TRACT 2				FOREST HILL	\$333.32
2025-C-000002	2024	301	DONELAN ELIZABETH ANN		
2 ACS LITTLE WOLF CREEK				FOREST HILL	\$538.92
2025-C-000003	2024	314	EAST REUBEN T JR & ROBIN R		
1.4 A. SPRUCE RUN				FOREST HILL	\$565.91
2025-C-000004	2024	436	HALL RONALD 11 & STEPHANIE M		
1 LOT NEAR CHEROKEE STRIP 0.47 ACRE				FOREST HILL	\$163.75
2025-C-000005	2024	434	HALL RONALD D II & STEPHANIE M W/S		
1.29 ACRES STINKING LICK (HOUSE TRAILER)				FOREST HILL	\$669.53
2025-C-000006	2024	512	HUNT BRANIT LLC		
1 A. APPROX. NEAR MARIE				FOREST HILL	\$1,230.78
2025-C-000007	2024	580	LESTER GALE		
4.713 ACRES CEDAR BRANCH RESURVEY				FOREST HILL	\$1,293.41
2025-C-000009	2024	1077	WENGERD RUDY & RUTH W/S		
0.63 A. FOREST HILL				FOREST HILL	\$2,084.87
2025-C-000010	2024	1078	WENGERD RUDY & RUTH W/S		
1.739 ACRES BRADSHAW RUN				FOREST HILL	\$1,099.34
2025-C-000014	2024	1754	GREEN CAROLYN JUNE		
5 ACRES M/L				GREENBRIER	\$420.18
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2025-C-000036	2024	3786	MARTIN DOLLY & CHILDREN		
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2.12 ACRES LICK CREEK				GREEN SULPHUR	\$1,598.57
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10 ACRES CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN				GREEN SULPHUR	\$428.85
2025-C-000040	2024	3890	MILLER CHARLES K		
13 ACRES 120 POLES, CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN				GREEN SULPHUR	\$437.86
2025-C-000041	2024	3971	MYERS ROBERT W & BUFFY		
60.61 ACRES				GREEN SULPHUR	\$2,677.84
2025-C-000042	2024	3972	MYERS ROBERT W & BUFFY M W/S		
14.90 ACRES				GREEN SULPHUR	\$429.91
2025-C-000043	2024	3973	MYERS ROBERT W & BUFFY M W/S		
25.6 ACRES				GREEN SULPHUR	\$817.98
2025-C-000044	2024	3974	MYERS ROBERT W & BUFFY M W/S		
40 ACRES				GREEN SULPHUR	\$1,299.56
2025-C-000045	2024	3975	MYERS ROBERT W & BUFFY M W/S		
6.75 ACS M/L				GREEN SULPHUR	\$313.18
2025-C-000047	2024	4000	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
14 ACS COAL ONLY				GREEN SULPHUR	\$155.36
2025-C-000048	2024	4001	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
17 ACRES COAL ONLY				GREEN SULPHUR	\$155.36
2025-C-000049	2024	4002	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
66.5 ACRES COAL ONLY				GREEN SULPHUR	\$158.48
2025-C-000050	2024	4003	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
1 ACRE COAL ONLY				GREEN SULPHUR	\$155.36
2025-C-000051	2024	4004	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
27 ACS 120 POLES COAL ONLY				GREEN SULPHUR	\$155.36
2025-C-000054	2024	4419	STEVENS CHARLES EMMONS JR		
25 ACRES PATTERSON CREEK				GREEN SULPHUR	\$925.03
2025-C-000055	2024	4566	VIERS VELMA "ETALS"		
LOT 36 BARKSDALE				GREEN SULPHUR	\$704.55
2025-C-000058	2024	5103	ADKINS THOMAS RAY		
12TH AVE SMITH HOLLOW				HINTON CORP	\$203.09
2025-C-000063	2024	5266	BRAGG DAVID VICTOR JR & BUCKLAND SUSAN W/S		
LOT 55X110 BALLENGEE STREET				HINTON CORP	\$579.90
2025-C-000064	2024	5267	BRAGG DAVID VICTOR JR & BUCKLAND SUSAN W/S		
PART LOT 45 X 100				HINTON CORP	\$185.00
2025-C-000065	2024	5334	CAIN CHARLES B & LORA W/S		
1 LOT NEAR R R CROSSING 55X51				HINTON CORP	\$281.20
2025-C-000066	2024	5418	COLEMAN JEFFREY N & JESSICA COLEMAN "LIFE"		
BLOCK N LOT 66 TAYLOR STREET				HINTON CORP	\$988.78
2025-C-000068	2024	5591	FIX DEBRA KAY		
PART LOT 11 NEAR LINCOLN SCHOOL				HINTON CORP	\$952.50
2025-C-000069	2024	5787	HARTWELL THOMAS LYNN		
BLOCK Y LOTS 2-3 BALLENGEE ST				HINTON CORP	\$739.76
2025-C-000070	2024	5801	HEATH MARION H		
LOT A THOMPSON HILL				HINTON CORP	\$302.18
2025-C-000071	2024	5802	HEATH MARION H		
LOT B THOMPSON HILL				HINTON CORP	\$1,613.36
2025-C-000074	2024	5883	J&D PROPERTIES LLC		
BLOCK P P/O LOTS 10-11-12 312 6TH AVE				HINTON CORP	\$1,433.09
2025-C-000076	2024	6438	PITZER CHARLES HOWARD JR & MELISSA DAWN W/S		
BLOCK 8 P/O LOT 11 11TH AVE				HINTON CORP	\$898.74
2025-C-000077	2024	6439	PITZER CHARLES HOWARD JR & MELISSA DAWN W/S		
LOT 25' X 50' P/O LOT 12				HINTON CORP	\$246.91
2025-C-000080	2024	6564	SANDIDGE DAWANA E & RODRIGUEZ JOHNATHAN B W/S		
1 LOT BLK 5 TEMPLE ST 40X50				HINTON CORP	\$178.95

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2025-C-000081	2024	6565	SANDIDGE DAWNA & RODRIGUEZ JOHNATHAN		
LOT 3 BLK 5 TEMPLE ST 50 X 140				HINTON CORP	\$209.13
2025-C-000082	2024	6566	SANDIDGE DAWNA E & RODRIGUEZ JOHNATHAN B W/S		
1 LOT BLK 5 TEMPLE ST 50X60				HINTON CORP	\$188.17
2025-C-000083	2024	6699	TASSOS STEPHEN D		
1 LOT PLEASANT ST				HINTON CORP	\$1,616.17
2025-C-000084	2024	6844	WHITT ROBERT D & DREMA G		
PART LOT 38 WEST END				HINTON CORP	\$472.34
2025-C-000085	2024	6919	YANCEY SANDRA TREADWAY		
BLOCK J LOTS 10-11-12 52 X 150 4TH AVE				HINTON CORP	\$586.34
2025-C-000086	2024	7448	BANTHER JACKIE & PHYLLIS W/S		
LOT 27 HINTON BY-PASS				JUMPING BRANCH	\$685.00
2025-C-000087	2024	7449	BANTHER JACKIE & PHYLLIS W/S		
LOTS 24-25-26 HINTON BY-PASS				JUMPING BRANCH	\$2,132.19
2025-C-000088	2024	8132	FIRST STATE BANK		
7.844 ACRES FLAT TOP MOUNTAIN "FEE"				JUMPING BRANCH	\$1,177.93
2025-C-000090	2024	8296	HARTWELL KEAGAN & THOMAS		
LOT 50X BEECH RUN				JUMPING BRANCH	\$329.96
2025-C-000091	2024	8416	HILL LAND, LLC		
759 ACRES 96 POLES BIG SWELL MOUNTAIN				JUMPING BRANCH	\$192.53
2025-C-000095	2024	9149	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
27 ACRES 120 POLES COAL ONLY				JUMPING BRANCH	\$155.36
2025-C-000096	2024	9150	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
40 ACRES COAL ONLY				JUMPING BRANCH	\$155.99
2025-C-000097	2024	9151	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
9 ACRES COAL ONLY				JUMPING BRANCH	\$155.36
2025-C-000098	2024	9152	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
6.18 ACRES COAL ONLY				JUMPING BRANCH	\$155.36
2025-C-000099	2024	9153	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
5.39 ACRES COAL ONLY				JUMPING BRANCH	\$155.36
2025-C-000100	2024	9154	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
6.18 ACRES COAL ONLY				JUMPING BRANCH	\$155.36
2025-C-000101	2024	9155	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
100 ACRES COAL ONLY				JUMPING BRANCH	\$161.87
2025-C-000102	2024	9156	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
88 ACRES 80 POLES COAL ONLY				JUMPING BRANCH	\$155.36
2025-C-000103	2024	9594	THOMPSON MELVA B		
5000 SQ FT BEECH RUN				JUMPING BRANCH	\$772.78
2025-C-000104	2024	9595	THOMPSON MELVA B		
1 LOT 15X100 BEECH RUN				JUMPING BRANCH	\$160.67
2025-C-000105	2024	9619	TODD BERTHA EST 1/2 INST (MINS)		
6.32 ACRES JUMPING BRANCH 1/2 INT MINERALS ONLY				JUMPING BRANCH	\$216.88
2025-C-000106	2024	9620	TODD BERTHA EST 1/2 INST (MINS)		
195.20 ACRES WHITE OAK MOUNTAIN MINERAL ONLY				JUMPING BRANCH	\$237.58
2025-C-000107	2024	9676	VIA LETHA & MATTIE O		
3 ACRES M/L MADAMS CREEK				JUMPING BRANCH	\$233.18
2025-C-000108	2024	9678	VIA LETHA & MATTIE O		
LOT 30X162 MADAMS CREEK				JUMPING BRANCH	\$173.34
2025-C-000115	2024	10297	BLANKENSHIP NICKY DBA VILLAGE AT ROCK RIDGE INC		
0.46 ACRES ROCK RIDGE				PIPESTEM	\$2,484.83
2025-C-000116	2024	10308	BOSLEY MICHAEL & ROSEMARY D W/S		
LOT #9 1AC TALLERY MOUNTAINS				PIPESTEM	\$1,461.75
2025-C-000117	2024	10390	CARR COREY & ANDREW & SHELLEY		
2.7 ACRES				PIPESTEM	\$198.79
2025-C-000118	2024	10415	COLANERO GLENNA FARLEY		
TRACT A 1.61 ACRES PIPESTEM CREEK				PIPESTEM	\$2,032.83
2025-C-000119	2024	10476	DAVIS SHERRIE LANE		
LOT 1 EDWARDS S/D				PIPESTEM	\$1,451.60
2025-C-000121	2024	10696	HARPER DANIEL		
2 ACRES 80 POLES PIPESTEM CREEK				PIPESTEM	\$261.39
2025-C-000123	2024	11135	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC		
50 ACRES COAL ONLY				PIPESTEM	\$155.36
2025-C-000125	2024	11224	POWERS ERNIE & MATTHEW W/S		
0.06 ACRES ROCK RIDGE RESORT				PIPESTEM	\$462.65
2025-C-000126	2024	11225	POWERS ERNIE & MATTHEW W/S		
0.04 ACRES ROCK RIDGE RESORT				PIPESTEM	\$323.70
2025-C-000127	2024	11226	POWERS ERNIE & MATTHEW W/S		
ROCK RIDGE RESORT 0.02 ACRES				PIPESTEM	\$220.19
2025-C-000131	2024	12083	BOONE LINDA KAYE		
1 ACRE CLAYTON .				TALCOTT	\$567.31
2025-C-000133	2024	12456	COLEMAN JEFFREY		
1 LOT 380 X 100 HUNGARTS CREEK				TALCOTT	

LEGAL NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until June 09, 2026 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call: 008
Contract: 2026890001

State Project:

R389-REMGR-27 00

Federal Project:

Description:

GUARDRAIL

D9 2027 REM GUARDRAIL Install, replace, or repair guardrail and fence district wide.

COUNTY: BRAXTON

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. (6,13my)

NOTICE

Pursuant to W.Va. Code § 20-5-16, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources plans to enter a contract with a third party for the financing, construction, and operation of new lodging facilities at Blackwater Falls State Park, Lost River State

Park, and Pipestem Resort State Park and has scheduled a public hearing on this matter, to be held in open house format from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on the following dates and at the following locations:

Blackwater Falls State Park; Main Lodge

1584 Blackwater Lodge Rd
Davis, WV 26260

Date: June 2, 2026

Lost River State Park; Recreation Building

321 Park Drive
Mathias, WV 26812

Date: June 3, 2026

Pipestem Resort State Park; McKeever Lodge

3405 Pipestem Dr
Pipestem, WV 25979

Date: June 4, 2026

(13,20my)

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Call: 014

Contract: 2025450027

State Project:

S345-20-30.23 00

Federal Project:

STBG-0020(454)D

Description: ASPHALT PAVING Green Sulphur - Elton Begin: 0.16 mile South of CR 4, End: 0.14 mile South of CR 5

COUNTY: SUMMERS

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2024-C-000102

Summers County

To: FRANCIS WILLS, JOHNNIE RAY WILLS, FRANCIS A. WILLS, ELLEN WILLS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT JUMPING BRANCH MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 4535 0000

You will take notice that CRAIG P MUELLER, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2024-C-000102, located in JUMPING BRANCH District, PENN VIRGINIA HX #11 ORDERS #2 which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WILLS JOHNNIE RAY & FRANCIS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of SUMMERS County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 21, 2025. CRAIG P MUELLER requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after June 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before May 31, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2023 - 9790..... \$85.18

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.....\$0.00

Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year\$0.00

Additional taxes with interest\$0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest..... \$104.16

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest..... \$646.24

Additional Statutory Fees with Interest \$276.28

Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check**\$1,111.86**

You may redeem at any time before May 31, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount re-

quired to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand March 3, 2026.

Christal G. Perry

Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of SUMMERS County, State of West Virginia
(6,13,20my)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estates have been opened for probate in the Summers Fiduciary Supervisor's Office at 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 100, Hinton, WV 25951-0097. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code § 41-5-11 - 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative of the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Summers County Fiduciary Supervisor's office within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code § 44-2 or 44-3A.

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

First Publication Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Claim Deadline: Sunday, July 5, 2026

ESTATE OF: RONALD HAROLD BOCK SR

EXECUTRIX: BETTY C BOCK

ESTATE OF: BERTIE LOU LIVELY

EXECUTOR: STEVEN BROCK LIVELY

ESTATE OF: GARRISON LEE BOONE

ADMINISTRATRIX: ANGEL BOONE

ESTATE OF: GEORGE WILLARD ADKINS

ADMINISTRATRIX: AUDREY A. ADKINS

ESTATE OF: NANCY LOUISE CYRUS HARTWELL

EXECUTOR: JAMES JOSEPH HARTWELL SR.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 29, 2026.

Donald R. Basham Jr.
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County
(6,13my)

A.A.

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

For more information, please call 304-660-7073 or 1-800-333-5051.

Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,

Is bubble wrap recyclable? If not, how does one get rid of it? Popper Dear Popper,

Yes, bubble wrap is recyclable with plastic film and can be recycled at Kroger, Lowe's, and Walmart. However, before you recycle your bubble wrap, consider its many uses. You may want to store some for future use.

Each year, enough bubble wrap is used for all kinds of packaging to wrap around the Earth's equator 20 times - a distance of five million miles! Disposing of this much bubble wrap is a problem, especially since it can take up to 1,000 years to decompose in a landfill. Fortunately, there are several alternatives to putting bubble wrap in the trash.

It can be saved for future packages, to protect stored items, or for art and DIY projects. It can also be used for insulation. Place it in your grocery bag to help keep cold foods cold, use it to protect plants from frost damage, or to insulate outdoor plants during the winter. Businesses or organizations that ship packages, like Post Net located north of town, will appreciate having it. To donate bubble wrap to Post Net, open the outside door and place your bubble wrap against the wall to the right of the door. The worst choice, of course, is to put it in

the trash.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What are nurdles? They must have something to do with plastics. Confused

Dear Confused,

Nurdles are the very tiny plastic pellets that are the building blocks for manufacturing plastic products. They are microplastics, as they are smaller than 5mm (0.2 inches), so it takes over 600 nurdles to make one small plastic bottle. Not only are nurdles in everything everywhere - inside marine life, wildlife, birds, soil, vegetables, rain, snow, and human bodies. Millions of them wash up on coastal beaches, riverbanks, and lakes every year and will remain in the environment for centuries. They cause environmental damage and disrupt many ecosystems as they are harmful to birds and fish, which mistake them for eggs and eat them. Nurdles can be poisonous when eaten by fish, and they can then enter the human food chain when the fish are caught and put on the market.

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

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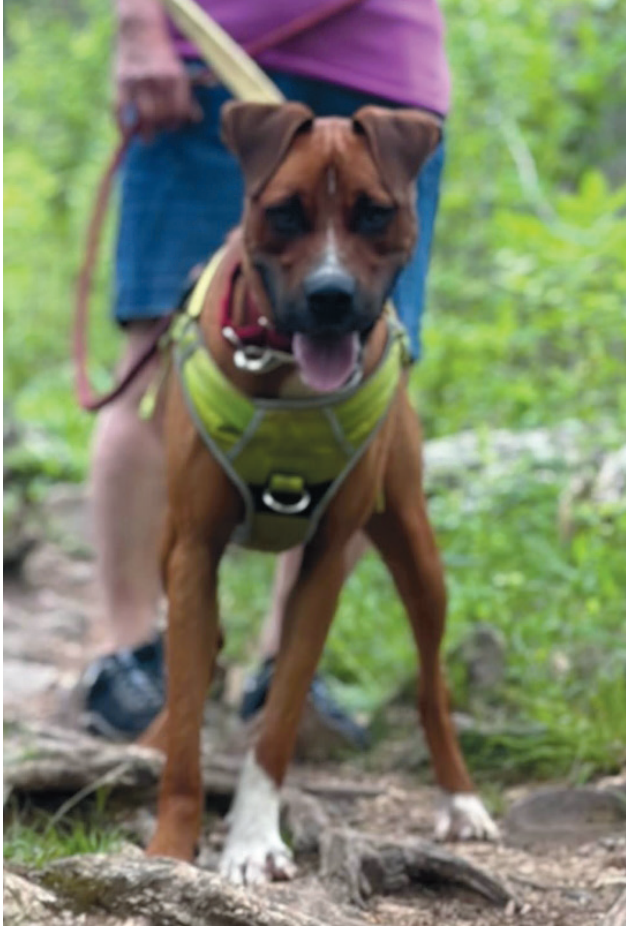
Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Payments must be received prior to the close of business the day prior to the land sale. Pre-registration while not required is strongly recommended and may be completed at the following link: <https://www.wvsao.gov/CountyCollections/Registrations>.

Given under my hands this 27th of April, 2026.

Christal G. Perry

**Christal G. Perry
Land Director of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of SUMMERS County**

Featured Dog of the Week: Brody



Hinton News Staff
 HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — Brody, a 1 1/2-year-old mixed breed described as “smart as a whip,” is looking for a way out of the county kennels he has called home for nearly half his life.

After spending seven consecutive months in a confined kennel environment, the energetic male—suspected to be a Boxer or Mountain Cur mix—is in urgent need of a foster or permanent adopter

who can provide the mental and physical stimulation he lacks in a shelter setting.

Volunteer staff at the Summers County Humane Society/ACWP note that while Brody’s long stay has

left him appearing anxious and “wound up,” his true personality is that of a playful, water-loving companion.

“It’s hard to see his true personality shine through when he’s burning off pent-up energy,” a volunteer wrote in a recent appeal for the dog. “He needs someone willing to take on the challenge of engaging his brain and giving him some exercise.”

Key details for potential adopters:

Personality: Highly intelligent, loves playing with balls, splashing in water, and taking car rides.

Current Status: Has spent seven months in a kennel, which volunteers equate to roughly three years in “dog years” regarding

the impact of confinement.

Financials: Brody’s adoption fee is currently fully sponsored, meaning there is no cost to adopt him for a qualified

Shelter representative emphasize that Brody is “ready to learn anything you can teach him” and the long-term resident

active owner who understands the behavioral toll of long-term sheltering.

Those interested in fostering or adopting Brody are encouraged to contact the Summers County Humane Society/ACWP. Supporters are also asked to share his story to help find a match for the long-term resident.

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Jesus, The Way Out Of Religious Confusion

(Part 1)
 by **Mark A. Copeland**
https://executableoutlines.com/topical_series/jesus-the-way-guide/jtw_01.html

Introduction
 Many people who wish to follow Jesus are repelled by the multitude of denominations and conflicting doctrines and practices taught by those professing to be Christians. Such distaste for denominational division is in keeping with the spirit of the New Testament. For example, the night before His crucifixion, we find Jesus praying:
“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.” (John 17:20-21)

Jesus prayed fervently for unity “that the world might believe.” I appreciate this concern of Jesus every time I try to teach Muslims, Jews, Hindus, atheists, etc. The apostle Paul, also, was concerned with the problem of division, and spoke by inspiration against it:
Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe’s household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? (1 Corinthians 1:10-13)

Sounds a lot like denominational division today, doesn’t it? But while some denominational leaders like to justify their existence, we know from the Scriptures that such religious confusion does not come from God! Consider:
For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. (1 Corinthians 14:33)

Since God is not the author of such confusion, what is its source? The apostle Paul gives us a strong hint several times in his epistles. To the religiously divided church at Corinth, he said:
For you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not carnal? (1 Corinthians 3:3-4)

Where religious division exists, “carnality” is at work! And Paul warns us in his letter to the Galatians that it is one of those things that can keep one out of the kingdom of God:
Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Galatians 5:19-21)

The words “seditions, heresies” in the original Greek describe exactly the denominational world around us today!

But even so, is it possible for people today to simply be Christians, and not a contributor to the denominational division of today? **Yes!** And Jesus shows us **The Way Out Of Religious Confusion!**

Next week, we will be looking at the example Jesus has set for us.
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 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30
 Bible Study 10:30
 Worship 11:15
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:30
 We would love to have you come and study with us.
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