



Color the River: Summers County’s Biggest Day on the Greenbrier Draws Strong Turnout

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The Hinton News

SUMMERS COUNTY, WV- On Saturday, June 13, 2026, Color the River treated locals and visitors to one of the region’s largest annual river floats along the Greenbrier River near Hinton. The community celebration drew paddlers from across West Virginia and beyond for a full day of tubing and kayaking on the water.

Color the River remains a welcoming float. Locals, visitors, first-timers to seasoned paddlers, came together for a day on the Greenbrier enjoying river views, and celebrating Summers County’s natural beauty. The estimated turnout was around 5,000 paddlers.

The 4-mile float from Pence Springs to the Talcott Bridge is the same route as featured in the past two years. This gave returning floaters a sense of tradition while inviting new paddlers to experience the river’s calm stretches.

Berry’s Campground remains a cornerstone of the Color the River tradition, supporting the event’s growth and fostering a family-friendly atmosphere.

Color the River attracts a diverse crowd seeking a relaxed outdoor experience. Visitors explored Summers County reinforcing the event’s reputation as a welcoming celebration of the river and its surroundings.

Participants enjoyed a day on the water with plenty of opportunities to socialize, picnic, and take in the river’s natural beauty. The scene was colorful, with themed outfits, and gear with a shared sense of adventure among paddlers.

Organizers emphasized environmental mindfulness and safety, encouraging hydration, sun protection, and respectful conduct along the river during the event.

As Color the River grows, organizers say the core goal remains constant: a



Floaters on the river.

family-friendly, community-centered celebration that showcases Summers County’s river heritage. Berry’s Campground and local partners are committed to keeping the day vibrant and accessible for years to come.

Event coordinators are exploring ways to streamline registration, expand volunteer opportunities, and promote the float to wider audiences. They invite paddlers and attendees to share their experiences on social media using event hashtags to boost visibility and encourage future participation.

Community Effort Removes 51 Bags of Trash from Lawn Road



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MEADOW BRIDGE- A large-scale community cleanup effort recently made a significant impact along Lawn Road, where volunteers and local agencies worked together to remove a

substantial amount of litter and debris from the area.

Thanks to the efforts of Charles Saunders, the Summers County Day Report Program, the Summers County Sheriff’s Department, and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR), a total of 51 bags of trash were collected during the

cleanup. Summers County Sheriff Justin Faris also assisted by hauling the collected trash away.

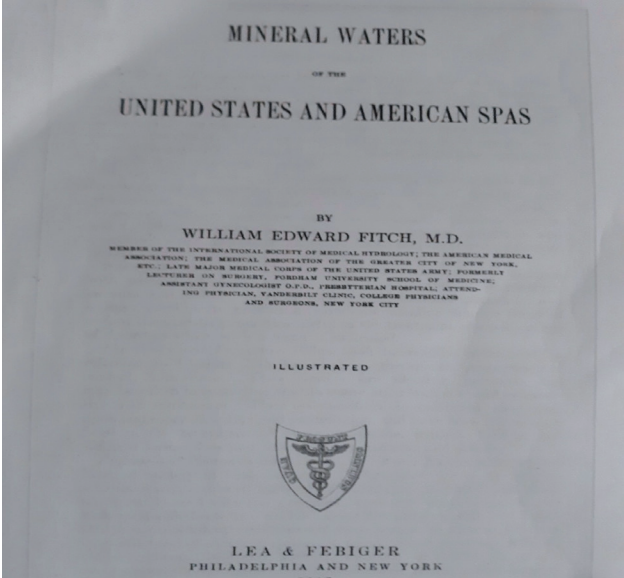
Organizers noted that the amount of litter gathered highlights the ongoing challenge of illegal dumping and roadside trash, issues that are entirely preventable. While the cleanup was successful, participants em-

phasized the importance of personal responsibility and community pride in keeping local roadways clean.

The collaborative effort serves as a reminder of what can be accomplished when community members and public agencies work together to improve and protect the area.



A Peek into Summers County’s Past: Uncovered Mystery at the Pence Springs Hotel



Screenshot

William Jones

Everyone knows that a sulphur spring is what gave Pence Springs its fame and fortune back in the day. People would travel from all around to “take the waters” for its healing properties. The railroad establishing a depot in what was first called “Stockyards” in the 1870’s allowed people to drink what was believed to be healing waters from across the country.

Then with the popularity of auto travel in the late 1910s to the 1930s made Pence Springs much more accessible to anyone seeking the healing benefits. Until the depression struck in 1929, the hotel had upwards of hundreds of people to enjoy the amenities and entertainment offered to the public. As well as visitors that would go just down over the hill to the spring.

But something very few people are aware of is that the Pence Springs Resort had not 1 but 2 springs on the property. The first is the sulphur spring that Andrew Pence took 1st place at the World’s Fair for in 1904. The second is the little known magnesia spring. “A magnesia spring is a natural mineral spring containing dissolved magnesium compounds, primarily magnesium sulfate (Epsom salts) and magnesium carbonate. Historically, these springs were highly sought after for

health tourism because the water was believed to aid digestion, cure skin ailments, and relieve muscle tension.”

I was recently asked by David Sibray to assist him in a story he was working on for West Virginia Explorer titled: “Hidden healing spring on historic Pence Springs resort grounds draws new interest.” After discussing this with my father, who was the head of maintenance of Greenbrier Academy for Girls located in the old Pence Springs Hotel building, told me he had located an old concrete wall structure against the bank down over the hill a bit on the left as you start up the driveway.

He then remembered that George Kounse of Pence Springs, who passed away at 91 in 2018, told him of the 2nd spring, that it is a magnesia spring and is located just as you start up the driveway. George was a life long resident of Pence Springs and was a caddy for the Pence Springs Golf Course in the 1930s.

The photo you see is of me “tasting” the magnesia spring after we delved down over the bank through thick brush to access the spring. After David posted the story on Facebook, it began to draw a lot of attention. My good friend and fellow historian Karen Wygal came through as she always does.

She posted screenshots



Me tasting the magnesia spring

of a book that proves what was a myth until just a few weeks ago. She found a 1927 book titled “Mineral Waters of the United States and America Spas” by William Edward Fitch, M.D. He talks in great detail about the Pence Springs Hotel’s scenic beauty which provides a restful relaxing stay, the sulphur water spring which he list-

ed as “Spring No. 1 Water.”

He then lists the nearly unheard of magnesia spring as “Spring No. 2 Water” and explains it as “This is a magnesium water, heavily charged with natural carbonic-acid gas. The bicarbonates of magnesium, calcium and sodium, together with the sulphates of potassium and sodium, combine to

produce an admirable alkaline diuretic water of potent therapeutic properties useful in the treatment of a wide range of disorders where such a water is indicated.”

Now that we possess the proof, it is time to dig in even further and find out if there was a spring/bath house where dad found that old concrete wall. I am figuring there is at least some mention buried in the state archives from when The West Virginia State Prison for Women opened in the Pence Springs Hotel in 1947. Perhaps where they removed a structure in this location?

There is a small concrete water box located at the base of a rock right below this between the Pence Springs Community Church driveway and the entrance to the hotel.

I had always assumed this was a watering box for the horses transporting guests from the railroad depot to the hotel would have taken away from the guests to water and graze them at this location.

At that time up to the 1920s, the main road through Pence Springs went from the Pence Springs depot, up the hill to the church, and across to the hotel. This water box would have been below the hotel and away from guests. It is believed that it is fed by the magnesia spring due to its close proximity to the spring. I was excited to have done my part in discovering the truth about one of the many mysteries of the Pence Springs Hotel property, as obsessed as I have always been about its history.

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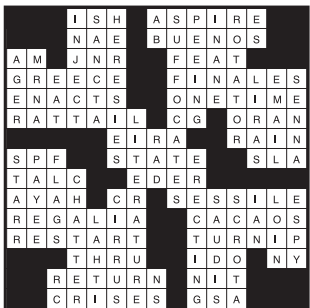
CLUES ACROSS

1. Nocturnal S. American rodent
5. Requesting
11. Give temporarily
12. Excitedness
16. Armed Forces branch
17. Actor Harris
18. Middle Eastern capital
19. Air hostesses
24. Partner to "Pa"
25. Percussion instrument
26. Popular computers
27. Reduce light
28. Asian mountain range
29. Every one of two or more
30. Absence of difficulty
31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage
33. Whittles
34. Impact
38. Serviceman
39. A French river
40. Prehistoric people

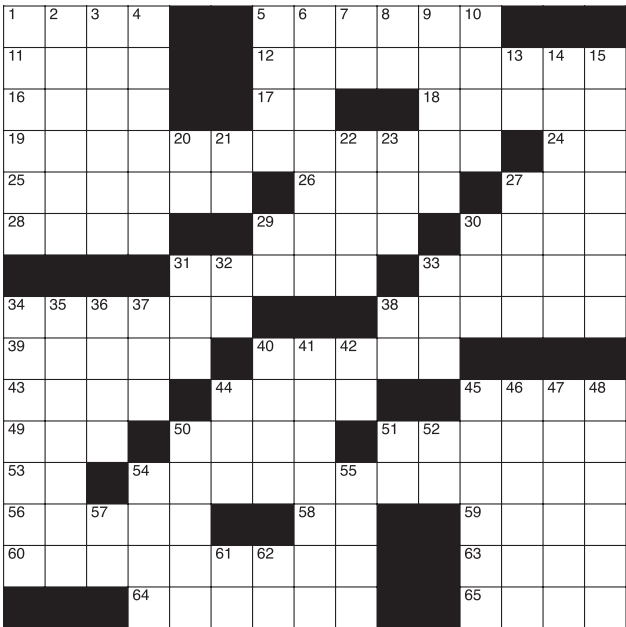
43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
44. ___ Clapton, musician
45. Ancient Greek sophist
49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
50. Singer Hansard
51. A way to disentangle
53. Atomic #93
54. Manifesting approval
56. Indigo bush
58. Former AL MVP Vaughn
59. Off-Broadway theater award
60. Fencers
63. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
64. Relating to passerine birds
65. Arrange systematically

3. Photographer's tool
4. Blues Traveler hit "But ___"
5. Grew older
6. Not the leader
7. ___ Lang (country singer)
8. A driver's license is one
9. Nests of pheasants
10. Wildebeests
13. Equal to one quintillion bytes
14. Japanese three-stringed lute
15. Type of cat
20. It cools your home
21. The ancient Egyptian sun god
22. Pouches
23. German trigraph
27. Form of Persian
29. Measurement unit
30. Body part
31. Bridge building degree
32. Indicates position
33. Political action committee
34. Snack food
35. Front part of a quadruped
36. Locate
37. Pitching statistic

38. __, myself and I
40. City in Utah
41. They play in the trenches
42. "Can't Touch This" rapper __ Hammer
44. Type of tree
45. Performers
46. Slang for mistake
47. More open
48. Most slick
50. Needles
51. University of Dayton
52. Atomic #11
54. Large fish of the mackerel family
55. Not any
57. __ and behold
61. Popular sports highlight show (abbr.)
62. "The Great Lakes State"



Last Wednesday's Answer
(Answers Next Wednesday)



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)*

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

*Answer To Last
Wednesday's
Puzzle* 

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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



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

Last Wednesday's Answers

Jumbles: JUICE YIELD BELONG PLEDGE
Answer: The lawyers in the courtroom were —
BEING JUDGED

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)



Holiday

FACT:

In 2026, the United States will celebrate this big and exciting event on July 4.

Answer: 250th anniversary

What’s the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

A

B

Answers: 1. Extra firework burst on left 2. Missing building back right 3. Missing light on building at front right 4. Extra building on skyline

DAY IN HISTORY



1812: France declares war on Russia, starting Napoleon’s invasion.

1911: George V and Mary of Teck are crowned King and Queen of the United Kingdom.

1986: Diego Maradona scores the famous “Hand of God” goal in the World Cup.

NEW WORD

IGNITE

to catch fire or to cause to catch fire

“How they say that in...”

English: Pop

Spanish: Pum

Italian: Scoppio

French: Bruit

German: Knall

Did You Know?

Modern fireworks use metallic salts for color and can reach temperatures 15 times hotter than boiling water.

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PICTURE?

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Answer: Fireworks

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Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have spent the morning tying up stacks of newspapers, white paper and magazines to take to the Recycling Center. Is it really worth all this time and effort? Wondering

Dear Wondering,

Absolutely, it is worth the effort. According to the Department of Facilities of MIT, recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 390 gallons of oil, 4,200 kWh (enough to heat a home for half a year), and 3 cubic yards of land fill space. It also prevents 60 pounds of air pollutants and reduces greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to driving a car for 26,000 miles. Before you think that this is an impossible amount of recycled paper, consider that the Greenbrier Recycling Center shipped out 21.1 tons of paper in February. Just think what local people who recycled paper saved in trees, water, oil, landfill space, and energy! That's 359 trees, 147,700 gallons of water, 8,229 gallons of oil, 88,620 kWh, and 63 cubic yards of landfill space saved, and 266 pounds of air pollutants prevented. Hurrah for everyone who recycles!!!

Dear Recycle Lady,

Some, if not all, black plastic food containers have a recycle number on them. However, when I googled "recycle black plastic," it said that the machines which read the numbers cannot read the black ones. Curious Recycler

Dear Curious Recycler,

Black plastics of all kinds are not recyclable, regardless of the number. This is mainly due to the black color and the fact that black plastics are a contaminate when mixed with other plastics. The black color is created by adding a carbon black pigment to the plastic that makes it invisible to the optical sorting machines. Carbon black also has carcinogenic properties so black plastics contain unknown amounts of toxic chemicals, including heavy metals and flame retardants, that can leach into food and be hazardous to your health. Studies are currently being conducted to see if microwaving black containers also causes carbon black to leach into food and thus, it is not recommended. To make matters worse, black plastic does not biodegrade and will remain in a landfill for hundreds of years, thus contributing to greenhouse gas emissions.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What types of paper can be put in the compost pile? Must it be clean or can food soiled paper be added to the pile? Love My Compost

Dear Love My Compost,

The best option for clean, dry paper is to recycle it. (See question one.) However, paper that is wet, that has been contaminated by food, or used as a paper towel can't be recycled, but it breaks down perfectly in a compost pile. White tissue paper can also be composted. It is

mainly cellulose and it breaks down quickly due to its short fibers, especially if you shred it or tear it into small pieces. Tissue paper that has additives such as color dyes, patterns, fragrances, or a plastic or wax coating cannot be composted. Kleenex issues or wipes can't be composted either due to additives. Paper is considered a brown additive to your compost pile. Be sure to add a mixture of green materials such as kitchen scraps, coffee grounds, and fresh grass clippings and some brown material such as dry leaves, shredded cardboard, and brown paper to the pile. For optimum decomposition, a ratio of nitrogen-rich green materials to carbon rich brown items is 1/3 green and 2/3 brown is best.

Sad News: Since 1976, West Virginia's Monarch population has declined by 90%, according to the WV Division of Natural Resources. This decline is attributed to loss of milkweed plants and heavy use of pesticides. The DNR suggests growing native milkweed, leaving parts of a field unmowed, and refraining from cutting milkweed and other flowers along roadsides.

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



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, my wife and I were separated. During that time, we still spent time together, had marital relations and went on many trips with our kids. During that period, two individuals who were supposed to be my friends started talking to my wife behind my back. Because they had crossed a line, I ended my friendships with them. They knew I was going to try to win my family back, but they said things calculated to make her angry.

Fourteen years passed, and I bumped into one of them. I was with my wife at the time. I wanted to quash our differences, so I spoke to him. I noticed something weird between him and my wife, and that stuck in my head.

When we got home, I asked if something happened between them, and she said no. But then she confessed that she had gone out with him a few times. She said he wanted to have

sex with her, but it didn't happen. The way she said it sounded weird to me, and I had the feeling she wasn't being truthful.

Seven years later, she admitted something DID happen. Now I feel betrayed and angry that she allowed something to go on with someone who was my enemy. I no longer see her as my wife. I feel I can't trust her. She told me she is sorry for what happened and said she had been afraid to tell me about it. She doesn't want to separate or divorce. She says she loves me. I can't think. Can you tell me what you think about all this? --

BROKEN TRUST IN NEW YORK

DEAR BROKEN: I think your friends added fuel to the fire when you and your wife were having marital difficulties. I also think she was emotionally vulnerable, was taken advantage of and was afraid to level with you. I do not think you should automatically end your long marriage over something that might be able to be resolved by working with a licensed marriage and family therapist. Please give it serious consideration.

DEAR ABBY: My 31-year-old son lives with us. He has had an on-again, off-again drinking problem since his 20s. He is kind-hearted, has an associate's degree and is back in college again, but he's never

had a full-time steady job. We buy his clothes and give him room and board. He studies, helps around our house with cleaning, washing, etc., but I don't know how to help him stop drinking.

He sometimes gets mean when he's drunk. He doesn't drink every day, but, mostly, about 12 days out of the month, he gets really drunk at home. He doesn't seem to be finding a job, although he has applied for some. Please give me advice. --

STRESSED MOM IN NEW YORK

DEAR MOM: You and your husband need to find an Al-Anon meeting (al-anon.org/info) and go. When you do, you will find emotional support for what I am suggesting next. Tell your kind-hearted, sometimes mean, functional alcoholic son you and his father are giving him a deadline to get into an alcohol rehabilitation program and find a full-time job, or he will have to move out. Then stick to it. Your kindness and understanding have enabled your son to continue his unproductive and unhealthy lifestyle, which isn't good for any of you.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

FATHER'S DAY FUN WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

APPRECIATION	DEVOTION	GRILLING	RELATED
BARBECUE	FAMILY	GUIDANCE	RELIABILITY
BRAVERY	FATHERHOOD	HERITAGE	RESPECT
CELEBRATION	FATHERS	KINDNESS	TRADITION
COACH	FISHING	LEGACY	TRIBUTE
DAY	GENEALOGY	MENTORSHIP	WISDOM
DEDICATION	GENEROSITY	PATERNITY	WORDS

LEGAL NOTICE

TRUSTEE’S SALE
OF VALUABLE REAL
ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated June 24, 2014, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 272, at Page 639, Thomas J. Mathewson did convey unto Larrick Law Offices, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Summers County Courthouse, in Hinton, West Virginia, on

July 7, 2026,
at 9:45 AM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Green Sulphur District, Summers County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

The following described real estate situate in Green Sulphur District, Summers County, West Virginia, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on a forked sycamore on the south side of Duncan Branch opposite a small fork; thence N. 48 40 E. 110.91 feet running with the fence to the southerly R/W of W.V. Secondary Route No. 44/3 just below a small bridge; thence running with the fence and said R/W N. 65 51 E. 132.31 feet to a fence post; thence N. 77 45 E. 30.02 feet to a fence post; thence N. 89 06 E. 19.21 feet to a fence post; thence S. 80 33 E. 39.09 feet to the westerly gate post; thence S. 61 15 E. 131.14 feet to a fence post; thence across the bottom S. 26 22 W. 199.19 feet to a 16” sycamore on the north side of Duncan Branch; thence down the branch but not with its meanders, N. 70 50 W. 346.76 feet to the beginning, containing approximately 1.3 acres, according to survey of Hamilton Sharpe, LLS, said map dated October 16, 1975, a copy of which is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Summers County.

And being the same property acquired by Thomas J. Mathewson and Kumcha Mathewson by deed dated May 10, 1995, from Guy Harris and Linda S. Harris, his wife, to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, prior to or simultaneously herewith.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 346 Duncan Branch Road, Meadow Bridge, WV 25976.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Thomas J. Mathewson, by Deed dated June 24, 2014, from Randall L. Harris and Kathy Y. Harris, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 249 at Page 361.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in “AS IS” condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

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In the Circuit Court
of Summers County,
West Virginia

Case No. CC-45-2026-C-22

Judge Amy L. Mann

Kimberly Ballard,
Plaintiff,
V.
Unknown interested
parties and members of
Four Mile Missionary
Baptist Church,
Defendant

Order for Publication

The object of the above-entitled action is to liquidate the remaining assets of Four Mile Missionary Baptist Church and transfer the net assets to another church or religious organization, yet unspecified, as stated in Petitioner’s “Petition” filed in this matter. In addition, Petitioner asserts that she is unaware of any interested parties or their addresses, and as such Petitioner moves for an Order of Publication pursuant to W. Va. R. Civ. Pro. 4(e)(E) so that proper notice of said “Petition” may be served upon any interested persons.

After the review of the Affidavit for Publication, this Court agrees that the Petitioner and Petitioner’s Attorney used due diligence in locating interested parties in this matter, but was unable to locate any, and there may be interested persons requiring notice. As such, it is **ORDERED** that publication be made. It is further **ORDERED** that any interested party appear and serve upon Anna R. Ziegler, counsel for plaintiff, whose address is 110 James Street, Hinton, West Virginia 25951, any responsive pleadings to the petition filed in this action within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication otherwise judgment by default will be taken against them.

A copy of said Petition and Motions can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office in Hinton, Summers County, West Virginia.

Entered by the said Clerk of Court this 12th day of June, 2026.

/s/ Stacy D. Ford

Teste: Stacy Ford, Summers County Circuit Court Clerk

/s/ Amy L. Mann

The Hon. Amy Mann

Circuit Court Judge

/s/ Amy L. Mann

Circuit Court Judge

30th Judicial Circuit

(24jn1jl)

Capito, Justice Applaud White House Coal Announcement, Investment into West Virginia

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W. Va.) and Jim Justice (R-W.Va.) applauded President Trump’s announcement of significant investments into America’s ability to export and generate reliable power through coal, including a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) grant to establish a new coal-fired power plant in West Virginia. Both senators were unable to attend the event at the White House due to the U.S. Senate voting on legislation to fund U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) through the entirety of the Trump administration.

“I’m thrilled that President Trump is continuing his commitment to generating reliable, baseload energy through West Virginia coal. My fellow West Virginians and I are thankful to have an administration in the White House that recognizes the importance of coal, and how it creates expanded man-

ufacturing opportunities, affordable power, and good-paying jobs for our coal miners and their families. While we continue to vote in the U.S. Senate to provide long-term funding for the hardworking men and women of ICE and CBP, it’s great to see the Trump administration make this investment to further strengthen our national security through American energy dominance,” Senator Capito said.

“I’m really proud to

say that today is a stake in the sand for our miners that get up every day, men and women alike who get their dinner bucket, and go out to work, every single day, and oftentimes, they are simply taken for granted. But today, we have President Trump standing up for all our miners and for all of us. Coal is in our DNA in West Virginia, and we are ready to continue steering America towards energy dominance,” Senator Justice said.

Destruction of Special Education Records

In accordance with federal and state regulations regarding the maintenance of special education records, Summers County Schools hereby notifies former students and their parents/guardians that special education records for students who exited, graduated from, withdrew from, or otherwise left the district during the **2018–2019 school year** are scheduled to be destroyed.

Special education records are maintained for a period of seven (7) years after a student leaves the district. After that time, the records are no longer needed for educational purposes and will be destroyed in a confidential manner.

Former students who reached the age of majority, or parents/guardians of eligible former students, may request copies of these records prior to destruction. Requests must be submitted no later than **July 1, 2026**.

For additional information or to request records, please contact:

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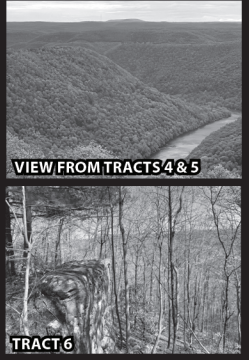
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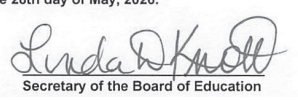


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SUMMERS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2027		
In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12 as amended, the Summers County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the 2027 fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:		
The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:		
	General Current Expense Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Estimated Revenues:		
Local Sources:		
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	4,777,800	
Other Local sources	45,000	
State Sources:		
State aid to schools	10,392,240	392,370
Other unrestricted		594,290
Federal Sources:		
Restricted		
Unrestricted	-	2,328,780
Miscellaneous sources		
Total estimated revenues	15,215,040	3,315,440
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	325,780	7,500
Estimated beginning balance	3,000,000	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	18,540,820	3,322,940
Expenditures:		
Instruction	10,209,050	1,597,600
Supporting services:		
Students	1,386,090	544,970
Instructional staff		
Central administration	382,540	
School administration	761,560	
Central services	337,290	
Operation and maintenance of facilities	1,880,480	
Student transportation	2,431,020	
Other supporting services		
Food services	-	930,970
Community services	18,500	
Capital lease	-	
Capital outlay	-	
Debt service	158,050	
Total estimated expenditures	17,564,580	3,073,540
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	603,790	26,660
Estimated budgetary reserves	372,450	222,740
Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses, and reserves	18,540,820	3,322,940
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, SUMMERS COUNTY, to-wit:		
I, Linda D. Knott, Secretary of the Summers County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget adopted by the Board of Education on the 28th day of May, 2026.		
		 Secretary of the Board of Education

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Rubble

Daydream Games Kickstarts New tabletop Experience



Nein

Alexia Neil

Daydream Games, a full-service, family-owned game store offering tabletop games for all ages, is launching a new card game called “NEIN” on June 16th.

Joseph “Dan” Crutchfield, owner of Daydream Games, emphasizes their focus on community and tabletop gameplay.

“I like to say when you play a game with somebody, you get to learn from them, and they get to learn from you. It’s a good way to get to know

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people.” Dan says. For four years the store has run a community outreach program rewarding students who have outstanding academic performances with store credit and two free gaming cards per A-grade. This program is effective every 9 weeks. Dan describes it as a dream of his to own a store where people can come together to play, work, and grow over tabletop games. “It’s just being a part of the community in a way I know how,” he says. Daydream Games provides a friendly, playful environment for all ages to enjoy, and as a bonus, offers Dippin’ Dots and lemonade as refreshments. Make sure to look out for NEIN as it debuts June 16th and find it on Kickstarter for exclusive content.



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