



Classes of Hinton High School – Making A Difference Project # 32 – Funding Grants in Summers County In 2019, the founders of MAD, Jack Holt, Cotty Farley, and Jimmy Noel retired from the organization. Since 2012, they had completed 26 successful Projects to help better the citizens and community organizations in Summers County. Over \$300,000 was raised during that time period, and the funds are housed in the General Account of the Hinton Area Foundation. This account guarantees positive interest earnings and interest-only may be retrieved from the fund, on an annual basis. This creates perpetuity for future funding. In addition, approximately \$100,000 was used through our pass-thru account to complete our physical Projects.

The HAF governing committee approached the founders of MAD and suggested that MAD might take interest from their account and fund or partially fund Grants that had been approved by the Hinton Area Foundation. The MAD Committee of The Hinton Area Foundation met in October 2025, to consider applications for projects. Committee members approved the grant funding. The total amount that MAD grant-funded this year is \$8,185.58. Below are the distributions of this perpetual fund. **Hinton's Hometown Christmas:** To purchase supplies and decorations for Hinton Landing at Batteau Beach. \$3,335.58. **Wednesday Club** - Provide money for plantings and -maintenance of the flower boxes around the city of Hinton. \$1,500.00. **ACWP** – Volunteer recruitment for dog walking in local parks. \$1,500. **Catholic Charities** – Community Personal Care Product Drive \$850.00. **Hilltop Cemetery** – Volunteer event for Lawrence Memorial Cleaning. \$1,000. We hope you all agree that this perpetual fund is a good idea to continue to “give back to our beloved community”. You may continue to donate to this tax-deductible fund. Go to [www.hintonareafoundation.org](http://www.hintonareafoundation.org) for details. Many thanks to all who have made this possible!