





# A traffic stop leads to drug related arrest

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

A recent traffic stop in Summers County led to a drug-related arrest. According to the criminal complaint, two officers conducted a traffic stop in the Talcott area on Monday, May 9, due to the vehicle owner being wanted in by parole.

The criminal complaint states that officers spoke with the passenger and owner of the vehicle, Charlie Kristina Garten, 32, of Pence Springs, and gained permission to search said vehicle. While searching, of-



Kristina Garten

ficers found two clear bags containing a powder substance. According to the officer's notes in the criminal

complaint, officers believe the substance to be fentanyl heroin. Additionally, Garten allegedly removed a clear container with more of the powder substance. An additional red bag containing a rock substance officers believe to be methamphetamine was located.

Following the vehicle search, the criminal complaint states that officers drove Garten to her residence and gained consent to search the home. During the investigation, officers allegedly found a black safe containing a large amount

of a powder substance believed to be fentanyl, digital scales and small baggies.

After the search, officers transported Garten to the Hinton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police, where she was read her Miranda rights, according to the criminal complaint. At that time, Garten allegedly told the officer that she had been distributing fentanyl in the Summers County area.

Garten is residing in Southern Regional Jail on a \$50,000 bond as of the time of writing.

# Celebration scheduled at Ascension Church

BY NANCY MARTIN - ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ascension Church, as with many things that have survived over a century and a half, has had quite a history.

Some of that history will be spotlighted on May 22, after a special worship service with our newly elected bishop. The service begins at 11 A.M. A reception will be held starting at noon after that service. Ascension Episcopal Church is located at 5th and Temple Street. Everyone is welcome.

The newly elected eighth bishop of the West Virginia Episcopal Church will lead that service on Sunday, May 22. Bishop Matthew Cowden has family roots in West Virginia, and he grew up in northern Virginia.

He served as a college theater professor before he was ordained after completing his Master of Divinity at Virginia Theological Seminary. He comes here from South Bend, Indiana after being consecrated by the Most Rev. Michael Curry in March.

He will be visiting Hinton

to lead the worship at Ascension and begin to get to know the community.

Ascension church's first service was in 1874, two years after Summers County was established as the county seat, and before the city of Hinton was incorporated. A building was completed in 1881, at the corner of Temple and Third.

However, that church was destroyed only 16 years later, by a rare cyclone in 1897. A picture of the church after the cyclone, which tore off the roof and walls is available at <https://wvhistoryonline.org/image/014576.jpg>

A new wooden building was completed the next year, featuring the huge wooden arches and stained glass windows that are still present. Later, the building was physically moved two blocks down the street to its current location.

Other events have punctuated our history, with the most recent being the tearing down of the rectory behind the church to build a green space for community use. Come and see us on Sunday!

# River clean up scheduled in Hinton

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

Organizers Candice Helms and Anna Ziegler are gearing up for another Operation Clean Up New River event. This year marks the second such event in the area. According to Helms, last year's participants gathered approximately 16 tires and "an enormous amount of trash."

This event is made possible partly due to the New River Conservancy. Ziegler is the Board of Directors Vice-Chair and Land Protection Committee with the New River Conservancy. The organization provides rafts, guides, and various other tools to aid in the

endeavor. Additionally, Helms said she has litter grabbers and trash bags provided by the Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (R.E.A.P.) for previous events. R.E.A.P. has also agreed to remove the litter collected during the event.

The Conservancy held three river clean-ups in West Virginia during the 2021 season. According to the Conservancy's website, the organization's mission states: "The staff, board of directors, and volunteers of New River Conservancy are dedicated to protecting the waters, woodlands, and wildlife of the New River Watershed." It goes on to say, "The New River winds

its way through three states and countless communities who have depended on its bounty for generations. We are here to protect it and to ensure that the waters that feed it are clean; that the land supports vibrant plants and animals; and that the communities that rely on it are passionate and empowered advocates for a healthy New River."

R.E.A.P. is part of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. The goal of this program is to "clean up West Virginia and rid the state of unsightly litter."

Helms noted that this year's event is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, at

10:30 a.m. Rafts will launch at Bateau Beach & Hinton Landing, located behind Advance Auto Parts. Take out will be at Brookside.

At the time of writing, most of the available spots have already been filled, according to Helms. She noted that the number of openings will be more definitive once she knows how many rafts New River Conservancy will be providing. If you are interested in helping out and would like to know if a spot is available, Helms encourages reaching out to her through Facebook. Additionally, interested individuals also have the option to call City Hall during business hours.

## Zoomerang VBS to be held

G'day, mates! Grab your sunnies (that's your sunglasses) and get ready for a bonzer (great) time as we zoom off to the Land Down Under! Boomerangs, kangaroos, koalas, emus – what's not to love about Oz (Australia)? At the War Ridge Free Will Baptist Church Vacation Bible School, we'll fill your breadbasket (tummy)

with yummy lollies (sweets) and find out how you were created amazingly in the image of God!

Vacation Bible School at Zoomerang will be a fair dinkum adventure filled with excitement, so get a wriggle on (hurry up) and contact us before May 23rd! Our mates (kids) will have five (May 30 – June 3)

fun-filled evenings (6 – 9 pm) of singing, skits, puppet shows, Hoppin' Good Games, Turtle-y Terrific Science and Land Down Under Lessons. Zoomerang is

for mates four and up and is absolutely free, but you must register. For more information or to register please call Bonnie Galford at (304) 466-4283.

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## Beetle Bailey

I'M GLAD THE GENERAL GOT HEARING AIDS

HE REALLY ENJOYED MY PRESENTATION FOR A CHANGE

THOSE AREN'T HEARING AIDS. HE'S WEARING EARBUDS

## Blondie

THIS REPORT IS TOO BULKY

I NEED YOU TO CUT THIS DOWN A BIT

NO PROBLEM, BOSS

I WISH EVERY JOB WERE THIS EASY

## Daddy Daze

PA?

ANGUS?

BA BA BA?

AM I RUNNING AWAY?

I THOUGHT YOU HAD RUN AWAY.

BA BA BA

YOU COULDN'T PACK ENOUGH CLEAN DIAPERS IN YOUR BUNDLE.

## Dustin

THIS IS DELICIOUS.

I WAS JUST THINKING...

COOKS THE WORLD OVER STRUGGLE TO GET THEIR RICE NOT TO STICK.

BUT PEOPLE WHO USE CHOPSTICKS DEPEND ON IT.

## Marvin

IF YOU WANT, I COULD HELP YOU TRAIN YOUR PUPPY

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TRYING TO POTTY-TRAIN MARVIN?

I'M BETTER WITH DOGS, OKAY?!

## Mother Goose and Grim

GRIMM, WHAT'S THAT BOOK YOU'RE READING?

ABOUT BOD4 BUILDING

BOD4 BUILDING. THAT'S GOOD. WHAT'S IT CALLED?

FRANKENSTEIN

## Mutts

LATELY IT SEEMS ALL I REPORT IS BAD NEWS.

WELL, TODAY I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS.

I LOST MY REPORT.

## Zits

SO, HOW IS JEREMY DOING THESE DAYS?

HE'S FINE, I GUESS.

YOU KNOW TEENAGERS. IT'S NOT LIKE THEY SHARE THEIR EMOTIONS.

REALLY?

MY BRENDAN AND I SET ASIDE AN HOUR EVERY WEEK FOR A LONG CHAT.

# ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

**MOON ALERT:** Avoid shopping or making important decisions until 8:15 a.m. EDT today (5:15 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Sagittarius into Capricorn.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, May 18, 2022:

You are a warmhearted person who is helpful to others and often takes care of people. You are hardworking and focused. Many of you are multitalented. This year will be a gentler, slower-paced year. Your focus will be on relationships and your own needs, especially determining what makes you happy.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic;

4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

4★ You are confident in your views today, especially when talking to parents, bosses and people in authority. You're interested in big ideas, not little details. You might be surprised if someone challenges what you have to say. Tonight: People notice you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

5★ Today you are fascinated with profound discussions about philosophy, religion and other intellectual ideas or belief systems. You will discuss some ideas that you have, and you'll be interested in hearing what other people have to say. To-

night: Explore!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

4★ Because you feel generous toward others today, you might do fundraising or think of ways to get help from a third party, or perhaps a friend or partner, so that you can help someone in need. Perhaps you will encourage someone to be generous. Tonight: Check your finances.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

3★ Enjoy intellectual banter with partners and close friends today. You have some definite ideas about something, and you're interested to hear what others have to say. You will especially watch their reactions when you share your

ideas. (You love an adoring peanut gallery.) Tonight: Cooperate.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

4★ Relations with co-workers will be warm and friendly today, because you feel generous to those around you, which means people will respond to you in kind. You want to help others and encourage them in whatever they do. (Leos are inspirational leaders.) Tonight: Get organized.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

5★ This is a lovely day to schmooze! Take a long lunch. In fact, play hooky if you can. You'll enjoy the arts and any kind of entertaining diversion, including the theater. Sports events will also appeal to you because fun activities are at the top of your list today. Tonight: Socialize.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

4★ Enjoy relaxing at home in a luxurious way today. Grab good food and drink so you can indulge yourself with some guilty pleasures. (Ben & Jerry's?) Take an afternoon nap. Enjoy entertaining someone. Shop for something pretty for where you live. Make today feel special. Tonight: Cocoon.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

5★ Discussions with others will be upbeat and interesting because you're in a positive frame of mind today. You want to share your ideas, and in particular you want to discuss profound matters -- something heady and meaningful. Enjoy learning something that expands your world. Tonight: Speak up.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

4★ Pay attention to your moneymaking ideas today, because they might be worth consideration. Having said that, if you're shopping, you'll be tempted to be extravagant and perhaps go overboard. With this in mind, keep your receipts and the box. (Happiness is having alternatives.) Tonight: Value thrift.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)**

5★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter, which makes you feel warmhearted to everyone. You also will be interested in "big" ideas and philosophies because you want to expand your mind and learn new things. You have an eagle mind today, not a mouse mind. Tonight: It's your call.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

4★ You will be happy to cocoon somewhere comfortable and read a book or explore new ideas or do something to expand your world but in a private, quiet way. Today you have a strong appreciation for your daily surroundings. You're happy to be in your skin. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

5★ Discussions with friends and groups will be happy and warmhearted today. Someone might encourage you in a discussion about your future goals. If so, they will urge you to think big and expect more for yourself. Richard Bach said, "Argue for your limitations, and sure enough, they're yours." Tonight: Be friendly!

**BORN TODAY**

Actress, writer, comedian Tina Fey (1970), actor Chow Yun-Fat (1955), singer-songwriter, musician George Strait (1952)

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**ACROSS**

1 Sailor  
4 "Kapow!"  
7 "\_\_\_\_  
arigato"  
8 Student  
10 Bit of mischief  
11 Comes up  
13 Culminating in a big letdown  
16 "\_\_\_\_  
Alamos  
17 Province of China  
18 British ref. work  
19 Puts on  
20 Samples of word-play  
21 Country music's Tucker  
23 Water filter brand  
25 Pro-longed sleep  
26 Cravats  
27 Tofu source

**DOWN**

1 Capri-corns  
2 Hotel chain  
3 Chinese cabbage  
4 Myanmar, once  
5 Bee-like  
6 Catchall abbr.  
7 Bond foe  
8 Partner of aches  
9 Dismiss, as class  
10 Chum corp.  
12 Tuscan city  
14 Moth variety  
15 LPs' successors

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

**Last Wednesday's Answer**  
(Answers Next Wednesday)

**JUMBLE**

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

RGEEV  
RAYRA  
WINUDN  
ABOHIP

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kneurek

I don't know which one to choose. I'm going to sleep on it.

I understand. It should be a thoughtful decision.

HE PLANNED TO PROPOSE TO HIS GIRLFRIEND AND WENT TO THE JEWELRY STORE TO DO SOME ---

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

"\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_"

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers  
Jumbles: TAKEN SUNNY EXOTIC LAZIER  
Answer: The African feline king's son would eventually become king because he was --- NEXT IN "LION"

# SUDOKU PUZZLE

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column, or box.

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

**Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:**

5	8	1	9	2	4	3	7	6
9	4	7	6	8	3	2	1	5
3	2	6	5	1	7	8	9	4
1	5	8	4	9	6	7	2	3
7	6	9	2	3	1	4	5	8
4	3	2	8	7	5	1	6	9
8	9	3	1	5	2	6	4	7
6	1	5	7	4	8	9	3	2
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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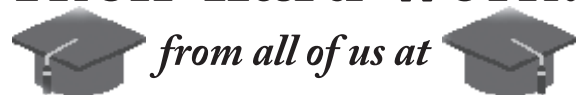


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People come from near and far to experience excitement at the Pipestem Adventure Zone – as part of a family vacation destination, the addition to an extreme adventure vacation, or local weekend

entertainment. The Adventure Zone’s 2022 season officially opens on May 20th.

For families on an excursion to Pipestem State Park, the Adventure Zone guarantees a variety of fun for everyone. Most of the adventures are open to children over 10 years old with parental supervision. A day at Pipestem Adventure Zone will be the highlight of a vacation. The adventures are also ideal for a pair or a group of adults who are looking for outdoor entertainment. They can select one or two adventures or set up a day-long quest for fun and thrills. Newcomers will have as much fun as experts at any of the adventures they select. Instructions are given, and all of the necessary equipment is provided for each activity.

The Adventure Zone is designed to accommodate visitors of any skill level who

would like a 1.5-hour adventure experience or multiple adventures in the same day. Just park your car and choose to pay a la carte for activities (ranging from \$6 to \$45) or buy a 1-day pass (\$89) to participate in up to 6 activities in one day. Most of the activities are scheduled at 1.5-hour intervals beginning at 9 a.m. Groups of 2 to 12 people can compete during each session before moving on to another activity.

Pipestem Peaks Zipline Tours provide another experience that should not be missed while at the State Park. The zipline attraction opens on May 13th. This premier attraction features the biggest zipline in the state that sails on lines that cross over the Bluestone River Gorge at speeds up to 50 mph. The trip lasts about 3.5 hours and concludes with a

tram ride up from the Mountain Creek Lodge back to where the tour began. Many other opportunities for fun and adventure at Pipestem include white water rafting, horseback riding, kayaking, golfing, rock climbing, mountain biking, a splash park, and an adventure lake.

Visitors can view all of the activities at [www.pipestemadventures.com](http://www.pipestemadventures.com). Ample accommodations and amenities are available for vacationers to the region including 2 lodges (McKeever Lodge and Mountain Creek Lodge), 26 cabins, and 82 campsites. During the day, participants can enjoy a break for lunch or dinner at 3 nearby restaurants. Activities and accommodations can be booked by calling 1-833-WV-Parks (1-833-987-2757) or visiting [wvstateparks.com](http://wvstateparks.com).

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# Hinton Railroad Days Committee Meets

Members of the Hinton Railroad Days committee met on May 4, 2022, at the Freight Depot to discuss this year’s upcoming Railroad Days, scheduled for October 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2022. Members present were Mayor Jack Scott, Chris Meadows, Amy Richmond, and Tina Westfall Allen.

Committee members present gave updates on vendors, musicians, the budget, and sponsors.

Amy Richmond reported all vendor applications have been mailed. At this time, 27 vendor applications have been returned. If you wish to be a vendor this year but have not received an application, contact Amy Richmond, at [richmondamy560@gmail.com](mailto:richmondamy560@gmail.com).

Hotel. Seating areas were discussed for the Railroad Museum Parking Lot, 3rd Avenue Park, and the Rivertown Stage area. Matt Mullins will be coordinating all musicians this year and is currently scheduling acts for both stages.

Amy agreed to contact the County Commission for permission to hold children’s events on the Courthouse lawn as well as a Cruise-in on Saturday. Tina will be discussing with the Hinton ELKS Lodge #821, the opportunity to conduct a fundraiser by overseeing the beverage tent during Railroad Days.

Currently, Tina West-

fall Allen is coordinating the Kid’s Zone and seeking vendors interested in setting up in this area. In addition, she is trying to schedule a Kid’s Trolley to ride, a climbing wall and other kid zone fun events.

Chris Meadows discussed funding from the State Fairs & Festivals Grant needing to be spent by June 30, 2022. Ideas were discussed by the committee for use of these funds. A new cycle of funds will be distributed after July 1, 2022, and Hinton Railroad Days is set to receive \$5,000.00.

Other items in the planning stage are State Fair Trolley Cars for transportation from the Train Depot to town, gift basket giveaways, and the WV Tourism Bus.

The Hinton Railroad Days Committee would like to invite members of the community to share your input into this year’s Railroad Days, or to sign-up to volunteer. Our next meeting will be a public meeting held on June 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Council Chambers conference room.

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