



Comics



Homeowners Rescue Program



Farmer's Market open for season

The Summers County Farmer's Market is open every Saturday through October. Vendors set up on courthouse square beginning at 8 a.m. with a variety of fruit, vegetables, baked goods and more.

Botany Tropicals has moved

The local plant shop, Botany Tropicals has moved. Previously located on Temple Street, the store remains in the downtown area. The new address is 321 Third Avenue. It sits across from the Presbyterian church, up from Big Four Drug Store.

Summers Library announces new website

The Summers County Public Library recently announced that they have a new website. Although the new website is still under construction, patrons can access the online catalog, view the Bookmobile schedule and access other important information.

To access the new website, go to www.summerscountylibrary.org

Summers County Courthouse News

Marriages

Billy Jack Cales III to Ashley Nicole Walls;

David Eugene Hamrick to Karen M Polito.

Fiduciaries

Jack A Dempsey, Administrator of the Lona Faye Dempsey estate.

Land Transfers

Robert L Smith and Nancy J Smith to Douglas Sigman and Nellie Sigman, 11.268 acres more or less, Talcott District;

Joseph Garcia and Brenda Garcia to City of Hinton Building Commission, Block M Lot 10 and part of Lot 11, City of Hinton District;

Paul Anthony Savino to the Paul Anthony Savino Revocable Living Trust, 3 Tracts, Talcott District;

Edward C Bennett and Jacquelyn L Bennett to T.C. LeClair and Andrea Richmond, 1 acre more or less, Green Sulphur District;

Philip C Pettry Sr. and Madaline Pettry to Philip C Pettry Jr. and Martha Pettry, Tract, Talcott District;

Thomas J Conway and Donna K Conway to Summers County Solid Waste Authority, 3.11 acres more or less, Greenbrier Rural District.

City of Hinton Patriotic Decorating Contest winners announced



Grandma's House - First Place. Photo by Amy Berry.

The City of Hinton invited downtown retail businesses to participate in a 4th of July patriotic decorating contest during the recent holiday. The following businesses did an incredible job showing their red, white, and blue patriotic colors and spirit:

1st place winner- Grandma's House

2nd place winner- New Stand Antiques

3rd place winner- Hinton Floral

4th place winner- Big-4 Drug Store

Congratulations to each of the businesses who participated.



Hinton Floral - Third Place. Photo by Amy Berry.



News Stand Antiques - Second Place. Photo by Amy Berry.



Big Four - Fourth Place. Photo by Amy Berry.

Hinton Railroad Days releases 2022 music lineup

The Hinton Railroad Days music lineup for the 2022 festival is now available. Bands will play on two different stages throughout the weekend. The festival is scheduled for October 20 - 23.

On the Main Stage:

Thursday - Jonah Carden

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and The Carpenter Ants 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Friday - Allan Dale Size

more 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Andrew Adkins & 1863 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday - Long Point

String Band 10 a.m. - noon, Matt Mullins & The Bring

down s 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. and The Parachute Brigade

3 - 5 p.m.

Sunday - Alabaster Boxer

12:30 - 2 p.m. and Lords of Lester 2:30 - 4 p.m.

On the Rivertown Stage:

Thursday - Clinton Scott

between noon and 2 p.m. and Drew Shi hearts & Archibald Johnson 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Friday - Aaron Milner

between noon and 2 p.m. Chloe Painter 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Saturday - Dina Horn-

breaker 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Randy Gilkey 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. and Briana Atwell 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Sunday - Jonah Carden

12:30 - 2 p.m. and Drew Bailey Lawrence 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Virginia man arrested in Summers County

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

A Virginia man was arrested in Summers County on Friday, July 1. The individual, George Everett Treadway Jr., is facing multiple charges, including domestic battery and transport of a controlled substance into the state.

According to the criminal complaint, officers were dispatched to a complaint of a domestic altercation. The responding officer received advisement that Treadway had left the scene in his vehicle. Before reaching the residence, the officer spotted Treadway and performed a traffic stop.

The officer notes that he could smell the distinct scent of fresh marijuana emanating from inside the vehicle. According to the criminal com-

plaint, the officer performed a probable cause search.

In the criminal complaint, the officer states that he located over 250 grams of marijuana during the search. Additionally, the officer found ballistic body armor, multiple loaded firearms and hundreds of rounds of various ammunition types. The criminal complaint notes that Treadway stated he had grown the marijuana at his Virginia residence and had brought it into the state from there.

The victims of the alleged domestic altercation were asked to come to the area of the traffic stop. After they arrived, the officer took their statements. They described Treadway's alleged actions that led to the initial 911 call. According to the criminal



George Treadway Jr.

complaint, he attacked one of the victims while making statements such as "I will kill you," followed by derogatory names.

At the time of writing, Treadway is residing in Southern Regional Jail on a \$27,000 bond. He is facing multiple charges.

WV Senate's Minority Caucus releases statements on HOPE Scholarship decision

The West Virginia Senate's Minority Caucus applauded the decision issued by Judge Joanna Tabit in Kanawha County Circuit Court, affirming the caucus' longstanding position that the HOPE Scholarship program is unconstitutional.

From the beginning, our caucus believed that this program was a dramatic overreach by the supermajority in Charleston. Our state constitution mandates that we must provide a "thorough and efficient system of free schools" for our citizens. We do this by using public funds for public education. We agree with Judge

Tabit that siphoning public funds to bolster private organizations, beholden to separate laws and accountability standards, is detrimental to maintaining and providing a thorough and efficient system of free public schools.

Several members offered comments on this decision: Senator Mike Romano (D-Harrison)

"I stand by what I said last year: I've never heard of anybody move to a state because they had great private schools. They move to a state because they have great public education. Employers bring their business here because there are edu-

cated students coming out of the public school system that can then receive training and go to work for them. Nobody is going to come to West Virginia because we implement this program. All it would do is show us to be a backwards state that doesn't care about the modern ideas of nondiscrimination and inclusion and instead continues on with an antiquated and prehistoric notion of who should receive benefits from our tax system and who should not."

Senator Richard Lindsay (D-Kanawha)

"The HOPE voucher, left unchecked and unregulated,

is extreme, unconstitutional and would ultimately lead to consolidation or closure of WV public schools. We warned the supermajority of this in 2021 and attempted to amend in common sense measures. Unfortunately, they would have none of it. Choice is fine, but not at the risk of public education. While I agree with the ruling, I am sad for the families that have been granted the voucher. They are in limbo because of a law that was constitutionally suspect or infirm from the beginning."

Senator Mike Caputo (D-Marion)

"I think the 'hope' here is

to destroy public education. We, as elected leaders of the state of West Virginia, hold an obligation to uphold the constitution which requires a public education for our children."

Minority Leader Senator Stephen Baldwin (D-Greenbrier)

"The program went too far by ignoring the constitution. This ruling is the consequence. Public schools are hurt, families counting on the scholarship are left confused, and most importantly students who need the most help continue to be left out by a legislature more focused on politics than people."



A new program is coming to the rescue for WV homeowners

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

CHARLESTON (WVDN) - A new program is working to help West Virginia homeowners stay afloat in these uncertain times. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, many people have faced incredible financial hardships. Lost jobs, delayed unemployment funds, and various other situations have all played a part in causing issues. However, the West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program is here to help.

Program manager Jessica Greathouse described the program by saying, “It’s a new program born out of the American Rescue Plan that provided each of the 50 states and territories with money for housing stability to help people who have had a COVID hardship, get caught up on their rent and utility payments. West Virginia has \$50 million to spend to help West

Virginia homeowners keep their houses which then lends to housing stability.” Greathouse runs both this program and its sister program, Mountaineer Rental Assistance.

“The West Virginia Housing Development Fund is the administrator of the program, and I’m the manager for both the Homeowner Rescue Program and the West Virginia Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program, which is kind of the sister program for renters. I was hired specifically to run the programs and get money out to West Virginia homeowners on the homeowner side and then West Virginia renters on the rental assistance side.”

The application process is simple and easy to complete.

Greathouse said, “People can go to our website. They should first go to wvhomerescue.com and read all

about the program, see what the eligibility requirements are, and find out what kind of documents they need to have together to apply online. Then, once they read up on that information, the online application is fairly simple. It takes about 30 minutes from start to finish to get through the application. It’s an online registration process and is best done in a single sitting, so they can upload their documents, ask for the money they need, and submit the application for processing by our agency.”

“We have different processes for different parts of the application. If someone’s asking for mortgage assistance, and they have a mortgage with a bank, we enter into an agreement with their bank to get information back and forth and that takes time. The utility assistance is handled a little differently in

that, if we deem them eligible because they have had the hardship and are income-eligible, then the utilities potentially are paid before the mortgage assistance.”

Greathouse noted a few things applicants need to know before diving into the application process.

“A few things that the applicant needs to know for one, there are income requirements, but the income eligibility requirements are fairly liberal. In West Virginia, I’ll have to look it up for (your specific location), but for instance, in the Charleston area, you could make upwards of \$79,000 and qualify for the program. The other thing is they had to have had some kind of hardship during the pandemic which isn’t a hard test to meet.

“We’ve all had different financial hardships whether it be making less money because we were off

work for a certain amount of time, we had to quarantine at different times during the pandemic, that sort of thing. Also, we require that, if they’re asking for mortgage assistance, and they can receive up to \$15,000 of mortgage assistance, they have to be at least 90 days behind in their mortgage payments. Also, to qualify they need to be behind in some way in their taxes, utilities, homeowner insurance, that sort of thing. Doesn’t have to be 90 days but they need to be behind in some way.”

Whether an applicant has already applied or has questions beforehand, there are a few ways to get the answers needed.

Greathouse said, “We have a lot of information on our website at wvhomerescue.com. There is a list of frequently asked questions along with all the eligibility requirements. They can also call our toll-

free number which is 844-542-0035. And they’ll get a call agent that can provide them with information, and if that call agent can’t get them the information that they need, then they’ll make sure that they get their name and number and have someone call them back.

“Even if they don’t have a mortgage, they own their house outright, but they’re struggling to catch up on their gas bill or the electric bill after a cold winter. They have a past due amount they can apply online, and we can look through the application and see if it’s eligible to be paid.”

If you are a West Virginia homeowner and are struggling with mortgage or utility payments, Greathouse encourages you to apply.

For more information about the Homeowners Rescue Program, visit the website at wvhomerescue.com or call 844-542-0035.

Memories of the past: Independence Day

BY LISA ABSHIRE

The Fourth of July was always a special time when I was growing up, even though, in my mind, it meant summer was speeding by too fast. In my mind, going back to school was merely around the corner from July Fourth.

I remember my Granny and Papaw grueling new potatoes to go with the first mess of half runners fresh

out of the garden. Nothing has ever tasted better to me than the food my Granny served.

Another thing my Granny was notorious for was planning a giant holiday picnic. Usually at Little Beaver or Grandview State Park. She always made fried chicken and hot dogs individually wrapped in aluminum foil. Salads and desserts topped off the feast along with the star of the show, the fresh

green beans, and potatoes.

She always wanted the entire family on these outings, which meant my aunt and uncle from Charleston had to be there. Now they were known for being more than a little bit late. The rest of us would have the car packed up, and you could hear our stomachs rumbling from a mile away. Yet there would be no sign of my aunt and uncle. Granny would call. There would be news of

something like she’s brushing her teeth and going out the door. We all knew that could take an hour by itself. We were already so hungry we didn’t care if they made it in or not. We were only thinking about those wrapped-up hot dogs and fried chicken. Granny didn’t take too well to my idea of letting them meet us at the park. Finally, hours after we were supposed to have eaten, they showed up. It was

too late to go to the park, so we unpacked the car and ate cold food at Granny’s table.

Then there was the year the family ran off from us, and we ended up eating alone. To beat it all, we had the sacred green beans and potatoes. Mom kept trying to get hold of Granny but to no avail. She decided we should look for them, but we never found them. We ended up eating at a little roadside park. Then we went to

a store, and Mom bought me my first ever Strawberry Shortcake doll. That began a lifelong love affair with the now collectible doll.

Granny felt guilty and never did tell us where they went. Mom, from then on, started planning July Fourth at home. Looking back on it all, these were some of the best and most carefree days of my life.

Happy Fourth, Everyone.



Is Your Home Safe From Radon?

At least 1 in 15 homes in the U.S. have elevated levels of radon. You can’t smell, taste or see it, yet this naturally occurring gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer.

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To get a test kit, visit LungRadonKits.org/wv



Letter to the Editor: Kati Hatfield

Today West Virginia is facing a crisis, one that is under-represented and obscure. That crisis is in our foster care system. Currently, we have approximately 7,200 children in foster care; to put that into perspective, per capita, we have more children in care than any other state in our nation. My name is Katie Hatfield, a 17-year-old rising senior. I have lived in Martinsburg much of my life and I am here to help these children find stability, love and a successful future. I am an adoptee from China, and arrived in America at 11 months of age, and have been given the privilege to use my story to help foster care children across the state of WV. While there are many ways to help foster care children in this state, such as volunteering, donating to agencies (such as the West Virginia Children's Home Society), or even going to the website I have created, www.projectlovewestvirginia.com and supporting the scholarship I have started specifically for foster care children; I believe we need to start the change by improving our foster care system by looking at the root of the crisis.

The first step to solving any problem is education. It's our responsibility to educate the public about what we feel passion for. If we begin to research, share and grow a community of people who are willing to help foster care children, then we can begin educating students, parents, or whoever is interested in foster care, about how it works, the intricacies of the system, and most importantly, the children in the system. I believe school and the media are a good place to start. Thousands of foster care children walk the halls of elementary, middle and high schools in WV. Even though the children in school are not old enough to adopt, they are old enough to start helping. Foster care children in school should be seen, heard, and represented. Finally, schools should teach

about relevant issues, with specific emphasis on issues affecting our state. The number of foster care children in our state is a relevant issue, yet I have never heard it be brought up with indignation in the classroom environment. However, I have seen a slight improvement in the awareness of adoption in the state. When I made a trip to a local elementary school to read a children's book about adoption, the children in the classroom caught on right away to the subject of adoption and clearly expressed an understanding of it. Some children even shared with me stories of cousins, family or close friends who were adopted. This made me hopeful that the next generation will be open and accepting of foster care children and aware of the system itself.

When education and knowledge is in place, we then need to market the issue. If, we, as a state, could properly market the foster care system and make people aware of the needs the children have we can help raise awareness in the same way companies raise awareness for their products or services. Statistics and numbers are a great foundation to share with the public. However, I believe one of the most convincing ways to express that our foster care issue is a crisis that needs to be addressed is to hear from the foster care children themselves; we need to listen to their stories. We should not treat the foster care system as a company or a giant industry, as the system houses thousands of children who are the future of WV; instead, we need to treat the foster care system as a delicate road to these children's future, and this is the way that we should market it. I know, that before dove into volunteering with foster care children, I was not aware of the mass number of foster care children in our state, and the other issues branching out from foster care; and I believe how most this is how most people are, not through

any fault of their own, but simply due to the lack of awareness and marketing of the foster care system.

Firstly, we need to show that we care, show people in power that we care, show people who work in the foster care system that we care, and most importantly, show that we care for the children in the system. The reality is that the foster care system in this state has been stretched thin of its resources, employees, and volunteers. These children are the future, in a few years, they will be the ones voting, becoming productive citizens, and having a say in the future of this state and this country. We need to make sure that these children are bought up in an environment of love, support, and opportunity. When it comes to the fragile and precarious years of childhood and adolescence, no one deserves to be left behind due to circumstances beyond their control. If we take the initiative and put foster care children at the forefront of our priorities, I believe we will be able to improve the lives of so many children and enable them to become the leaders of tomorrow. An African proverb states "it takes a village to raise a child." Can you reach out your hands and heart to care for a foster child and become a part of that child's village? If so, please contact your nearest foster care organization and offer support. The future is now for so many children.

Capito Tours CityNet to Discuss Broadband Operations, Deployment



U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) tours CityNet's facilities in Charleston, W.Va. on Thursday, June 30, 2022.

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) – U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) visited CityNet's Charleston facility and data center for a tour and discussion with company leadership and employees.

"CityNet is an example of a West Virginia company that is leading the way on a critical issue like broadband," Senator Capito said. "As we bring dollars into our state for broadband deployment through the bipartisan infrastructure law, we want to make sure our local internet service providers have the tools and support they need to deliver high-speed internet access, especially in hard-

to-serve areas. It was great to catch up with Jim Martin and Chris Morris today, meet with employees, and see how their operations are helping connect communities across West Virginia."

Based in Bridgeport, W.Va., CityNet provides

advanced network communications and technology solutions for consumers, businesses, enterprise organizations, and wholesale customers in West Virginia. They currently have approximately \$150 million in broadband projects underway.

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Linda D. Knott, Ed.D.
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Summers County Schools
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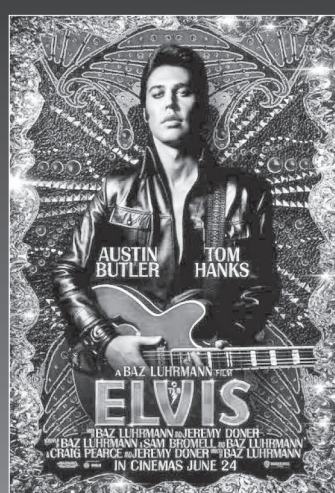
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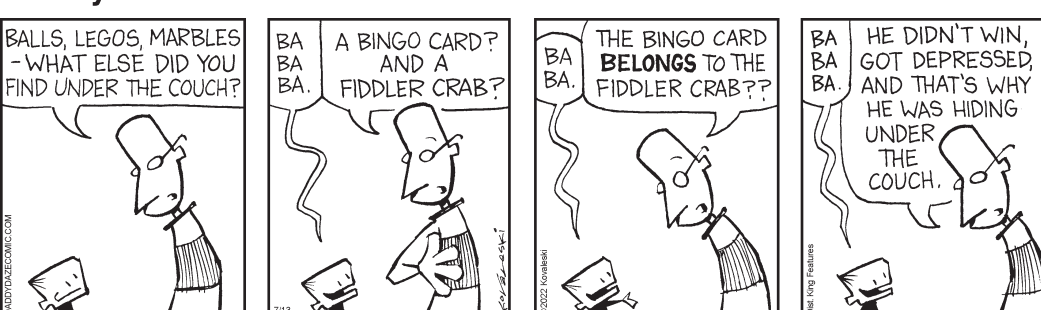
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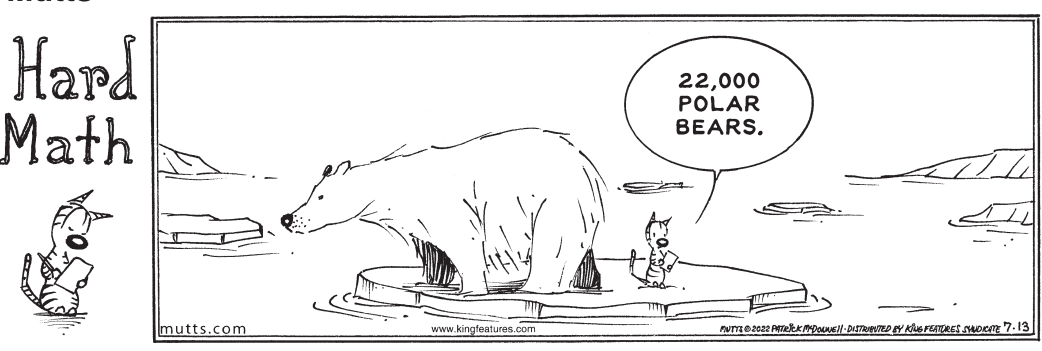
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today until 9 p.m. PDT. The Moon is in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 13, 2022:

You are friendly and caring and always eager to help others, especially family members. You're a loyal friend who is easy to talk to. Personally, you are adventurous. This is a wonderful year for you because you are getting recognition for what you do, perhaps a raise, a promotion or an award. Congratulations!

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)

2★ You might be surprised today by a parent or an older family member, because they will say or do something that catches you off guard. Meanwhile, you might see the need to do home repairs, or possibly a home repair project will be interrupted. (Yikes!) Tonight: Patience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

3★ Today is full of interruptions! You might have a chance to see new places and meet new faces. You might also envision original, new ideas. Travel plans will change, or perhaps you will suddenly have to travel when you didn't expect to

do so. This is a day to stay light on your feet! Tonight: Think for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3★ Keep an eye on your money and your assets today, because anything could happen. Something will catch you off guard, almost certainly. For example, you might find money; you might lose money. Avoid activities that could harm something you own. Tonight: Check banking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

2★ Today is full of impulsive desires and unexpected activities. Expect to make new discoveries or encounter new people who will generate a sense of excitement in you. Oh

yes, your interest is piqued! Break free of your routine and do something different to satisfy your urge for adventure! Tonight: Be courteous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

3★ Today your mind is shooting off in many directions like electrical impulses. Although this will make you feel restless, it also will help you come up with solutions to old problems. Research will definitely pay off. Study behind the scenes to learn something new. Tonight: Avoid squabbles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

3★ Today your ruler Mercury is dancing with unpredictable Uranus, which is why you feel mentally restless and eager for fun diversions. This is also why you might have an unusual arrangement with a friend or a member of a group. Or you might meet someone new and unusual. Tonight: Be diplomatic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

2★ A parent, boss or someone in a position of authority might surprise you today. They might have fresh news or suggestions. This also might relate to something unexpected taking place at home. (Small appliances might break down.)

Stock the fridge in case surprise company shows up. Tonight: Harmony at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

3★ Travel plans might be delayed or upset today; conversely, you might suddenly have to travel. Surprise news also might catch you off guard. Stay flexible today, because plans will change. You will meet new people and hear surprising news. Tonight: Avoid arguments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

3★ Keep an eye on your wallet today, because something unexpected could impact your wealth. Protect what you own from loss, theft or damage. Meanwhile, new ideas and approaches to how you handle shared property or deal with an inheritance might arise. Tonight: Caution when shopping.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

2★ This is an exciting day, and you're eager for adventure! In part, this could be because a partner or close friend surprises you by doing or saying something unexpected. You might be introduced to someone who is unusual and different. Social plans might suddenly change. Tonight: Stay mellow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

3★ Pet owners should be vigilant about their pets today. Meanwhile, interruptions at work will occur. They might create delays, even cancellations. Give yourself extra time to deal with the unexpected today. On the upside, you're full of clever ideas and fresh solutions! Tonight: Don't react.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

3★ Social plans will surprise you today. You might receive an exciting invitation or, conversely, a fun event might be delayed or canceled. Parents should be vigilant about their kids to avoid mishaps. Sports events will have upsets and possible accidents. Pay attention to everything you say and do! Tonight: Patience.

BORN TODAY

Actor Harrison Ford (1942), actor Patrick Stewart (1940), actor, comedian Ken Jeong (1969)

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ACROSS

1 "Bow-wow!"

4 Dol. fractions

7 Ornamental jug

8 Ballet bends

10 Resident of Tabriz

11 Limber

13 Goes on

16 Sault — Marie

17 Quarter-back Tom

18 La-la lead-in

19 Cat call

20 Antelope's playmate

21 Map feature

23 Goethe play

25 Thor's father

26 Sax range

DOWN

1 Not dozing

2 Actress Russo

3 Thrown beach toy

4 Tipped off, with "in"

5 In one's cups

6 Aug. follower

7 Part of Q.E.D.

8 "Hog-wash!"

9 Schedules

10 "— a deal!"

12 Heron's kin

14 Jog

15 Listener

19 ISP

20 Pair with an air

21 Luggage attachment

22 Jefferson's coin

23 Chimney part

24 Withdrawal charges

25 Frequently

26 A Muske-teer

28 Despot

29 Perfume ingredient

30 Earlier, in verse

31 Normandy battle site

32 "Thar — blows!"

34 Yale students

35 Hosp. areas

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.

FLYIL

SVIAT

SUWEIN

RFETRE

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Problem solved! Look what I found in the Jeep! These matches were damp. They didn't work.

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(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers

Jumbles: WEIGH CHILD POORLY CENSUS
Answer: After seeing what he had picked out to wear to dinner, she had a few — CHOICE WORDS

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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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:

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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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 July 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):
Call: 002
Contract: 2022890001R2
State Project:
S389-REC/AL-22.00
Federal Project:
STBG-2022(033)D
Description:
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DISTRICTWIDE
COUNTY: DISTRICT 9

DBE GOAL: 5 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.
REMARKS:
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.
(13,20jl)

**NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION TO
CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTORS
& LEGATEES**
Notice is hereby given that the following estates have been opened for probate in the Summers Fiduciary Supervisor's Office in Hinton, WV. 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 or 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, July 6, 2022
Claim Deadline: Sunday, September 4, 2022
Estate of: JAMES DALE BRAGG
Fiduciary: MAXINE BRAGG
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Estate of: BETTY LOU EL-

WOOD
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Fiduciary: STEPHANIE MICHELLE DRESSLER
Estate of: EARL DELMAS WOODS
Fiduciary: MELBA JANE WOODS
Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 28, 2022.
Donald R. Basham Jr.
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County
(6,13 jl)

**IN THE FAMILY COURT
OF SUMMERS COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA**
Civil Action No. 22-D-33
IN RE: The Marriage of:
Joseph Clay Cox,
Petitioner

and
Heather Lynn Cox,
Respondent
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
**THE OBJECT OF THIS
SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A
DIVORCE. THIS IS A
PUBLICATION BY CLASS II
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.**
**To the Above-Named
Respondent:**
It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Heather Lynn Cox is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Heather Lynn Cox serve upon Joseph Clay Cox, Petitioner, whose address is 919 Straley Ave., Apt. 10, Princeton, WV 24740, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before August 8th, 2022. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.
A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.
Entered by the Clerk of said Court of Summers County.
Stacy D. Ford
Clerk Of The Court
(6,13jl)

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The Back Pew

BY STEPHEN BALDWIN

The dog days of summer are upon us! But don't let the heat fool you when reading this month's column. It may sound familiar with many of the same issues from last month, but the details contain brand new updates on several ongoing issues.

BUDGET SURPLUS. With the fiscal year now over, our state holds a \$1.3 billion surplus. Most states are in the same situation due to a large influx of federal dollars. What will we do with our surplus? That is the billion-dollar question. I continue to support a mix of infrastructure investments and immediate tax relief for citizens suffering from sky-high inflation. Virginia, for example, is sending residents a rebate check of \$250

or \$500. Here in West Virginia, the supermajority has yet to unveil their plans and has rejected every tax relief proposal we've made so far.

SPECIAL SESSION Expect another special session of the legislature in July or possibly as late as September. It will deal with the budget surplus, infrastructure project funding, more rehashes of bills from the last session, and potentially a state abortion law.

ABORTION The Supreme Court overturned Roe vs Wade in the Dobbs decision last month. Legally, this means states now must pursue their own abortion policies. For example, some states are pursuing outright bans, some states are further restricting abortion to six weeks with only an exception for the life of the mother, and some

states are keeping current law in place but pursuing no additional restrictions. Like with our budget surplus, the supermajority has yet to make a proposal for a state policy here. As we wait, I'm listening to women, doctors, medical groups, civic groups, and fathers as to what they think our policy should be.

COLLINS AERO-SPACE As the lockout by Collins Aerospace of their employees continues, some families are having a hard time making ends meet. The company is even disputing unemployment claims, which I am doing my best to reconcile on behalf of local families. As I've said before, the relationship between the company, workers, and community has been enormously beneficial for all parties over the years. I re-

main hopeful cooler heads will prevail at the corporate office and the workers will receive a fair contract for their good work.

SCHOOL SAFETY Later this week, I am convening what I hope will be the first in a series of meetings on school safety with local professionals including schools, law enforcement, health care, child welfare, and student support. After Uvalde, we cannot be complacent. It can happen anywhere, and we need to be proactive locally. There are ways all of us in the community can help make our communities safer, and I am excited to share that information soon. This is just something we leave to the schools; we need YOU to be involved in ongoing safety programs for them to truly work.

DRUG COMPANY

LAWSUIT In a shocking turn of events, a federal judge ruled for three major drug companies this week. They profited billions off our pain and death, yet the judge absolved them of all financial responsibility in our drug crisis. It's a distortion of justice beyond comprehension. This is a punch to the gut that will be judged harshly by history. (I'll be publishing an entire article

on the topic this week as well.)
PARADES It's parade season! I do my best to make all the local parades as in order to talk with folks about what's going on in your communities. Please take time to come say hello when I'm in your neck of the woods.
That's the view from the back pew, where it is my privilege to serve you.



Dear Abby

Boyfriend's Frequent 'Breaks' Define Couple's Relationship

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Ashton," is bisexual. After we have fights, he takes "breaks" and uses them to be with other men. He has several friends who are bisexual or transgender. He is presently in the closet about his status because he comes from a Christian family and lives in a highly conservative area.

He was still maintaining contact last year with his on-again, off-again boyfriend, "Will," even though he swore nothing was going on between them. He always rushed back to Will or kept him on the side during his other relationships as well. I almost broke up with him four months ago over his hanging out with Will.

Now he wants his friend "Cody," who is a transgender male, to stay with him for several days for an upcoming concert there. I'm in the process of moving to this area, but I don't trust him not to have sexual relations outside of ours. My straight male friends have warned me not to trust him.

Should I break up with him because I don't feel he respects his female partners as much as he does his male ones? It also seems like he has a double standard with sharing phone details. I share mine openly, but he isn't as open with his, which leads me to think he's still got someone else on the side. Yet he wants me to see only him. Help! -- FRUSTRATED GIRL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Because someone identifies as bisexual does not mean the person is incapable of being monogamous. Ashton, however, seems to use these "breaks" to consort solely with other males. He may be using you to hide his true orientation from his Christian family. None of this bodes well for your relationship. Listen to your friends. They may have more insight into Ashton's character than you do.

P.S. People who hide their phones often have more going on than they are comfortable revealing. Consider this another red flag, and reconsider both the move and your romance with him.

DEAR ABBY: I have a lifelong friend whose oldest

child has always been led to believe that his stepmother is his mother. The stepmom has had two children of her own now, and it is clear that she treats her own kids far better. I recall example after example. When does the charade end?

I have been close friends with the kid's dad since childhood, but that poor kid will feel betrayed when he finds out who his mother really is and that I was one of the adults who knew and kept it from him. He will be 18 soon. What can I do? -- SILENCED IN THE WEST

DEAR SILENCED: Talk to the young man's father. Point out that because of genetic testing, it's only a matter of time until his son learns the truth about who his birth mother is, and it

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- **2021 Taxes** (which are based on owner of record July 1, 2020) **are now PAST DUE**
- **July 15, 2022** taxpayers can begin paying **2022 taxes** (which are based on owner of record July 1, 2021)
- **Business and Personal Property Assessments** for **2023** (vehicles, boats, trailers, campers, ATVs, etc.) (based on record of ownership July 1, 2022), due by October 1st
- **Farm Reports** due by September 1st
- **Homestead Discount Applications** (65 or older)/Disability (100% disabled), due by December 1st
- **Dog tags** are renewed annually, and are effective from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023
- **Camper and Campground Owners** according to tax code 11-5-1 (campers, carports, misc. structures) located in Summers County July 2022 are required to be taxed in Summers County

would be better if the news comes from his father.

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.

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