

## Statement from Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin regarding tax relief

**CHARLESTON** (Hinton News) - Statement from Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin (D-Greenbrier), on behalf of the Senate Minority Caucus, regarding tax relief: "With inflation skyrocketing to a 40-year high and rising at 9.1% last month alone, West Virginians need immediate tax relief. The costs of gas, groceries, and doing business affect us more every single day. All year long as inflation has grown, we've proposed ideas to provide the people with relief now—gas tax relief, sales tax relief, tax credits for families, workforce investments, and even a tax rebate. Every single proposal has been rejected by our Republican colleagues. What are they waiting for? People need help now. Why are they wasting time talking about potential income or property tax relief years down the road? People need help now. We are open to all ideas that will provide immediate relief for the people, and we stand ready to work with anyone who's willing to get the job done."

## Statement released from Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin on abortion

**BY SENATOR STEPHEN BALDWIN**

Statement from Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin (D-Greenbrier), on behalf of the minority caucus: "When Roe v. Wade was overturned this summer, the issue of abortion was returned to the states. Here in West Virginia, that meant we reverted to a law originally adopted in the 1800s. That law bans all abortion, enacts criminal penalties for doctors and women, and conflicts with more recent legislation. It was enacted before West Virginia became a state and before women held the right to vote. It does not contain exceptions for rape, incest, or medical emergencies. It is unclear as to what extent a mother's health can be taken into account. This law is unreasonable and needs to be repealed; it is cruel and it does not reflect our values. As Governor Justice and Attorney General Morrissey have called for, we expect a special session soon. Families living with pregnancies and their doctors deserve legal clarity in seeking and providing necessary health-care without threat of imprisonment, intimidation, or penalty. While our opinions on this difficult issue certainly differ, we must be able to agree that a woman's life, health, and well-being should be protected by the law."

## Candlelight vigil held in honor of Haley Weikle

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

A candlelight vigil took place in Hinton on Tuesday, July 19. As sunlight lit Hinton with a soft glow, a reverent hush spread throughout the gathered crowd to honor the memory of four-year-old Haley Weikle, whose life was tragically taken earlier this month. Summers County REACHH organized the event. Speakers included Senator Stephen Baldwin, REACHH Director Doris Selko, Sheriff Justin Faris and Library Director Austin Persinger.

Young Haley lost her life on July 12, 2022. Police responded to a 911 call that morning and found Haley deceased. According to the criminal complaint filed by investigating officers, the small child's mother allegedly claimed her husband, the child's father, had killed the girl. Both parents are in Southern Regional Jail facing murder charges.

The senseless tragedy left the entire community reeling. None more so than the first responders who were called to the scene that fateful morning, Haley's family, friends and all who knew her. This vigil served as a first step toward healing.

Doris Selko opened the ceremony. At one point in her speech, Selko said,



**Sheriff Faris speaks at the candlelight vigil. Photo by Lisa Abshire.**

"Each and every one of us here tonight has felt the loss. It's ripped at our hearts and hurt our very souls." She continued, "Many of us have children Haley's age or, in my case, grandchildren. Now we see them in a different light. We see how quickly they can be taken from us."

Next, Senator Stephen Baldwin took the podium to pray. Baldwin's eloquent words flowed over the crowd as each individual lowered their head. During his prayer, Baldwin said, "We are angry. We are confused. We are upset. That such a precious child could endure such a

thing." He also said, "May we find ways to honor her by protecting children who are facing similar circumstances."

Sheriff Faris was next to speak. He began by thanking Felisha Hartwell with REACHH for organizing the event and the County Commission for approving the use of the Memorial Building steps. He heartbreakingly spoke about the feelings that ensued as he, his team and the State Police headed to the scene after the first arriving deputy called for help. He said, "As I was driving, I was praying and praying that we were wrong, that



**Flowers and unicorns decorate the area. Photo by Lisa Abshire.**

it wasn't what we thought it was." Before closing, Faris read the policeman's prayer.

Additionally, local singer Barbara Trivitt lent her voice to honor Haley by singing Dancing in the Sky by Dani and Lizzy. Library Director Austin Persinger read the heart-wrenching poem Hymn for the Hurtling by Amanda Gorman.

While the vigil does not erase the cruel reality of this horrible tragedy, the community of Summers County came together for an evening to lend support and comfort, to begin healing.

If you suspect a child is in danger, contact local police or Child Protective Services as soon as possible.

## Mayor Scott releases statement on Hinton Landing project

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

Site preparation recently began on Hinton Landing/Bateau Beach beside Advance Auto, and Mayor Scott recently shared an announcement regarding the project on the City of Hinton Facebook page. The statement provides project information such as how long it will take and other vital details.

To begin, Mayor Scott thanked the West Virginia Department of Highways and West Virginia American Water Company for the two company's cooperation in transferring the property to the City of Hinton.

When describing the project, Scott said, "It will contain a public beach, green space, picnic shelters, public e bathroom, playground, parking and have the space to potentially host events." He goes on to talk about the origins of the plans stating that it is the result of a two-year collaboration with the WVU School of Engineering and local stakeholders.

The entire undertaking will take some time. According to Scott, the timeline cites nine months on the low end and 13 months on the high end. He also noted that between 60 and 90 days, a final draft of the plans will be made available to the public.



**Site preparation begins. Photo by Mike Gore.**

"We are sorry for the inconvenience during the construction phase and hope that the community will be understanding during this time."

In the statement, Scott concluded, "We believe this project is a great benefit to our community and that it will be something that is utilized and appreciated by local residents and visitors alike."

## Historical portraits gifted to Bluefield State University



Recently discovered portraits of Othello Maria Harris-Jefferson (1906-1988) and her husband, Phillip G. "Jeff" Jefferson (1902-1986), were presented to Bluefield State University this week. Director of Alumni Affairs, Dr. Deirdre Guyton, accepted the gifts from Becky Crabtree, BSC Class of 1975, and Lacy Watson, former adjunct professor at BSC.

The student union at the university is named in honor of Harris-Jefferson, a long-time professor of education at the school. Her husband taught math at Genoa Junior High during the 1960s. The portraits were discovered by Jarrod Hines, owner of Entrusted Auctions, who knew of Crabtree's affiliation with Bluefield State and contacted her.



# Hinton Railroad Days Committee meets

Members of Hinton's Railroad Days Committee met on July 13, 2022, at Hinton City Hall. Present were: Jack Scott, Chris Meadows, Stacy Turner Ford, Amy Richmond, Margie Temple, Bobby Cox, John Angotti, Larry Meador, Butch Ballengee, and Carol Jackson.

Amy Richmond gave an update on the Hinton Railroad Days website, logo and vendors. Go Duck Media recently began work on a rack card for Railroad Days along with a QR code and Snapchat filter. The current website cannot be updated due to the platform being outdated. At this time, all media posts will occur through Facebook or the newspaper.

Currently, there are 37 vendors signed up for this year's festival. The last day to accept new vendor applications will be August 31, 2022.

Amy Richmond also discussed the music lineup for this year's festival and said Matt Mullins had booked all acts. Music will be played all four days on the downtown stage from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on the Rivertown Stage from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. The music lineup has been announced to the public and more information on each musician will follow.

Jack Scott discussed this year's budget. Costs to be incurred will be tents for seating, seating for the City Park, musical acts, and trolley rides. Chris Meadows reported porta-johns have been ordered; however, he will order an additional porta-john for the Kids Zone area at the Memorial Building lawn. The committee decided to order four tents to be set up for seating areas during the four days of Railroad Days.

Tina Westfall Allen was

not present but provided a report for the Kid's Zone. Two slide-type inflatables will be ordered from a vendor in Lewisburg. The cost will be approximately \$1,500 for the four days. The committee agreed to this expense.

Tina also priced wooden whistles to give to kids during Railroad Days. The committee agreed to allow her to order 500 whistles at a cost of \$800.00. Tina's information also included Hinton Outfitters creating a sticker for Railroad Days. The setup fee is \$75.00. The final cost will depend on how many stickers the committee orders.

Tina also verified a trackless train would cost approximately \$10 to 15,000 for the four days. This price was unrealistic for this year's budget; therefore, she will continue to attempt to acquire this type of ride for future Railroad

Days.

Jack Scott also discussed the WV Tourism Bus and the best place for it to be set up. Stacy recommended acquiring the dimensions of the bus to determine where it will fit best when parked.

Other topics discussed were ordering long sleeve shirts for those committee members working during Railroad Days; directional signage and where to place this during Railroad Days in order for people to know where craft vendors, food, music, etc., were located in town; Security during Railroad Days was discussed. Mayor Scott will talk to Sheriff Farris in addition to verifying the cost of private security before the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on August 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at Hinton City Hall. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

# LEPC to hold public meeting

The Summers County LEPC will hold a public meeting on Aug. 2 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

# Wild Water Express hosts second Sunday Sensory-Friendly Hour

Wild Water Express in Hinton is hosting a second and final Sunday Sensory-Friendly Hour. During this time, the waterslide will provide a quieter and toned-down experience for anyone with special needs. The event will take place on August 7 between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$4.

For more information, call 304-466-1600 during regular pool hours.

# Summers County Courthouse News

**Marriages**  
Justin Scott Bray to Sheena Jean Gentry.

**Fiduciaries**  
Debbie Sue Ballard, Administrator of the Randall Scott Ballard estate;  
Sarah F Holliday, Administrator of the Julia G Ford estate;  
Ernest Allen Vandall, Administrator of the Ricky W Vandall estate;  
Karen Weikle, Administrator of the Haley Dawn Weikle estate;  
Jennifer R Utterback McMeekin, Administrator of the Samuel Hobart Crook estate;  
Delma Coleen Sawyer, Administrator of the Delma Pearl Fleshman estate;  
Rilva Dale Lilly, Administrator of the Luther Carl Lilly estate;  
Holly Chantel Kesner, Administrator of the Charles Rosco Davis estate;  
Linda Deaguiar, Administrator of the Frederick Aufrecht Jr. estate.

**Land Transfers**  
James M Angiulo to James Angiulo and Clarita Marie Rader, Lot Number 5, Pipestem District;  
Timothy Ray Ballengee to James P Acly and

Kathleen Acly, 20 acres more or less;  
Sadie Akers Summers to William Gail Teets Jr., 10 acres more or less, Jumping Branch District;  
Charles A Scruggs to Donald L Adkins Jr., 2 Tracts, Green Sulphur District;  
Johnson and Johnson Investments LLC to Joseph Michael Ellison and Kama Lynette Ellison, 8.64 acres, Talcott District;  
Golden Egg Corporation to Kaylee B McClung, First: Lot Number 17 Block D, Second: Lot Number 18 Block D, City of Hinton District;  
Sherrie L Marks to Cathryn L McIntire and Bryan D Hanna, Lot 5, Talcott District;  
Michael K Kesner and Violet A Kesner to Michael E Mines and Janet Sue Mines, Tract 1: 1 acre more or less, Tract 2: 1 acre more or less, Pipestem District;  
Loretta Bowles to Loretta Bowles and Richard Curtis Bowles, 2.1 acres more or less, Green Sulphur District;  
Carolyn E Spencer to Linda Deaguiar, 7777 square feet more or less, Pipestem District.

# Summers County Farmer's Market is occurring each Saturday

BY DAVID RICHMOND, WVU EXTENSION AGENT

**Hinton WV** (Hinton News) - The Summers County Farmers Market is being held every Saturday morning now and running through the summer. The market will be held every Saturday during the months of July through September weather permitting. The market location for all days will be on the Courthouse Square. The market will begin at 8:00 a.m. each sale day.

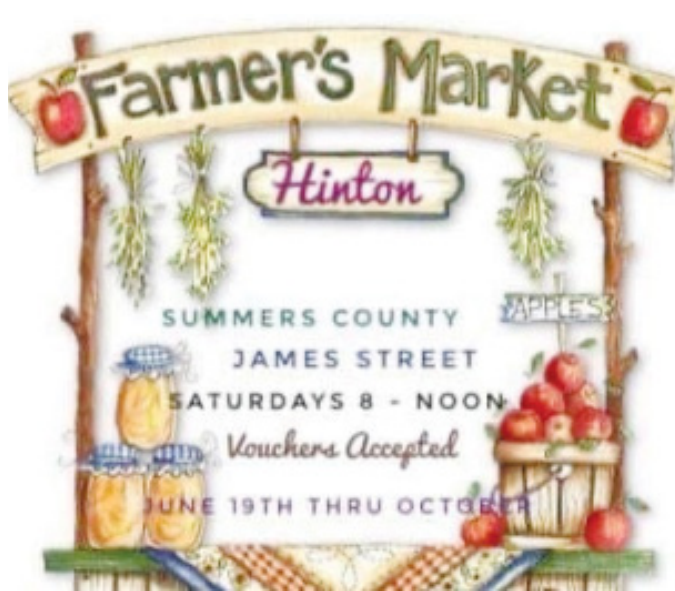
The market has become very successful and something that buyers look forward to each week. It is a place where they can purchase fresh locally grown vegetables at reasonable prices.

This market is also certified to accept the Senior Nutrition Vouchers along with the WIC vouchers which is a federally funded program through the USDA and administered by the

WV Department of Agriculture

With the number of buyers growing each year, the demand for fruits and vegetables has grown. With this in mind, the one thing that is needed to make the market stronger is more vendors. The market is looking for anyone in the area that produces fruit or vegetables and is looking to make additional money. By adding more vendors and increasing the volume and selection at the market we hope to increase the consumer base. The market is designed for local producers in order to provide an outlet for their produce and provide a market for local buyers. All participants must meet the criteria outlined by the marketing group.

If any producer is interested, large or small, you are encouraged to contact David Richmond, WVU Extension Agent at 304 466-7113 or 304-255-9321.



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## Attention Summers County Taxpayers

As a courtesy and service to the taxpayers of Summers County, below is a list of taxpayer information and dates to remember for the **2022** tax year.

- **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 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Farm Reports** due by September 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Homestead Discount Applications** (65 or older)/Disabled (100% disabled), due by December 1<sup>st</sup>
- **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

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**Summers County Schools** will be destroying all special education student records that have been inactive for at least 6 years, through June 1, 2016.

If you wish to obtain a copy of your special education records, please send a written request before August 31, 2022, to:

Linda D. Knott, Ed.D.  
Director of Student Services  
Summers County Schools  
418 Temple Street  
Hinton, WV 25951  
304-466-6000

Cordially,  
*Linda D. Knott*  
Director of Student Services





## Dear Abby

### Desire For Attention Drives Wife Back To Old Boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband, "Jim," for three years, but we have been together for seven. It hasn't been an easy road for us. I love him, but he doesn't give me the attention or time that I want.

We have two kids we're raising from previous relationships. I didn't intentionally set out to hurt him, but three years ago, I reconnected with someone from my past I'll call "Mac." Mac and I have been off and on since re-

connecting. Now I find myself not wanting to hurt either of them, but I'm in love with both of them.

I have thought about leaving Jim several times, but I can't bring myself to do it. I feel like I'm living a double life. Jim suspects that I'm talking to someone else but won't come out and ask me directly. All I want is to be happy and not hurt others in the process. Please give me some advice. -- THOROUGHLY CONFUSED IN THE EAST

DEAR THOROUGHLY CONFUSED: Your husband is already suspicious. If you think you are doing him a favor by keeping silent, you are kidding yourself. He hasn't come out and asked you directly because he may be afraid of upsetting the apple cart. This is not just a "choice" you are making between two men. There are children involved, and where will a divorce leave them?

If your problem is Jim's lack of attention, don't

you think you should tell him that? He won't enjoy hearing it, but it may give him a chance to rectify the situation. After that, if he decides he is through with you, your problem will be solved and you can enjoy your big Mac.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 5-year-old daughter, "Kim," whose father is not in the picture. If that's not tough enough, I don't know his whereabouts. I haven't heard from him in a year because he has had past trouble with the law. He obviously isn't interested in being involved in her life, and I've accepted that. However, he has family members who live not far away, and they haven't made any efforts either.

My teenage son is close with Kim's father's nephews, as they have been friends since he and I dated. I have been debating whether to reach out to my ex's sisters to address their lack of involvement in Kim's life. If they want no part of it, I guess I'll have to give up trying, al-

though it's a shame she doesn't know her family on "Dad's side."

The main reason I want to contact them is so she can get to know them or, if they choose not to, I can at least explain to her (when she's older) that I tried. Do you think it's worth it to reach out? Or should their absence confirm their lack of interest?

-- UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATION

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: Because you feel it's important for Kim to know that you "at least tried" reaching out to her father's side of the family, give them a call. However, it seems to me their absence is already sending a strong message that -- for whatever reason -- they prefer to keep their distance.

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](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## Community Obituaries

### HUMPHREY

Martha Suzanne Tolley Humphrey, age 80, of Pence Springs, WV, passed away on Sunday, July 17, 2022, at Summers County ARH Hospital in Hinton, WV.

Born January 16, 1942 in Huntington, WV, she was the daughter of the late James "Jim" and Margaret Gormley Tolley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, William Andrew "Andy" Humphrey; an infant brother, Charles Joseph Tolley; two sisters, Betty Tolley Cox and Ruth Tolley Gwinn; and two nephews, Harold Andrew "Andy" Cox and John "Johnny" Gwinn.

Mrs. Humphrey was a retired veterinary assistant, having retired after many years of service. She was a 1959 graduate of Talcott High School in Talcott, WV, and attended the Pence Springs Community Church in Pence Springs, WV. Mrs. Humphrey will always be remembered for her love of animals. She was known to sleep in the barn with an ailing foal and would rescue any creature in need.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, William Thom-

as "Bill" Humphrey of Pence Springs, WV; her daughter, Melanie Sue Humphrey of Crestview, FL; two granddaughters, Sarah Jane Humphrey of Knoxville, TN, and Margaret Suzanne "Maggie" Humphrey of Pence Springs, WV; two nieces, Johanna Gwinn and Nikkie Davis and family; two nephews, Michael Gwinn and family and Geoffrey Gwinn and family; special camping friend, April Fowler of Crestview, FL; and many loved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 2 p.m. at the Lobban Funeral Home Chapel in Alderson, WV, with the Rev. Roger Persinger officiating. Burial followed at the Riverview Cemetery at Creamery, WV. Friends could call Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson, WV.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Humphrey family at [www.lobbanfh.com](http://www.lobbanfh.com).

Arrangements by Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson, WV.

BY CHARLOTTE LANE, CHAIRMAN | WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Anyone can be targeted for a utility scam – including the Chairman of the Public Service Commission!

That's right, recently I was at home when my phone rang. My caller ID indicated the call was coming from Scott Depot, West Virginia. When I answered, the caller told me I was behind on my electric bill and unless I made payment over the phone the power company was going to terminate my

service in 45 minutes!

I was so shocked and startled I actually questioned myself whether I could be delinquent on my bill. When I told the caller I was sure I had paid the bill he hung up on me. I then called the power company and was told my bill was current and I had been the intended victim of a scam they are seeing all too frequently in our area.

So let's go over the basic steps to take to avoid being a victim.

Don't ever give out your

Social Security Number, birthdate, mother's maiden name, credit card or bank account numbers, driver's license number or any personal identifying information to an unsolicited caller.

If you have not had any prior notice of an outstanding bill and someone calls claiming to represent your utility company, says your bill is seriously past due, and threatens to shut off your service if you don't pay immediately, hang up. It's a scam.

If someone asks for pay-

ment on a prepaid debit or gift card, hang up. It's a scam.

If someone threatens you on the phone, hang up. If they come to your door and threaten you, don't let them in. Lock the door and call the police.

These criminals are ruthless and, unfortunately, the practice is becoming all too common. Protect yourself. If you believe you have been the victim of a utility scam, immediately report it to the police and then contact your utility company.

# Summers County Comprehensive High School Fall Practice Schedules

**Hinton WV** (Hinton News) - The Summers County Comprehensive High School fall sports practice schedule is now available.

All participating athletes are required to have a sports physical and insurance form on the first day of practice. Incoming freshmen and transfer students must also have a copy of their birth certificates. Please call 304-466-6040 for additional information.

### Football

Monday, August 1 (8:00-10:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.)

Additional times will be announced on the first day of practice.

### Cheerleading

Monday, August 1 (2:30-4:30) SCCHS Gym

Tuesday, August 2 (2:30-4:30)

Wednesday, August 3 (10:30-12:30)

Thursday, August 4 (2:30-4:30)

Friday, August 5 (2:30-4:30)

### Cross Country

Monday, August 3 (4:00-5:30) SCCHS

Additional times will be announced on the first day of practice.

### Volleyball

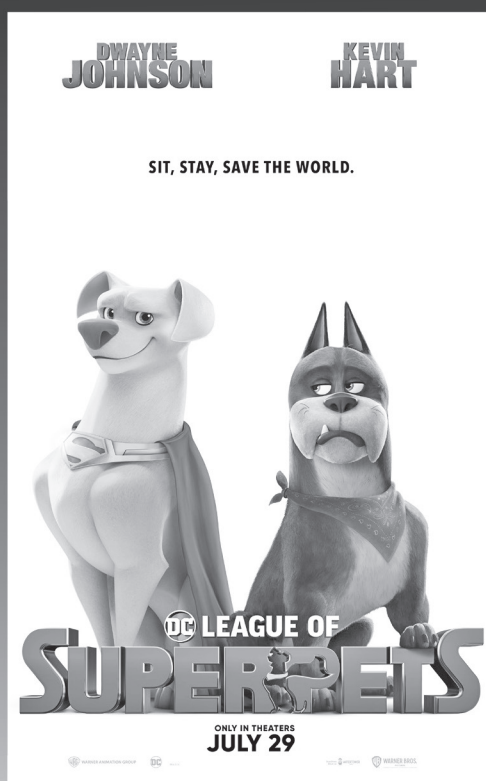
Monday, August 8 through Friday, August 12 (6:00-8:00 p.m.) SCCHS Gym

For more information, reach out to Kathy Blevins - SCCHS Athletic Director.

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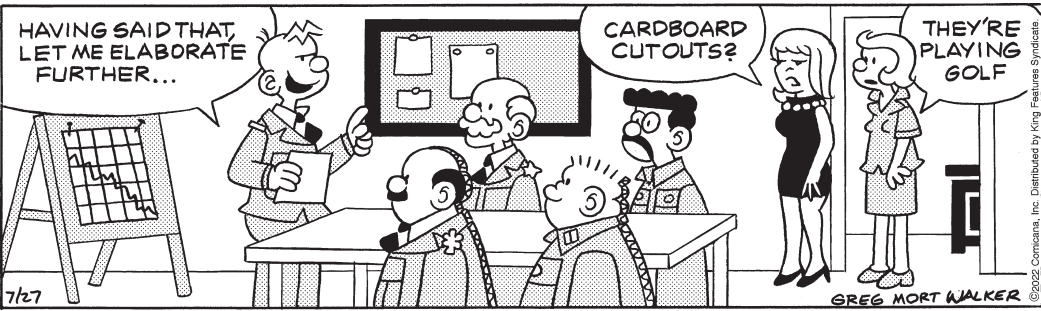
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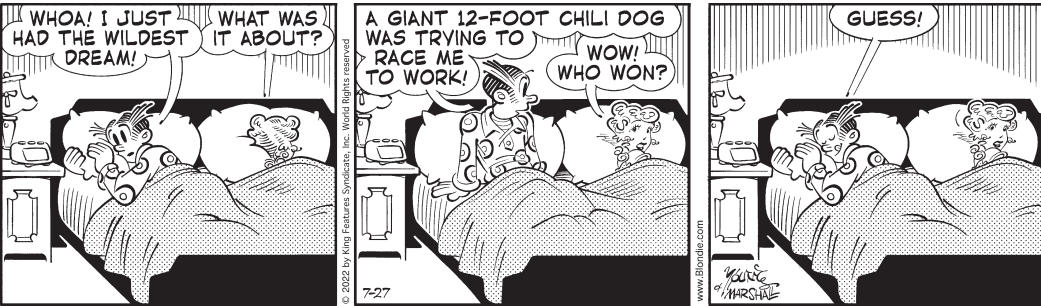


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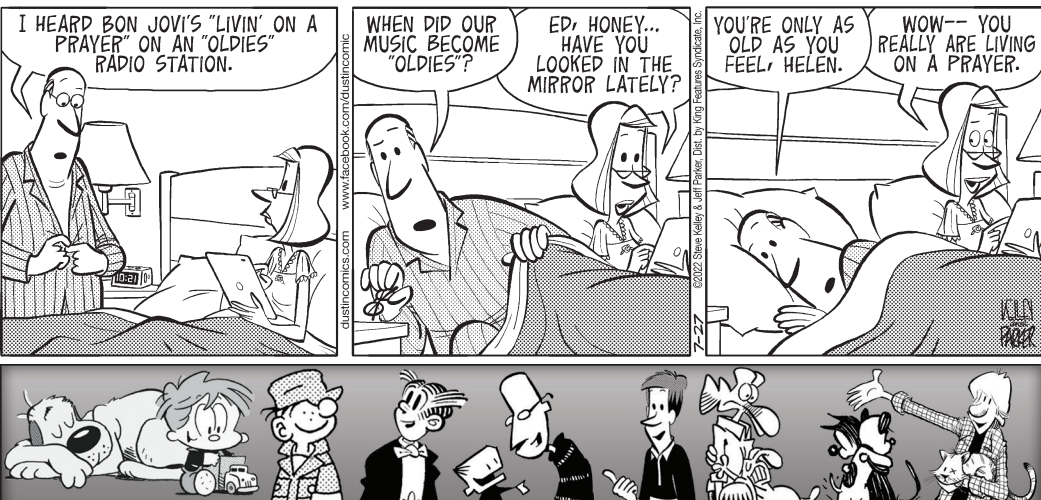
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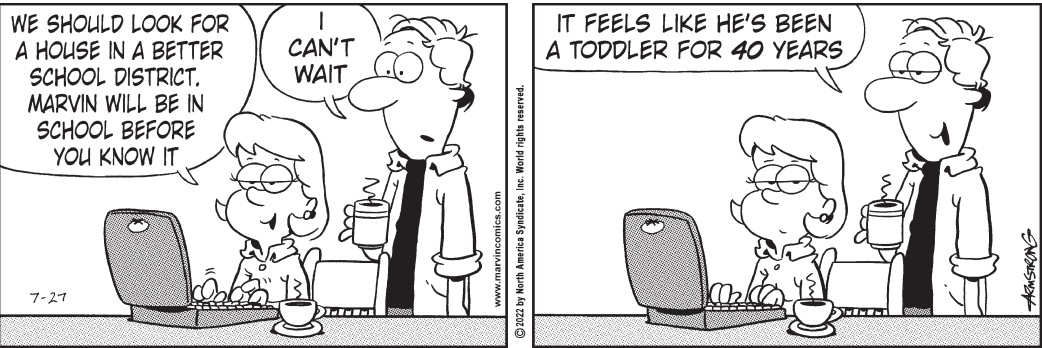
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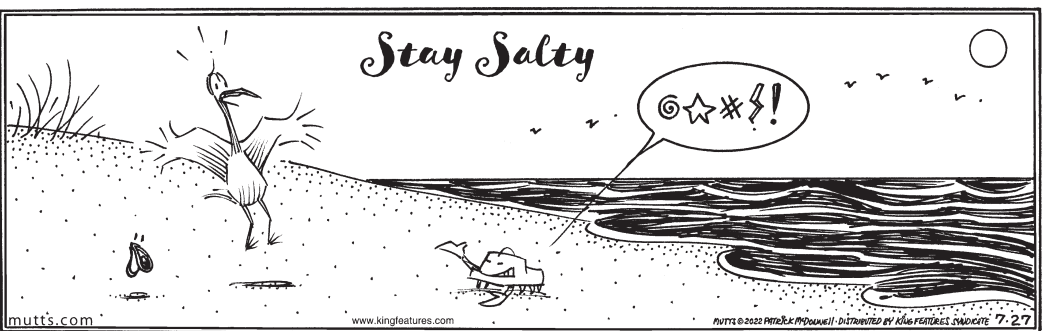
## Marvin



## Mother Goose and Grim



## Mutts



## Zits



# ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

**MOON ALERT:** There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today until 8:45 p.m. EDT (5:45 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Cancer into Leo.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, July 27, 2022:

You are friendly, upbeat and warm when dealing with others. You are also observant and alert. People like your cheerful playfulness. This year you are working hard to build important foundations in your life. They might be physical structures or structures within that strengthen you. Be open to business dealings and new projects.

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★ Be patient with family members today, especially female relatives (this includes Mom), because this entire week is challenging for relations with others. People are quick to argue! Situations are volatile! Be smart. Be nice to family and relatives. Tonight: Play!

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

3★ It's important to be aware that fiery Mars is in your sign for the next four weeks. This happens only once every two years, and when it occurs it makes you aggressive, ener-

getic and active! Meanwhile, today emotional disputes with others might occur. Be nice to the little people. Tonight: Co-coon.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3★ Disputes with others might arise today, or perhaps they are arguments about something that you own or something related to your earnings. Because you are tempted to spend money on beautiful things for yourself and loved ones, someone might object to a recent purchase. Stay calm and keep your receipts. Tonight: Eager discussions.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

2★ Today the Moon is in your sign opposing Pluto,

which is a strong indication that you'll have power struggles with others. These power struggles can be manipulative and guilt inducing. Or they might just be tiny struggles of one-upmanship. Tonight: Check your money.

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

3★ You are empowered now, because both the Sun and Mercury are in your sign. This makes you confident and articulate -- ready to state your views to anyone. Nevertheless, today something going on behind the scenes might put you off. Just let it pass. (Drink lots of water.) Tonight: You win!

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

3★ Power struggles with a friend or a member of a group are likely today, especially with a female. Perhaps this is about goals or ideologies, or the direction or mandate of a club or a group, especially a nonprofit association. Sometimes you have to go along to get along. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

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

2★ Power struggles with bosses, parents or the police might take place today. Fortunately, your ruler Venus is high in your chart, and this will increase your ability to be dip-

lomatic and charming. (Never underestimate the power of courtesy.) Tonight: Schmooze!

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

3★ Powerful forces are at work today, which is why you might have an intense encounter with someone, especially about issues in the media or something to do with politics, religion or race. Whatever happens, these will reveal the inner workings of you both. Tonight: You are noticed.

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

3★ Get your facts straight before you go out on a limb or argue issues related to shared property, inheritances or insurance disputes, because these kinds of power struggles might take place today. Do your homework so you're prepared to defend yourself with facts. Tonight: Explore!

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

2★ When dealing with a friend, partner or spouse today, you might encounter guilt, jealousy or over-possessiveness -- all that nasty stuff. Basically, it's probably about power and control. Try to be objective. With encounters like this, there are no winners. Tonight: Organize paperwork.

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

3★ Heated debates about issues at work might take place today. They might be about introducing reforms or better ways of doing things, while others resist because they like the way things have always been done. Or you might disagree with someone about a health-related issue. Tonight: Cooperate.

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

3★ Quarrels or difficulties dealing with your kids are something you might encounter today. Or perhaps you experience a power struggle about a social situation -- how something is done, when you leave, where you go, who picks up the tab, that sort of thing. Cope as best you can and be gracious. Tonight: Get organized.

### BORN TODAY

Actress, comedian Maya Rudolph (1972), baseball player Alex Rodriguez (1975), actor Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (1970)

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ACROSS

1 Fringe benefit

5 "Hum-bug!"

8 Rocky outcrop

12 Jai —

13 Swelled head

14 Valentine border

15 Cooking area

17 Gray's subj.

18 Wedding setting

19 Riyadh residents

21 Pride parade letters

24 GI entertainers

25 Gangs wrap

28 Incursion

30 "Tasty!"

33 Actress Thurman

34 Orchestral strings

35 Director Ang

36 Prohibit

37 Gas co., for one

38 Printer's blue

39 Corn core

41 Cruising

43 Drag

46 New York's — Island

50 Pundit's piece

51 Causing annoyance

54 Stallion's mate

55 Flightless bird

56 Revise

57 Org.

58 Trench

59 Pixels

2 Mideast airline

3 Harangue

4 Capital of Rwanda

5 Wager

6 Past

7 Beer ingredient

8 Santa —

9 Not by design

10 "Super-food"

11 Under-stands

16 Work unit

20 German car name

22 Author Harte

23 Shire of "Rocky"

25 Long lunch?

26 Docs' org.

27 Cattle farm

29 Mis-fortunes

31 — culpa

32 Gents

34 Rubik's brain-teaser

38 Phoned

40 From days of yore

42 "A mouse!"

43 "Brave New World" drug

44 IRS employees

45 Get ready, briefly

47 Chic beach resort

48 Mono-gram pt.

49 Pvt.'s superiors

52 Parisian pal

53 Fanatic

DOWN

1 Brazilian rubber

Solution time: 23 mins.

PAT ASIF HEM  
ISH LUTE EDIT  
ETA GROUP HUGS  
SINAI DUH  
RENO PETAL  
AREARUGS HULA  
HUD SMELT TOM  
ALDA BEERMUGS  
BEACH SWAB  
COG NANNY  
FIREPLUGS OOO  
ADDS AMOI MAL  
BAAS MATT EMO

Last Wednesday's Answer  
(Answers Next Wednesday)

JUMBLE

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

HMPUT

LDEEU

GIKSIN

GLRAUF

That Scrambled Word Game  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kneurek

Well, this time I don't think Twain's death is exaggerated. He'll be remembered for generations to come.

Goodbye, Mr. Clemens. You'll be missed.

MR. TWAIN PASSED AWAY IN 1910, BUT HE CERTAINLY ---

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: DITCH PICKY HELMET CANCEL  
Answer: Memorizing lines for the play would require a lot of effort. She'd need to -- KEEP THAT IN MIND

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

7/27

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:

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

7/20









57<sup>th</sup> Annual

# West Virginia Water Festival

## 2022 WV Water Festival Schedule

### July 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:30PM -Little Miss and Mr. Mermaid and Merman at City Park. Contact Jesse Cozort

### July 23<sup>rd</sup>

5AM-5PM -Fishing Tournament at Bluestone Lake. Contact PC Bait

### July 24<sup>th</sup>

11:30AM-12:30PM -City of Hinton Sensory Hour at Wild Water Express

### July 26<sup>st</sup>

7PM -Queens Coronation at The Ritz Theatre

### July 28<sup>th</sup>

3PM -Contest starts. Contact Heidi Richmond- Amy Richmond- City Hall

4PM-6PM -Pretty Baby at TBA-Registration

### July 29<sup>th</sup>

7-11AM -Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at St. Patricks Catholic Church

11AM-10PM -Vendor Event at Court House Lawn with music by:

5-10PM DJ Greg Swagger. Contact Pamela Hartwell

-Safety on the Blue Activities during Vendor Event

8PM -Fireman's Parade through the City of Hinton

-Fireworks to follow Fireman's Parade

### July 30<sup>th</sup>

7-11AM -Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at St. Patricks Catholic Church

11AM-9PM -Vendor Event at Court House Lawn with music by:

1-9PM DJ Greg Swagger. Contact Pamela Hartwell

12PM -Grand Parade through town

-Water Safety Presentation by the Army Corps of Engineers following the parade

-Life Jacket Give-away-Safety on the Blue Crew, life jackets are limited and will only be given to children under the age of 18, on a first come first serve bases, the child must be present on Saturday during the Army Corps of Engineers presentation to be fitted

2:30PM -Magic Show- Keith Adkins

8:30-11:30PM -City of Hinton Night Swim at Wild Water Express

Contact a member of the WV State Water Festival Committee for information on any event: Mary Lou Haley, Pamela Hartwell, Brittany Meadows, Jesse Cozort, Steven Brumit, Heidi Richmond, Amy Richmond, Bobby Sorg.

BL Bluestone Lake • MB Memorial Building • SCPL Summers County Public Library • SPCC St. Patrick Catholic Church • VMP Veterans Memorial Park • WCC Willowood Country Club

Events And Schedules Are Subject To Change!

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