



Annual Trunk or Treat announced for 2022

REACHH announced the 2022 information for its annual Trunk or Treat event. According to the announcement, the event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 22 starting at 5 p.m. The organization is looking for vendors to set up at the free community event. For more information, call REACHH at 304-466-2226 or email reachhfr@suddenlinkmail.com or crystale.farmer@reachhfr.org

Talcott Fire Dept. looking for auxiliary members

The Talcott Fire Department is looking for auxiliary members. Members of the auxiliary help plan and execute fundraisers, aid the firefighters with refreshments and needed supplies during long calls and various other vital duties. Currently, auxiliary members are working to plan a fundraiser for the department's fifth anniversary of operation. For more information on getting involved, stop by the station located on Pat Ball Road in Talcott on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Breast Cancer Wreath to be placed in Hinton

Walk for Her Lifetime, a local organization aiding people fighting breast cancer, is honoring those who have fought and continue to fight the terrible disease. The group is placing a Breast Cancer Awareness Month wreath on the Summers County Courthouse on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 4:30 p.m. During the ceremony, information will be available on breast cancer prevention and treatment, as well as information on Walk for Her Lifetime.

For more information, reach out to Walk for Her Lifetime on Facebook.

Second Sept. Board of Education meeting scheduled

The second regular September board meeting for the Summers County Board of Education will be held on September 27 at 6:00 PM at the Summers County Comprehensive High School Auditorium. Agendas and board minutes are available in our office Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and on our website at <https://www.scsww.us/page/board-of-education>

Special board meetings will be advertised on our website. We also have an app! Go to the App Store on iPhone and the Play Store on Android and search "Summers County Schools"!

The City of Hinton and Active SWV Host Follow the River Walk

HINTON (Hinton News) - The City of Hinton and Active SWV would like to invite everyone to join us in our first-ever Follow the River Walk from Hinton to the Richmond Hamilton Farm on Saturday, September 17, 2022. The walk will follow the New River as Mary Ingles did in her quest to escape the Shawnee Indians and return home to her family in Draper Meadows, Virginia. Registration will take place at the Explore Summers County Visitors Center starting at 1:30 p.m., with the walk beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Active SWV Captains



will lead the two-mile walk along the New River Road to the Richmond Hamilton Farm where light refreshments will be served, and Park Rangers will tell the tale of Mary Ingles' capture and escape in 1755, along with providing information on sustenance farming. Following the return walk

to town, everyone is invited to have dinner on their own, then join the City of Hinton in viewing the made-for-TV movie, Follow the River, for free in the City Park, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone should bring a chair to better enjoy viewing the movie.

This is a free event for the community.

Multiple arrests made in Summers County over last week of August

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

According to press releases from the Summers County Sheriff's Office, three people were arrested on drug-related charges in separate incidents between Aug. 24 and 30. The first arrest took place following a drug investigation in the area of Keeney Mountain.

During the investigation, a "large amount" of Hero-

in and Methamphetamine were seized, according to the press release. Additionally, officers seized three firearms. Following the conclusion of the investigation, officers arrested Diana Cook, 41, of Hinton.

Two days later, on Aug. 26, officers conducted a search warrant that led to the arrest of Mary Cyrus, 31, of Talcott. The press release states that Cyrus was

charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver Heroin, Fentanyl, Clonazepam and Methamphetamine.

The third arrest happened on Aug. 30 when officers conducted a traffic stop in the Hinton area. According to the press release, officers located and seized what is described as "a large amount of Methamphetamine." Officers arrested Calvin Mullins, 63, of Pipestem.

Fall decorating contest announced in Hinton



The City of Hinton is sponsoring a Fall Decorating Contest between local businesses and residents located within the Historic District of downtown Hinton. Each business is invited to decorate its windows in its best Fall Décor for a chance to win one of three cash prizes. \$100 will be awarded to the best Fall decorations, \$75 to second place, and \$50 to third place.

Residents living within the Historic District of downtown Hinton (downtown to and in-

cluding 5th Avenue) are also invited to showcase their best Fall Décor. The first place prize will be \$100, second place \$75, and third place \$50.

All downtown businesses and homes within the Historic District will be judged on Sunday, October 2nd, and announced on the City of Hinton's Facebook page Monday, October 3rd. Photos of the winning homes and businesses will also be posted on the City of Hinton Facebook page. Good luck everyone!

New York Times Bestselling Author speaks to students at Concord University



BY CONCORD UNIVERSITY

ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Harlan Cohen, bestselling author, journalist, and speaker, addressed students, faculty, and staff at Concord University this afternoon, sharing guidance on how to navigate obstacles, overcome rejection, and get comfortable with the uncomfortable. Cohen's book—WIN

or LEARN: The Naked Truth About Turning Every Rejection Into Your Ultimate Success—is required reading for all incoming freshmen at CU. This selection, published in 2021, helps readers identify their dreams, eliminate fears, and confidently take the risks necessary to achieve their goals.

Rather than a traditional presentation, Cohen worked one-on-one



with members of the crowd, engaging them in questioning and active discussion that illustrated the main points of his book.

"I'm not here to just blow smoke and throw rainbows. I'm here to be real," Cohen said.

Dr. Sheila Womack, Director of Student Success at Concord University, says Cohen's "growth mindset" theme—the belief that

you can do anything you put your mind to—is important for student success.

"That message is one that is incredibly important to college students, and when they embrace this mindset, they are likely to be successful," Womack said. "We're excited and fortunate to have Harlan on campus, and hope that our students, especially freshmen, are in-

spired!"

For more than 25 years, Harlan Cohen has trained students, parents, and professionals. His live events, books (over 1 million copies in print), online programs, and workshops "will change your life, impact your communities, and get you to places you've always wanted to go." For more information, visit harlancohen.com.



Hinton’s Dairy Queen brings delight for more than 50 years

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

For over half a century, Hinton’s Dairy Queen has been serving patrons iconic dishes alongside local favorites. From the classic Dilly Bar to a hot-dog topped with chili and coleslaw, Hinton’s DQ has something for everyone. The food selection, which is full of local staples such as brown beans and cornbread, is only one of the unique things about this establishment.

In addition to the delectable cuisine, this restaurant boasts an incredible view overlooking the New River. There is, of course, a handful of seating available outside where patrons can enjoy pleasant weather and the beautiful river. Inside, both levels of the restaurant have large picture windows. This inclusion into the building provides an excellent view of the river and surrounding flora. On the lower level, several birdhouses adorn the sprawling tree branches visible from the window. Birds are often



perched near the houses, creating an enjoyable experience for bird watchers, children and many others.

While many restaurants have installed modern ordering methods such as a drive-thru or electronic terminals, Hinton’s DQ continues an older tradition. Upon entering the establishment, patrons are greeted with two windows where employees wait to take orders. The style of ordering has remained the same for many years.

After a patron has placed their order, they have two options. They can wait near the window for carry-out or go to a table for dining at the restaurant.

While Hinton and Summers County tout many draws for tourists, such as water activities, a national park, excellent fishing and plenty of hiking trails, it is often the restaurants and businesses that people remember. Dairy Queen is at the heart of that sentiment.

Over the years, the Hinton Dairy Queen has be-

come a “destination spot.” Many magazines and news outlets have spoken about the draw of what many deem “the best DQ around.” Some patrons have driven for hours just to eat at the restaurant.

In his book, Far Appalachia, Noah Adams said, “Let’s just say that the Dairy Queen in Hinton, West Virginia is the center of the universe.” In a similar statement, a reporter for Inside Appalachia, Zack Harold, traveled to the area in 2018 and tweeted, “If you don’t stop



at the Dairy Queen, did you even go to Hinton?”

The quaint restaurant was owned by the same local family, the Andersons, for 45 years. In 2017, the Andersons retired, and a new owner took over the fan-favorite location.

After enjoying a fabulous meal and the peaceful scenery, a plethora of activities await nearby. Down the road, those who love outdoor activities will find several river access points and businesses to accommodate water activities. A little further out

is Sandstone falls which includes a gorgeous walkway, several hiking trails and excellent fishing. Heading in the opposite direction brings visitors to the Bluestone dam and the Bluestone lake.

Overall, Hinton’s Dairy Queen is a must-stop for any journey through Summers County. The restaurant is open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. For more information or to place an order, call 304-466-1700.

Concord University partners with DoD for Skillbridge program

ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Concord University is partnering with the Department of Defense as an industry partner for its SkillBridge program. This program allows active-duty service members to spend the last six-months of their service commitment working for a civilian company, and Concord University is the first and currently only West Virginia partner.

Corporal VaShawn Wood, a Beckley native and Concord University graduate, is currently serving in the United States Marine Corps with MWSS-172 in Camp Foster, Japan, but for the next six months, he will be working as a Program Intern for Concord University’s Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success (CEVSS). CEVSS provides a one-stop shop for student veterans, streamlining the various processes required from application to graduation.

“We had a seminar where they stressed the SkillBridge program. It’s an opportunity for you to get out early. Most of the SkillBridge options are trades, but I was like, ‘I’ve got my degree now. How about I reach out to social work companies,’” Corporal Wood said. His wife suggested reaching out to Concord, so he did, and



Corporal VaShawn Wood, CEVSS Intern and Active-Duty Marine

Dr. George Williams, CU’s Veterans Advocate, was eager to make the opportunity happen.

“The SkillBridge program offers a unique opportunity for everyone involved to benefit. Service members gain valuable experience in the workforce and a much easier transition. Concord gets to be a part of that process while at the same time gaining valuable insight into the current state of the military climate,” said Dr. Williams. “Our veterans will benefit from the knowledge we gain from these service members. It’s truly a win for everyone.”

For the past month,

Corporal Wood has been researching other veteran friendly institutions to see how Concord can better serve that population. He’s also reached out to veterans on campus, inviting them to get involved and take advantage of what CEVSS has to offer.

“It’s been great. It’s a huge transition coming from a place where everything is yelling and loud...I come back here and it’s relaxing and can almost be too quiet. People are respectful and you see more smiles than frowns, which is a great vibe,” Corporal Wood said.

Kesha Nealen, program coordinator for CEVSS,

says the SkillBridge program is a great way to teach interns valuable job skills while also helping active-duty service members readapt to civilian life, which is much less structured and rigorous than military life.

“I am very much enjoying having VaShawn this semester...he’s a great help to me and Josea Smith (our GA) and I feel like we make a great team,” Nealen said. “It’s also good for me to be able to get suggestions from VaShawn on things that we can do at CU to improve the experience of our student veterans.”

As an intern, VaShawn will have an opportunity to work on developing a resume and references to help him search for permanent employment after his time with the USMC is complete.

“Even if this opportunity for the internship sets me up to do something more with social work in another company, that’s beautiful. It’s what I want to do,” said Corporal Wood. “I want to thank President Kendra Boggess, Dr. Williams, Dr. Sarah Beasley, Dr. Sheila Womack, and everyone who made this opportunity possible. Being here is a great opportunity and I love Concord.”

“VaShawn has certainly made an impact on our Veterans programs so far,

and we hope to continue improving our services with help from him as well as future Skill Bridge Participants,” said Dr. Williams.

Concord University currently offers SkillBridge in two areas: CEVSS Intern and an internship

with CU’s maintenance plumbing. Dr. Williams says there are several other opportunities in the process of being approved by the DoD.

For more information on Concord University’s veteran services, visit concord.edu/veterans.

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2022 Summers County Student Writing Contest

This fall, 3rd through 12th-grade students in Summers County have an opportunity to win cash for writing. The 2022 Summers County Student Writing Contest is now open with a deadline of October 28. This contest is being sponsored by the Jones Writing Fund as well as the Student Writing Contest Pass-Through

Fund. Both of these funds are available through the Hinton Area Foundation. The sponsors hope this contest encourages new writers to share their creations, get some valuable feedback to refine their craft, and hopefully, get some cash as a reward for their efforts. Prizes are \$40 for first place, \$20 for second place, and \$10 for

third place in each category. Winners will be selected from each grade (3rd grade through 12th). Winners will be announced in December.

Contact Cheryl Kula with any questions. Entries can be turned into the School Secretary for pick up – or emailed directly to Cheryl Kula at Cheryl.kula@gmail.com.

The Jones Writing Fund was established by retired teacher, Lena Jane Jones, to encourage the practice of the writing craft for students of Summers County. The fund and contest are facilitated by Cheryl Kula. To make donations to this contest, checks can be sent to Hinton Area Foundation, PO Box 217, Hinton, WV 25951

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Dear Abby

Wife Fights Losing Battle Versus Husband And His Mom

DEAR ABBY: My husband inherited a nasty habit from his mother. He calls people “crazy” to discredit them so

he can win arguments and stifle discussion. I have told him it’s lazy to pass judgment on someone that way. It also shows the world how ignorant he is, because he thinks he’ll win every argument by playing the crazy card -- a personal attack.

I think it’s immature and immoral to take advantage of others’ bias against mental health issues. He has done it to me in front of people. I have said, “You wish!” right back at him. It has reached the point that I think he’s character deficient.

His misogyny is exhausting to fight. His mother is even worse. She throws in her armchair diagnosis,

which is always “schizophrenia.” My husband’s argument is an emotional one and too pervasive to enjoy time with him. Any idea how I can fight these below-the-belt punches? -- DEFINITELY NOT “CRAZY”

DEAR DEFINITELY NOT: That shouldn’t be too hard. When your husband acts this way, don’t engage with him. Ignore his comments, leave the room or the house. Spend less time with him and NO time with his mother. And while you’re doing that, ask yourself why you tolerate the disrespect you’re receiving from both of them.

DEAR ABBY: My brother is old enough to work on

the farm, but he refuses. He goes to school, comes back angry and doesn’t like to be told what to do. Everyone has to work except him. We have tried time and time again to get him to help out. We appease him, but he only gets worse. How can we get him to develop a good work ethic? It hurts when we ask him to do something and he gets angry and starts swearing. All we want is for him to help out. -- GOOD WORKER IN MINNESOTA

DEAR WORKER: I wish you had been clearer about who “we” is. If it’s you and your siblings, there isn’t much you can do to teach your brother the lessons he needs to learn. However,

if it’s your parents you are referring to, there is plenty THEY can do to set rules and enforce them while their son lives under their roof. Hint: It involves rewards for good behavior and consequences if he is disrespectful and non-compliant.

DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I were dating, he introduced me to the sport of cycling. Before that, it had just been a means of transportation. A few years of training later, it turns out I’m actually pretty good at it. I have been on the podium three times this year, but he has not. He is definitely jealous. Should I stop competing? -- BICYCLE GAL IN MICHIGAN

DEAR BICYCLE GAL: A man who loves his wife wants to be the wind beneath her wings, not an anchor around her ankles. You should not have to give up something at which you excel in order to save your husband’s childish ego. Rather than give you heartburn for your success, he should be praising you for your progress. Shame on him.

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.

The Back Pew: September

BY STEPHEN BALDWIN

A lady told me this week that she looks forward to my column because it’s the only place she can get real info about real issues in West Virginia. Let’s get right to it.

SPECIAL SESSION.

The trainwreck of a special session they began in early August...is still off the tracks. The legislature was supposed to provide clarity on abortion and prove tax relief; we accomplished neither. The legislature was supposed to be called back weeks ago to finish the job; our phones never rang.

TAX RELIEF. While the state sits on a \$1.3 billion surplus from last year and already has a surplus

of several hundred million this year, they refuse to provide the people any tax relief. Zero! It’s unconscionable. They act like it’s their money. We can’t afford to wait any longer. Inflation is costing our WV families over \$400 extra per month.

ABORTION. After supermajorities in the WV House and WV Senate passed differing abortion bans, the differences were supposed to be worked out in conference committee. However, that never happened. We are told behind the scenes that those in power don’t want to deal with the issue until after the election for deer of upsetting voters. I think that’s just plain wrong. It needs to be settled. We proposed

putting it on the ballot for voters to decide, but they refused and it’s now too late.

FAYETTE FLOODING. The Upper Kanawha Valley suffered serious flooding last month. I’ve visited the community several times to take relief supplies and see how the state can be helpful. I thank the WV National Guard and Conservation Agency for taking our calls and coming to assist residents with debris removal and stream cleanup. It was wonderful to see folks from across the region come together to assist neighbors in need.

FLOOD DEMOLITIONS. Two updates on this topic. One, Nicholas County is set to receive

numerous demolitions through the Clearance & Demo program in Summersville and Richwood. Two, we continue making progress on another new program to demolish flooded homes and businesses across the state (which didn’t qualify for Clearance & Demo). There are hundreds of such properties across WV. By using American Rescue Plan dollars, we can fund these demolitions and finally allow communities to move forward from rotting buildings they can’t afford to tear down.

MONROE COURT-HOUSE. After being closed for the last several years due to a mold issue, the Monroe County courthouse which was construct-

ed in 1881 has received \$5 million from the state for a rebuild. It was a true team effort!

WATER PROJECTS.

Major water projects are underway in Greenbrier and Nicholas counties. Both projects received a mix of federal, state, and local funds. Summers County also has two water projects in process, and I’m working with their commissioners on finding sources to get them across the finish line. Soaring construction costs make infrastructure projects difficult right now. Water is life, and we will find a way.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING FOR CHURCHES. It’s sad that it has come to offering ac-

tive shooter training for schools and churches...but that’s where we are in America today. The FBI is hosting training for churches across the state this fall. For our region, the training will be on November 7, 2022, at Ronceverte Presbyterian Church. Pre-registration is required. <https://bit.ly/3pQO7P8> I suggest folks sign up ASAP to secure a spot.

That’s the view from the back pew, where it is my privilege to serve you.

Senator Stephen Baldwin is a local Presbyterian pastor. Reach him at 304-357-7959 or stephen.baldwin@wvsenate.gov. Follow him on Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, or Instagram @BaldwinForWV.

Memories of the past: The black panther of Bacon’s Mountain

BY LISA ABSHIRE

Daddy would always tell tales of hunting in these woods with his uncles and stepdad. He often regaled me with hilarious tales of his Uncle James taking them in a circle instead of back home; stories of Uncle Kenny not being able to get a coon out of the tree and it ending up on his head when it finally bailed out of the branches. One of his tales spoke of danger and hilarity combined with stubbing his toe, discharging his shotgun into the ground, and having to convince his stepdad he was shooting at a squirrel. Nothing, however, compared to the tales told by Dad’s Uncle Bob of being hunted by a big black panther roaming the woods on Bacon’s Mountain.

Back in the old days when Bob was a young man — the 1930s — the area was much wilder and less populated. Bob lived in Wayside in a home long gone. Often, he rode his horse to a cousin’s house on Bacon’s Mountain. Back then, cars were far less common than they are today. Bob told Dad he hopped on his horse and took off with nothing but a lantern.

One day, he underestimated how long it was until the sun fully set, and darkness crept in on him, making the trip seem much longer than usual. As an added concern, Bob swore he heard something barely out of sight walking alongside him and his horse. He said he waved his lantern

around but couldn’t see anything; however, the sound of gently crunching leaves persisted. The horse appeared to be getting spooked as well. Bob said he urged the horse into a gallop when out of the darkness came what sounded like a frightened woman crying. At this point, Bob would say he urged the horse into a full-on run, and finally, his cousin’s house was in sight.

Upon arrival, his cousin came out with a rifle and a new lantern, which was a good thing because Bob’s lantern died as he went inside the house. The horse kept pulling and making skittish-sounding noises. Bob told the story of what he had heard, and his cousin said, “Why, that’s a panther. They dig a hole and scream into it to lure you into the woods.” Bob was terrified. They looked all around. On the outskirts of the property, they could barely see what appeared to be a giant black cat. Bob said it hissed and growled. They ran inside, locked the door, and left on every light they could.

When morning came, the horse was gone. There was nothing but a tiny patch of blood and some scratches in the dirt. The cat had gotten the poor beast after all.

Dad said Bob got scared telling the story up until his death. For years after the event, there were tales of a large black panther stalking Bacon’s Mountain. Have you ever encountered one?



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IF ONLY WE COULD TASTE IT! YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T WATCH COOKING SHOWS RIGHT BEFORE DINNER, DADDY

Daddy Daze

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HEY, CRASH TEST DUMM^Y DOG! LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN TAKE A PUNCH

BONK...

AIR BAG

BOY, YOU'RE GOOD.

Mutts

BONK

THE LUMP WILL COME OUT TOMORROW!

Zits

DUDE, YOU LOOK TERRIBLE!

IT'S THIS STUPID LITTLE BIRD

EVERY MORNING HE STARTS CHIRPING OUTSIDE MY WINDOW BEFORE SUNRISE.

(YAWN!)

THAT'S JUST WRONG.

RIGHT?? IF I'M GOING TO BE SLEEP-DEPRIVED, I WANT IT TO BE PARTY-RELATED.

ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022: You are kind, generous and often set your sights too high for yourself because you strive for perfection. You are a witty, fascinating conversationalist. This is a quieter year for you. Focus on relationships this year, especially ones that will be beneficial for you.

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★ Stay on top of your

money scene today, because both the Moon and unpredictable Uranus are lined up in your Money House. You might get a windfall! Or something might demand your attention. A work-related romance might begin for some of you. Tonight: A surprise gift.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
4★ Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with unpredictable Uranus and dancing with fair Venus. This is a wonderful day to follow love or to schmooze with someone. It's a day for pleasant surprises. It's also a day to celebrate your freedom! Tonight: Happy times.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
3★ Something going on behind the scenes might catch you off guard today. Very likely, it will be a pleasant surprise -- perhaps an old flame. Whatever happens might spur you to take action and finish a project in a productive way. Tonight: Peace at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
4★ Very likely, a friend or a member of a group will surprise you in some way today. Or perhaps you will meet someone new who is unusual. This is a lovely day to enjoy the company of others, especially doing something spontaneous. "Fly me to the Moon!" Tonight: A friendly conversation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
3★ You will be surprised by someone in a position of authority today -- perhaps a parent, teacher, boss or a member of the police. (Busted!) This surprise could be financially beneficial. Gifts and goodies might come your way! Enjoy physical activity with friends. Tonight: You are admired.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
4★ An unexpected chance to travel or do something different might occur today. If so, you will have to act quickly, because this window of opportunity is brief. This is a classic day to develop a crush or fall in love with someone who is "different." It's also a great day to schmooze. Tonight: Travel for pleasure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
3★ Keep your pockets open, because a bonus, gift or money might come your way today. Almost certainly, something unexpected will impact your financial arrangement with someone else, perhaps a partner. Double-check details about wills, inheritances and shared property. Tonight: You have the advantage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
4★ A partner or close friend might throw you a curveball today. And it might be fun to catch! This is a wonderfully romantic day. For example, it's the kind of day where love at first sight might blossom. You will be attracted to someone who is a bit different from you -- someone exciting and alluring. Tonight: Happy cooperation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
3★ Something unexpected might impact your job today or even your health. Others might have a pleasant surprise that relates to a pet. Perhaps you will get a new pet. Whatever the case, this is a fun-filled day that encourages flirtations with bosses and people in authority. Tonight: An accomplishment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)
4★ A surprise invitation might come your way today. If so, respond quickly, because this window of opportunity will be brief. New love might spark your interest today. Accept invitations to party. Enjoy sports events; however, guard

against accidents with children. Tonight: Socialize!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
4★ This is a passionate, romantic day! (Be still my beating heart.) Stock the fridge, because a spontaneous meeting might take place at your home today. It could be something tempting and intimate, or it might be a family surprise. Tonight: Entertain at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
4★ Today is full of pleasant surprises and interruptions, which means you have to stay on your toes to go with the flow and keep up with what's happening around you. This is also the kind of day where you will have new ideas, meet new faces and see new places. Tonight: Schmooze!

BORN TODAY
Actor Sam Neill (1947), actress Jessica Brown Findlay (1989), film director Bong Joon-ho (1969)

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ACROSS

1 AWOL pursuers

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8 Beach crawler

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16 Long-haired feline

18 Wind-shield cleaner

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21 Elite alter-native

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28 Three digits after 1

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33 Auction action

34 Tools for duels

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37 Beatnik's assent

39 "The danger has passed"

41 Aquarium favorite

43 Morales of "Jericho"

44 Non-dairy milk type

46 Bounds

50 "Play it cool"

55 Protrude

56 Challenge

57 — Domini

58 Whatever

59 Egg on

60 Harvest

61 Reuben bread

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2 Actress Gilpin

3 Ivory, for one

4 "The Silence of the Lambs" role

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8 Sand-paper type

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22 Watchdog

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25 Hit with a stun gun

26 Job-safety org.

27 Dessert fruit

28 Slightly

29 Go by subway

30 Redact

31 Congers

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Last Wednesday's Answer

(Answers Next Wednesday)

JUMBLE

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

WEYLN

TEAML

KNIYSN

ROAHUT

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

It's nice to eat as a family.

Let's go for a walk after dinner.

Great leaves, Mom!

THE AUSTRALIAN MARSUPIAL FAMILY WAS ALL TOGETHER AND ENJOYING SOME ---

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

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Jumbles: SPICY GECKO HYBRID CASHEW

Answer: They chose to fly coach instead of first class after seeing the — SKY-HIGH PRICES

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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, September 7, 2022
Claim Deadline: Sunday, November 6, 2022

Estate of: WILLIAM DAVID STICKLER

Fiduciary: DEWEY LEE STICKLER

Estate of: MARTHA SUZANNE HUMPHREY

Fiduciary: WILLIAM T. HUMPHREY

Estate of: JO ELAINE BENNETT

Fiduciary: COREY A. BENNETT

Estate of: SUE ANN GILBERT

Fiduciary: JASON CLOWERS

Estate of: JAY COLEMAN TAYLOR

Fiduciary: ANTHONY J. TAYLOR

Estate of: IRIS JANE MCCALLISTER

Fiduciary: DUSTIN JACOB MCCALLISTER

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 31, 2022.

Donald R. Basham Jr.

Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County

(7,14sp)

Gov. Justice presents \$5m check to Monroe County for courthouse renovations

CHARLESTON, WV (Hinton News) – Gov. Jim Justice held an event on September 1, 2022, in Union, WV to present the Monroe County Commission with a check for \$5 million to be used to renovate their courthouse.

The courthouse, built in 1881, has been closed for more than three years due to water seeping into the top of the building causing mold and deterioration. In the meantime, court proceedings have been held in the basement of the Union Fire Department. Monroe County is the only county in the state without a functional courtroom.

“When Commissioner Melvin Young came to my office in October of last year, I promised him that I would do everything in my power to make this become a reality,” said Gov. Justice. “It took a lot of hard work by a lot of great West Virginians that all pulled the rope together. So today is a really special day

for Monroe County and a day that I’ll never forget.”

The courtroom, judge’s chambers, assessor’s office, and the basement were all found to have mold and will be renovated.

Gov. Justice was joined by Monroe County County Commission President Kevin Galford, commissioners Melvin Young and Kevin Mann, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia John A. Hutchison, and President of the Greenbrier County Economic Development Corporation William Shiflet, among others.

“In October of last year, I met with the Governor and told him we needed help to get some money here in the county,” said Monroe County Commissioner Melvin Young. “And there’s a lot of people involved, but he told me one thing that day that’s the truth. He said ‘we’re gonna do our best to take care of you.’ And I sure do appreciate it from the County

Commission and everybody involved.”

“We met with the right people, we got our greetings out to the folks in the Senate and the House and the Governor,” said Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia John A. Hutchison. “And once we got the right people talking, it took on a life of its own, and it went through, and clearly the Governor was the driving force behind this, and he understood what needed to be done. He understood what the County Commission could do in Monroe County and what they couldn’t do, and they couldn’t come up with \$5 million. And he figured out a way to get that done.”

With the renovations, the courthouse will need to be brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The project is estimated to take about a year to complete.

Summers County Courthouse News

Marriages

Jamison Levi Hamm to Katelyn Mariah Roberts; Brian Michael Huffman to Jessica Marie Conner; Jakecob Lynne Hardesty to Jaclyn Rebecca Rose;

Kevin Seymore Adkins to Icie Marie Grimmett; Thomas Damon Sears to Lesley Ann Woodrum; Franklin Lee McPherson to Amanda Chasity Nicole Bender.

Fiduciaries

Amy L Mann, Administrator of the David Lee Wallace estate;

Kaleb Lively, Administrator of the Nancy Jo Lively estate;

Wendy Leigh Ward, Administrator of the Brenda Joyce Ellison estate.

Land Transfers

Charles Stuart Oxley to Vincent Scevola and Sarah Scevola, 3 Tracts, Pipestem District;

Rodney G Driggs to Khristoper Shane Moore,

Lot Number 10, Talcott District;

Sewell Creek Land Management LLC to Adam W Bragg, 2.516 acres more or less, Green Sulphur District;

Trust established by the last Will and Testament of Kitty Lou Miller and Deborah G Rendon to David P Acord and Thomas D Acord, 8.93 acres more or less, Green Sulphur District;

William David McConnell and Kathleen McConnell to Regina Dawn Laughery and Michelle Renee Williams and Erica Leigh Williams, 1 acre, Talcott District;

Randall D Cox and Kelly A Cox to Kristopher Langley Peters and Shau-na Marie Peters, 0.96 acres more or less, Greenbrier Rural District;

Lee Lavana Daugherty to Minnie Rudisill, Lot Number 5, Forest Hill District.

Summit Community Bank Named 2022 #1 In-State Bank by Forbes and Statista

Moorefield, WV, (Hinton News) - Global media giant, Forbes has ranked Summit Community Bank as the number-one “Best-in-State Bank” in West Virginia for 2022.

As published June 21, 2022, on Forbes.com in an article and report released by Forbes and market research firm, Statista, surveying around 26,000 customers across the United States for their opinions on their current and former banking relationships. To highlight the importance and advantages of local banks, the survey excluded

nationwide U.S banks and credit unions with branches in at least 15 states.

According to the article, local banks and credit unions were rated on “overall recommendations and satisfaction, as well as five subdimensions” including trust, terms and conditions, branch services, digital services, and financial advice. With an overall rating of 85.66, Summit secured a top spot, scoring higher than the average of all surveyed banks and credit unions alike.

Summit Community

Bank was first awarded the honor of Forbes and Statista’s Best-in-State Bank back in 2018 and has consistently ranked in the top five best in-state banks for West Virginia since.

“We’re extremely proud and so thankful to be named the best in-state bank in West Virginia again,” explained Summit Financial Group CEO, Charlie Maddy, “Over the last four years, Summit’s steadfast commitment to providing our signature “Service Beyond Expectations” and an exceptional banking experience to communities has kept us as one of West Virginia’s top five banks, and it is

humbling to be recognized by our clients again as number one.”

Summit Financial Group, Inc. is a multi-billion-dollar financial holding company headquartered in Moorefield, West Virginia. Summit provides community banking services primarily in the Eastern Panhandle, Southern and North Central regions of West Virginia, the Northern, Shenandoah Valley and Southwestern regions of Virginia and the central region of Kentucky, through its bank subsidiary, Summit Community Bank, Inc., which operates 44 banking locations and one loan production office.

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Robert West named Deputy Forest Supervisor for Monongahela National Forest

BY MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE

Elkins, W.Va., (Hinton News) – Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran has selected Robert West to serve as the new deputy forest supervisor on Monongahela National Forest which includes more than 919,000 acres in 10 counties in the highlands of West Virginia.

“Robert has served Monongahela National Forest well as the acting deputy forest supervisor over the past few months,” said Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran. “His leadership and strategic thinking skills will be put to good use on managing all aspects of this national forest.”

West comes to the Monongahela after eight years of serving as the district ranger for the St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie Districts on the Hiawatha National Forest. He also served in temporary assignments as forest supervisor on the Shawnee and deputy forest supervisor on the Payette and Monongahela National Forests.

“I look forward to getting to know the Monongahela-



Robert West

la, assisting the folks who manage our forest, and working with local communities and partners in our shared stewardship of this very special place,” West said.

West began his federal career as a park ranger with the National Park Service in Montana. He has served as a partnership coordinator on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, a staff assistant in the Office of the Chief, and

a program specialist in Fire and Aviation Management in Washington, D.C. He is enthusiastic about the outdoors, camping, flyfishing and classic cars. He and his wife Jessica are excited about this new opportunity and adventure.

For more information about Monongahela National Forest visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> or <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>.

WVU Tech Women’s Basketball welcomes D’mya Ferguson

D’mya Ferguson
6’ Forward
Redshirt Sophomore
Clearwater, Florida
University of Mobile/
Clearwater High School
6.7ppg/4.6rpg (2022
University of Mobile)
Psychology Major

- Season and Career High of 24 points vs. Spring Hill University on November 16, 2021
- Led Mobile with in double-doubles in 2022
- 2020 Clearwater High School Captain and Most Valuable Player
- 2020 First team All Pinellas County
- 2020 2nd team All 7A District 9
- Played for Tampa Thunder Candace Dupree Blue Star Travel Team
- 2017-2020 Tampa Bay Times All Tampa Bay Girls Basketball Team

Coach Hodge on D’mya: “D’mya Ferguson fills one of our primary needs for our 2022 recruiting class. We needed a paint presence with the ability to score and D’mya has the potential to be tremendously effective in this role. However, that is not anywhere near the only skill that she possesses. D’mya can put it on the floor and



has some skills from the perimeter as well. Everyone on our campus will enjoy getting to know her as she has a huge personality and never meets a stranger. D’mya is also a solid student and will be a huge

part of our team chemistry dynamic. I am so excited to welcome D’mya Ferguson to WVU Tech Women’s Basketball and can’t wait to see everything she will bring to our program and our campus!”

Concord University’s program in substance use studies approved for fall 2023

ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Concord University will offer a new program of study in the fall of 2023. A program for a Bachelor of Science in Substance Use Studies was approved by the Board of Governors in June, and since that time, has also been approved by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

The program combines courses from Psychology, Social Work, and Sociology. The degree is designed to prepare students to work in support fields for individuals with Substance Use Disorders, as well as related research fields, and to continue in post-baccalaureate education in the field.

This degree is also applicable to students who will go into other fields like health care, research, public policy development, law, and more.

“The CDC estimates that there were over 107,000 drug overdose deaths in

2021, suggesting an increase of 15% over the estimated overdose deaths in 2020. Over 80,000 of those deaths were attributed to opioids,” says Dr. Adriana Falco, associate professor of psychology. “The opioid epidemic has spread across the country with West Virginia feeling significant impacts from the epidemic. This interdisciplinary major will help provide an understanding so that students can find a role to help the country heal from this major health crisis.”

The Substance Use Studies major is crucial to begin educating students about the risk factors, brain changes, history, and social impacts of substance use and misuse. It is divided into three primary objectives: pharmacology and physiology; treatment modalities; and interpersonal and professional communications.

For more information on programs of study and applying to Concord University, please visit the website at www.concord.edu.

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