



Talcott Fire Department is celebrating five years of service

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

Six years ago, the small community of Talcott received the devastating news that the Greenbrier Valley Rural Fire Department, which had served the community for many years, had to close its doors. However, much like the legendary Phoenix rises from its ashes, the department reformed as Talcott Fire Department. Now, the members are preparing to celebrate five years of operation with the department’s annual pig roast.

After hearing about the closure, the community quickly came together, and efforts began to reopen and rebuild the department in July 2016. Several individuals were instrumental in the rebuilding process. According to the Chief of Talcott Fire Department, Bill Costomiris, Dave Ziegler spearheaded the effort to get the corporation

reinstated. Additionally, Ziegler aided in setting up the new board, which consisted of Costomiris, Jim Wiseman and Vickie Armendariz, who were all integral to the efforts. Wiseman served as president of the board from July 2016 until Aug. 2022.

Efforts continued over the months to accomplish everything required to reopen the fire station. Costomiris noted that many individuals put in “untold hours of community service to help renovate the building and bring it up to life safety code.” On Oct. 1, 2016, organizers held the first Talcott Fire Department Pig Roast. The event helped to raise funds for the various expenses necessary to reopen.

A long list of officials on the state and county levels supported the community’s efforts. Some names on the list include the 2016 Summers County Commis-

sion, which consisted of Jack David Woodrum, Bill Lightner and Tony Williams. Several representatives were involved, including Steven Baldwin, Roy Cooper, George Ambler, Joe Manchin and others. The list of supporters is seemingly endless.

After beginning with almost nothing, the fire department is now thriving. When Talcott Fire Department opened in 2017, they had three trucks; two pumpers and a rescue. Five years later, they operate with three class A pumpers, a brush truck and a 3,000-gallon pumper-tanker. In addition to the fire trucks, they also have two boats and two drones, one of which includes thermal imaging. The station has 35 certified firefighters.

Costomiris, who has taken on the position of chief since the revitalized department opened, praised the community effort that made the de-



partment successful. He said, “The success of the Talcott Fire Department has been a community effort. From the start, it has been a community project.”

Along the same line of thought, Costomiris also stated that the department’s financial stability “greatly improved” thanks to the Summers County Fire Fee and the citizens who continually make the fee possible.

As time goes on, Talcott Fire Department is continuously moving forward. According to Costomiris, the depart-

ment will continue to improve its capabilities and upgrade equipment and trucks when possible. Currently, the department is forming an auxiliary that will act as a support system for the firefighters. The founding members of the auxiliary are responsible for planning the fifth annual pig roast, scheduled for Oct. 1, 2022, at the John Henry Historical Park. There will be exceptional food, music, games and more.

The auxiliary is looking for more members. Anyone interested in

helping the fire department but does not want to become a firefighter will find a home with the auxiliary. They meet at the station on Pat Ball Road every Thursday at 7 p.m. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend a meeting. Everyone is welcome.

With five years of success to celebrate, the entire department hopes the community will join them on Oct. 1 for their pig roast fundraiser. To keep up with Talcott Fire Department, join the organization’s Facebook group of the same name.

Hinton’s streets glow during parade of lights

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

Some dates throughout human history carry more emotions than others. Most of these dates revolve around travesties and wars. While September 11, 2001, is no different in this respect, it is the most recent. The terror attacks that befell the country that day took many lives;

parents, children, and siblings. The death toll was incredible.

To honor all of those who lost their lives that tragic day, local emergency responders participated in a parade of lights on Sunday, September 11, 2022. Beginning at the Hinton Fire Station, police cruisers and all types of fire

trucks lit the night with the bright red, white and blue lights that adorn their vehicles. All sirens were hushed.

Community members came out to watch the silent procession weave through downtown Hinton. A somber mood descended upon the small town. Though there was no breeze to lift it, the

flag hung regally at half mast in front of the Veteran’s Memorial Wall.

For a few moments, the community of Summers County united in remembrance to honor the 246 plane passengers, 2,606 World Trade Tower employees, 343 firefighters, 60 police officers and eight medics who perished.



New Bobcat Den of Champions unveiled

BY LAWSON JONES

Coach Josh Evans has been working diligently to improve the football program at Summers County High School since his arrival in April of 2021. A walk through Garten Stadium will show how successful Evans and his coaching staff have been with the improvements.

One improvement is the newly created Bobcat Football Den of Champions. Evans and his coaching staff came up with this idea to educate players, students, community members, and visitors on the rich history of the Summers County football program. The Den of Champions puts a spotlight on Bobcats, who have had great success in the sport. Each person inducted into the Den of

Champions will have a photo and short biography posted on a plaque just outside the entrance to Garten Stadium.

For the first year, the late Dick Leftridge and Pat Shires were inducted into the Den of Champions.

Dick Leftridge was the first African American to earn a football scholarship at West Virginia University. He was a third overall NFL draft pick and is in the WVU Hall of Fame.

Pat Shires was the first Kennedy Award winner. The Kennedy Award is a high school football award that started in 1947 and is named after Wheeling native Harry H. Kennedy. Shires went on to play at the University of Tennessee and was a 1951 NCAA National Champion.



Signage just outside the entrance to Garten Stadium honors inductees of the newly created Bobcat Football Den of Champions. Photo by Lawson Jones.

A small ceremony unveiling the plaques was held outside Garten Stadium on Friday, September 9, before the home opener against Shady

Spring.

The Shires family was present for the ceremony and saw what the team had done to honor their father and grandfa-



Children of Pat Shires: Kevin, Cathy, and Pat Jr. admire the new signage at Garten Stadium. Photo by Lawson Jones.

ther. Additionally, they had an opportunity to see the original jersey that Shires wore seven decades ago.

Make sure to check out the plaques at Sum-

mers County’s next home game! The next home game is scheduled for Oct. 7. Before that, the Bobcats will take on Midland Trail on Sept. 23 on Midland’s turf.

Summers Nursing & Rehabilitation Center debuts new renovations to the public



The staff at Summers Nursing & Rehabilitation Center welcomed the public into the newly renovated facility on Sept. 8, 2022. Photo by Summers NRC.

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Residents, staff and community members gathered as Summers Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (NRC) showcased its newly renovated facility at an open house on Thursday, Sept. 8.

Summers NRC, located at 198 John Cook Nursing Home Road in Hinton, is part of the American Medical Facilities Management (AMFM) family. The center specializes in skilled nursing, short-term rehabilitation to home, and long-term

care services, and provides care for up to 120 residents.

The nearly \$5-million renovation investment features new flooring, furnishings, art, a larger therapy department, and more. The updates provide a more modern, homelike atmosphere for residents.

“This renovation is a testament to our commitment to provide quality care to our patients and community,” said Brad Stump, Executive Director of Summers NRC. “Every detail, from the design to the décor, was



Summers NRC Executive Director Brad Stump welcomes residents, staff and guests at an open house to showcase the nearly \$5-million renovation of the facility. Photo by Summers NRC.

carefully chosen to achieve the warm and welcoming atmosphere we strive to offer our residents. We hope the community will take pride in our center for many years to come.”

Anyone interested in services or a tour of the facility may contact Summers NRC at 304-466-0332.

Summers NRC is one of 19 skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers throughout West Virginia that are part of the AMFM family.

AMFM has centers in Braxton, Boone, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Hardy, Harrison (Clarksburg & Bridgeport), Greenbrier, Lincoln, Mason, Marshall, McDowell, Mercer, Summers, Taylor, Wayne, Webster, and Wyoming counties.

AMFM’s mission is “to exemplify excellence in quality care to our customers by providing an environment that enhances personal growth, individuality, dignity and respect.”



The nearly \$5-million renovation at Summers Nursing & Rehabilitation Center includes a new entryway and parking lot for guests. Photo by Summers NRC.



The newly renovated dining area at Summers NRC includes brand new flooring, lighting, furniture and more. Photo by Summers NRC.

West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program announces partnership with housing counseling agencies

CHARLESTON, W.VA (Hinton News) – Today, the West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program announces a unique partnership with housing counseling agencies across the state to offer additional help to struggling homeowners.

These agencies offer a variety of services, including credit repair, debt management, mortgage counseling, homeowner education, delinquency/default counseling, and more.

“Homeowners across the state were greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. While the West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program exists to help homeowners with their delinquent housing costs, we also recognize a need exists for financial counseling,” said Erica Boggess, Executive Director of the West Virginia Housing Development Fund, which administers WVHR. “Through these partnerships, we can connect homeowners with housing counseling services to help them work through circumstances that may affect their ability to maintain homeownership.”

To qualify for assistance through the West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program, the property must be an owner-occupied, primary residence located in the state. The program can help with past-due utilities, taxes, and other eligible housing costs. Mortgages must be at least 90 days past-due to qualify. However, homeowners who own their homes free and clear may also be eligible for assistance, and homeowners who do not need mortgage assistance

may still receive help with other eligible costs.

“The pandemic showed that even the most responsible homeowner can still face a crisis that causes them to fall behind in their housing payments,” Boggess said. “Many of our neighbors lost their jobs, had their wages cut, or saw increased costs because of the pandemic. Inflation and other economic factors make budgets tighter for many families across the state. These housing counseling agencies can help all homeowners, even those who don’t qualify for assistance, get their finances back on track, giving them greater financial security.”

Partner agencies include:

- CCCS of the Mid-Ohio Valley
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- <https://www.wvcccs.org/start> or call 304-485-3141 option 0 to schedule an appointment
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- <https://hocrwv.org/get-started/> or call 304-636-9115
- Religious Coalition for Community Renewal
- Serving Kanawha, Boone, Fayette, and Putnam, as well as virtual counseling across the state as needed.
- <https://www.rccr.org/home-ownership> or call 304-346-6398
- Fairmont-Morgantown Housing Authority
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- <http://www.fmhousing.com/index.php> or call 304-363-0860

<https://www.changeinc.org/housing-assistance/#housing-counseling> or call 304-797-7733.

- Telamon
- Serving Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan
- <https://www.telamon.org/where-we-work/west-virginia/housing-financial-empowerment/> or call 304-263-0916
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- Serving Mingo, Logan, Wayne, McDowell, and Wyoming
- <http://www.mingohousing.com/home.html> or call 304-475-4663

Affordable health screenings coming to Hinton, West Virginia

Hinton, West Virginia (Hinton News) – Residents living in and around the Hinton, West Virginia can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Memorial Building Auditorium will host this community event on Oct. 5, 2022. The site is located at 451 1st Ave in Hinton.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
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O'Bryan Reunion held in Hix

BY BETTY FURROW

The family of Roscoe Sameuel and Annie Mae Honaker O'Bryan met on June 25, 2022, at the home place of Roscoe and Annie O'Bryan at Hix, W.Va. The reunion was hosted by Linda O'Bryan.

Roscoe and five of his brothers came to Summers County, West Virginia, from Floyd County, Virginia, around the turn of the 20th Century seeking work. They bought land and soon were in the timber and lumber business. Roscoe and Annie had nine children and gave them all names starting with "M."

Five of those children were represented at the reunion by family members, including children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. In addition, Howard Bennett, brother of Roscoe, was represented by his great-granddaughter Sandy Richmond and great-great-granddaughter Brenlyn. The oldest attendee was Paul Peyton from Medina, Ohio. He is the son-in-law of Mildred O'Bryan Martin.

The attendee traveling from the farthest away was Freda Bowles Wallbawn, Parkersburg, Iowa. She is the daughter

of Marjorie O'Bryan Bowles.

The youngest attendee was Gloria Quintero, Belmont, North Carolina. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Mildred O'Bryan Martin.

Others attending were: Jay and Lila Meadows, Eloise Furrow, and Deborah Burdette of Hinton, W.Va.; Larry and Monnie Martin, Phillip and Tony Reese, Remington Reese of Peterstown, W.Va.; Scott Lari and Julie Graham of Standsville, VA; Bobby and Jeannie Martin, Terri and Rick Fox and Cameron of Salem, VA; Brian and Tammy Adkins,

Carlos Adkins, Sandy and Brenlyn Richmond of Hix, W.V.; Paul, Gloria, Doug, Lisa and Micheal Peyton of Medina, OH; Mark and Margie LeMaster of Weirton, W.Va.; Sherri Cook Eddie Bowles, Randy and Michelle Bowles of Jumping Branch, W.Va.; Terri Jones of Lewisburg, W.Va.; Gary and Kathy Browning of Nimitz, W.Va.; Joe and Freda Wallbawn, IA; Claire and Gloria Quintero of Belmont, N.C.; Linda O'Bryan of Hix, W.Va.

The reunion was enjoyed by all. Everyone is looking forward to next year.



Concord University Receives a \$10,000 grant from Truist West Virginia Foundation

ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) – Concord University has received a \$10,000 grant from Truist West Virginia Foundation to support the Pathways Scholarship.

The Pathways Scholarship—supported by funds raised by the Concord University Foundation and matched by The Maier Foundation of Charleston, West Virginia—is awarded annually to rising or current sophomores, juniors, or seniors who are West Virginia residents and face financial need that could force them to withdraw.

"Because of the continuous support of the Truist West Virginia Foundation and other dedicated donors like them, the Concord University Foundation is able to make a difference in the lives of many students who depend on scholarships to finish their degree," said Sarah Turner, Vice President of Advancement. "This grant will allow Concord's Foundation to continue serving the needs of our students, and we are grateful."

This year, \$2,000 will be given to 50 students who apply and qualify for the Pathways Scholarship. "The Truist West Virgin-



ia Foundation is grateful for our long-standing relationship with Concord University," said Patrick O'Malley, Truist Senior Vice President and Regional President. "We know these funds are helping students fulfill their dreams of a high-quality education which will prepare them to succeed in their future endeavors. Truist's opportunity to play a vital role in those students' lives is at the heart of our purpose."

The need for this scholarship is great. If you would like to support the Concord University Pathways Scholarship, please make a donation at concord.edu/pathways.

About Truist West Virginia Foundation: The Truist West Virginia Foundation is committed to Truist Financial Corporation's (NYSE: TFC) purpose to inspire and build better lives and communities. Since 2000, the foundation and its predecessors have been making strategic investments in nonprofit organizations to help ensure the communities it serves have more opportunities for a better quality of life. The Truist West Virginia Foundation's grants and activities focus on economic development, education, arts, healthcare, social services and financial literacy. Learn more by contact-

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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 p.m. at the Summers County Comprehensive High School Auditorium. Agendas and board minutes are available in our office Monday – Friday from 8:00

a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on our website at <https://www.scsww.us/page/board-of-education>

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Pence Springs Community Church Fall Services scheduled

The Pence Springs Jr. Community Church Pastor Roger Persinger and the congregation invite everyone to attend Fall Services October 2 through 5 at 7:00 p.m. with speaker Ernie Moye.

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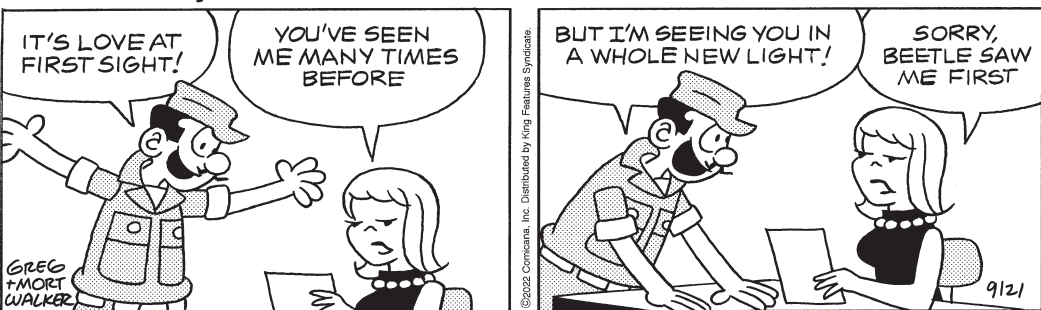
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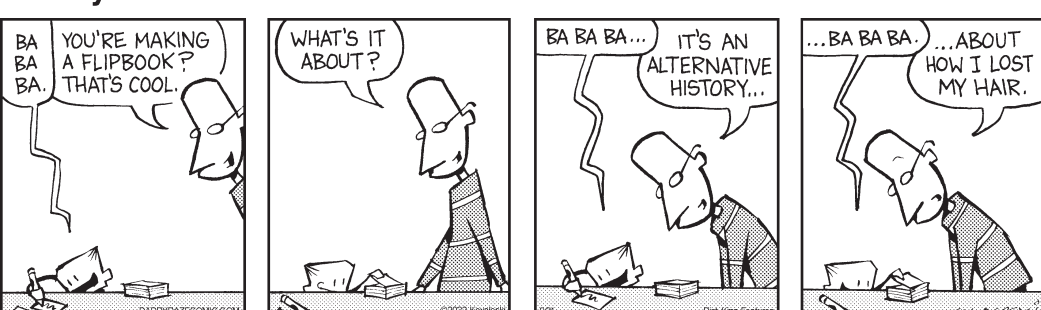
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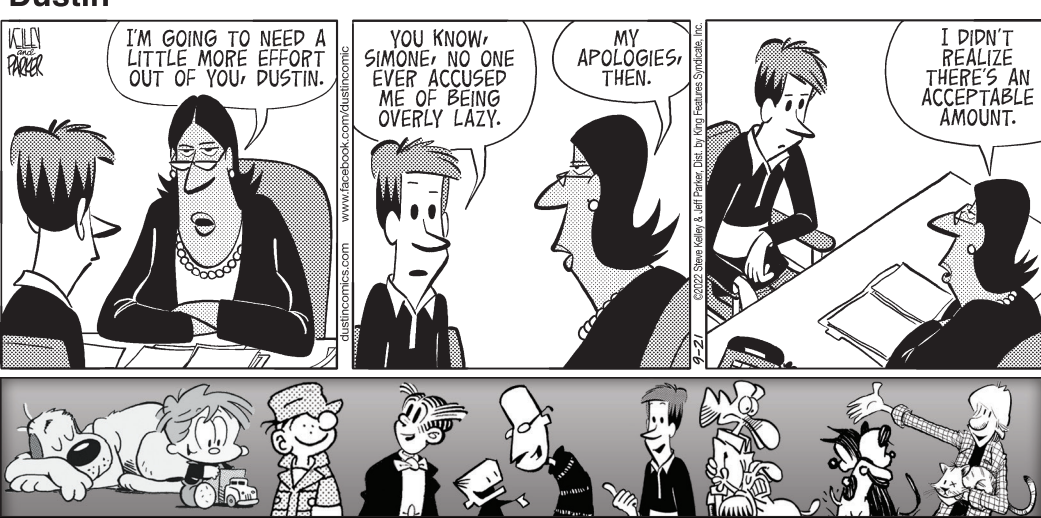
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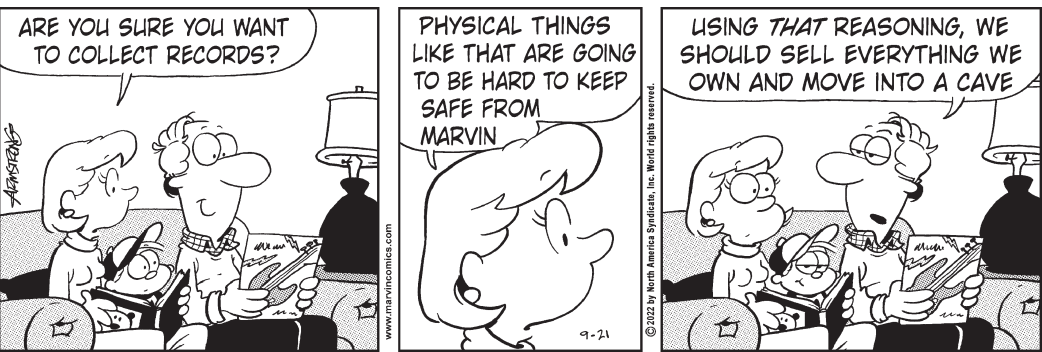
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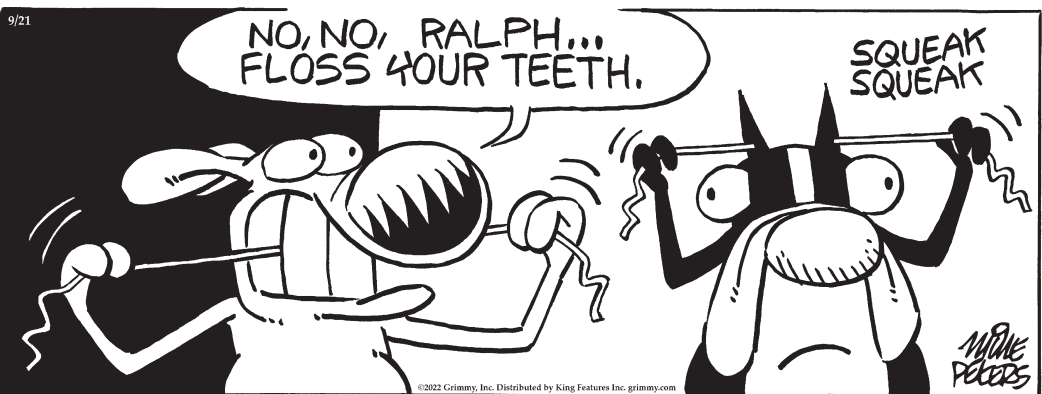
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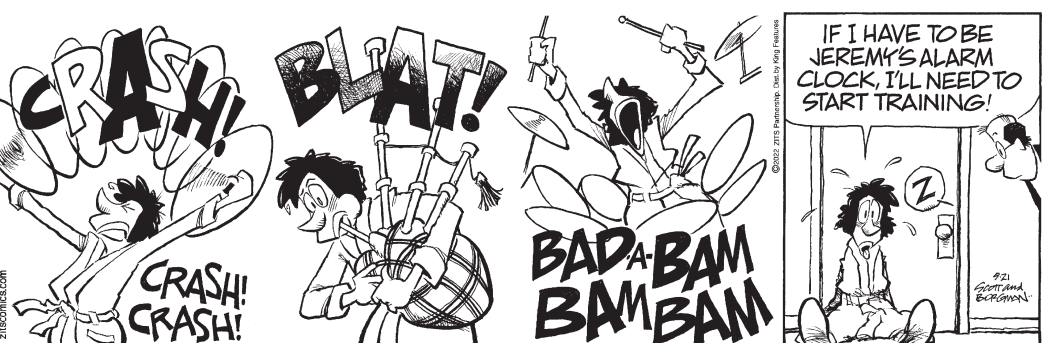
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022:

You love the thrill of sensations. You are fascinated by things that are unusual, exotic and sometimes dark because you like the stimulus. This year is the last year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to take stock. Let go of whatever holds you back.

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)

5★ This is a wonderful day

for a date or any kind of romantic connection. It's a fantastic day to socialize and enjoy playful activities with kids. Artists will be productive because they have visionary ideas plus the energy to follow through on what they see. Tonight: Enjoy!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

4★ You have two choices today: You can hunker down and enjoy yourself in a very pleasant way at home. You also might get busy with home improvements. Or you can choose to entertain at home and have the gang over. It's a great day for a meeting at your home or any kind of congregation. Tonight: Good vibes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

4★ This is a powerful day for those of you who sell, market, teach, act or write, because you are enthusiastic and upbeat, and you have lots of mental energy. You'll have no trouble convincing others to go along with your ideas. You will enjoy entertaining at home as well. Tonight: Upbeat conversations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

4★ This is an excellent day for business and commerce because you are confident about financial matters. Furthermore, you feel bold and adventurous about entertaining new opportunities. Think before you act, because there's a tendency to

go overboard. Nevertheless, you're in the groove! Tonight: Money plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

5★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with fiery Mars and lucky Jupiter. Things couldn't get better! This astro combo makes you feel energetic, proactive, friendly and upbeat with everyone you meet. People want to be in your presence because they enjoy your company! Tonight: You shine!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

5★ This is a strong day with the Sun and fair Venus in your sign. (Actually, it's an excellent day to buy wardrobe items for yourself.) You will enjoy schmoozing with others or, alternatively, you will also enjoy some quiet solitude to contemplate your navel. Tonight: Solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

5★ Enjoy schmoozing with friends, members of groups and organizations, because this is a lovely day to socialize. Very likely, you are ready to greet people from your past -- old friends as well as ex-partners. You're willing to entertain ambitious ideas because you feel

confident. Tonight: Set goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

4★ You look mahvellous dahling! Everyone is impressed with you because you exude confidence and positive energy. Meanwhile, you're enjoying an excellent rapport with friends, especially creative, artistic people. Why not share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone to get their feedback? Tonight: You are noticed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

4★ You are the traveler of the zodiac, and today is an excellent day to either travel or make plans to travel in the future. (All the things you love to do.) You might find that a partner or close friend is keen on your ideas. Perhaps even a group will jump on board for a future holiday. Tonight: Explore!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

4★ Travel for pleasure appeals to you now; however, today, you might be wise to deal with issues related to shared property, inheritances, insurance disputes or the wealth of someone else. This is because you will be lucky in these deal-

ings. You'll come out smelling like a rose! Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

4★ You are a networker extraordinaire, and today your ability to interact with members of the general public is tops! Relations with children will be excellent. You also will enjoy schmoozing, because you inspire people today! Tonight: Cooperate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

4★ This is a productive day for you, because no matter what you do, people will be supportive of you. In fact, whatever you do might indirectly boost your earnings or lead to increased wealth in the future. You will enjoy helping someone who needs it. Tonight: Work.

BORN TODAY

Author Stephen King (1947), singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen (1934), singer Faith Hill (1967)

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ACROSS

1 Antiquing aid

5 McCourt memoir

8 Alphabet quartet

12 Houston org.

13 "I love," to Ovid

14 Chaste

15 Floor cleaners

17 "Got it"

18 Plum relatives

19 Raw bar mollusk

21 Numbered rds.

24 "Eureka!"

25 River blockers

28 Rich soil

30 Prattle

33 Debtor's note

34 Elegance

35 Swiss canton

36 Golfer Ernie

37 Plucked instrument

38 Slightly

39 Brewed drink

41 Bygone jets

DOWN

1 Common conjunctions

Solution time: 23 mins.

Last Wednesday's Answer
(Answers Next Wednesday)

ACROSS

43 Jerry of the Grateful Dead

46 Part of 42-

50 Sweet sandwich

51 Nike slogan

54 Use a rotary phone

55 Santa — winds

56 Part of Q.E.D.

57 "Maureen" singer

58 Abolish hrs.

59 Missile shelter

DOWN

2 Old France

3 Canadian gas brand

4 Critics, often

5 Eastern path

6 Little rascal

7 Mediocre

8 Gorilla-like

9 Work very hard

10 Manitoba tribe

11 Woodland grazer

16 Rockies hrs.

20 Candied veggies

22 First lady of scat

23 Flies high

ACROSS

25 Conk out

26 MSN rival

27 Highly-recommended book

29 Nile vipers

31 Football's Par-seghian

32 eBay offer

34 Spiced 39-

38 Stage comments

40 Paris school

42 Stick with a kick

43 Pantheon members

44 Met melody

45 Slightly open

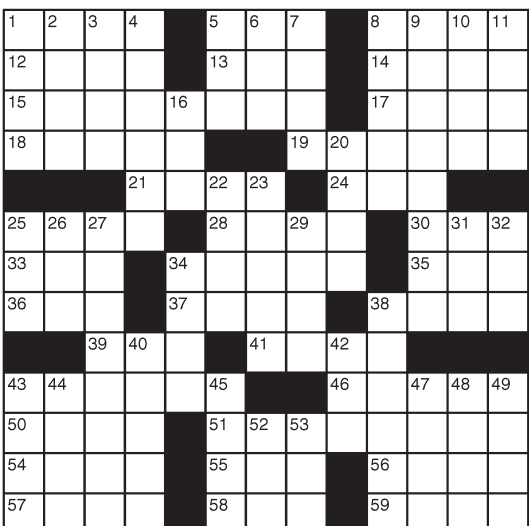
47 Actress Spelling

48 Iranian money

49 "Beetle Bailey" dog

52 Numerical prefix

53 Melancholy



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Last Wednesday's Answer: NEWLY METAL SKINNY AUTHOR

Jumbles Answer: The Australian marsupial family was all together and enjoying some — "KOALA-TY" TIME

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

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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:

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

9/14



New Children’s Crisis Center to provide a safe alternative in West Virginia

Gov. Jim Justice and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) announced that DHHR will build a new Children’s Crisis Center in Elkins, West Virginia that will offer a safe alternative from the use of hospital emergency departments and hotel rooms to address the needs of children who may be experiencing a behavioral health crisis and have been removed from their homes.

The new center will be located on the current site of the West Virginia Children’s Home. The target population of the new center is children and youth under the age of 21, with the primary target ages being 9 to 21, who are experiencing behavioral health crises that need to be urgently evaluated, stabilized, and then referred to the most appropriate level of care, including community- and home-based services.

“We know that children, like adults, can have behavioral health needs that can become a crisis and we need to do more to help West Virginia’s kids when and where they need it,” Gov. Justice said. “In the past, West Virginia has not had the right kind of services in our state and

kids had to leave to receive the care they need. That’s just not right; we need to provide services in our home state.”

The proposed facility will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and will utilize private patient rooms to provide these services with stays up to 14 days. It will offer an array of services that begins with initial triage and includes crisis assessment, stabilization and intervention, nursing assessment and intervention, psychiatric intervention, peer support, observation, ongoing assessment, and disposition and discharge planning.

“DHHR, out of sheer necessity, has had to have staff stay with children who are difficult to place and difficult to care for in hotel rooms due to the lack of an appropriate facility,” said Bill J. Crouch, DHHR Cabinet Secretary. “We expect this facility to alleviate that need to provide the necessary and appropriate care and treatment of West Virginia’s youth.”

A request for proposal will be issued by DHHR for the construction of the new facility.

More details will be shared as the process moves forward.

WVU Tech Women’s Basketball welcomes Breanna Grigsby

Breanna Grigsby 5’9” Forward
Stockton, California
San Joaquin Delta College
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7.6ppg/5.5rpg/2apg/1.6spg/43% field goal percentage

- Part of the 2012 California State Champion Brookside Christian High School Girls Basketball Team
- 2022 Honorable Mention Scholar Athlete California Community College Athletic Association
- 2022 California Community College Athletic Association Northern California Region All-Tournament Team
- What they are saying about Breanna: “I am so proud of Breanna for persevering and graduating with her AA degree. She is a great teammate who wants the best for her team

and coaching staff. Breanna is an outstanding athlete who will be a big contributor for the WVU Bears both defensively and in the open court. Her competitive edge and desire to win will be huge factors in helping her reach her individual and team goals.” ~Gina Johnson, Head Women’s Basketball Coach, San Joaquin Delta College

“Breanna Grigsby addresses our need for athleticism in a big way. She definitely adds a presence to our team that we are missing as well as a tremendous amount of versatility. Breanna can play inside and out, is outstanding on the glass, can get to the rim, and is a great defender. As a coach, she gives me lots of options on both ends of the floor. Breanna Grigsby is a mature competitor and I expect her to impact our program right away. We could not be more excited to have her in the Golden Bear Family!” ~Coach Hodge



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Monongahela National Forest hosts annual Cranberry Shindig September 25

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RICHWOOD, W.Va., (Hinton News) – Everyone is invited to the 33rd annual Cranberry Shindig Sunday, Sept. 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center on Monongahela National Forest. Bring the whole family to enjoy a day of mountain music, clogging, artisans and fall color.

USDA policy requires that the event be canceled if the Pocahontas County community level for Covid-19 is high Friday, Sept. 23. We will notify the public as soon as possible if this occurs.

This year’s Shindig features music by The Bing Brothers and Jake Krack. Old Dominion Cloggers will showcase traditional dancing. Demonstrations include blacksmithing, pottery, spinning wheel demonstrations, traditional dancing, wood turning, apple cider press and more. Artisans will display and sell their wares, and there will be food available for purchase.

Take some time to check out new features at the Nature Center, including four new displays in the exhibit hall, and concrete and electricity in the new pavilion. The Nature Center’s store is stocked with field guides, outdoor gear, books and souvenirs.

Enjoy these special scenic areas while you are in the area.

- Cranberry Glades is especially beautiful during the fall when cotton grass is blooming, and plants and trees are displaying their fall colors.
- View three cascading waterfalls from the boardwalk at the Falls of Hills Creek.
- Take a scenic fall drive on the Highland Scenic Highway. Complement your drive with an audio tour. CDs are available for purchase at the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center, Gauley and Marlinton Ranger District offices, Richwood CVB office and Pocahontas CVB offices in Marlinton and Cass.

The Nature Center is located 16 miles west of Marlinton and 23 miles east of Richwood at the intersection of Rt. 39/55 and Rt. 150 (Highland Scenic Highway). For more information call the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center at (304) 653-4826. The Nature Center is open Thursday through Monday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Oct. 15, and closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

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