



## Pipestem Park trunk or treat event announced

Pipestem State Park is hosting its annual Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 29 between 2 and 4 p.m. The event will take place in the Park Headquarters parking lot.

## Annual Summers FFA poinsettia sale announced

Summers County FFA recently announced the start of its annual poinsettia sale. According to the announcement, all orders are due by Nov. 15 and must be paid at the time of ordering. Three colors are available, all come in a six-and-a-half-inch pot for \$12. To place an order, contact an FFA member or reach out through the Facebook event page.

## Helping Hands Mini Mart scheduled

The date for the next "Helping Hands Mini Mart" has been set for Nov. 6 (the first Sunday of November) from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. We have coats and jackets, clothing (men's, women's and children) and shoes, as well as non-perishable food. Everything is clean and in great shape. Come out to the Mini Mart and be blessed with...GOOD STUFF FOR FREE. Refreshments will be served.

The Mini Mart is located at The Ministry Place, 221 Temple Street Hinton, WV 25951. For more information, call 304-466-8200

# Hinton Railroad Days returns

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

The Hinton Railroad Days Festival is making a triumphant return to the area. In recent years, the community feared the festival would end due to unforeseen circumstances with the train and Am-track. The train that always provided passage to the event from Charleston, The New River Train, ran for what many believed to be the last time in 2018; however, state and local officials fought to reinstate the annual trip. The following year, officials accomplished their goal, and the Autumn Colors Express was born. Sadly, the pandemic kept the festival from happening in the two subsequent years. On October 20, 2022, the festival returns in all its glory.

This year's event reinstates the festival with a bang. Hinton Mayor Jack Scott said, "We put a lot of time and effort into this. [We have] got some new features." The new features the Mayor refers to include a Kids Zone, an extra stage for entertainment, and the utilization of several downtown buildings.

The City of Hinton Event Coordinator, Amy Richmond, said, "Hinton Railroad Days is happy to be back this year! We have something for all ages



Vendors at a past Railroad Days event. Photo by Amy Richmond.

from music, to food, to fun events scheduled on all four days. Please come down and enjoy our town and the Hinton Railroad Days Festival October 20-23, 2022!"

According to Mayor Scott, train whistles will be given out to children attending the festival. Children will also have the opportunity to enjoy the new Kids Zone located on the Courthouse Lawn. There will be a myriad of activities and vendors geared toward the younger attendees. Some activities include two bounce houses, a climbing wall, photo ops and the opportunity to meet the Football Team and the Cheerleaders.

Richmond noted that more than 100 vendors are setting up during the festi-

val. Both sides of Temple Street and the Food Court in the City Parking Lot will be lined with booths. Additionally, artisans will be in the McCreery Conference & Event Center, both levels of the Railroad Museum, and in the Kids Zone. Vendors will set up all four days between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Live music and special performances will take place on two stages throughout Railroad Days. Students of the Starz Performing Arts Academy and the Lincoln County Cloggers are among the performers.

In addition to the many vendors and activities, the Veterans Museum, the Campbell-Flannagan-Murrell House Museum and



Vendors at a past Railroad Days event. Photo by Amy Richmond.

the Hinton Railroad Museum will all be open to visitors. According to Richmond, the museums will be operational during the same time as the vendors, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Friends of the Library group is holding its annual book sale during the festival. According to an announcement from the Friends group, the sale opens the day before Railroad Days begin on Wednesday, October 19, in the Masonic Building beside Kirk's Market & Cafe.

Another new addition to this event comes from Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company which created a unique brew for the occasion called Rail Ale. Mayor Scott and two Hinton Councilmen recently

made a trip to Greenbrier Valley Brewing to help steam brew a batch of Rail Ale. This brew will only be available during Railroad Days. Also, Hawk Knob Cider is providing hard cider.

At the time of writing, the train ride is sold out for three of the four days, and they anticipate the fourth day selling out before the festival, according to Mayor Scott.

Richmond and the City of Hinton want to send a big Thank You to all the Railroad Days sponsors: Beckley Auto Mall, Mountain Plex & Practice Link, and the City of Hinton. Also, Mayor Scott wants to thank Adam Auxier and the entire team responsible for Autumn Colors Express.

# Christmas at The Greenbrier movie to premiere on Thanksgiving

BY REBECCA STALNAKER

FOX Nation just announced that a new original Christmas film set at The Greenbrier Resort is debuting on the platform. The film is titled Christmas at The Greenbrier and will debut on Thanksgiving.

According to a press release, the president of the streaming service, Jason Klarman, said, "We are ecstatic to mark the upcoming holiday season with the release of our second original film and provide our subscribers with a top-tier offering in a genre we know they love. The Greenbri-

er was an ideal setting to bring this movie to life and we're incredibly proud of the product."

The upcoming film stars Alicia Leigh Willis and Josh Murray. Willis plays a widowed mother, and Murray plays a former professional football player. Once upon a time, the two were lovers but broke up when Murray's character went pro. They unexpectedly run into each other while on holiday at The Greenbrier.

FOX Nation is an on-demand streaming service offering "conservative opinion programming, lifestyle



and entertainment content, as well as historical documentaries and investigative series." According to the press release, the platform is offering a special holiday promotion beginning on Nov. 29. The promotion provides 50 percent off of

all one and two-year subscriptions with the code HOLIDAY.

In addition to Christmas at The Greenbrier, the streaming platform is adding four other Christmas titles. The new additions include Country Roads

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The Community Thanksgiving Meal project is a 100 percent volunteer effort and is paid for solely by donations from businesses, individuals and local churches. Because of restrictions during Covid, they were not available for the past two years. Their goal this year is to provide as many dinners as possible. Besides your own family, you are welcome to sign up and take dinners to your neighbors or others you know who

might not have a hot dinner otherwise.

You can find sign-up slips at Summers County Senior Center, the high rise, Save-A-Lot, REACHH and the library. They are also available at the Hinton, Forest Hill and Pipestem post offices, Sandstone store, Pipestem campground and the basement door of the First Presbyterian Church.

Of course, more local volunteers will be needed to help make this effort possible. We will need people to deliver meals on Thanksgiving Day and people to donate desserts. Donations of money are always appreciated. To volunteer, you can call Nancy M. at 304-860-9446 or nancyofmadams creek@gmail.com or Nancy H at 304-309-4130.

Remember, no orders can be accepted during November, you must sign up now. Happy Thanksgiving!

## Concord University lands among the best in U.S. News and World Report rankings

**ATHENS, W.Va.** (Hinton News) – The U.S. News and World Report has ranked Concord University among the Best Regional Universities South, the Top Public Schools, and the Top Performers on Social Mobility for 2022-2023.

After assessing 1500 U.S. bachelor's degree-granting institutions on 17 measures of academic quality, the U.S. News Best Colleges rankings place Concord University at #39 in Top Public Schools and #83 in Regional Universities South. Only three other West Virginia public institutions made this list.

Social mobility measures how well schools graduated students who received federal Pell Grants (typically from households earning less than \$50,000 annually). In this category, Concord University ranked #42. Shepherd University and West Virginia State University tied for #113 and Fairmont State University ranked #130. The only West Virginia school to outrank Concord in this category was West Liberty University.

The 2022-2023 Best Colleges ranking factors include graduation and retention rates, social mobility, graduation rate performance, undergraduate academic reputation, faculty resources for the 2021-2022 academic year, student selectivity for the fall 2021 entering class, financial resources per student, average alumni giving rate, and graduate indebtedness.

In other rankings, Concord University made the list of Best Schools for Social Work. WVU and Marshall were the only other West Virginia institutions on this list. CU also made the list in Best Online Master's in Education Programs, ranking higher than WVU and Marshall.

## Hinton Woman's Club welcomes new members



**The new members are as follows, L-R: Mrs. Theresa Messer, Mrs. Debra Saunders & Mrs. Joanne Vukovich. Not pictured is Mrs. Hazel Vukovich.**

We enjoyed our first meeting of the new year at the Graham House. We had a fantastic meal of turkey and dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes & gravy, rolls and for dessert, strawberry cheesecake. Who could resist a meal like that?

As we start our new year, we would like to introduce you to our newest members for the 2022-2023 year. We have many interesting presentations this year, and we hope that you enjoy the articles we write about them. Have a Blessed Day!

## Courthouse Improvements Grant Funding Requested

On behalf of the County Commission, Region 1 Planning and Development Council has submitted a grant request to the WV Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority (CFIA). The focus of this grant request is ADA compliance, particularly in the jury box, witness stand, and jury restrooms.

County Commissioner Ted Kula explained, "I am working with local stakeholders to make my vision for courthouse campus improvements a

reality, and ADA compliance is one part of that vision." Future projects will address the need for improved infrastructure and security at the courthouse campus, which includes the courthouse, Memorial building, and the judicial annex located at the corner of Second Avenue and Temple Street. Commissioner Kula added that critical infrastructure necessary to support this vision already exists and that these improvements will benefit all citizens of Summers County.

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## Hinton to brim with vendors for Railroad Days

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12pm-2pm Clinton Scott</li> <li>2:30-4pm Drew Shinharts &amp; Archibald Johnson</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12pm-2pm Aaron J. Milner</li> <li>2:30-4pm Chloe Painter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11am-1pm Briana Atwell</li> <li>1:30-3:30pm Randy Gilkey</li> <li>3:30-5pm Briana Atwell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:30-2pm Jonah Carden</li> <li>2-3:30pm Drew Bailey Lawrence</li> </ul>

**OCTOBER 20-23 2022**

Sunday - Jonah  
Carden 12:30 - 2 p.m.  
and Drew Bailey Law-  
rence 2 - 3:30 p.m.



Parking Lot. Artisans will be set up in the McCreery Conference & Event Center. Vendors will line both sides of Temple Street and the Kids Zone. Additionally, local museums will be open during the festival.

Downtown Hinton will soon be filled with more than 100 vendors. Throughout the four days of the Railroad Days Festival, Oct. 20 - 23, food vendors can be found in the Food Court in the City

4 until the sale. Someone will be available at the Masonic Building from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on weekdays.

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All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with all improvements thereto and easements and appurtenances thereto, situate in Talcott District, Summers County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point which is the south west corner of the Pearce lot thence with said Pierce lot S. 2 W. 54 poles to a stone on the north west corner of said Pierce lot, and a point on the right of way of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co.; thence with said right of way N. 7 E. 16 poles to the C&O Marker, thence N. 74 E. 34 poles to another C&O Marker, thence N. 6 E. 23 poles to the north west corner of the Fry lot and corner to Bruce Allen, thence N. 84 W. 23 poles to a point which is the north corner to the said Fry lot, thence in a straight line to the point of BEGINNING, containing 12 acres, more or less, being a part of the real estate which was conveyed to the National Bank of Summers of Hinton, W.Va., a corporation by Frederick W. Sawyers, trustee, by deed bearing date the 12th day of June, 1940, and of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Summers County, West Virginia in Deed Book No. 71 at page 51, and being the same and all of the same real estate conveyed to the said parties of the first part by the National Bank of Summers of Hinton, W.Va., a corporation by deed dated the 18th day of September, 1943, and which deed is filed herewith to be recorded and reference is here made to all said deed for a more complete description of said lands. FIRST: A lot sold off by said parties of the first part to Eugene and Margaret Neff; containing three acres, by deed dated the 19th day of November, 1949, and of record in Deed Book No. 84 at page 61 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Summers County, West Virginia. SECOND: A lot sold off by the parties of the first part to Charles Sears and Nanna Mae Sears by deed dated the 26th day of June, 1948, and of record in Deed Book 82 at page 68 in said Clerk's Office, which lot contains 4 acres. These two tracts are deducted and leave in said tract 5 acres, more or less. The lot sold off to Eugene Neff and Margaret Neff, above, is bounded as follows: BEGINNING at a post at the south east corner of said Braggs garden, thence North 9 poles and 12 feet to a poplar sapling below the garden on the hillside, thence North 33 poles and 12 feet to a stone passing a large sugar maple, North 21 poles to a C&O line post, east 15 poles to the outside line, and with said outside line S. 58 1/2 poles to a set stone at the drive way, and with outside line West 11 poles and 9 feet to the BEGINNING, upon which lot there is a dwelling house. The lot sold off to Charles Sears and Anna Mae Sears, is bounded as follows: BEGINNING at the North east corner of the fry lot (Now Mann) thence S. 73 E. 50 feet to a stake, running so as to make four full acres in this tract of land, thence N. 4-45 E. 200 feet to a pine, thence N. 19 W. 140 feet to a stake N. 22 W. 350

feet to a maple supposed to be on the C&O Right of way thence with said right of way S. 75 W. 75 feet to a concrete marker S. 2-30 W. 225 feet to another concrete marker, corner to Bruce Allen tract and with his line S. 7 W. 386 feet to a post S. 85 E. 300 feet to the BEGINNING, containing by actual measure 4 acres. AND BEING the same property conveyed unto Kathy A. Morsett, from Hugh F. Toothman, by deed dated March 27, 2014 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Summers County, West Virginia in Deed Book 248 at page 333. AND FURTHER BEING the same property conveyed unto Franklin Lane and Sandra Lane, his wife, from Kathy A. Morsett, by deed dated, 2018 and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office 12/14/2018 in Book 264, Page 615.

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2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**  
**Case No. CC-45-2022-P-10**  
**William L. Fox, Administrator of the Estate of James Douglas Fox, Administrator, Plaintiff**  
**v.**  
**Allan Keffer, Rebecca Gilbert, Martha Morgan, Larry Keffer, Sandra Swartz ET AL, Defendants**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
To all creditors of James Douglas Fox, deceased, including those holding liens by judgment or otherwise on his real estate, or any part thereof.  
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# NASA seeks WV student experiments to soar in second TechRise Challenge

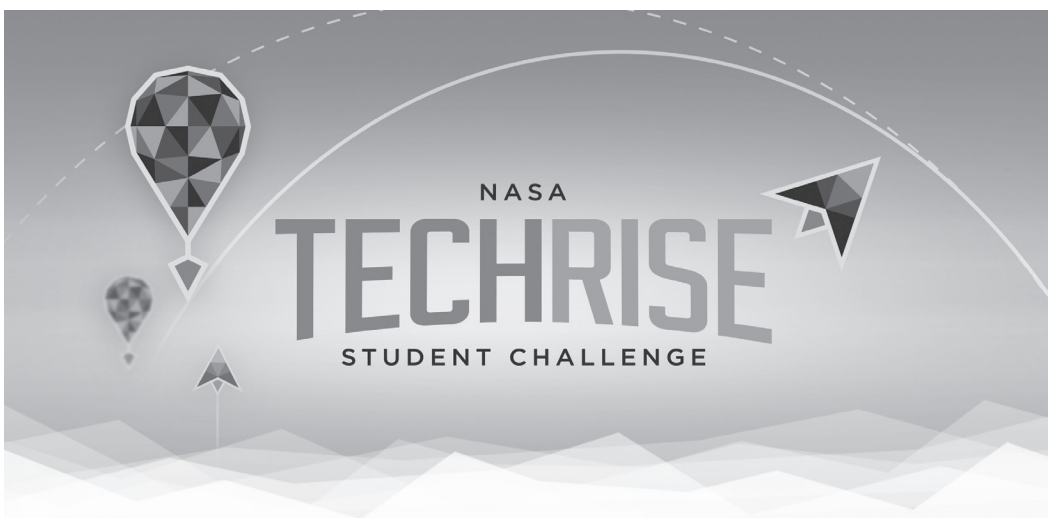
NASA is calling on middle and high school students to join the second NASA TechRise Student Challenge, which invites student teams to develop, build, and launch science and technology experiments on high-altitude balloons.

Students in grades six to 12 attending U.S. public, private, or charter schools – including those in U.S. territories – are challenged to team up with their schoolmates to design an experiment under the guidance of an educator. Administered by Future Engineers, the NASA TechRise Student Challenge offers hands-on insight into the design and test process used by NASA-supported researchers. It aims to inspire a deeper understanding of Earth's atmosphere, surface features, and climate, as well as space exploration, coding, electronics, and the value of test data. Teams should submit their experiment ideas by Oct. 24, 2022.

"We are thrilled to offer the second NASA TechRise Student Challenge," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. "The quality of the experiments and the creativity we saw from students in the last challenge are exactly the kinds of problem-solving and hands-on learning NASA hopes to inspire. We're eager to see what innovative ideas pour in from students around the nation this year."

To participate in the challenge, visit: <https://www.futureengineers.org/nasatechrise>

A total of 60 winning



teams will be selected to turn their proposed experiment idea into reality and launch their technology on a suborbital flight test. The winning teams will each receive \$1,500 to build their experiment and an assigned spot on a NASA-sponsored high-altitude balloon flight operated by one of two commercial providers: Aerostar of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, or World View based in Tucson, Arizona. Both high-altitude balloons provide exposure to the stratosphere at altitudes of approximately 9-19 miles (15-30 kilometers) and variable duration of flight time of hours to days. The challenge is led by NASA's Flight Opportunities program, which rapidly demonstrates technologies for space exploration and the expansion of space commerce through suborbital testing with industry flight providers.

The winning teams will also receive technical support and mentorship from Future Engineers, including the opportunity to learn or improve technology skills such as soldering, coding, and 3D design.

NASA encourages students and their instructors to submit experiment ideas even if they have no prior experience with these activities.

"We could not do a project like this in our classroom without the support of NASA TechRise," said Jill Davis, Superintendent-Director of the Greater Lowell Technical High School in Tyngsborough, Massachusetts, which had one of the winning teams in last year's challenge. "It is something that is truly out of this world! This challenge helped students develop their own unique ideas for future inventions, which adds a new layer of meaning to what they learn."

To enter the competition, teams will propose their experiment idea online using the design guidelines and proposal template on the competition site. NASA plans to announce the competition winners in January 2023. The selected student teams will build their payloads from January to May, and the final experiments will take flight in summer 2023.

Educators interested in TechRise are strongly encouraged to join the virtual educator workshop on Saturday, Aug. 27, to learn more about the challenge, high-altitude balloons, and how to develop a NASA TechRise proposal. Attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions of TechRise educators who recently participated in the winner build experience.

NASA also is seeking volunteers to help judge the entries anticipated from across the country. U.S. residents with expertise in engineering, space, and/or atmospheric research who are interested in reviewing NASA TechRise Student Challenge submissions can apply to be a judge on the Future Engineers website.

NASA's Flight Opportunities program, based at the agency's Armstrong Flight Research Center in Edwards, California, and part of NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD), is leading the NASA TechRise Challenge, with support from the NASA Tournament Lab, also part of STMD.

## Memories of the Past: Scary Story Edition

**BY LISA ABSHIRE**

Editor's note: The story in this edition of "Memories of the Past" was told by the older generations of the author's family. No records have been unearthed to confirm or deny the validity of the details nor is there a specific timeframe known for the alleged incidents. Therefore, this retelling is intended as nothing more than a scary story set in parts of Summers County. Names have been changed and/or omitted.

Back in the days of old, winters were long and harsh. During that time, cars were not built for traversing the roads in bad weather, and stores were few and far between. Households would preserve fruits and vegetables to have during these long winter months.

The Hodge family was no exception. My Dad clearly remembered his Grandma Ollie telling him about getting all the kids together, giving them buckets, and heading to Old Otter Holler to pick berries all day. The berries would be turned into jams and jellies and frozen for later use.

There was a much more intriguing story that Grandma Ollie told Dad about Old Otter Holler, however. Grandma Ollie said that Uncle Emmers and Aunt Mags lived up Creamery Road in a little

house now long gone. Mags was said to have coal-black hair that she was prone to keep slicked straight back. A very striking woman.

As the story went, Emmers got to staying gone all day, every day. He would take the hunting rifle, leave first thing in the morning and not come back until nightfall. Mags questioned him about it, and he just shrugged and said hunting was poor right now.

Mags was said to grow suspicious, so she decided to follow him one day. He made a beeline straight up Old Otter Holler to a woman's house. Rumors flew rampant regarding this woman. Words like "home-wrecker" and "witchcraft" were bandied throughout the small community.

Slowly, Mags went back out the way she came in. Supposedly, she confronted Emmers when he got home that night.

"Well, I've been going to her place helping fix it up for a few dollars. I thought we could use the money," Emmers said when Mags pressured him for an explanation.

According to Grandma Ollie, Aunt Mags wanted to see the money, but he couldn't show her any. He said he had it hidden.

About a week later, Emmers had to go into town for supplies. Mags had a plan.

Grandma Ollie said Mags

got the hunting rifle and headed to Old Otter Holler and the woman's house. The redhead was home, and an argument quickly erupted when Mags confronted her about the affair. What happened next is hard to say. Allegedly, the other woman ended up in a pool of blood, and Mags was left holding the

gun.

Grandma Ollie said when they were picking berries, the house was still standing, and you could still see the blood stains on the porch. Some say that on nights when the wind blows just right, you can hear a woman's death scream in Old Otter Holler.


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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My long-time girlfriend has male friends who visit her during the day while I am gone for about a week each month. I know them, they are interesting people, and I'm OK with that. She now has a friend who is a faith-based healer -- something she gravitates toward.

He lives three hours away, and when he visits, he stays overnight. I met him recently. He's there now while I am two states away. He does hands-on healing with her and other people she introduces him to. He goes in the water every day of the year, and now my girlfriend does, too, usually very early in the morning. Presumably, they do this together while I am away. Maybe he goes in naked; she would consider that natural.

She told me to not worry about the overnights and the hands-on healing because "he is a man of God." I told her it doesn't make any difference. He is divorced and single. Am I being a dope to let this happen without making a strong objection? -- MYSTIFIED IN MAINE

DEAR MYSTIFIED: Because this woman is your "longtime" girlfriend, you have the right to make your feelings about the arrangement known. If you weren't comfortable with the idea of her entertaining a divorced single man overnight in your absence, you should have said so from the beginning. Whether the two of them are sexually involved is beside the point. If she cares about your feelings, she should respect them. However, if she doesn't, then it may be time for you to find another girlfriend.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband and I met in 2006, had a beautiful daughter in 2007, married in 2010 and divorced in 2013. He was honest with me about

being a recovering addict (drugs and alcohol) when we met. Our first few years together were great. However, he fell off the wagon after the wedding and started using drugs and drinking again. It quickly spiraled out of control, and I refused to raise our young daughter in that environment.

He continued in his addictions for seven years after our divorce. He became clean and sober again in 2019, has rekindled his strained relationship with our daughter

and is attempting to rekindle ours as well. We are currently co-parenting and call each other friends, but he wants more.

I have forgiven him for the past hurt and betrayals, but I can't forget the pain. I can't help but be afraid that if I let him back into my life romantically, history will repeat itself. Should I let go of the past and give him another chance, or continue to co-parent and keep him in the friend zone? -- FORGIVEN BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

DEAR FORGIVEN: I suggest you attend some meetings of Nar-Anon (nar-anon.org), an organization founded to help friends and family affected by someone else's addiction. If you do, it will give you added insight.

Addicts in recovery have been known to fall off the wagon, as you well know. My question for you is, are you strong enough to go through it again should the need arise? No one else can answer that question for you.

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