



**Summers County Republicans to hold monthly meeting**

Summers County Republicans meet every fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Memorial building, next to the courthouse in Hinton, WV. The May meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22. All are invited, whatever your political ideology, if the US Constitution and American values matter to you, attend.

**Kroger to discontinue printed circulars**

Sarah Mansheim

LEWISBURG, W.Va. (Hinton News) - Adding to the changing landscape of print media is the announcement from Kroger stores that it will no longer print the weekly circulars that readers receive in their newspapers.

In a letter from Kroger Mid Atlantic Distribution, the grocery retailer told The West Virginia Daily News, "Kroger has been conducting research for over two years to better understand the changing media consumption habits of our customers, the contribution to sales provided by the printed weekly circular and negative impact to our distribution costs driven by increasing labor and fuel costs.

"The analysis and data provided by our Marketing, Sourcing and 84.51" teams has informed our decision to discontinue distribution of the Kroger printed weekly circular in the Hinton News, The Virginian Review (and The) West Virginia Daily News publication for your market. Our last week of distribution will be in support of the ad date that begins Wednesday, May 24, 2023."

Kroger customers who have questions about obtaining printed copies of coupons are asked to call 1-800-KROGERS (1-800-576-4377).

Beginning in June, The Hinton News, The West Virginia Daily News/The West Virginian and The Virginian Review will no longer distribute Kroger circulars.

**Three Rivers Democratic Women to hold monthly meeting**

The Three Rivers Democratic Women will meet on Thursday, May 18 at 5 p.m. in Kirk's Restaurant on the patio. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month at the same location. To learn more, stop by the meeting.

## Hinton to host International Fly Fishing Film Festival



A still from Crouching Tiger, Hidden Damsel

HINTON, WV (Hinton News) – The 2023 International Fly Fishing Film Festival is coming to Hinton on May 28 featuring 10 short and feature-length films.

The screening, at the Ritz Theater, 211 Ballengee St., will showcase fly fishing films from all corners of the globe. The films begin at 6 with the theater doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

The event is hosted by the Summers County Hospitality & Tourism Association. General admission to the event is \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the event; \$40 with a subscription to Fly Fusion Magazine.

For information about this screening along with advance tickets, contact the host at southernwvadventures@gmail.com.

Among the films in the festival are Crouching Tiger, Hidden Damsel, with oversized tiger trout, a prolific damsel fly hatch, and an obscure mountain lake; Of the Sea, brothers explore the elusive Banco Chinchorro off the coast of Xcalak; Jacks, giant trevally attacking from deep ocean water; Father Nature, a guided trip on the Snake River in Grand Teton National



A still from Of The Sea.

Park; A Slam that Saves, four species of bass found only in the Appalachians; and Dollar Dog, Atlantic salmon in Cape Breton's Margaree River.

Others include The Focus, a story of three anglers who revisit a remote mountain stream; Chesapeake – A Love Letter to a Watershed, the landscapes and environments of a special place; and Gold Fever, undiscovered wa-

ter in the middle of the Amazon jungle.

Event attendees can win fly fishing-related prizes and awards from Film Festival sponsors. One person will be selected winner of the 2023 Grand Prize valued at thousands of dollars of merchandise.

For information about the film festival, contact info@flyfilmfest.com.

## Hinton Area Foundation sponsors specialty programs for Beyond Wishes Therapeutic Riding Program



REACHH Children giving Cowboy a bath during a visit to Beyond Wishes TRP. Photo provided by Beyond Wishes TRP.

HINTON, (Hinton News) - Thank you to Hinton Area Foundation for their continued support from the very beginning. Beyond Wishes has been providing Equine Assisted Services to individuals with disabilities and special needs for 12 years, now into its 13th season.

Our grant will be used to sponsor all Beyond Wishes specialty programs. These are the military veteran's program, which we are expanding this year, special ed classes from schools

that visit the farm, the mini visits to long-term care facilities, schools, and libraries. We also provide equine educational days to groups and clubs. All of these programs are at no cost to the individuals because of Hinton Area Foundation's help to sponsor these programs.

For information on participation or volunteering, check out Facebook, our website at www.beyondwishes.org or email: beyondwishes@hughes.net, or call 304 466-0431

## Summers County Bobcats attack Richwood Lumberjacks

Lawson Jones

HINTON, (Hinton News) - Summers County took on and defeated the Richwood Lumberjacks 13-10 on Friday, May 5, in their final regular season game.

The Bobcats snatched the lead in the third inning when they scored their first four runs. They put eight runs on the board in the fifth. The other run came in the sixth.

Brandan Isaac, who toed the rubber for Summers County, faced a minor nose injury while running the bases in the first inning but still pitched four innings and saw nineteen batters. Colten Jones pitched the other three innings.

Summers County had a total of sixteen hits, in which Isaac and Jones led with three each. Xander Hudgins, Devin Mansfield, and Ben Lane each



#8 Ben Lane, who beat Summers County High School's single-season stolen base record on May 5, 2023. Photo by Lawson Jones

had two hits. Peyton Miller, Grady Allen, Jake Boone, and Ryan Oliveros contributed one hit a piece.

Hudgins led in runs-batted-in with three. Isaac and Miller followed with two each. Mansfield, Allen, and Jones each had one.

Lane stole four bases, which allowed him to sur-

pass the school record for stolen bases in a single season. Isaac stole six, Oliveros and Mansfield stole two a piece, and Miller and Allen stole one each.

The Bobcats began tournament play at home on Tuesday, May 9, against the winner of Montcalm and Greater Beckley. Check hintonnews.com for more.

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# A peek into Summers County's past: Orchards



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Rebecca Stalnaker  
and William Jones

SUMMERS COUNTY, (Hinton News) - It is time for another edition of A Peek into Summers County's Past. Every week, local history collector, William Jones, talks about the significance of one or more pieces in his vast collection. In this edition, we are talking about orchard companies within the county.

To look at the area now, many may find it difficult to believe there were once multiple orchards in Summers County. Jones said, "Most people wouldn't be able to imagine that Summers County had so many orchards and businesses that centered around them at the turn of the century. I will be talking about three, although I am sure there were others. The weather has changed over the years and is not necessarily supportive of allowing fruit bearing trees to produce business scale in this area. As a child we had a pear tree and an apple tree that were originally from an orchard here in Pence Springs, but they never produced during my time."

Digging right into the information, Jones describes the first business on his list. He said, "The first orchard I will delve into is the Kesler Orchard Company. The capital stock certificate book you see

here I purchased from Roger Hicks at the antique store he had in Forest Hill, W.Va., called Old School Antiques. The charter for the company was granted in 1909 and lists its offices as being in Lowell, W.Va. But the orchard itself was in Greenbrier County, around Alderson, W.Va. You most likely heard of the late Summers County historian John Kesler who lived in Lowell. Not sure of the exact connection, but this company had ties to his family. I have to take a moment and give Mr Kesler credit with instilling the passion of local history in me from an early age. He was always willing to help, teach or show you anything about the history of Summers County, especially the Talcott area."

Moving on to the second orchard, Jones stated, "The second is Col. Bob Carr's Fruit Farm. This farm is my family's farm that I currently live on and is the site of the 1800s Hines Boarding House in Pence Springs, W.Va. Mr. Carr was from Charleston but went into the business of developing a large orchard in Pence Springs. A newspaper article from the Hinton News from 1911 refers to his company as 'one of the biggest orchard companies on the Greenbrier River'. It also states in this same article, 'he and his associates plan on setting out 5500 more trees'. Another ar-

ticle from that time states they had 2700 peach trees and 20 acres of crimson clover."

"While first developing the orchard, two workmen were engaged in planting the trees on the farm that Col. Carr recently purchased, that was known as the 'Hines Farm'. Saint Hume had 150 dynamite caps in a box and was attempting to pass them to James Cox when a spark dropped in the box and set them off. The explosion was terrific! Mr Hume lost both of his hands, and Mr Cox lost one of his. The article from 1911 that this information came from said that Dr. Pence from Pence Springs was immediately summoned to address the two men, and a nurse from the Hinton Hospital was brought by train to attend the two men. The article ends with stating that Mr Carr was developing 160 acres, and the work is being watched with interest by other fruit men in the county. So that just goes to show you there were more than the two orchards I reference in this piece. The photo of the orchard during

its early days of development, the late Suzanne Humphrey of Pence Springs allowed me to copy. This photo also shows the Hines Boarding House in the center next to the big oak tree."

The last business on the list was located in Talcott. Jones said, "Lastly, is an orchard that my great great grandfather L. W. Thompson had on his farm in the Talcott area. He was known as 'the well known fruit man of Talcott', because he would ship large railroad cars of winter apples to Haddad & Company in Charleston, W.Va. In a Hinton News article from 1919 it talks about him having 220 bushels of strawberries and 120 bushels of black raspberries that season. When he sold his farm in 1923, he advertised it as a '48 acre farm two miles from Talcott'. Had an eight room house with running water that was pumped from an oil engine. It had a frost proof greenhouse, large barn, large workshop, grainary, garage and packing sheds."

Jones stated that the ad read, "Two acres of strawberries, two acres of blackberries, 375 apple trees, 140 cherry trees, 30 damson trees, 100 grape vines, old peach orchard of 350 trees, young peach orchard of 380 trees, 100 Elberta peach trees in nursery all ready to set out next spring; two crops will more than pay for the place. A real bargain if sold at once. Write for particulars or come and see: L. W. Thompson, Talcott, Summers County., W. Va." Jones said, "It is hard to believe that he was so successful with his orchard to have built an eight room house and all of those buildings in the early 1900s in Summers County nonetheless."

"He [L.W. Thompson] moved to Talcott proper to focus on building his construction company. He also built

a great deal of mission oak furniture during the 1920s through the 1940s. Had a shop in Talcott where he built boats. And even had one of the hardware stores in Talcott that sold Kurpees Paint. My mother has the Kurpees Paint sign that hung on the front of his store and has the 1910s water pump that he used to water his trees and plants in his orchard. Attorney David Zeigler and his wife Myra now own his farm. The photo of all the people is actually a postcard of this farm. My Great Grandfather Orice Thompson is the boy sitting on the shipping crate, he and the family were most likely in the process of placing an order for Haddad & Company in Charleston. And the back of the card reads 'L.W. Thompson's peach orchard'."

This brings us to the end of another edition of A Peek into Summers County's Past. Did you know about all of the orchards in the area? Be sure to come back next week for another edition to see what item

Jones will discuss.

Do you have a story about Summers County's past that you would like to share? Send us an email to [news@hinton-news.com](mailto:news@hinton-news.com).

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### Land Transfers

Carolyn Foster to Larry D. Fox, Lot, City of Hinton District; Jeffrey D. Meador to James M. Amos and Kelly Rose Amos, Part of Lot Number 35, City of Hinton District;

Patricia Meador to James M. Amos and Kelly Rose Amos, Lot Numer 47, 48 & 49, City of Hinton District; Jerry C. Wheeler Jr. to Wheeler Rentals LLC, Lot Block R, City of Hinton District and Lot, Talcott District; Oris Jennings Lilly Jr. to Wheeler Rentals LLC, Part of Lots 7, 8 & 9 Block P, City of Hinton District; Jeffrey D. Sears and Lori A. Sears to Cassandra M. King, 235x200x160x377, Green Sulphur District; John P. Mann and Sarah A. Griffin to Christopher Deaton and Stacy Deaton, Part of Lot 7 Block K, Lot, City of Hinton District.

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# Ziplining at Pipestem Begins May 27



A look at a zipliner at Pipestem Park.



Part of one ziplining path at Pipestem Park.

PIPESTEM, WV, (Hinton News) – Imagine flying hundreds of feet in the air amidst the mountains and over the gorges in southern West Virginia. This can happen on May 27 when Pipestem Adventures opens its popular Pipestem Peaks Zipline Tours for the 2023 season. Pipestem Peaks offers breathtaking views from lines that sail across the Bluestone River Gorge three times at speeds up to 50 mph. While ziplining at 300 feet, views ex-

tend for a mile across the Mountain State. The zipline tour begins at the top of the Canyon Rim Center and works its way down to the bottom of Bluestone Gorge as you zip from one treetop platform to the next. The zipline trip lasts about 3.5 hours and consists of 9 different zip lines exceeding 1,000 feet in length. The trip concludes with a tram ride to the starting point. Two professional guides accompany a group of eight guests and follow

the highest safety standards in the industry. The guides share their enthusiasm and knowledge for ziplining, the history of Pipestem State Park and information on the flora and fauna in the area. The zipline is open to guests ages 10 and up, and all guests must weigh between 100 and 250 pounds. The cost of the tour is \$99 per person. “We are excited to open the Pipestem zipline for the 2023 season,” said Paul Buechler, CEO at

Pipestem Adventures. “This is a great way for people to experience the beauty of our area and take part in an exhilarating adventure at the same time.” Another source of fun that should not be missed while at the State Park is the Pipestem Adventure Zone. The Adventure Zone offers more fun in one place than you can experience in a single day. Visitors can choose from 9 exciting activities to create a full-day adventure

extravaganza with skeet shooting, laser tag, remote-controlled cars on paved and off-road race tracks, 3D archery, axe throwing, drone flying, miniature golf, disc golf and electric motor-assisted bikes. The Adventure Zone also opens on May 27. Pipestem State Park is an adventurer’s paradise. Many other opportunities for fun and adventure at Pipestem include white water rafting, horseback riding, kayaking, golfing,

rock climbing, mountain biking, a splash park, and an adventure lake. View all of the Pipestem Adventures activities at [www.pipestemadventures.com](http://www.pipestemadventures.com). Pipestem activities can be booked by calling 1-833-WV-Parks (1-833-987-2757) or visiting [wvstateparks.com](http://wvstateparks.com) or using the link [wvstateparks.com/things-to-do/aerial-tours/pipestem-peaks/](http://wvstateparks.com/things-to-do/aerial-tours/pipestem-peaks/). Some activities require advanced reservations and other considerations.

## Memories of the past: Gardens of memories

Lisa Abshire

SUMMERS COUNTY, (Hinton News) - With spring, there are always the first thoughts of what the summer garden will contain. One of my fondest memories is of looking through those seed catalogs with my Granny, talking about the new seeds we wanted to try out. She always made sure to save me a catalog so I could have one of my own to take home. As far back as I can remember, my Granny and Papa planted a garden; big, beautiful potato patches, the most beautiful tomato plants I have seen, beans by the ton, it seemed. They kept us in produce, preserved a bunch for the winter and sold the surplus for extra money. My Granny taught me everything I know about canning jelly, putting up apples, and so much more. I remember spending an entire day in the basement with her making various jams and

jellies. How I miss those days. Throughout Granny’s house would always be paper towels full of seeds she had saved out of tomatoes and other vegetables to dry out and plant to get new starts. Being a child of the depression, Granny was a big believer in saving seeds and not wasting anything. Her seedlings were always the healthiest around. I always joked and told her I thought she could take a stick and make it grow. She would smile that special smile only she had and say, “Probably could.” If I concentrate really hard, I can still remember the taste of a tomato straight off the vine from Granny’s garden or a big pot of green beans and potatoes cooked fresh. Nothing compares to it still. Another fond gardening memory is of my Dad and his pumpkins. He always dreamed of growing a giant pumpkin for Hallow-

een. The closest he got was a hundred-pound Big Max pumpkin, but boy, was he ever proud of that thing. To this day, I still soak my seeds for a couple of days before putting them in the starter cups, and I still buy big Max seeds. So, this year, in my tiny garden will be a pumpkin plant and some tomato plants as I try to keep the family traditions alive and well. In the end, traditions and memories are all we have left. Make the most of it all and garden on.

## Entries open for the 98th annual State Fair of West Virginia

LEWISBURG, W.Va. (Hinton News) - Entries are officially open for the 98th annual State Fair of West Virginia’s livestock and home, arts and garden competitions. All rules and regulations, as well as registration instructions, are posted on the State Fair’s website. The deadline to enter is July 14. Competition highlights for 2023 include a revamped sheep shearing competition, fan-favorite best pepperoni roll and chocolate lover’s dessert delight cooking contests, and of course, the rest of the cooking, flower, ag produce, needlework and fine arts competitions.

True to the State Fair’s mission, livestock competitions are also available for West Virginia’s 4-H and FFA, and open show classes. “Every year exhibitors gather to honor the State Fair’s mission of promoting agricultural knowledge and advancement, and the arts. Exhibitors enter

award winning produce, flowers, baked goods, livestock, and more. We’re looking forward to seeing what everyone brings out this year,” said agriculture competitions manager Alexis Porterfield-Mulcahy. Please, visit [statefairfowv.com](http://statefairfowv.com) for more information or to register online.

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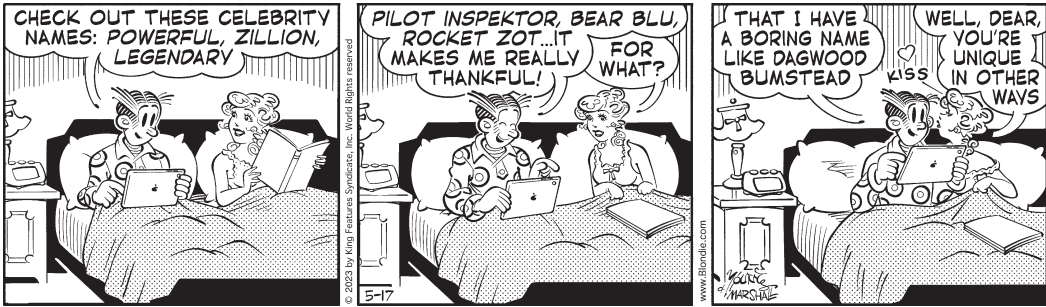


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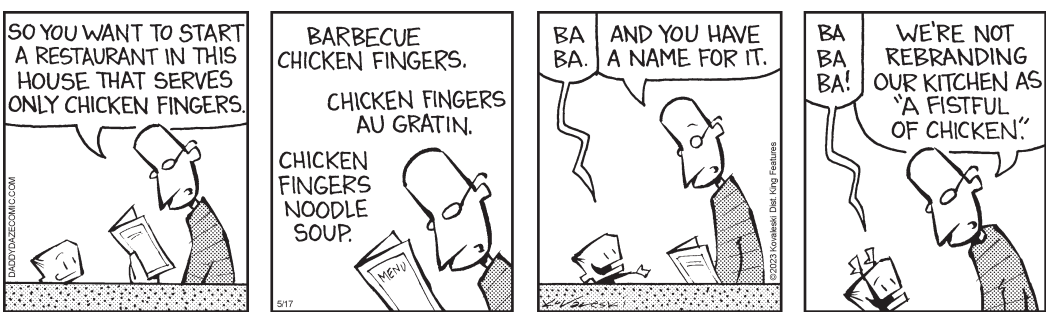
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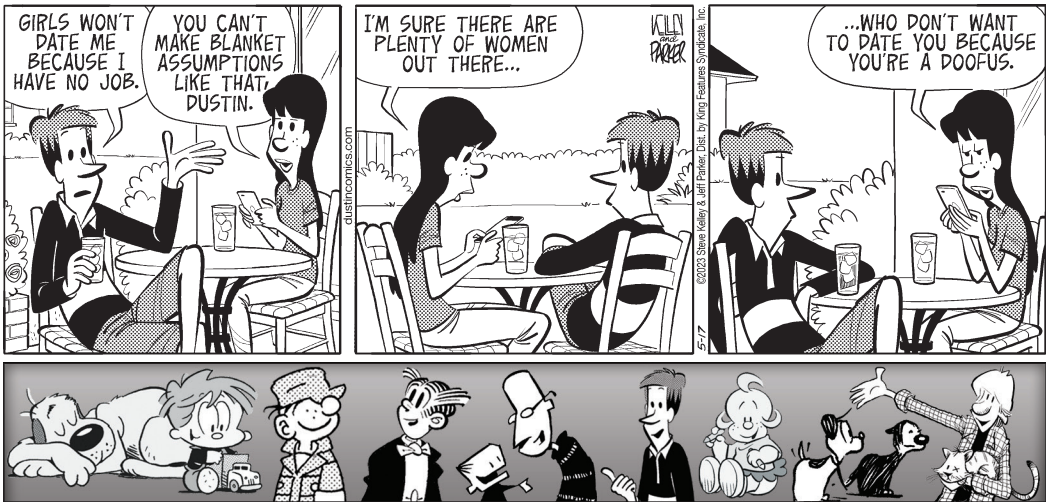
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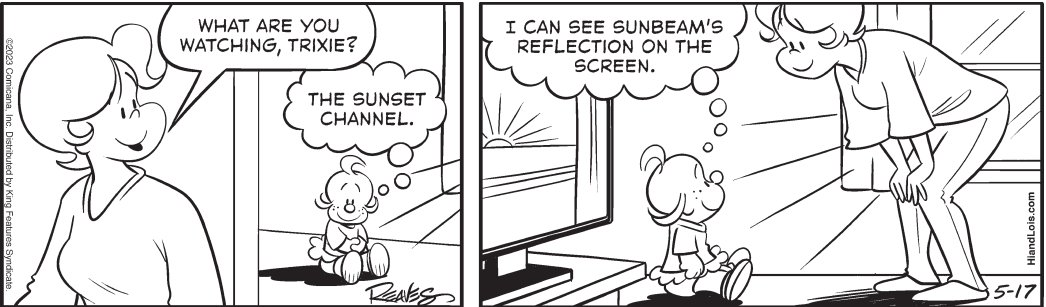
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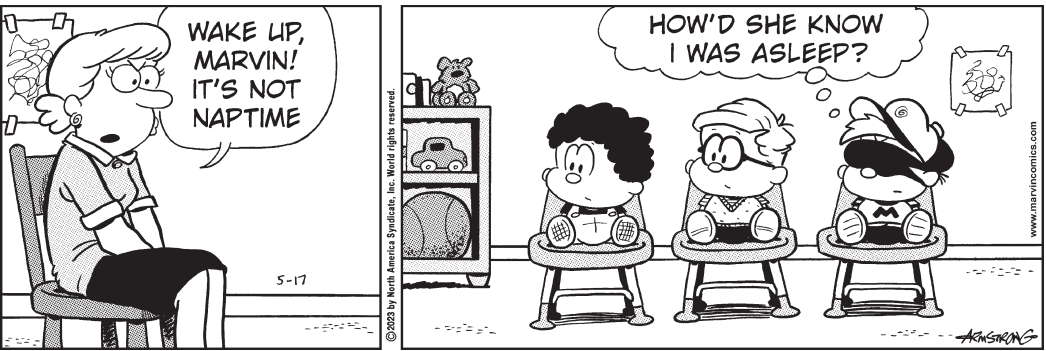
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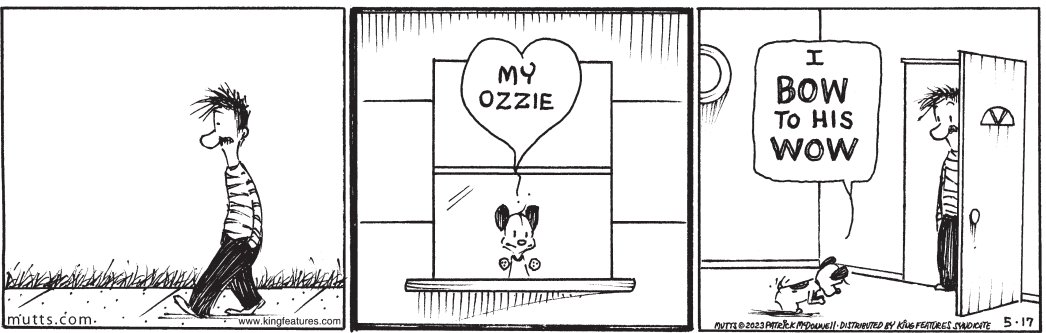
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# ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

**MOON ALERT:** Avoid shopping or important decisions from 5 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. EDT today (2 a.m. to 5:45 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Aries into Taurus.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, May 17, 2023:

You will radiate positive energy. You like to be helpful, but you can be stubborn. Many of you are passionately involved with music. This is a slower-paced year. Take time to rejuvenate yourself and concentrate on the relationships that make will you happy.

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)**  
3★ This is an excellent day to make plans concerning your earnings or your job, because you are fortunate right now with moneybags Jupiter entering your Money House. In addition, you're in a practical, grounded frame of mind. This is a valuable combination. Tonight: Positive finances.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
4★ Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with Jupiter and Mercury. It's also doing a two-step with Saturn. The result is you can trust your ideas today. Furthermore, you can trust your ability to present them with authority and confidence. People are listening. Tonight: Work out.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
3★ Your ability to research things and find answers to problems is excellent today. Keep digging. You will find what you're looking for because you have perseverance and focus. You also have a bit of luck! (Luck can make all the difference.) Tonight: Research.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
4★ This is an excellent day to make plans for the future. If you need to discuss them with younger people or get the advice of someone older, either way, you win. A member of a group or a club also might help you at this time. Accept what

others offer you. (You don't have to reinvent the wheel.) Tonight: Popularity!  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
3★ If dealing with bosses, parents, teachers or VIPs today, you'll be persuasive. People will listen to you, because you sound like you know what you're talking about. Furthermore, you're impressive. You have just the right balance between optimism and what is plausible. Tonight: You're impressive.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
4★ This is an excellent day to study and learn something new. You will have the perseverance and focus necessary to absorb what you read. It's also a positive day for legal matters as well as anything related to medicine, publishing and the media. Tonight: Travel.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
3★ Financial discussions will go well today, especially if they are related to shared property, insurance matters, inheritances, wills or anything to do with your partner's wealth. There's a nice balance between optimism and practicality that promotes your success in negotiations. Tonight: Check your finances.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
4★ Discussions with partners, spouses and close friends will go very well today. You have enough optimism to be in a positive frame of mind, and yet, at the same time, you are grounded and realistic, especially when it comes to making future plans. Bravo! Tonight: Warm connections.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
4★ This is a productive day for you! You are focused, energetic and optimistic. People with experience might advise you. Younger people will listen to you. This is the perfect day to wrap up old business and grease the wheels to achieve your objectives. Tonight: Pro-ductivity.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
3★ Family discussions will go well today, especially discussions with a parent or an older family member. This is a good time to tackle home repairs that you've been putting off. It's also a good time to think of renovations, home improvements or even a residential move. Tonight: Focus on home.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
4★ You have an excellent ability to communicate with others today. This same quality will also allow you to learn and study something new. Enjoy short trips and conversations with your daily contacts, especially neighbors, relatives and siblings. Now is the time to teach others and share your knowledge. Tonight: Communicate.

**BORN TODAY**  
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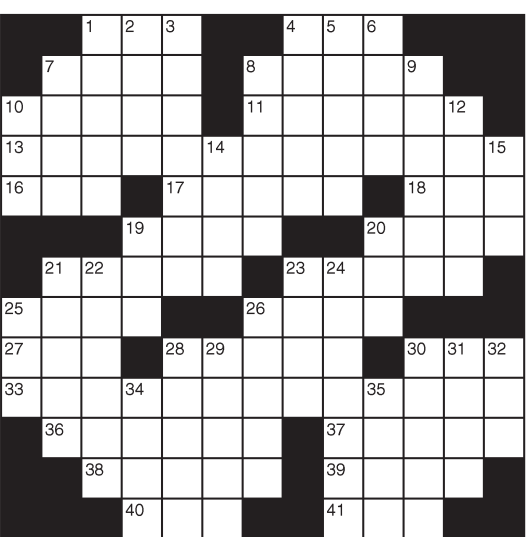
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26 Electrical lines  
28 "What's in —?"  
29 Roman 1152  
30 Cockeyed  
31 Fluffy scarves  
32 USN rank  
34 Human rights lawyer  
35 Bridge coup

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

**Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)**



## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

EILTT  
DBYDU  
LASWUR  
CEIPTK

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I'm not sure I can make a living doing this.

I've found that there is plenty of work out there. It may not be covers, but it still pays.

THE FASHION MODEL WASN'T VERY FAMOUS AND DIDN'T MAKE A FORTUNE, BUT SHE ---

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answer: Jumbles: MONEY BRAVE IMPORT STUDIO  
Answer: Using her credit card to purchase the clock made it possible for her to — BUY SOME TIME

# SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT Supplemental ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT Bluestone Dam Safety Modification Project Miller Avenue Hauling Restrictions Summers County, West Virginia

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this Notice of Availability (NOA), advises the public that the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Bluestone Dam Safety Modification Project, Miller Avenue Hauling Restrictions is complete and available for public review. The project is located in Summers County, West Virginia. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated for the proposed project. A Draft FONSI is included with the draft SEA for public review.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 40 CFR 1501.4, the draft SEA and FONSI must be available to the public in the affected area for thirty (30) days for review and comment. Final determination regarding the need for additional NEPA documentation will be made after the public review period, which begins on or about May 05, 2023. Copies of the documents may be viewed at the following location:

Summers County Public Library 201 Temple St. Hinton, West Virginia 25951

Phone: (304) 466-4490 The documents may also be viewed at the following website: <https://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Public-Review/>. Copies of the draft SEA and FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers at (304) 399-5924.

Comments pertaining to the documents may be submitted by electronic mail to: [BluestoneDamDSA@usace.army.mil](mailto:BluestoneDamDSA@usace.army.mil), or by letter to: Ms. Rebecca Rutherford Chief, Environmental Analysis Section, Planning Branch Huntington District Corps of Engineers, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070 (10,17,24,31my)

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Hinton, Sanitary Board in accordance with their NPDES Permit, maintains and operates a combined sewer collection and treatment facility serving the residents within and near the City.

A portion of the wastewater system operates as a combined system with combined sewer overflows (CSO's), which means during rain events, storm water runoff is carried into the sanitary sewer lines. During heavy rain events, the system could become overloaded with storm and sanitary wastewater and discharge into the receiving streams.

During dry weather, these

overflows do not normally pose a concern and the system can handle flows to the wastewater treatment. However, be advised that during storm events or snow melt, these overflow may discharge and pose a potential health risk from contact with the river at this point. Please note that each outlet is identified by outfall markers.

You are advised to avoid contact with the water during these overflow events. Should you observe a discharge event or have any questions regarding this advisory, please contact the City at (304) 466-0622. (10,17my)

NOTICE

The Southern Educational Services Cooperative (SESC) is applying for a Nita Lowery 21st Century Community Learning Center grant from the West Virginia Department of Education to establish afterschool programs at Hinton Elementary, Jumping Branch Elementary, Talcott Elementary and Summers County Comprehensive High School.

If you would like to provide input into the grant or if you would be willing to provide services to the afterschool program at any of these site(s), please contact Charles Phillips at the SESC by phone at (304) 619-8622 or by e-mail at [charles.phillips@wvesc.org](mailto:charles.phillips@wvesc.org).

The completed grant application will be available for public review after June 1, 2023. (10,17my)

Concord University partners with New River CTC to help more students continue their education



Photo of signing provided by New River CTC.

(ATHENS, W.Va.) Concord University and New River Community and Technical College are entering into an articulation agreement that will give New River graduates a direct admissions path to CU to complete a baccalaureate degree.

Administration from both institutions gathered in the State Room of the Jean and Jerry L. Beasley Student Center on the morning of Tuesday, May 9 to make the collaboration official.

“We are pleased to sign this articulation agreement with Concord University to expand transfer opportunities for New River CTC students,” said New River CTC President Dr. Bonny Copenhaver. “This agreement provides defined pathways to make it easier for New River CTC graduates to transfer

credits and continue their studies in a bachelor’s degree program at Concord in many areas including the sciences, business, computer science, psychology, social work and others. It’s a great day for New River CTC students.”

The two institutions have identified 103 transferable hours of general educational courses. Students who graduate with an associate degree and have a transferable GPA of at least 2.0 and are in good standing are guaranteed admission to CU.

“By working together, we can better serve the needs of the region and beyond by creating additional avenues for students to pursue higher education,” said Concord University President Kendra Boggess.

New River CTC is current-

ly accepting applications for summer and fall. For information on programs at New River CTC visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu) or call 1-866-349-3739.

New River Community and Technical College serves nine counties in southeast and south-central West Virginia: Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Webster. The College offers classes online, in Beaver at the Raleigh County Campus, in Ghent at the Advanced Technology Center, in Hinton at Summers County ARH Hospital, in Lewisburg at the Greenbrier Valley Campus, in Marlinton at One Room University, in Princeton at the Mercer County Campus and in Summersville at the Nicholas County Campus.

(Tariff Form 8)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA a tariff containing a requested increase in rates, tolls, and charges for furnishing water service to approximately 168,000 customers in Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mercer, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, and Webster Counties.

The tariff filing will also directly or indirectly affect those customers of the following public service districts, regional development authorities, municipalities, or other governmental subdivisions who, under agreements approved by the Public Service Commission, are charged water rates that are in whole or in part based on the rates of the Company:

Boone County Public Service District  
Cumberland Public Service District  
Flatwoods Canoe-Run Public Service District  
Jumping Branch-Nimitz Public Service District  
Kanawha County Regional Development Authority  
Lashmeet Public Service District  
Lewis County Economic Development Authority  
New Haven Public Service District  
Oakvale Road Public Service District  
Putnam County Building Commission  
Salt Rock Public Service District  
Webster County Economic Development Authority

Some of the customers receiving service from these entities under Operation and Maintenance Agreements with the Company also pay a surcharge in addition to the metered water rates. These surcharge amounts were approved by the Public Service Commission in prior cases, and those surcharges will not increase or otherwise be affected by this filing.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective February 25, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce, on a total Company basis, \$41,175,752 in additional annual net water revenues over present rate revenues, or an overall increase in revenues of approximately 22.5%. The \$41,175,752 consists of an increase in base rates of \$51,308,960 in annual revenue and a decrease in the Company’s Distribution System Investment Charge (“DSIC”) of \$10,133,208 in annual revenue, with such revenues being collected from customers as more fully described herein. This increase includes an allocation of the wastewater revenue requirement to the water revenue requirement to support the same percentage increase in rates for both water and wastewater customers. The Company is further proposing a new set of low income tariffs, and other rate mechanisms, the impacts of which are reflected in the rate increase schedule below.

The Company’s proposed low income tariff for water and wastewater service that includes multiple tiers of discounts based on different levels of household income stated as multiples of Federal Poverty Level (“FPL”). The driving principle behind the Company’s proposed low income tariff is to provide all participating customers discounts such that the expected bill for basic water or wastewater service will be no more than 3% of their annual household income.

The proposed tariff discounts are as follows:

Low Income Tariff Discount	(%) Discount
0%-50% Federal Poverty Level	65%
50%-100% Federal Poverty Level	50%
100%-150% Federal Poverty Level	30%
150%-200% Federal Poverty Level	15%

The Company expects that the Commission will order the suspension of the new rates and charges for the full 300-day suspension period under W. Va. Code §24-2-4a, or until February 25, 2024.

The following schedule shows the change from rates currently in effect based on representative levels of consumption and the monthly dollar and percentage changes including the Company’s proposed allocation of the revenue requirement between water and wastewater customers and the impact of its proposed new low income tariffs. The modification of any of these components will impact this schedule. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

WEST VIRGINIA (except Cumberland, Glasgow, and Cedar Grove)

AVERAGE CUSTOMER PER CLASS	(\$ ) INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal)	\$ 11.38	31.26%
Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal)	18.95	31.26%
Commercial (1" meter; 16,000 gal)	101.08	31.27%
Industrial (4" meter; 650,000 gal)	2,476.85	31.26%
Other Public Authority (1" meter; 33,000 gal)	181.71	31.26%
Sale for Resale (4" meter; 5,652,000 gal)	14,792.59	31.26%

CUMBERLAND (all Customers)

AVERAGE CUSTOMER PER CLASS	(\$ ) INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal)	\$ 25.58	115.17%
Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal)	42.60	115.20%
Commercial (1" meter; 16,000 gal)	227.16	115.19%
Industrial (4" meter; 650,000 gal)	5,566.74	115.18%
Other Public Authority (1" meter; 33,000 gal)	408.37	115.18%

GLASGOW (all Customers)

AVERAGE CUSTOMER PER CLASS	(\$ ) INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal)	\$ 14.29	42.66%
Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal)	23.80	42.67%
Commercial (1" meter; 16,000 gal)	126.94	42.68%
Industrial (4" meter; 650,000 gal)	3,110.68	42.68%
Other Public Authority (1" meter; 33,000 gal)	228.20	42.68%

CEDAR GROVE (all Customers)

AVERAGE CUSTOMER PER CLASS	(\$ ) INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal)	\$ 14.66	44.25%
Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal)	24.41	44.25%
Commercial (1" meter; 16,000 gal)	130.17	44.25%
Industrial (4" meter; 650,000 gal)	3,189.89	44.24%
Other Public Authority (1" meter; 33,000 gal)	234.01	44.24%

This increase will incorporate the rate impact of the cumulative investment under the Company’s Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) program that was (or is projected to be) placed into service between March 1, 2022 and December 31, 2023. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the DSIC component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

The Company’s sale for resale customers include Bluefield Valley Water Works Company, Lavalette PSD, Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD, Aqua Ohio Water, Jane Lew PSD, Lincoln PSD, City of Milton, and the City of Hurricane.

The rate increases shown above are based on averages for customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the Company’s tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following offices:

West Virginia-American Water Central Division

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Charleston, WV 25302

West Virginia-American Water Southern Division

12 Mile Road @ Route 460  
Princeton, West Virginia 24740

West Virginia-American Water Western Division

4002 Ohio River Road  
Huntington, WV 25702

West Virginia-American Water Northern Division

1243 U.S. Highway 19 South  
Weston, West Virginia 26452

Copies of the tariffs have also been delivered to representatives of the aforementioned public service districts and entities for public inspection at their respective offices.

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in either of these cases should file on or before July 29, 2023 a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R. 1, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests and Petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the Offices of the Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.





# Wrestler George South Sr. discusses his career, upcoming Hinton event and more



George South Sr. Photo provided by American Pro Wrestling.

Rebecca Stalnaker HINTON, (Hinton News) - American Pro Wrestling is coming back to Hinton for another series of matches. George South Sr., a long-time wrestler who is participating in the event, recently

spoke about his career, the upcoming performance, reuniting with his son for the show and West Virginia. South has an extensive career, having wrestled for 41 years. Throughout his experiences, he has wrestled some of the biggest names in the industry, including Hulk Hogan and Ric Flair. Additionally, South has trained several other professionals, such as Henry Godwin, another wrestler participating in the Hinton event, and his son, George Jr. Godwin is part of WWF and South said he is incredibly proud of his success. "Henry Godwin, who is from WWF, is going to make an appearance when I come up there to be with y'all, I trained him, many years ago, he was one of my students. And just to see the success that he's gained..." He added that, at the time he was training Godwin, George Jr. was around 10 or 11 years old. South's son is one of the wrestlers that will be part of the Hinton show. He said it will be a fun event, but for him, it will also be a family reunion. He stated, "This will be not only a great wrestling event but for me to be able to see Henry Godwin. My son will also get to see Henry Godwin for the first time in many years, so it's not just a wrestling show this time for me, but it's kind of a family reunion." The May show is not South's first time in the Mountain State. He stated that he had a home in Princeton for many years and had done shows all over the state. He said, "Being able to come back to some of these great little towns is what I live for, and I love doing it." "All those towns and great people, and we're coming back. So I'm excited. I was actually there in Hinton at the last show and got to see a lot of old friends and loved it so much. I'm coming back, and I'm bringing my son with me." South noted that he wants the community to know that their shows are not like what is seen in Hollywood. He said, "It's pro wrestling. If it's done right, is a place

where you can bring your family. I know sometimes, on TV, it gets kind of crazy, gets kind of rough, and you say, 'Man, I can't let my kids watch that' but that's not us. We're a great family-friendly event. We just have old-fashioned pro wrestling and some great guys. We got some young guys a lot of veterans like myself and if nothing else, people can come and see the reunion between my son and Henry Godwin. That's going to be pretty neat, even for me." South stated that he is more than happy to interact with fans, sign autographs, etc. "If someone writes me an old-fashioned letter and asks for an autographed picture. I still send it. Wrestlers can't believe I even do that, but, you know, we feel it. We try to keep it that tight-knit because the fans are what it's all about." Unlike the last match in Hinton, South will be spending his time in the corner managing his son and Henry Godwin in a tag-team match. When asked who he thought would win, he said, "If I'm driving all that way, I guarantee you my son and Henry Godwin are going to win. They'll be the new Tag Team Champions." If you would like to learn more about Georg South Sr., visit his website georgesouth.com. To learn more about American Pro Wrestling and the upcoming event in Hinton, go to the organization's social media pages.

# Bryan Bielanski live in Lewisburg

Upbeat and energetic North Carolina singer-songwriter Bryan Bielanski is coming to town! Bryan Bielanski is on tour promoting his new album "Bryan's Super Happy Fun Time 3" and making a stop on June 29, 2023, in Lewisburg, West Virginia at Hawk Knob Cidery and Meadery. It is an all ages show starting at 4:00 p.m. Bryan Bielanski's music has been compared to the likes of The Beatles, Nirvana, Buddy Holly and Tom Petty but he has his own unique style as well. This road warrior has been taking his upbeat catchy songs city to city and country to country for years now, living the nomadic life and trying to spread some good vibes and a positive message on each and every tour stop. This critically acclaimed globetrotting singer/songwriter has been touring the US and the world for the last 10+ years. During that time, Bryan Bielanski has performed in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Austria, Belgium, California, Canada, China, Colorado, Connecticut, Costa Rica, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Italy, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Luxembourg, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Netherlands, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Poland, Rhode Island, Russia, South Carolina, South Dakota, Switzerland, Tennessee, Texas, Thailand, United Kingdom, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and



**Bryan Bielanski** anssuperhappyfuntime.com Wyoming. If you want to find out more about Bryan Bielanski, his music and his tour schedule, you can check out his official website at <https://bryan Bielanski.com>

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**Cuban Assassin**  
**vs**  
**Alexander Apollo**

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