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Sign language class planned through New River CTC

SUMMERSVILLE, W.Va. (Hinton News) - New River Community and Technical College is offering a six-week basic sign language class on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. starting June 8, 2023. The class will be offered at the Nicholas County Campus in Summersville and through Zoom video conferencing.

Students in the class will learn sign language vocabulary, phrases and sentences, including grammatical features, and students will have interactive practice during the class. Students will also learn about Deaf Culture and history.

Tuition is $100 for the six-week class, and registration is required by May 29, 2023. Participants interested in the Zoom option will be emailed the link and log-in information after registering and paying for the class.

Visit www.newriver.edu/community for information on upcoming classes or register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, gkincaid@newriver.edu).

New River CTC's Workforce Education Division provides community education classes and employable educational opportunities including non-credit courses, workforce development programs and customized training.

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Grief support group to meet in Hinton

HINTON, (Hinton News) - Backyard Ministry is hosting a Grief Support group on Sunday, May 28 at Bellepoint Park at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to the Backyard Ministries Facebook page or visit the website at backyardministry.org.

Library program passes a big anniversary

Myra Ziegler

HINTON, (Hinton News) - It was in April of 1998 that a group of book lovers gathered at the Summers County Public Library to discuss Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier thus starting a program that has met once a month ever since then to talk about books. This past April (2023), the group met to discuss Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver. It is fitting that these two award-winning historical novels should bracket all those years of reading and talking about books. And although not all the group members are the same as those who came to the first meeting, the discussion of Demon was as stimulating and lively as the one for Cold Mountain all those years ago.

The anniversary of this longstanding Library program was not the only April milestone worth noting at the Library. On April 21, the Friends of the Library held its most successful Salad Luncheon fundraiser ever! It took a lot of effort on the part of many, many people to pull that off. Heartfelt thanks go to all the folks who worked so hard - those who called and solicited salads and cakes, who delivered order forms, took orders, set up tables, made salads and/or cakes, took up money, delivered lunches all over the county, cleaned up and who knows what all else that I have forgotten to mention. After expenses, we raised $1,396.89!!!

These funds will be given to the Board of Library Directors who are in charge of library finances to be used for such things as supporting programs like the Book Discussion Group or to help cover extraordinary expenses such as some much-needed maintenance on the library building.

If you would like to be involved either with fundraising or with some of the other volunteer tasks that help keep the Library going, stop by or call the Library and leave your name and contact information. We will add you to the Friends contact list and let you know what is coming up that you might enjoy helping with.

If you are interested in participating in the Library's book discussion group or any of the other programs offered by the Library, you can find out all about them on the Library's website at www.summerscountylibrary.org.

And mark your calendars. The next Friends of the Library project will be the Annual Library Golf Tournament to be held at the Willow Wood Golf Course on June 25. Polish up your clubs, invite all your golfing buddies and come on out for a day of fun and help support a good cause.

Front view of the Summers County Library

Hinton local earns medical degree from WVSOM

LEWISBURG, W.Va. (Hinton News) — Ashley McNicholas, D.O., graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree on May 5, 2023.

While at WVSOM, Dr. McNicholas received the WVSOM Foundation Scholars Award.

McNicholas earned a Bachelor of Science degree in preprofessional biology from Concord University in Athens, W.Va., in 2019. She is a 2015 graduate of Summers County High School in Hinton, W.Va.

McNicholas is the daughter of Terry and Lorraine McNicholas of Hinton, W.Va.

She plans to enter a family medicine residency at WVU Medicine United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, W.Va.

Ashley McNicholas

Woman arrested after child struck by vehicle in Bellepoint Park

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON, (Hinton News) - Officers responded to a call in Bellepoint Park for reports of a child struck by a vehicle on Thursday, May 11. Following an investigation, officers arrested Elizabeth Kathleen Oliveros, 39, of Hinton.

According to the criminal complaint, Oliveros allegedly told officers she was leaving the park and hit a child. Reportedly, she also stated that she did not see the child or know she had struck them until another individual, later identified as the child's grandmother, came out waving their arms.

The victim reportedly sustained several injuries, including cuts, abrasions and a possible fracture, according to the criminal complaint. Additionally, the victim was taken to Summers County ARH for care.

As detailed in the criminal complaint, officers asked Oliveros if she had been drinking or taking any substances, to which she allegedly replied that she had taken suboxone and smoked weed every day. Officers proceeded to direct Oliveros in multiple field sobriety tests. The complaint states that she showed impairment during each one.

Elizabeth Oliveros mugshot

After concluding the field sobriety tests, officers inquired about her driving record. Reportedly, her license is suspended with two prior convictions from 2011.

Oliveros was subsequently arrested and booked into Southern Regional Jail. At the time of writing, she remains in SRJ. Her bail has been set at $21,500.

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New River CTC celebrates Associate Degree Nursing graduates

Nine students graduating from New River CTC's ADN program participated in the program pinning ceremony on Friday, May 5, 2023.

LEWISBURG, W.Va. (Hinton News) - New River Community and Technical College recognized the college's spring Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) graduates during a pinning ceremony Friday, May 5, 2023, in the Dr. Lucie Refsland Student Center inside of the Kyle and Ann Fort Arts and Sciences Building at the Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg.

Spring 2023 ADN graduates include Maggie Bostic, Ronceverte; Susan Catron, Princeton; Courtney Clendenin, White Sulphur Springs; Caroline Davis, Rainelle; Vanessa Dodrill, Birch River; Melissa Evans, Beckley; Erica Hogan, Fayetteville; Kimberly McClung, Peterstown; Trina Olson, Cool Ridge; Jonathan Shamblin, Daniels; Elizabeth Sparks, Lewisburg; and Angel Willis, Alderson.

"These graduates have worked tirelessly to tackle a rigorous curriculum. They have attended classes and completed clinicals while working and attending to family obligations," said New River CTC Nurse Administrator Duane Napier. "We are proud of the work that they have done in the ADN program and privileged to celebrate their accomplishment with them."

The ADN program at New River CTC is designed to help LPNs with an unencumbered license and paramedics prepare to practice as Registered Nurses. The 12-month program meets at New River CTC's Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg. New classes start annually in August and January, and the program is accepting applications for classes starting in August until June 30, 2023.

Visit https://www.newriver.edu/courses/associate-degree-nursing/, email or call 1-866-349-3739 for information about the ADN program at New River CTC. rn-program@newriver.edu

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GEAR UP SWV offers on-demand academic support at home

Athens, W.Va. (Hinton news) - Parents/guardians will soon have a new tool to help sixth and seventh graders in the region to complete homework, study new topics, and more. The GEAR UP SWV cohort will soon have access to these online academic resources through a service called Tutor.com. Tutor.com connects learners with qualified, expert tutors—online on demand, 24/7. GEAR UP SWV cohort can connect for 1-to-1 help in more than 200 academic subjects and test preparation areas; they can also utilize drop-off writing review (with detailed feedback provided within 12 hours), along with self-guided test prep from The Princeton Review®.

Tutor.com will be available to current sixth- and seventh-grade students in Mercer, Monroe, Raleigh, Summers, and Wyoming Counties. As part of the GEAR UP SWV cohort, these same students will have access to Tutor.com through high school graduation, or for about the next six years.

"There's a variety of ways that the GEAR UP Southern West Virginia cohort, students, teachers, parents, guardians, and even our staff, can use Tutor.com," Kristen O'Sullivan, GEAR UP SWV Director said. "Having grown up in southern West Virginia, I imagine the advantages of having on-demand tutoring. The difference that would have made for me as a student, and later as a mom, is immense. To have assistance right at your fingertips will be such an incredible resource for our GEAR UP SWV families!"

Tutor.com is one tool that will help students graduate from high school, increase academic performance, and prepare for college. The college-going rate in West Virginia has fallen almost 10 percentage points over the last 10 years, and according to research provided by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, southern West Virginia rates tend to be lower than the state average, which is now 46.4 percent. In this critical time, programs like GEAR UP SWV are crucial to serving the needs of our region.

Parents/guardians will receive a permission slip in the mail this month. Students will have access after parents/guardians return the signed permission slips in self-addressed, postage paid envelopes. Parents/guardians are asked to return the signed permission slips before the end of the school year. GEAR UP SWV is part of a grant program provided by the U.S. Department of Education. More information is available at concord.edu/gearup.

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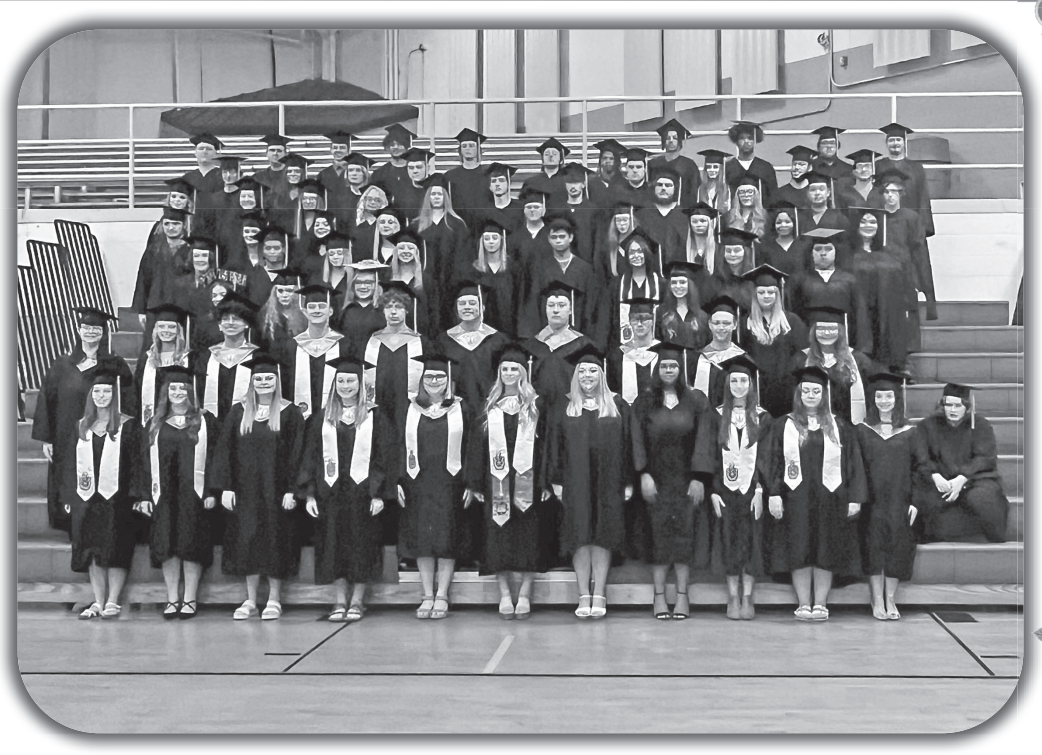

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Congratulations graduates!

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Congratulations, Ferrell!
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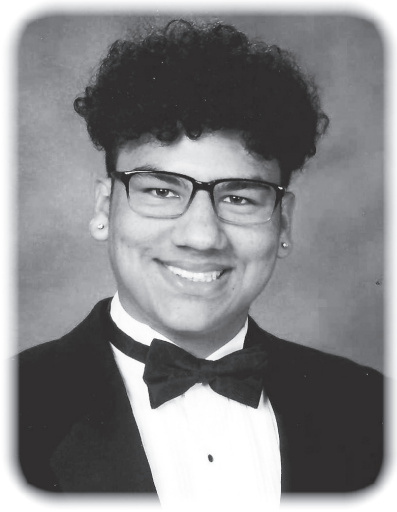

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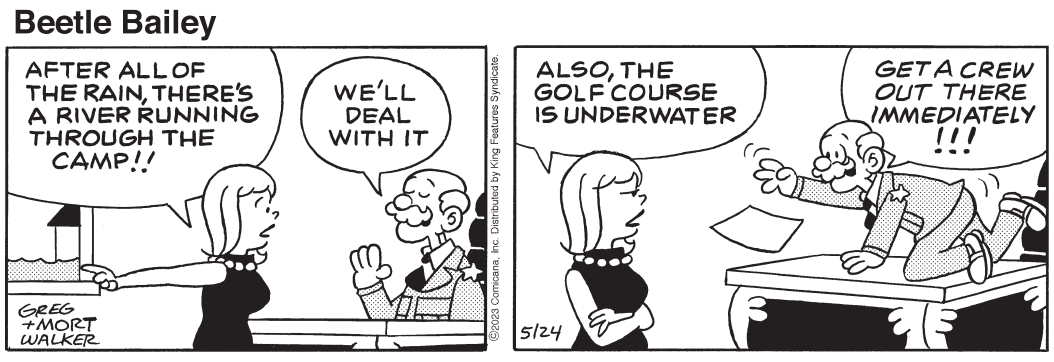

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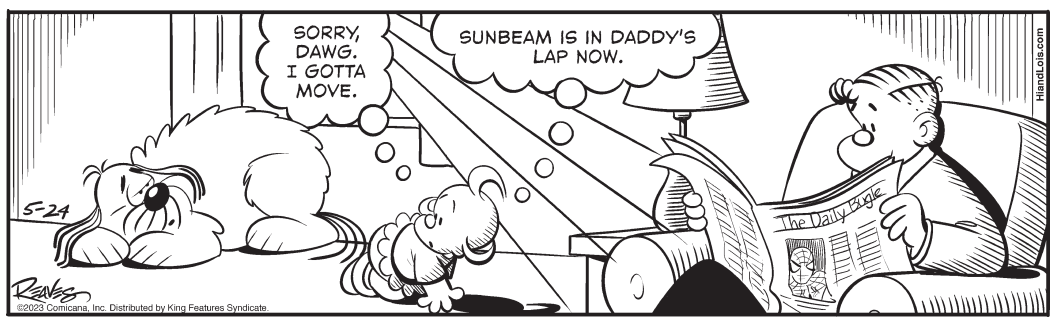

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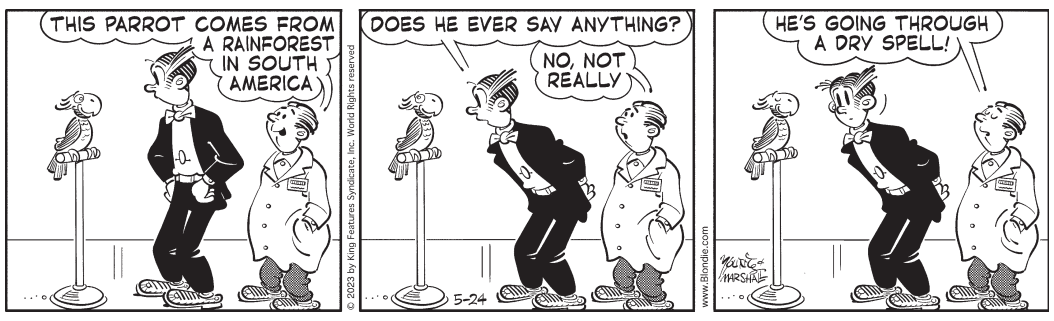

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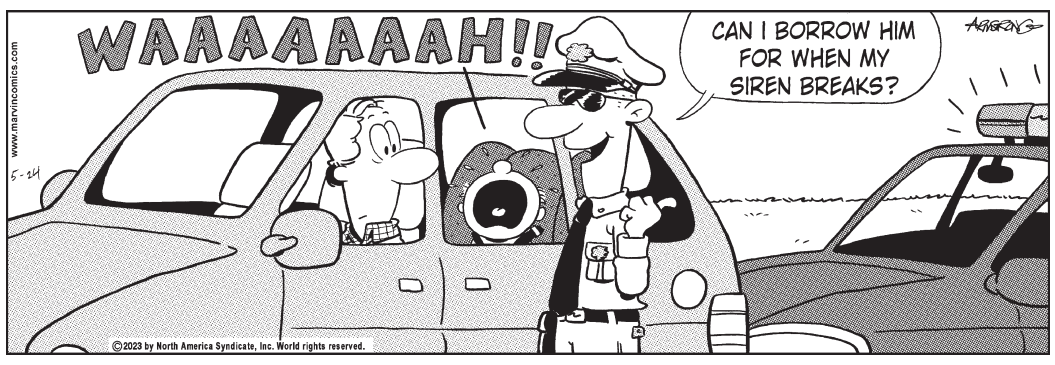

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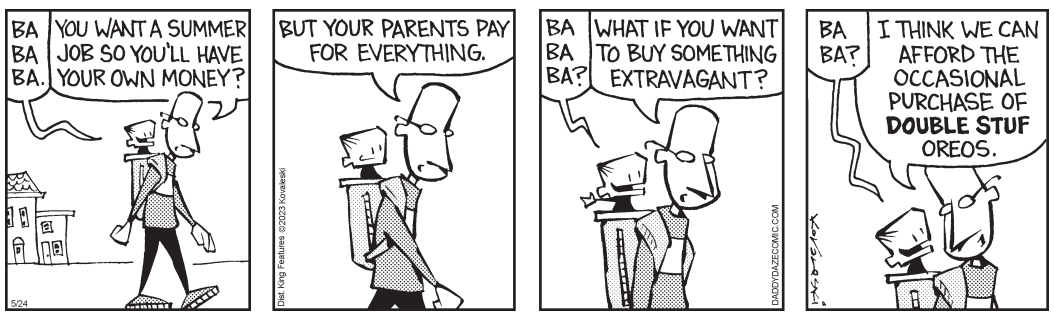

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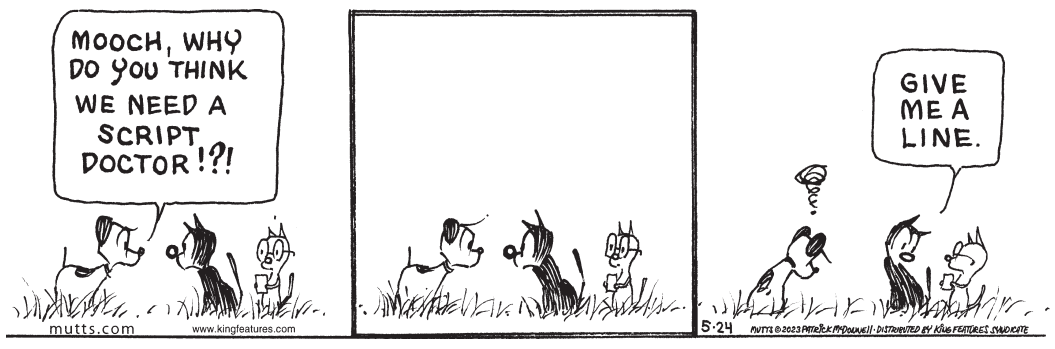

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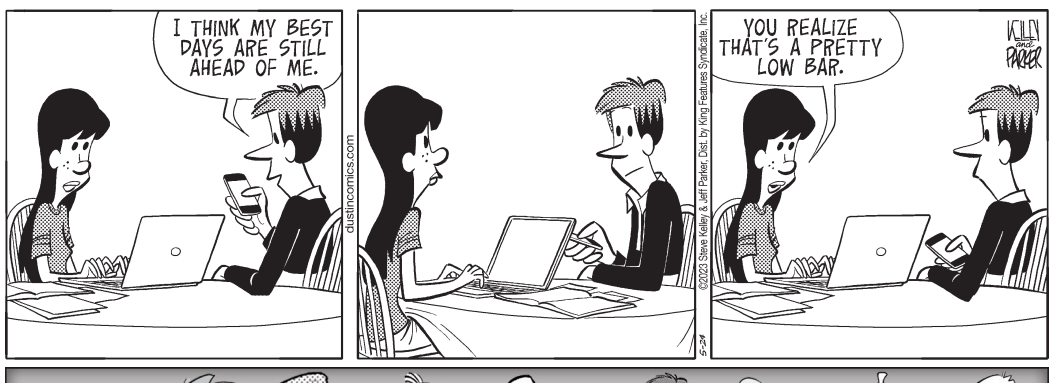

Zits

ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT today (2 a.m. to 8 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Cancer to Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 24, 2023:

You are curious, clever and interested in everything. You're also interested in people, which is why you like to be up on whatever is happening around you. Take inventory of your life this year. It's time to let go of people, places and things that have held 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)

3★ It's important to remember that patience is the antidote to anger, especially on a day like today. Sports events, romantic relationships and parents' relationships with their kids are classic areas where it's easy to lose it. Be patient. Tonight: Relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

2★ Despite the chaos and increased activity on the homefront, take a deep breath and think of the best way to handle dealing with family, relatives and whatever is going on at home. Be calm; you need yourself as a resource. Tonight: Stay mellow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3★ Avoid offensive arguments with others. You might be coming on too strong, or you might attract someone who is coming on too strong to you. Either way, no one is happy with this. Deflect your energy elsewhere. Find a bright, shiny object. Tonight: Be calm.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

3★ By nature, you're thrifty. This might be why you are upset about financial matters today or, possibly, how something is shared or divided. Or perhaps it's about something that you own. Take a deep breath to get perspective on this. How can you reach your objective? Tonight: Clean your possessions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

2★ Here's the deal: Fiery Mars in your sign makes you aggressive. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, there's a lot of energy happening in Taurus, which is at odds with Mars. This is why dealings with parents, bosses and the police are challenging. Keep your cool. Tonight: A solution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

3★ You have a lot of opinions right now. Obviously, it's OK to have opinions. What's not OK is if you want to coerce others into agreeing with your ideas. You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him froth a latte. Tonight: Solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

2★ Challenging situations with your kids, friends and clubs are likely today. In fact, so many people are at odds with each other today, it's as if there were angry spores in the air. Pull in your reins. Keep your head down and your powder dry. Tonight: Be friendly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

2★ This is a poor day to insist on getting your way with bosses, parents, teachers and the police. If you make an attempt to do this, everything will dissolve into a nasty battle of egos. Instead, go somewhere else. Do something different. Enjoy the scenery. Tonight: Demonstrate grace.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

3★ Steer clear of controversial subjects today (although this will be challenging), because you will gain nothing. You might get into a nasty argument with someone. And you need that like a fish needs a bicycle. In fact, you can make great headway at work today if you maintain a positive attitude. Tonight: Learn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

2★ Power struggles about inheritances, shared property, loans, mortgages or insurance issues could be nasty today. If possible, table these discussions for another day when things are not so sensitive and the situation is less volatile. Timing is everything. You gotta know when to hold and when to fold. Tonight: Check banking details.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

2★ This is a challenging day for you, because you might find yourself at odds with partners and close friends. (Almost, right off the bat.) Hey, you don't need this, and neither do they. Agree to sit this one out simply because this is a poor day to reach an agreement about anything. Tonight: Be understanding.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

3★ Avoid squabbles with co-workers today. Likewise, avoid fights with someone about your pet or your health. These are all things you can talk about another day when the situation is less volatile. Instead, do something to please yourself. Lighten up. Tonight: Work.

BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter Bob Dylan (1941), actor Alfred Molina (1953), actress Priscilla Presley (1945)

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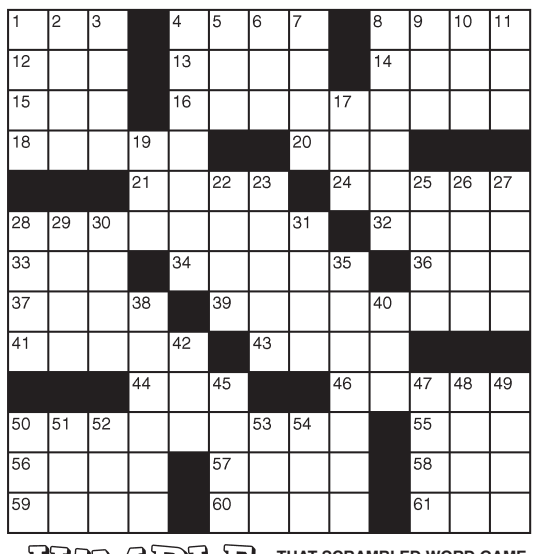

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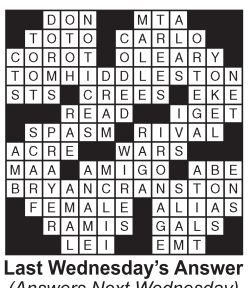

Last Wednesday's Answer
(Answers Next Wednesday)

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.

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ELLAG

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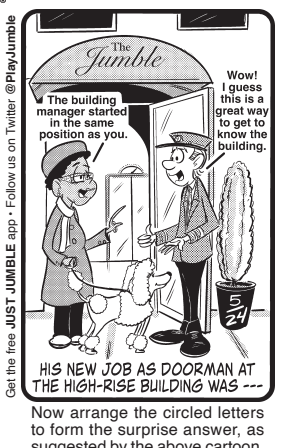

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Answer here:

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers | Jumbles: TITLE BUDDY WALRUS PICKET
Answer: The fashion model wasn't very famous and didn't make a fortune, but she — DID PRETTY WELL

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

			7	2	6			
	7	2				1		
9				1			6	
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1								9
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			8	9	2		1	5
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Difficulty: ★★★ 5/24

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:

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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, 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
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Connections between Concord University and Summers County: Part 4 1980-2023

Jerry Beasley and Richard Keith Lilly

SUMMERS COUNTY, (Hinton News) - Editor's Note: This is the fourth and final edition of this four-part series. I am grateful to Jerry Beasley and Keith Lilly for their time and effort in putting this together. If you have enjoyed this series and would be interested in more similar content in the future, let me know by calling our office or emailing me at news@hintonnews.com. See another note at the end of the article with information on one of the authors.

The late Brooks Hays, a former congressman who held an honorary degree from Concord, once told of two constituents who visited our nation's capitol building and while there, wandered unknowingly into a restricted area where they were challenged by a zealous guard: "Who do you think you are?" "Oh, just two of the owners," one of the visitors replied.

Summers Countians are not only among the owners of Concord University but also the shapers of her destiny through its Board of Governors that was created by the state legislature in 2000. The Board has been led by two men from Summers who served 2-year terms as its chair – Jim Brown and Ted Rogers. Fellow members with Summers connections have included Gene Fife, Greg Allen, Susie Rogers and Wilma Anderson.

Prior to the creation of the Board of Governors, Concord was guided by a Board of Advisors that at one time was chaired by Rachel Bussard Tompkins, a vice president at WVU and founder of the National Trust for Rural and Community Education, and included Kayetta Durrett Meadows, President of the WV Education Association – both from Summers County.

These two boards would lead the institution to a number of notable achievements: enrolled the greatest number of students in the institution's history, created master's programs in education and social work (business would be added later), strengthened faculty credentials, built the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center in Beckley and the Rahall Technology Center and Wilkes Family Chapel on campus, and supported the football team that competed for a national championship in 2011. The social work master's was largely the handiwork of department chair Dr. John David Smith, who hailed from Summers and would later serve as Concord's chief academic officer.

In 1974, Concord established a foundation to seek funds to provide "a margin of excellence" not attainable with only state funds. Ben Vest, assistant to Concord's President at the time and originally from the Jumping Branch area, led the team that fashioned the Concord College Foundation. The Foundation's assets grew to $54 million in 2022 when it awarded scholarships to 503 students. The growth of the Foundation is attributable to over 4,000 generous donors and the investment acumen of Summers native Greg Allen, former executive at Bank of America and chair of the Foundation's investment committee. Concord awarded Mr. Allen an honorary doctorate in 2022 in recognition of his exemplary service to the institution.

Other Summers Countians have volunteered their time, talent and treasure to the work of the Foundation: Doug Maddy (former President of the WV Bankers Association), Richard Lawrence (former Asst. Superintendent of SC Schools and co-founder of the Hinton Area Foundation) and Senator Leonard Anderson.

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Having focused throughout this series of articles on the history of the SC-CU relationship, we shift briefly to the present and future by describing several promising initiatives that serve local students.

For almost 25 years, Barbara Rush-Meador (CU 1990), counselor for the Upward Bound program, has assisted almost 400 Summers County students prepare for college. School principals, counselors and teachers have been her partners. Each year, 15 students, typically ninth graders, are selected for the program that supports them throughout high school and provides tuition-free college courses in the summer following graduation.

GearUp, a five-county effort supported by a $21 million grant, will provide tutoring and counseling services for 213 6th and 7th-grade students in the county (and 3500 in four contiguous counties) and will continue to support them through graduation. Samantha Jones (CU 2011) will coordinate the program locally with leaders in the school system and the parents and guardians of students. Success may depend on employing some of the one-room schoolhouse practices described in the books written by John Webb and published by the SC Historical Society.

The Bonner Scholars program enrolls 80 students at Concord who are preparing for lives of service. Students receive generous scholarships and are paid for six weeks of summer work for non-profit organizations. Moreover, small grants are available for the organizations that employ the students – a win-win for the students and the community. For example, the Hinton Area Foundation has benefited from the exceptional work of several students and from the purchase of software with one of the grants.

Severe teacher shortages and declining student achievement are causes of broad concern and for intelligent action. Although the "Grow Your Own" project, now underway, can positively affect teacher recruitment, it can be complemented by a variety of initiatives that boost achievement and attract inspirational teachers. Confidence and trust born from the long association of community and university can be the catalyst for continued creative cooperation.

(Authors' Note: We are grateful to the Hinton News for the opportunity to trace the evolution over 150 years of the mutually beneficial relationships between Summers County and Concord.)

Editor's Note: One of the authors, Keith Lilly, is from our wonderful county. Here is some information on his life and achievements provided by his co-author, Jerry Beasley. "Keith Lilly has lived most of his life in Summers County. He graduated from Concord College with highest honors (summa cum laude) in history and political science. He continued his education at Virginia Tech where he earned a master's in history. As a colleague of Dr. William O'Brien (another Summers Countian), he was a leader in two major projects aimed at improving the teaching of history in West Virginia schools. Currently, he is researching a biography of Confederate General John Echols."

(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.

A peek into Summers County's past: Rose's Pharmacy

Barn-side advertising by Rose's Pharmacy. Photo provided by William Jones.

The trolly "contraption" used for advertising Rose's Pharmacy. Photo provided by William Jones

Rebecca Stalnaker and William Jones

HINTON, (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 pieces from his extensive collection and their historical significance. In this edition, we are discussing Rose's Pharmacy, which once operated in Summers County. Jones has provided some photos for reference.

To begin, Jones notes some of the businesses that have and continue to exist in Hinton. He said, "For a small town, geographically speaking, Hinton has had its share of pharmacies throughout the years. There were, and are, large chain pharmacies such as Rite Aid, which is now Walgreens, and the pharmacy in Kroger grocery store. Then there is Big Four Drug Store, the only privately owned pharmacy still in Hinton today. Additionally, there was Butlers Pharmacy in Bellpoint on Greenbrier Drive across from Jarrells Exxon, that was in operation for 26 years. Creed Pharmacy on Temple Street. Pucket Brothers pharmacy on 2nd Avenue, where Rivertown is now, more commonly known as just Puckets. Then there was Rose's Pharmacy on the corner of Temple Street and 3rd Avenue. It burned in 1983 and is now the town square during events such as Railroad Days."

Speaking specifically about the pharmacy on Temple and 3rd, Jones said, "It is just a coincidence that Hinton has had two stores by the name of Rose's. Roses Discount Store that opened in the old Magic Mart building in 2022, and the other was in the early 1900s. A man by the name of Shane Rose organized, opened and ran Rose's Drug Store in downtown Hinton across from the Hinton Hospital at that time. The early photos of the interior show quite an elaborate store. With a huge counter for a soda fountain with room to seat six or more people. The bar behind the counter had marble columns that were most likely purchased from Hinton Marble Works when Rose's first opened. Mr. Rose had quite the knack for advertising his drug store."

"From a very theatrical looking Model-T that was driven around town to showcase what the store had to offer, he also had plain trucks with 'Get It At Rose's' painted on the sides of them that were driven around town advertising his store," Jones said. "He painted his ads on the sides of barns and outbuildings, much like the famous Mail Pouch Tobacco advertising gimmick where they painted their slogan on the sides of barns throughout the United States, adding up to over 20,000 Mail Pouch Tobacco barns across 22 states."

While Rose's advertising did not quite reach the level of the Mail Pouch Tobacco project, it did well. Jones said, "Mr. Rose's advertising campaign didn't quite reach this scale, but was obviously successful nonetheless. There are numerous early photos of his slogan 'Get It At Rose's Ask About NYAL'S Remedies' painted on what I now call 'pharmacy barns' in Summers County in the early 1900s. I had forgotten that I had this photo of yet another advertising stunt that Mr. Rose did around that same time until I was going through my vast collection last week."

Jones concluded by saying, "It is a cart/float that was built to look like a trolley car. It appears to be built around two bicycles. This was most likely done to carry the weight of the contraption so the others in it would be able to more freely walk inside of it. Along with Mr. Rose's well established and used slogan for his business he also advertised 'Free Deliveries' on this trolley as well. It is obvious that he did whatever it took to be a 'game leader' in his chosen field at the time. Which from the numerous early photos of Rose's Drug Store I have seen over the years paid off for him. But this is the only photo I have ever come across that showed his use of this contraption."

This brings us to the end of another edition of A Peek into Summers County's Past. Did you know about Rose's Pharmacy and all of its advertising gimmicks? Be sure to come back next week to see another look at the history of the area.

Do you have a story from Summers County's past that you would like to share? Send us an email at news@hintonnews@com.

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Luke Keaton

is the son of Gary and Rebecca Vass Keaton of Grandview, WV, formerly of Summers County, and brother of Brandi Keaton of Grandview. Paternal grandparents are the late Dana and June Keaton, and the late Iris Keaton. Maternal grandparents are Lillian Vass of Jumping Branch, and the late Fred O. Vass.

Luke is a 2016 summa cum laude graduate of Shady Spring High School. Luke obtained a Bachelor of Arts in History and Government, summa cum laude, in 2020 from WVU Tech, Beckley, WV. On May 13, 2023, Luke was awarded a Juris Doctor degree from Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia. Luke was a member of the Student Bar Association as a Senator while at Liberty.

Upon passage of the bar exam, Luke has graciously accepted a full-time position as an attorney in the Beckley area. As we congratulate Luke on this great achievement, we give God the glory and honor, as we know without His mercy, grace, and love, this would not have been possible. Jeremiah 29:11 and Romans 8:28.

To God Be the Glory,
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