



# Talcott Fire Dept. to hold annual pig roast



The tents are set up and ready. Photos provided by Loyd Lowry.



All of the firefighters from Talcott Fire Dept. present at the 5th Annual Pig Roast line up in front of the stage. Photos provided by Loyd Lowry.



Johnny Ratliff prepares the pig. Photos provided by Loyd Lowry.



The pig is roasting. Photos provided by Loyd Lowry.

**Rebecca Stalnaker**

TALCOTT W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Talcott Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual Pig Roast on Saturday, Oct. 1, from noon to 5 p.m. at the John Henry Historical Park. All proceeds raised during the event will go back into the fire department.

This year marks the 6th year that the Talcott Volunteer Fire Department has been reopened. The department closed briefly but successfully reopened in 2016.

The Pig Roast is a major fundraiser for the Talcott Volunteer Fire Department. The event features a variety of activities for all

ages, including live music, games, a car show, and a cornhole tournament. There will also be food and drinks available for purchase. The first pig roast was held on Oct. 1, 2016.

The cornhole tournament registration will start at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$10, and the first-place winner

will take home 50% of the pot. Teams will be drawn randomly.

The car show registration will begin at 11 a.m., and the entry fee is \$15. There will be prizes and awards for the best cars in the show.

Food prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for ages 6-12, and kids ages 5 and under eat free.

Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs. It is free to come listen to the music and browse the event.

The Talcott Volunteer Fire Department is a vital part of the community. The department provides fire protection and rescue services to the residents of Talcott and

surrounding areas. The department is also active in community events and outreach.

The Pig Roast is a great opportunity to support the Talcott Volunteer Fire Department firefighters and auxiliary members and to have a fun-filled day with family and friends. Organizers hope to see you there!

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# HAF hosting Lunch and Learn event

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Hinton Area Foundation (HAF) is inviting the community to a free Lunch and Learn on Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in The Magnolia Room on Courthouse Square. In addition to free lunch, attendees will learn about the WV Neighborhood Investment Program, basic tax rules for charitable donations, how to establish a bequest, tax-efficient giving during your lifetime, and the charitable giving landscape.

Lunch will be provided at no cost and will consist of a choice of ham or turkey sandwich, chips, cookie, and drink. The presentation will be given by The Mezelon Chambers Neff Group. Space is limited to 25 participants. Please RSVP via email at [info@hintonarea-foundation.org](mailto:info@hintonarea-foundation.org) or call



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304-302-5502 to reserve your space. HAF is excited to offer this opportunity to edu-

cate about the ways donations (of any amount) can impact the betterment of our community, while also providing information about the personal benefits for donors.

# Community Obituaries



Calvin Ray Lane LANE

Calvin Ray Lane finished pulling his final load on this Earth the morning of September 15th, 2023. Calvin was a straight forward man, who was unapologetically himself and enjoyed the simpler things in life. He loved his family, friends, and enjoying life to the fullest. As a loving father and family man, Calvin would have done anything for his girls. He is survived in death by his wife of

31 years, Joan Lane; and three daughters, Tara Romanello, Holly Romanello, and Samantha Lane and her fiancé, Justin Meadows; as well as his grandchildren, Sofia, Dominick, Kaylee, and Hunter.

Calvin was a hard working man, who spent his life in the timber and trucking industries. He loved great music, riding the back roads of our beautiful state, and hunting. He had a gift for telling stories and jokes that a person just couldn't help but laugh at, even if he had told you that one once or twice before. Calvin's legacy should remind us all to not take life too seriously and that humor really can be the best medicine.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.ronaldmeadowsfp.com](http://www.ronaldmeadowsfp.com). Arrangements are by the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlor of Hinton.

# Summers County Courthouse News

**Marriages**

Brett Michael Crawford to Aimee Elizabeth Woodford;

James Raymond Hammonds to Ashley Nicole Eiseman;

Robert William Earl Bragg to Veronica Roseann Unger.

**Fiduciaries**

David K. Willey, Administrator of the Alma Jean Willey estate.

**Land Transfers**

James Bufford Cales to Anna J. Rohn and Audra E. Bailey and Ellen M. Trautner, 1.78 acres, Green Sulphur District;

Miles Owen Edge III and Melissa L. Edge to Anthony F. Pollock and Valerie C. Pollock, 3 Tracts, Greenbrier Rural District;

Kenny Bess to Joseph J. Allman and Debra R. Allman, Lot, Green Sulphur District;

David Travelle Allman and Cassandra Lee Sturgill to Joseph J. Allman and Debra R. Allman, Lot, Green Sulphur District;

The estate of Ruth C. Richmond and its Executrix to Kenneth Richmond, 1.91 acres more or less, Green Sulphur District;

Richard G. Burgess and Shirley A. Burgess to Hugh Dheel and Martha Dheel, 0.31 acres more or less and 0.26 acres more or less, Talcott District;

Fannie Mae AKA Federal National Mortgage Association to Jason Gibson and Kelly Gibson, 0.84 acres more or less, Greenbrier Rural District;

Reba J. Hare and Jean Ann Menees to Stephanie D. Honaker Trust, Lot Numbers 1, 2, 3 & 4 and surface only of Lots 5 & 6, Pipestem District.

# Friends of the Summers County Public Library accepting donations for annual book sale

HINTON W.Va. Masonic Lodge at 318 Temple Street, Hinton, WV 25951 every Saturday from Sept. 16 until Oct. 7t from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please, no encyclopedia sets, old textbooks, cassette tapes, LPs, VHS tapes,

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# Second Annual Fall Festival on the Bridge scheduled in Alderson



Vendors set up along the Alderson Memorial Bridge



One of the lion statues in Alderson



A view of the Greenbrier River from the new Alderson bridge

ALDERSON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Town of Alderson and Alderson Main Street are holding the Second Annual Fall Festival on the Bridge on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on and around the Alderson Memorial Bridge. This free, family-friendly event will feature a variety of activities for all ages, including:

- Food vendors serving a variety of delicious food and drinks
- Live music from local musicians
- A scarecrow contest open to businesses, individuals, and organizations
- Fun activities for kids, such as face painting and games
- Artisanal vendors selling unique

handmade goods, such as jewelry, pottery, paintings, and woodworking

The Alderson Gallery will also be holding its Grand Re-Opening on the day of the festival. The Fall Festival on the Bridge is a great opportunity to celebrate the fall season in the beautiful town of Alderson. It is also a great way to support local

businesses and organizations.

Here are some tips for making the most of your visit to the Fall Festival on the Bridge:

- Arrive early to beat the crowds and find a good parking spot.
- Wear comfortable shoes, as you will be doing a lot of walking.
- Bring cash, as some vendors may not accept credit cards.
- Bring a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated.
- Don't forget to bring sunscreen and a hat, even if it is cloudy.
- Take your time and enjoy all that the festival has to

offer.

Organizers hope to see you at the Second Annual Fall Festival on the Bridge in Alderson, West Virginia!

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## West Virginia State Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grants Available

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Applications are now being accepted for FY 2024 historic preservation survey and planning grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH). Approximately \$100,000 will be awarded from funding appropriated by the United States Congress for preservation efforts through the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund. Grant funds are awarded on a matching basis. The deadline for receipt of applications is Oct. 31, 2023.

A complete program description, including funding priorities and selection criteria and access to the GoApply online grant application portal, is available at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/state-historic-preservation-office-shpo/grants/> or contact Christy Moore, grants coordinator for the SHPO, at 304-558-0240 or [Christina.J.Moore@wv.gov](mailto:Christina.J.Moore@wv.gov).

State or local government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations or firms, educational institutions and Certified Local Governments (CLG) are eligible to apply. Eligible projects include architectural and archaeological surveys, preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations, heritage education programs relating to preservation activities (i.e. hands-on window or masonry workshops), pre-development activities and comprehensive planning documents projects. Funded projects must be completed by Aug. 31, 2024.

A competitive process is used to determine the recipients. An outside grant panel reviews and makes recommendations to the West Virginia Archives and History Commission. The recommendations of the Commission are submitted to the Governor's Office, who has final decision

on the awarding of grants. The projects are selected based on how they best meet the established priorities and criteria stated in the grant information. All grant monies must be administered in accordance with federal and state requirements.

The announcement of grantees is planned for April 2024, contingent upon receipt of an allocation by the National Park Service.

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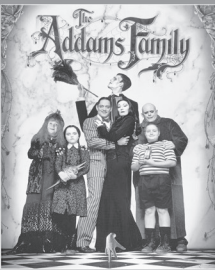
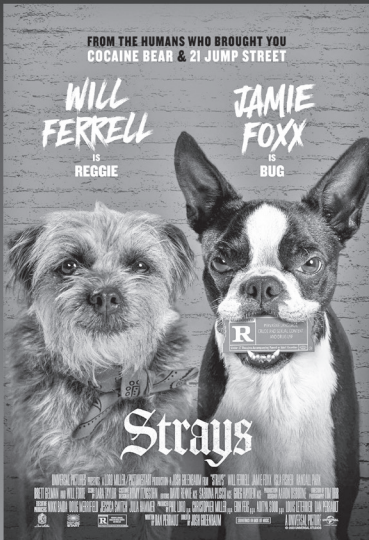
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Last week we continued looking at what the cross represents to us. We saw how the cross took away the old law. This week we will finish that topic.

## Christ On David's Throne

(Part 2)

by David Padfield

### What Was Established?

When God spoke to David, He said, "your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." (2 Sam. 7:16). God promised to establish three things: David's house, David's kingdom, and David's throne. When you find out when one of these items was established you will find out when all of them were established.

David's house (royal family) was established in the first century. Matthew begins his gospel by proclaiming Christ to be "the Son of David, the Son of Abraham" (Matt. 1:1). Many centuries before God had promised, through the prophet Amos, to "raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages" (Amos 9:11). The NKJV adds a textual note to this verse, which says, "Lit. booth, A figure of a deposed dynasty." Amos had gone from his home at Tekoa to Bethel to prophesy against the kingdom of Israel, which had become very corrupt, and to warn the people of their coming doom (Amos 1:1; 7:7-17). The rule of David's house had ended for Israel when they left the theocracy; it ended for Judah with the carrying away of Coniah into Babylon (Jer. 22:24-30). They were sifted and scattered among the nations, and these verses refer to their return from captivity.

The "tabernacle" of David was the "royal family" of David. Please observe C.F. Keil's comments on the word "tabernacle" in this context: "*Sukkah*, a hut, indicates, by way of contrast to *bayith*, the house or palace which David built for himself upon Zion (2 Sam. 5 v.11), a degenerate condition of the royal house of David. This is placed beyond all doubt by the predicate *nopheleth*, fallen down. As the stately palace supplies a figurative representation of the greatness and might of the kingdom, so does the fallen hut, which is full of rents and near destruction, symbolize the utter ruin of the kingdom. If the family of David no longer dwells in palace, but in a miserable fallen hut, its regal sway must have come to an end." (*Commentary On The Old Testament*, pp. 329, 330).

When the apostles and elders met in Jerusalem to discuss the state of the Gentiles, James quoted the prophecy of Amos and pointed out that it had to be fulfilled before the Gentiles could seek after God (Acts 15:13-19). What had to happen before the Gentiles could seek after God? The tabernacle of David had to be rebuilt. If Christ is not on David's throne, if the tabernacle has not been rebuilt, then the Gentiles cannot seek after God!

David's kingdom was "established" by Christ in the first century. Paul told the Colossians how God "has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love" (Col. 1:13). He told Hebrew Christians that "since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (Heb. 12:28).

David's throne was "established" when God raised "up the Christ to sit on his throne" and exalted Him "to the right hand of God" (Acts 2:29-36). Christ told the church at Laodicea, "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne" (Rev. 3:21).

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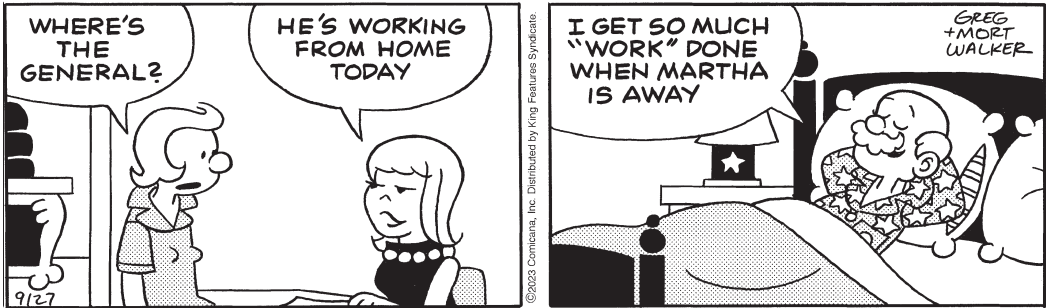
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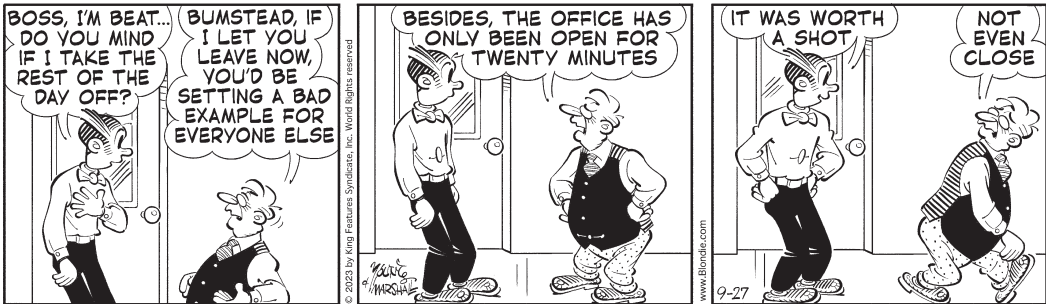


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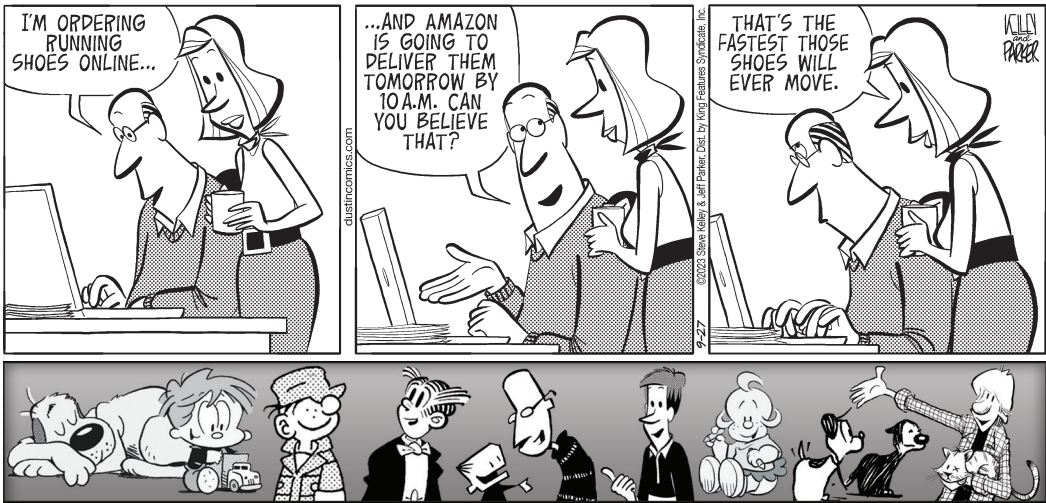
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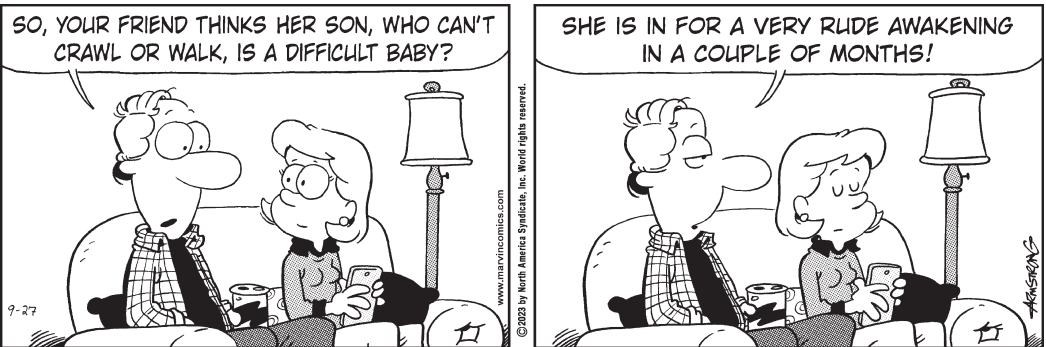
## Dustin



## Hi and Lois



## Marvin



## Mutts



## Zits



# ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023:

You are deep and complex. Your range of feelings and distinct personality make a strong impression on others. This year is about learning and teaching. Take time to explore your spiritual or religious beliefs. Use some solitude to get closer to the true meaning of your life.

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★ You feel hopeful today. It might be a private feeling you have; nevertheless, it's there. It's really a matter of having faith in your own future, isn't it? Today you feel concerned for the welfare of others, especially those who are less fortunate than you. Tonight: Patience.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

4★ Today you'll enjoy being with others, especially old friends you know well. You feel a genuine concern for their welfare. Meanwhile, it's a great day to deal with clubs and organizations, because you will find that group efforts will give you the best results and pro-

ductivity. "Go, team, go!" Tonight: Listen.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

3★ Make the best use of the fact that today the Moon is at the top of your chart dancing with lucky Jupiter, which makes you look successful to others! People admire you today! In fact, they seem to know personal details about your private life. Make a great impression! Tonight: Show respect.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

4★ Explore opportunities to travel today, especially with a group. You also might be involved with a group that's related to higher education, publishing, the media or even

something to do with the law or medicine. Remember Col. Saito? "Be happy in your work!" Tonight: Tolerance.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

4★ This is an excellent day for discussions about inheritances or how to divide something. All parties involved will be pleased with the results. (Especially you.) It's a great day to fundraise and get the cooperation of others regarding their assets and resources. ("Gimme what ya got.") Tonight: Check your finances.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

4★ Enjoy schmoozing with partners, spouses and close friends today. Make plans to meet for lunch, coffee or happy hour so you can share in the laughter and good times with others. This is a positive day, and people are in a happy mood! In particular, you will enjoy being involved in a group setting. Tonight: Be open.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

3★ Work-related travel is likely today. If you experience it, it will be a pleasant and broadening trip in which you will learn something and perhaps enjoy the company of a group. You also might see

ways to use the wealth, assets or resources of someone else to your benefit. Tonight: Don't react.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

4★ Oh happy day! Enjoy fun activities with kids. Sports events, social outings, the entertainment world and show business will also be pleasant choices for you today. It's a great day for a long lunch and happy times shared with others. If you can swing this, you'll feel good to be part of a team. Tonight: Be gentle.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

3★ Family members or other people might meet at your home today, which will please you. This is because any kind of gathering will yield a productive result for you today. Therefore, let people pitch in and help you! "Many hands make light work." Tonight: Cooperate.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

4★ Because you're in such a positive frame of mind today, you will encourage others to join you in your efforts and do your bidding. Or possibly it's the other way around, and you

will join a group. Either way, your interaction with others today will benefit you. Tonight: Avoid arguments.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

3★ Business and commerce are blessed today. Look for ways to boost your income. Be open to new moneymaking ideas, especially if they involve dealing with a group or dealing with foreign interests or people from other cultures. Tonight: Check details.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

4★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter, which makes you feel good. In particular, this is a great day for any kind of group activity. You'll be persuasive if you're in sales and PR work. Tonight: Be helpful.

**BORN TODAY**

Actress Jenna Ortega (2002), actress Gwyneth Paltrow (1972), musician Randy Bachman (1943)

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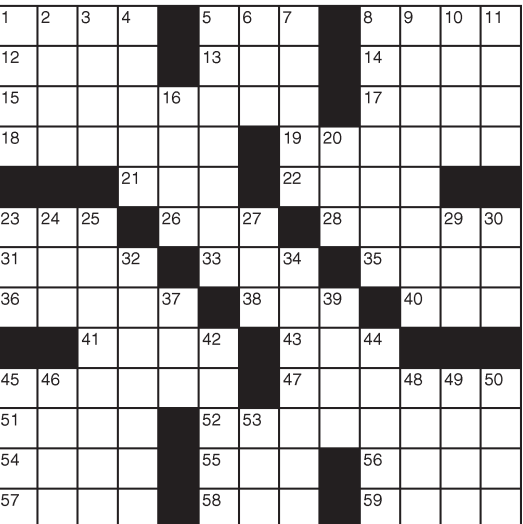
# SHEFFER CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Water-loo" group
  - 5 Bear hair
  - 8 "Frozen" snowman
  - 12 Chasm
  - 13 Granada gold
  - 14 Ashen
  - 15 In a practical way
  - 17 Victor's cry
  - 18 Spinning dizzily
  - 19 Arts companion
  - 21 Noon, on a clock
  - 22 Words to a backstabber
  - 23 — glance
  - 26 Harden
  - 28 Vends
  - 31 Italian cheese, for short
  - 33 Polite address
  - 35 Mailbox feature
  - 36 Private pupil
- DOWN**
- 1 Oaxaca water
  - 2 Smooch
  - 3 Erupted
  - 4 Tack on
  - 5 Sondheim musical with the song "I'm Still Here"
  - 6 Online address
  - 7 Partner of Rolls
  - 8 Narcotics
  - 9 By the book
  - 10 Oodles
  - 11 Marshes
  - 16 "The Haj"
  - 20 ACLU author
  - 21 Perimeter concerns
  - 23 Suitable
  - 24 Sigma's follower
  - 25 In a clever way
  - 27 Allen or Tebow
  - 29 Singer Rawls
  - 30 NASCAR sponsor
  - 32 Bullying bunch
  - 34 Steak orders
  - 37 Chemical suffix
  - 39 Yani
  - 42 Action doll since 1964
  - 44 Hosiery shade
  - 45 Party time, briefly
  - 46 Ms. McEntire
  - 48 Begged
  - 49 Dross
  - 50 Brontë heroine
  - 53 Choose

Solution time: 22 mins.



Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)



## JUMBLE

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

HLYSY

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RIMFON

TBRITE

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

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

You're the exact height of one. Get it now?



UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE'S A UNIT OF DEPTH EQUAL TO SIX FEET IS FAIRLY

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(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Jumbles: LEMUR UNION REGRET SALARY

Answer: For all the movies set in outer space, the Milky Way galaxy has had a — STARRING ROLE



# SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 9/27

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:**

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 9/20





LEGAL NOTICE

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CIVIL ACTION NO.: CC-45-2023-P-8  
KRISTIN R. COOK, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, EX. REL. SUMMERS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,  
Petitioner,  
V.  
JERMAINE DOUGLAS SMITH, and FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) IN U.S. CURRENCY,

Respondents.  
AMENDED NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR FORFEITURE

The object of this suit is to seek an Order forfeiting the herein described property pursuant to the West Virginia Contraband Forfeiture Act (Chapter 60A, Article 7 of the West Virginia Code, as amended).

TO: Any Claimant of the right or interest in said property.

You have the right to file a claim on the herein described property on or before October 27, 2023. Any such claim must clearly state the identity of the Claimant and an address where legal process can be served upon said Claimant.

The property seized and subject of this suit is described as follows: **FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) IN U.S. Currency**

The Law Enforcement Agency responsible for the seizure is the Summers County Sheriff's Department.

The seizure took place on or about March 30, 2023, in Summers County, West Virginia.

That the **FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) IN U.S. CURRENCY**, is located at the office of the Summers County Sheriff's Department, in Hinton, West Virginia.

That after the date set for filing said claims, an Order of the Court directing forfeiture of the seized property to the State and vesting ownership of said property shall be sought.

If you fail to file a claim, thereafter an Order, upon proper hearing, may be entered against you for the relief demanded for in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of this Court on the 11th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Stacy D. Ford  
STACY D. FORD,  
CIRCUIT CLERK OF SUMMERS COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA (20,27sp)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Summers County, West Virginia and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Summers County, West Virginia and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway.

Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Summers County, West Virginia and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information.

For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp) or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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# Parents/Guardians are invited to meet up with the GEAR UP Southern West Virginia (GEAR UP SWV) Team during regional tour

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - What is UP? GEAR UP SWV that is. Parents/guardians of students enrolled in 7th and 8th grade at public schools in Mercer, Monroe, Summers, Raleigh, and Wyoming Counties are encouraged to attend upcoming workshops to find out.

The GEAR UP SWV team will be traveling to five counties in southern West Virginia in five days, over

two weeks. During the events, parents can stop by to find out more about the GEAR UP SWV program and, the resources that will be provided to their students and schools over the next six years. The events will provide a place for parents to get to know the team that will be working with students. Guardians will also learn more about postsecondary options for students and how GEAR

UP SWV can help them achieve their goals.

Each student who attends will be entered into a drawing to win a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) prize!

The program offers a wide variety of opportunities to students such as college campus visits, summer camps and more.

The tour will start for Wyoming County students at the Larry Joe Harless Commu-

nity Center in Gilbert on Monday, Sept. 25 and at One Voice One Cup in Oceana, WV. The team will travel to The Loft at 1123 in Princeton to meet with Mercer County guardians on Tuesday, Sept. 26 and to Summers County on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at the McCreery Hotel in Hinton. On Tuesday, Oct. 3 GEAR UP SWV team will meet with Monroe guardians at the Lindside Methodist Church Social Hall. The tour will wrap up in Raleigh County on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at The Erma Byrd Higher Education Center in Beaver. Parents can arrive

anytime between 6 and 8 p.m. and should attend the location that works best for their schedule. The location does not have to be in the county where the student attends public school. Students are also welcome to attend. Dinner and supervised activities for students will be provided.

GEAR UP SWV is part of a grant program provided by the U.S. Department of Education. More information is available on GEAR UP SWV's social media pages and on their website, [cord.edu/gearup](http://cord.edu/gearup).

## Letter to the Editor: Linda Emrich

Dear Editor,

Welcome to the Anthropocene Age! The geological ages of planet Earth have been marked by the major changes of climate and the evolutionary effects on those living on the planet due to atmospheric temperatures which create major changes in the weather. The Holocene Age of the past, roughly 11,700 years, was marked by mostly moderate weather patterns that allowed many living species to survive and flourish. The harvesting of fossil fuels and the emissions dumped into the atmosphere along with the heat released by the burning of the fuels used by our industrial society over the past 150 years has brought about a very rapid increase in global temperatures. Earth Scientists have been warning us about the dangers of the Greenhouse Effect for the past 100 years or so, but the fossil fuel corporations did not want to bear the cost of being responsible for their industrial wastes. In the early 1970's the US Congress passed the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act, causing new technologies to be developed to reduce and regulate toxic waste emissions US Corporations were compelled by the Government to implement these waste management technologies and so rise to the climate challenge. Our US Representatives were facing the scientific facts and our living communities were working together to address the problems with real life opportunities to do more to protect our life supporting habitat on Planet Earth and we were hopeful and happy to show our respect. Then Vice President Al Gore produced his environmental film, "An Inconvenient Truth" based on the findings of the top Earth Scientists. When Gore/Biden won the National Popular Vote in the 2000 US Presidential Election, the Supreme Court of the US handed the Oval Office to Bush/Cheney and the mega fossil fuel corporations (ie. V.P. Cheney's Enron, Exxon, Texaco, etc.) based the U.S. Policies on their profit margins and dissed the findings of the Scientific Community, while former President G.W. Bush called out "Show me the money!" After Operation Desert Storm forced oil and gas extraction pipelines through Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, etc. the Bush Administration offered U.S. Corporations tax break Incentives to 'outsource their labor. My

cousin had a good job with IBM at the time, until her division was outsourced to Communist China and she was suddenly unemployed, just as so many other good jobs were lost to our U.S. Labor Force.

In the year 2010, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) passed Citizens United, which basically allowed corporations to donate as much money into our US. Elections as they wanted to influence the outcome. Such well-funded campaigns have given U.S. Voters elected representatives of the pecuniary interests of the Corporate Culture over those of living people and of the universal (God's) gift of a life on a life supporting planet. Throughout the last two US Presidential Administrations, the Republican-appointed Supreme Court Judges, who are most biased in favor of the Corporate Elite, seem to consider it to be just good business practice to attain privileges from the members of the SCOTUS and U.S. Congress by donating obscene numbers of dollars to their campaigns or undisclosed favors to family members.

Senator Manchin (D.WV) is a coal baron who is currently the swing vote in the U.S. Congress. He has received the most money of any elected official from fossil fuel corporations, especially Equitrans, the corporation building the Mountain Valley Pipeline, which is intended to transport natural gas, extracted by Hydraulic Fracturing from the Marcellus Shale Geology through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina in order to fuel the City Empires of the World. I was most disappointed when U.S. President Biden did not veto the Fiscal Responsibility Act, which had a provision mandating the completion of the MVP no matter what. The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals issued stays that temporarily bar continued MVP construction while considering the Constitutionality of the Federal Provision in question. Fourth Circuit Judge James A. Wynn acknowledged Supreme Court Chief Justice Roberts order to over-ride the lower court and continue MVP construction until it is in full operation by calling the SCOTUS ruling "not unexpected." "But that doesn't affect the arguments that we are currently hearing in this case, as I see it." Wynn said. "The stay is simply an

extraordinary type (of) relief that just pauses while something is being decided." The Fiscal Responsibility Act gives the U.S. Circuit Court for the District of Columbia jurisdiction over any claim challenging the legislation fast-tracking approval of the pipeline-not the 4th Circuit Court, which has had jurisdiction over such claims. Supreme Court Justice Roberts wrote, "Hereafter, with this Court's seal of approval, Congress can unabashedly pick the winners and losers in particular pending cases." (Charleston Gazette-Mail, Friday July 28, 2023). How could this be justice, from a Court that is not elected and that has merit based only on the people's belief that these 9 Supreme Court Judges aspire to a high ethical standard of legal interpretation for upholding the U.S. Constitution for the good of the Citizens of our Nation? I hope that the Mountain Valley Pipeline goes bankrupt before digging into the Greenbrier River or crossing any of our sacred, life supporting water ways. The world economic forecasters say that fossil fuels are a thing of the past and investors are looking to renewable resources and other non-polluting new age technologies. The demand for natural gas and other fossil fuels is rapidly declining. Consider the possibility of giving this pipeline back to the many Counties that it crosses to serve as a utility trunk line right of way for local real estate development, good Lord willing and the creek don't rise! My town was hit by a 150 mph straight line wind on 8/7/23. It was scary and there was a lot of damage to trees causing electrical outages.

I stand with the WV Rivers Coalition, the WV Highlands Conservancy, the Indian Creek Watershed Association of Monroe County and many other environmental groups in stopping this ill-fated MVP project. I also stand with the Wilderness Society, based in Washington, D.C. whose focus is stopping the Jefferson National Forest crossing of the Mountain Valley Pipeline. I strongly support the authority of the Fourth Circuit Court in Virginia over the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, D.C. Let U.S. stop Hydraulic Fracturing for natural gas NOW! Just say NO to the watershed crossings of the Mountain Valley Pipeline!

— Linda Emrich

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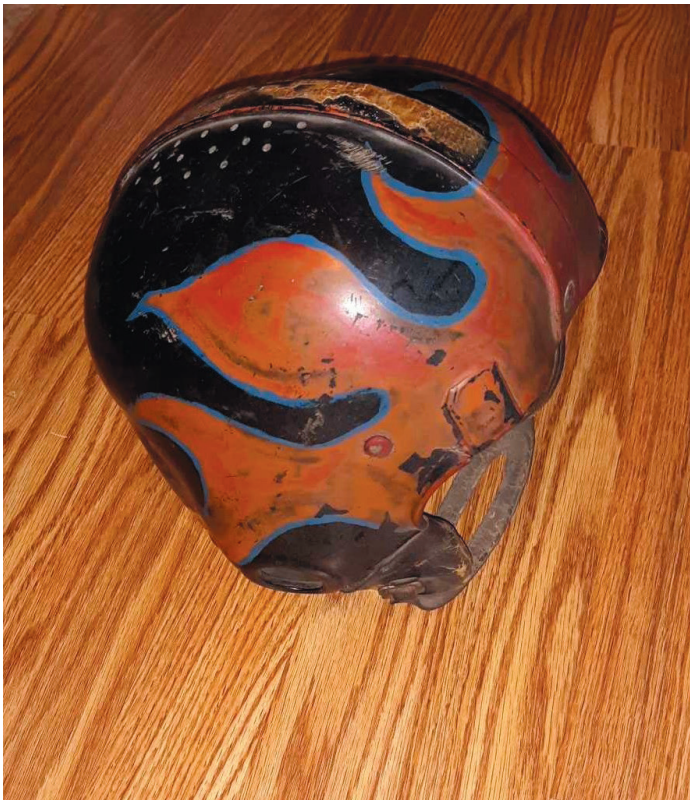
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# A Peek into Summers County’s Past: A race car



**Bernard Thompson’s racing helmet. Photo provided by William Jones**



**Framed documents pertaining to the race car. Photo provided by William Jones.**

Rebecca Stalnaker  
and William Jones

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (WVDN) - It is time for another edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past. Each week, local history collector William Jones discusses pieces from his collection and their historical significance to the area. In this edition, the topic turns to a race car.

To begin, Jones said, “This week’s series is in respect to something that came about from three men’s love for thrills and automobiles. My grandfather, Bernard Thompson, has either been mentioned or the stories have centered around him in a few of my past pieces. From his coal business in Talcott to having run Thompson’s Garage in Talcott. This time the story involves his race car that he had in the 1950s.”

Continuing the narrative, Jones stated, “My grandfather and two of his friends had always been enthralled with cars, trucks and working in a garage. So Granddad, Mr. Kessler, ‘John’ as we called him and Kenneth Willey decided to build a race car in 1957 from a 1932 Ford Kenneth had recently bought. It was built from a 1932 Ford and had the number 3 painted on the doors. The helmet you see in the photos was Granddad’s helmet. He painted flames on it to resemble the flames that were painted on the car. In writing this piece I was struggling to recall what years he had the race car. Granddad always documented everything. I took the helmet off of the shelf, flipped it upside down, and found a note he had placed inside of it that reads: ‘Bernard Thompson

son Racing Helmet 1957, 1958 and 1959.”

“Granddad passed away in 2018 at the age of 90. John Kesler of Lowell, West Virginia, passed away in 2018, he was 88. Last but not least Kenneth Willey, who is 94 years young this year, still lives in Hildale, West Virginia. The trio only won two races during their three years. One of which was in 1958, they took first place. I still have this trophy buried in my collection. In talking with Kenneth’s son David he can remember only being 5 years old at the time but vividly going to the races with them.”

Jones said, “They would load their race car on a trailer or in the back of Granddad’s dump truck that he bought his coal in and haul it to the Rupert Speedway. You can see in the photo one of the original tickets to one of the

races they competed in. The old newspaper clipping is from a photo of the car that was in The Hinton Newspaper in 1958 taken when the car was being worked on in front of Thompson’s Garage in Talcott and reads ‘Number 3 stock car racer owned by Bernard Thompson and John Kesler of Talcott and driven by Smoky Iddings won second place in a ten lays heat, first place in the Australian pursuit and first place in the amateur main event at the Rupert Speedway Friday, August 17.’”

“Granddad was the primary driver in the races after the untimely death of Smoky Iddings, John filling in from time to time. Kenneth would ‘warm the car up’, as Granddad would say, by driving it around the track a few laps prior to the start of a race in order to ‘prime

it.’ David recalled there being wrecks during races and drivers going over an embankment off the track and down the hill towards a pond. This leads me to my favorite memory of my grandparents telling stories of his racing days.”

To complete the story, Jones said, “My grandmother, Bea Thompson, always told me the story about the only time she went to one of the races. That granddad had never wrecked the car or was injured. She finally went to a race in 1956, she was pregnant with my Uncle Bob. The race had just begun and Granddad lost control of the car and went off the track and flipped it over

an embankment. ‘Nanny’ as I called her, said she got so upset and sick by what she had just seen that she never went back to another race. Then Granddad would chime in and say, ‘Nope, she didn’t come back, which was why I never wrecked again.’ And would just laugh and laugh as he walked off.”

This concludes another edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past. Have you heard about any of these races? Were there any other racers in the county?

If you have a story regarding the area’s history to share, send an email to [news@hintonnews.com](mailto:news@hintonnews.com).

## Read All About it: The Annual Friends of the Summers County Library Book Sale coming to Hinton

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Annual Friend of the Summers County Public Library Book Sale is once again coming to Hinton during Railroad Days. According to an announcement,

the sale will take place in the Masonic Lodge next to Kirks Market at 318 Temple Street in Hinton. The event will run from Oct. 12 to 15. That Thursday and Sunday will be from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Friday

and Saturday hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Donations for the book sale will be accepted until Oct. 7. All donations may be dropped off on Saturdays only between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Friends note that they

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