

Santa Claus: The Interview



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Claus

Cynthia Mattison

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - With Christmas just around the corner, Santa Claus is preparing for his busiest night of the year. He recently took the time to grant an exclusive interview, where he answered some very important questions that are likely to be on the mind of every child.

One of the greatest challenges that Santa Claus faces is being able to get every gift delivered to every child in only one night. "Well, there's a lot of planning and preparation that goes into it," Santa says. "First, I start at the Interna-

tional Time Line near New Zealand. Because there are 24 time zones around the world, that gives me enough hours to get to all the homes. With proper training and conditioning of my reindeer, they have been clocked flying at speeds of 3,247 miles per hour," Santa adds. "I have to keep my sleigh waxed up, and then I have to be really fast delivering to each house. I barely have time to grab a cookie on my way out, but they seem to make the Christmas magic even stronger, so don't forget to leave me one," he chuckles.

If you're wondering what Santa Claus does when there's no chim-

ney to climb down, you're not alone. "Well, I have a special key that lets me unlock the door to the houses without a chimney," he reveals. "The magic key only works on Christmas Eve." Speaking of magic, there's another big secret that Santa shared about his reindeer and their ability to fly. "Most reindeer cannot fly," he admits. "Even my reindeer can only fly on Christmas Eve. That's why I'm sometimes spotted in a truck or a car leading up to Christmas when I visit with the kids. But on Christmas Eve, my reindeer are filled with the Christmas magic that allows them to fly."

With so much to love about the holiday season, Santa believes that it all comes down to excitement. "The elves are delighted when they see special requests starting to come in from the children," Santa says. "The reindeer get excited thinking about the magical night when they get to fly around the world, and I get that same feeling when I visit the children in the weeks leading up to Christmas and see the excitement in their eyes," he continues. "As much as I love cookies, my absolute favorite thing about Christmas is delivering presents

because I know how happy the children will be."

When it comes to gifts, every child has a special request that's unique to them. Santa fondly remembers a little girl who once asked for a stuffed unicorn. "What made this request unique was that she wanted it to be white with pink spots and a purple horn," he recalls. "My elves had to work really hard to get that made, but when she woke up on Christmas morning, it was under the tree for her."

When we think of Christmas Eve and Santa Claus, we all know that leaving him a few cookies will give him the energy he needs to get all of the gifts delivered. While he admits that he loves round cookies and prefers chocolate chip over any other flavor, he often thinks of one that stands out as the most unique he's ever tasted. "I really don't know what the ingredients were, but I do remember that I was starting my trip in 1932 near New Zealand," Santa recalls. "The fourth home that I delivered gifts to that night had some delicious cookies set out for me. When I took a bite, it was a wonderful flavor that

tasted like chocolate, cinnamon, mint and maybe a touch of peanut butter. It was a very good start to a long night."

When it comes to favorites, Santa admits that "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" is his favorite holiday cartoon. "The reason is because it shows that every creature and every person is special in their own way," he reveals. And if you're wondering what song is playing on his sleigh's radio as he delivers presents on Christmas Eve, it's a fitting choice for travel that always lifts his spirits. "My favorite Christmas song is 'Here Comes Santa Claus,'" he says.

Once Christmas Eve has ended and all of the gifts are delivered, Santa Claus returns to the North Pole, where he admits it's like a winter wonderland all year long. Because of the cold temperatures, he and Mrs. Claus have to bundle up and dress very warmly. "We start working on the naughty and nice list almost immediately for the next year," Santa says. "When the children get up to open their presents on Christmas morning, my helpers and I pay special attention to see if they're being nice. We keep an

eye on them all year long." Even when the holiday season officially ends here, Santa and his crew at the North Pole continue working. "Summers are very busy training reindeer and shining the sleigh," he admits. "The elves have a big workshop where they stay busy making toys every day, and Mrs. Claus is always busy cooking delicious meals for all of us."

During their free time, Santa and Mrs. Claus invite the elves to watch the polar bears and walrus play. "Mrs. Claus and I have a polar bear that visits our home from time to time," Santa says. "Just the other day, she brought her two cubs for a visit. We also have a pond, and we keep a hole cut in the ice that covers it for our pet penguins. We've built a slide out of snow so that they can slide right into the water, and Mrs. Claus always chuckles watching the fun," Santa adds.

As Christmas Eve gets closer and the air brings with it a chill of winter, the magic of the holiday season grows stronger. It's that magic that builds from every child believing in him that gives Santa Claus the most precious gift of all - the gift of love.

Gov. Justice Announces \$725,000 Grant for Summers County ARH Hospital

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — Summers County ARH Hospital is set to receive \$725,000 in funding as part of a statewide initiative to improve healthcare infrastructure at rural hospitals. Gov. Jim Justice announced the Ru-

ral Hospital Grant funding during a ceremony at Boone Memorial Hospital today.

The funding, part of a \$40 million grant program established in October by the West Virginia Legislature, is aimed at enhancing healthcare services

at hospitals across the state. Summers County ARH Hospital plans to use the funds to renovate and upgrade its radiology room, improving the hospital's capacity to serve the community.

Gov. Justice emphasized the importance of rural hos-

pitals, stating, "Our rural hospitals are truly the lifeblood of our state. You don't just show up for work—you answer the call daily. With these funds, we're putting a stake in the ground and saying we stand with our rural hospitals."

The grant pro-

gram benefits a wide range of hospitals across West Virginia, with Summers County ARH among several recipients. The \$725,000 will help address critical needs at the hospital, ensuring better care for patients in the area.

The funding is

part of a broader effort to support rural healthcare, with additional grants awarded to other hospitals across the state for projects ranging from facility renovations to new construction and the purchase of advanced medical equipment.

Hinton Man Arrested in the Overdose Death of Rebecca Smith



Billy Ray Smith

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Billy Ray Smith, 70, of Hinton, has been

arrested in relation to the overdose death of Rebecca Smith on Sept. 5.

According to the criminal complaint,

officers were called to an overdose death in Hinton on Sept. 5. Officers investigated and took two audio- and video-recorded statements from Billy Smith where they learned that he had allegedly given Rebecca Smith some Fentanyl. The criminal complaint notes that Billy Smith was read his Miranda Rights before both interviews, after which he waived his rights and provided the statements of his own free will.

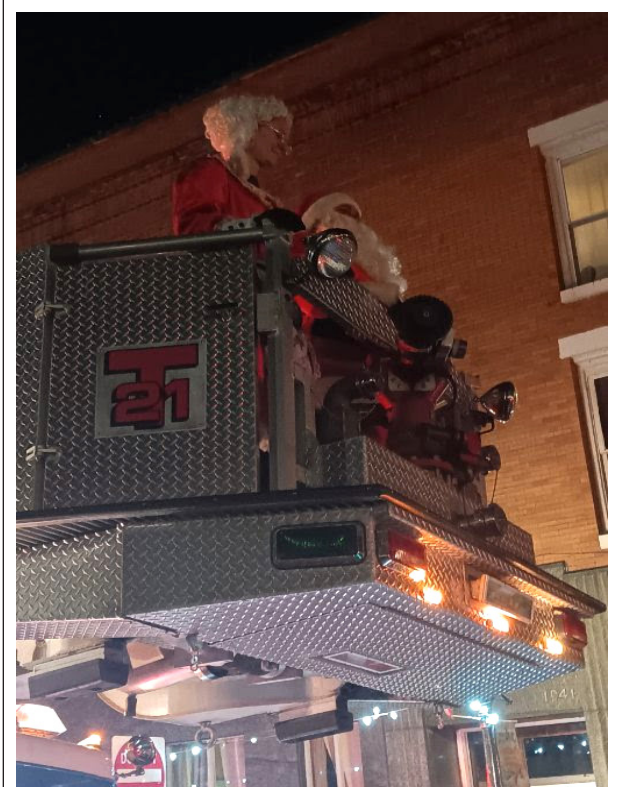
Additionally, the criminal complaint states that during one of the interviews, Billy Smith admitted to trad-

ing Clonazepam for Heroin and taking the drugs back to the residence where the death occurred. He also allegedly stated that he gave some of the drugs to Rebecca Smith.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner provided police with an autopsy report on Rebecca Smith that confirmed the cause of death as an overdose.

Billy Smith was arrested earlier this month and booked into Southern Regional Jail on Dec. 5. He is being held on a \$50,000 bond and is charged with drug delivery resulting in death.

Hinton Celebrates Christmas



Santa and Mrs. Claus ride atop Tower 21 in Hinton's Christmas parade held on Saturday, Dec. 7. Photo by Lisa Abshire



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A Peek into Summers County's Past: A Furniture Maker



L.W.'s work desk. Photo provided by William Jones



Cedar chest he built son O.D. Thompson. Photo provided by William Jones



Large stepback cupboard with a Christmas Village that belonged to Bea Thompson. Photo provided by William Jones

WILLIAM JONES
 SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - My Great Great Grandfather L.W. Thompson has been talked about in several of my articles, this one is no different. I had mentioned before all of his trades; from building contractor, boat maker, hardware store owner and furniture maker. This piece will focus on his furniture making.

On top of all of the previously listed trades, he owned a fruit orchard in Summers County, prior to selling it and moving to Talcott in 1926 where he focused on his construction business. Although he built some furniture before this move, it didn't really become a full-fledged part of his business until he relocated.

Over the years, my family and I have acquired a few pieces of his furniture, the first being the large stepback cupboard you see here with the Christmas Village that belonged to my Grandmother, Bea Thompson, on

it. Being the holiday season I decided to throw out this old photo I took in Christmas 2016.

This cabinet is solid oak and is of the Arts and Crafts or Mission style. It features two upper cabinets, with two upper drawers on the left side of the window hole. The bottom has a large cabinet where the sink used to be. A cabinet and drawer are on the left and a pull-out dough board and five drawers are on the right. His work of this age, the 1920s always featured hand-carved oak pulls and butterfly hinges on the doors.

This piece has a bit of a twist to it. You see, this was the kitchen cabinets that were in the house my father first lived in when he was born in Clayton, WV. Fast forward 30-some years later, he and Mom had been married a few years. Dad found out these cabinets were removed from that house. He inquired about them and then bought them for her anniversary gift that year. I can always

just imagine my little 5ft Grandma Jones making biscuits on the pull-out dough board when my father was a child.

The next piece you see I just purchased from my Great Uncle Buck Thompson's estate auction in Union, WV. This was L.W.'s work desk that he used in the hardware and paint store he had in Talcott. Notice how deep it is from front to back, this was so he could more easily roll out the blueprints for his latest job he was working on. Again notice the hand-carved oak pulls.

It was moved out of his store when he died in 1949 and used by his son O.D. Thompson in Thompsons Garage until he died in the early 1970's. Uncle Buck got it when Great Grandma Thompson died in 1992 and used it until he passed in 2016. I purchased it just this past October. So it has managed to stay in the Thompson family since it was built by him. It is signed on the bot-

tom of the top drawer as he almost always did, "Made by L.W. Thompson Talcott, W.Va 1938" for the past 86 years.

The last piece you see is a cedar chest he built for his son O.D. Thompson when he married Gladys Knapp in 1926. It always sat in their bedroom, until Uncle Buck got it when grandma passed. We have an oak buffet he built in 1948. We acquired it from Betty Hendricks who had purchased it at an auction in Talcott in the 1980s.

Which brings me to my next point. Over the years I have become enthralled with L.W.'s furniture or anything about the Thompson side of my family. The way we found out about the buffet was a letter to the editor I had placed in the Hinton Newspaper some 15 years ago. My cousin on the Thompson side Ginger Snyder had seen

it, told Betty about it and the rest is history.

So a simple letter led to meeting a cousin we didn't know we had, making good friends with Betty and getting to purchase a piece of furniture he made. So now I must ask again, if you have a piece of furniture

he or his son O.D. built or know of one, would you please email my mother at cheryljones1958@gmail.com.

We would be interested in purchasing or at the least documenting and photographing it. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Christmas at the Fair remaining schedule

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - Christmas at the Fair started on Thursday, Dec. 5, and runs from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays, as well as Monday, Dec. 23 and Tuesday, Dec. 24.

GH Concessions have hot chocolate, coffee, funnel cakes, and deep-fried Oreos available for purchase.

Christmas at the Fair Dates:

- Dec. 19 - Walk Thru
- Dec. 20 - Drive Thru
- Dec. 21 - Drive Thru
- Dec. 22 - Drive Thru
- Dec. 23 - Drive Thru
- Dec. 24 - Drive Thru

"Christmas at the Fair has quickly become one of the most popular and fun events here at the state fairgrounds," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "Last year, we tested a walk-through event, and it turned out to be so popular we've added even more dates for 2024."

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What Are You Willing To Let Keep You Out Of Heaven?

(Part 3)

by David Padfield

(Last week we saw the three things that will keep people out of heaven. This week, we will look more closely at two of them.)

The things of the world may be desired and possessed for the uses and purposes which God intended—they are to be used to His glory. The world draws the heart away from God, and the more the love of the world prevails, the more the love of God decays. The things of the world are classed according to the three major proclivities of fallen men.

The Lust of the Flesh

The word translated "lust" in 1 John 2:16 is a morally neutral word—it takes either a good or a bad connotation depending upon the context of the passage.

It is used in a good sense in three New Testament passages: "Then He said to them, 'With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God'" (Luke 22:15-16). "For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better" (Phil. 1:23). "But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire" (1 Thes. 2:17).

Most of the time the word "lust" is used in a negative sense in New Testament passages like these: "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts" (Rom. 13:14). "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16). "For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error" (2 Pet. 2:18).

The "lust of the flesh" then is an evil desire for the things of the flesh. The first thing that usually comes to mind is adultery and fornication. "Adultery" is usually used in the Bible to describe all illicit sexual relations between one or more married individuals. "Fornication" is a rather broad term used to describe any illicit sexual conduct, including pre-marital sex or even homosexuality. Adultery and fornication are both "works of the flesh" (Gal. 5:19), and as such will keep those guilty out of heaven.

God designed marriage to keep people from sexual sins (1 Cor. 7:1-5). The marital bed is holy. The Hebrew writer tells us that "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4). This marital union is so sacred that God has only allowed one reason for a person to divorce their spouse and marry another, i.e., sexual immorality. Jesus plainly said, "whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery" (Matt. 19:9).

The Lust of the Eyes

The "lust of the eyes" speaks of eyes that are delighted with riches and rich possessions; this is the lust of covetousness.

Those men whom Moses appointed as "rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens" were to be "able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness" (Exo. 18:21).

(Next week we will continue looking at the lust of the eyes and then the pride of life.)

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES



Barbara Powell Pendleton

Barbara Powell Pendleton, of Grassy Creek, NC, passed away Friday, December 6, 2024, at Margate Health & Rehab Center.

Barbara was born in Hinton, WV, in 1934. She was the daughter of Charles E. and Jean Graham Powell. Barbara attended Hinton High School and graduated in 1952. After graduation, she was employed by the C.I.A., Washington, DC, and the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company in Charleston, WV. Barbara returned to Hinton in 1955, where she married Herbert F. Wyant. She was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, where she was a member of the choir for twelve years.

Beginning in 1963, she enrolled at Concord College and earned her B.S. degree in 1967. After several years of teaching in high school, she began a Masters Program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA. Afterward, she

was employed at the Southern Appalachian Regional Health Council, Princeton, WV, in Human Resources Management and taught at the Mercer County Vocational Technical Center. In 1974, she was the recipient of a scholarship from the state of West Virginia to attend graduate school under the Education Professions Development Act. Once again, Barbara chose VPI & SU, where she graduated in 1976.

Upon graduation, she accepted a position at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC. She was a tenured associate professor at USC in 1986. She then moved to Asheville, NC, to accept a teaching position at Mars Hill College.

She remained there, until early retirement in 1998. While at MHC, she was blessed to travel to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, under the auspices of the People to People Ambassador Program. In 1994, she volunteered and taught in Zhengzhou, China, and lived on the Henan College campus. While in China, she traveled to Beijing, Lian, and other places of interest. Barbara also traveled to South America, Amsterdam, Paris, and Switzerland.

Barbara was a lover of education, students, gardening, animals, friends, and family. She did volunteer work for Hospice, NC.

She was preceded in death by her mother; fa-

ther; brother, Charles (Sonny) Powell; and sister, Nancy Powell Nutter.

She is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Wyant Williamson (Tom), of Albemarle, NC, and Janet Wyant Carr (Charles), of Grassy Creek, NC; a stepson Mark Pendleton, of Charleston, WV; five grandchildren, Richard "Casey" Scott, of Princeton,

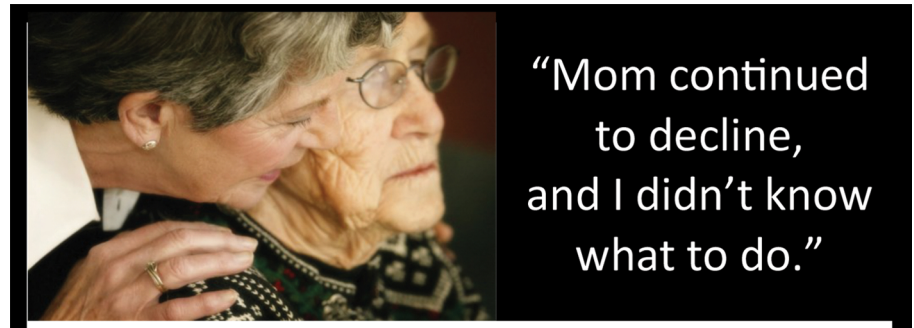
WV, Lauren Williamson Hoffman, of Fairfax Station, VA, Clay Williamson, of Front Royal, VA, Tyler Williamson, of Big Lake, MN, and Zachary Williamson, of Albemarle, NC; and five great-grandchildren, Griffin Rivers Scott, RJ Hoffman, 'Gracie' Hoffman, Keller Williamson, and Owen Williamson. Several nieces and neph-

ews also survive, as well as friends.

Family will gather at a later date to celebrate Barbara's life.

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Application packages shall be received from and returned to Lynn Reed, Summers County Clerk, 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 106, Hinton, WV 25951. All persons interested in this position must make application by Friday, January 3, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Persons successfully completing the Physical Agility test will be notified of the time, date and location of the Civil Service Examination. All applicants certified or non-certified must take the physical agility test.

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Shop Local with Imperfectly Perfect Appliances



The American Flag is hung on the front of Imperfectly Perfect Appliances opening the business

Lisa Abshire

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Brenda Webb opened up her shop Imperfectly Perfect Appliances because her washer went out and she couldn't af-

ford to nor did she want to pay retail. Webb explained she has always been the type to save money when she could. She said it was at this point she started to work with a

distributor, getting a couple of appliances in at a time. Webb started to see a real need for affordable appliances in the community. Her goal is to do 1/4 to of retail pricing as much as possible. She said they started selling in a carport, then got one building, and then a second. After a bull got loose while a

customer was shopping, they decided it was time to move the business to a store.

Imperfectly Perfect Appliances offers stoves, washers, dryers, and refrigerators. They hope to start offering pallets from Sam's and eBay in the near future. Those will feature air compressors and random items.

The store will be featuring random pop-up sales during the holiday season. The business is veteran-oriented and is offering 5% off to any veteran during the season. Webb asks that people go to their Facebook page to keep a check and give the business a "like."

The store is open Tuesday through

Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. They can also offer hours by appointment anytime.

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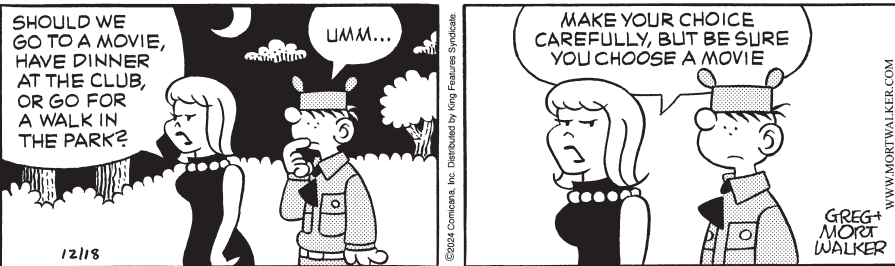
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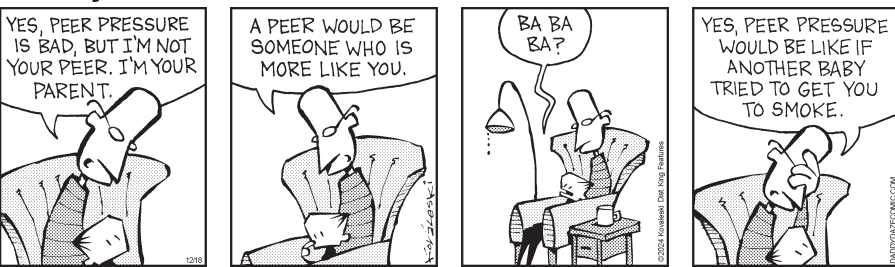
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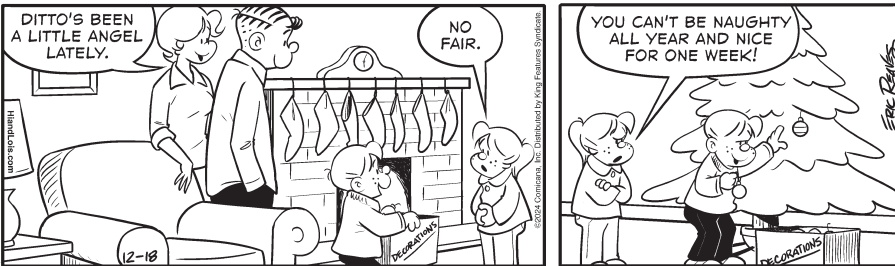
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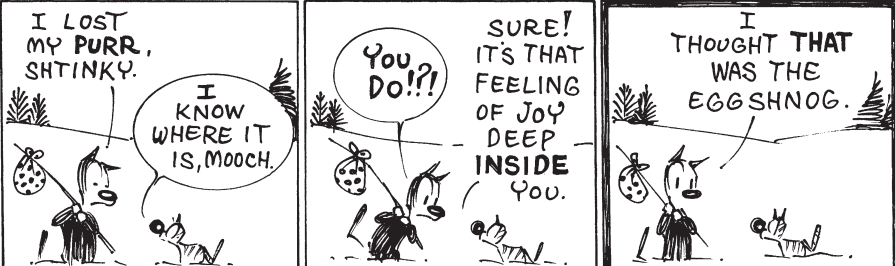
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column, or box.

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To November 27th's Puzzle:

Answer grid for November 27th's puzzle with numbers 4, 9, 8, 1, 7, 2, 5, 3, 6, 1, 7, 3, 8, 5, 6, 4, 2, 9, 2, 6, 5, 9, 3, 4, 7, 8, 1, 8, 1, 4, 7, 9, 3, 2, 6, 5, 6, 2, 9, 5, 4, 8, 3, 1, 7, 3, 5, 7, 6, 2, 1, 8, 9, 4, 5, 4, 6, 2, 8, 9, 1, 7, 3, 7, 8, 1, 3, 6, 5, 9, 4, 2, 9, 3, 2, 4, 1, 7, 6, 5, 8

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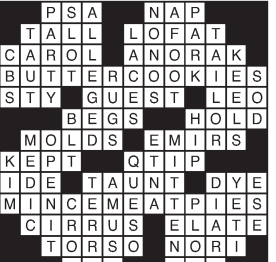
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Solution time: 23 mins.



November 27th's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

Large crossword grid with numbers 1-58

ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Leo. HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024: You are a leader and others respect you. You're idealistic, playful and sometimes stubborn. This has been a fun-loving year for you. However, you are headed into a year of work, building and construction, both externally and internally. Simplicity will be the key. Explore exercise, martial arts or yoga. 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★ Cut yourself some slack today. You might not get a lot done, and the same goes for others. Easy does it. For starters, you might feel fatigued. Plus, escapist behavior, daydreaming and avoiding responsibilities will be classic. "Let's slip out the back, Jack." Tonight: Socialize! TAURUS (April 20-May 20) 2★ This is a poor day to make important financial decisions, especially about

inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt or mortgages, because there will be a lack of clarity. Issues might be confusing. Postpone these important negotiations for another day. Tonight: Enter-tain. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) 2★ Beware of deception today. (And this includes plain old kidding yourself.) The Sun is opposite your sign and it is challenged by Neptune, which can make you doubt your decisions. It can also attract dubious people to you. Be careful. Tonight: Relax. CANCER (June 21-July 22) 3★ Double-check your work today, because errors are likely. Confusion can be the result of issues that are unclear. You might not receive the correct information, or you might misinterpret it. Many things might happen. This same foggy-ness can apply to your health. Tonight: Check your money. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) 2★ This is a confusing day for romance, because people are indecisive and easily disillusioned. Ironically, they are also sensitive, as well as full of self-doubt and

confusion. Parents should be extra vigilant with their kids, especially with respect to poisons, gas and water accidents. Tonight: You're strong. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) 2★ This is a poor day to ask parents or an older member of the family who might be an authority figure for permission or advice, because everything is foggy. People are confused, tired and drained. Deception is possible. Postpone important decisions for another day when you have more clarity. Tonight: Solitude. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) 3★ Today you might be uncertain about the direction of things, or you might even doubt your own decisions. You also might be unsure if relatives, neighbors and siblings are telling you the truth. Maybe they don't grasp the whole picture. Or maybe they don't understand you. Tonight: Be friendly. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) 3★ Your wise choice today is to postpone important financial decisions. That's because there is a lack of clarity, the possibility of deception, confused communications and plain

old lazy thinking that might get you in trouble. Do your homework, but make these decisions or expenditures another day. Tonight: You're noticed. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) 2★ As unusual as it sounds, today it's easy to have a blurred self-identity. You're not sure about what you believe or think. Or you might find yourself oscillating back and forth between different decisions. Many people feel this way today. Just tread water. Don't act. Tonight: Explore! CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19) 3★ Today it's hard to know if you are being idealistic or escapist. It's easy to avoid responsibilities today because of a lack of energy and confusion. You might even feel overwhelmed by issues. If so, ground yourself. Go for a walk. Postpone major decisions. Take it easy. Tonight: Check your finances. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) 3★ Be careful if you're talking to friends and members of groups, especially if someone is sharing their own personal propaganda. Don't be suckered in. It's

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Jumble game with words: WLNOF, SSOLH, CYSOTK, AISCFO. Includes cartoon of a family eating and a small crossword grid.

important to think for yourself; however, today this will be difficult to do. Protect yourself by postponing decisions and money matters for another day. Tonight: Listen carefully. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) 2★ Relations with parents, bosses and authority figures, including the police, will be fuzzy and confusing today. It's not you. It's just the way things are today. Knowing this ahead of time, do not react. Do not act. Do not follow through on anything that seems a bit far-fetched. People are prone to make poor decisions today. Stay chill. Tonight: Get organized. BORN TODAY Singer-songwriter Billie Eilish (2001), actor Brad Pitt (1963), actress Katie Holmes (1978) Find more Georgia Nicols horoscopes at georgianicols.com. (c) 2024 by King Features Syndicate Inc.



LEGAL NOTICE

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2023-C-000064
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DISTRICT HINTON CORP MAP 4 PARCEL 0101 0000 0000

You will take notice that CITY OF HINTON LAND REUSE AGEN, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2023-C-000064, located in HINTON CORP District, 1 LOT 50 X 150 TEMPLE ST. which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of DENT DAVID D & JENNIFER W/S, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of SUMMERS County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on July 2, 2024. CITY OF HINTON LAND REUSE AGENCY requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 5504 \$530.69
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number..... \$0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023-6713..... \$429.91
Additional taxes with interest \$0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest \$210.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest..... \$609.63
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest..... \$0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check **\$1,781.18**

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Given under my hand November 18, 2024.
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
G. Russell Rollyson Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of SUMMERS County, State of West Virginia (4,11,18de)

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2022-C-000052
Summers County
To: PROFESSIONAL HOUSING AND LAND LLC, PROFESSIONAL HOUSING AND LAND LLC C/O JOSEPH KENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT HINTON CORP MAP 4 PARCEL 0143 0000 0000

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BLOCK 7 LOT 5 TEMPLE ST which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of PROFESSIONAL HOUSING & LAND LL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of SUMMERS County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 9, 2023. CITY OF HINTON LAND REUSE AGENCY requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 6480 \$368.77
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number..... \$0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-6475..... \$37.89
Additional taxes with interest \$0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest \$130.27
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest..... \$640.22
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest..... \$384.67
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check **\$1,561.82**

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Given under my hand December 4, 2024.
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
G. Russell Rollyson Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of SUMMERS County, State of West Virginia (18,25de1ja)

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2022-C-000053
Summers County
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DISTRICT HINTON CORP MAP 4 PARCEL 0144 0000 0000

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year

ticket number 2021 - 6481 \$395.01
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number..... \$0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-6476 \$47.35
Additional taxes with interest \$0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest \$132.68
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest..... \$640.22
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest..... \$384.67
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check **\$1,599.93**

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Given under my hand December 4, 2024.
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
G. Russell Rollyson Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of SUMMERS County, State of West Virginia (18,25de1ja)

CIVIL SERVICE APPLICATION DEPUTY SHERIFF

Applications for the Civil Service Examination for the position of Summers County Deputy Sheriff will be available beginning Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

Application packages shall be received from and returned to Lynn Reed, Summers County Clerk, 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 106, Hinton, WV 25951. All persons interested in this position must make application by Friday, January 3, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Persons successfully completing the Physical Agility test will be notified of the time, date and location of the Civil Service Examination. All applicants certified or non-certified must take the physical agility test.

We urge all veterans and minorities to apply. Applicants must live within 5 miles of Summers County.

The Summers County Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Discrimination is prohibited due to race, creed, color, religion, sex, orientation or national origin. Applicants must be 18 years old and not more than 45 years old on the date of application. (11,18de)

Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,
Christmas time brings with it lots of tissue paper. Can it be recycled with newspapers?
Christmas Wrapper Dear Christmas Wrapper,

Tissue paper is one of the few papers that cannot be recycled at the Recycling Center. Tissue paper is considered a low-grade material and is difficult to recycle as much of it is already made from recycled paper. According to www.citizensustainable.com, when paper is recycled, the fibers are shredded and chopped, making them shorter each time they are recycled. Since tissue paper is probably already made of recycled newspaper, the fibers are so short that they can't be recycled again.

According to www.theroundup.org/is-tissue-paper, new tissue paper is made from virgin tree pulp and has been described as "flushing forests down the toilet" as it takes a heavy toll on the environment. The good news is that white tissue paper that doesn't have glitter on it is biodegradable. It will break down in your compost pile in a little more than four weeks and enrich your soil. Tearing the tissue paper into small pieces will speed up the process. Tissue paper that ends up in a landfill can take as long as five years to

decompose as it may be buried under all kinds of other waste.

Today there is a biodegradable tissue paper available that is made from plant fibers such as bamboo, hemp and sugar cane. It is generally softer and stronger than regular tissue paper and requires less water and energy to produce. Thus, it is more environmentally friendly. It may cost a little more, but well worth it. Re-using tissue paper and gift bags is also environmentally friendly, as well as economical and acceptable.

Dear Recycle Lady,
What about Christmas cards? Can they be recycled?
Love Christmas Cards

Dear Love Christmas Cards,

Yes, Christmas cards can be recycled, but some decisions must be made first. Any glitter, ribbons, foil or felt must be removed as these items do not recycle. Glossy cards go in the magazine/slicks bin and plain paper cards go in the office paper bin.

There are other options to recycling Christmas cards that you might consider. Two websites, <https://earthfriendlytips.com/epic-ideas-to-recycle-christmas-cards> and <https://www.shelterness.com/ideas-to-recycle-christmas-cards> have some wonderful ideas for repurposing/recycling Christmas cards.

When choosing cards for next year, consider using seeded Christmas cards that have wildflower seeds embedded in 100% recycled paper. The cards can be soaked in water, torn up and planted in a thin layer of soil. A great start for summer wildflowers! These seeded cards are eco-friendly, zero-waste Christmas cards and can be purchased at www.FTO.com. Other eco-friendly cards made from recycled paper are available.

Recycle Facts: Each year, approximately 700 million plastic laundry detergent jugs end up in landfills in the United States. While many of these jugs are recyclable, they often aren't due to contamination, lack of recycling facilities or improper disposal.

Have you tried the new eco-friendly sheets of laundry detergent? Not only are they effective at cleaning, but so much easier to carry and store and their paperboard packaging recycles. Various brands are available online and locally at Kroger's.

Have questions about recycling or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

Martinsburg man arrested following investigation into terroristic threats

MARTINSBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - One man has been arrested in Martinsburg following an investigation into terroristic threats. The West Virginia State Police released the following statement:

"In the early morning hours of Thursday, December 12, 2024, Troopers from the Martinsburg Detachment of the West Virginia State Police arrested Joseph Desoto for the crime of Terroristic Threats. This arrest was made following an investigation that revealed

Mr. Desoto had made several threatening/intimidating threats against government officials. This investigation is ongoing. The West Virginia State Police and the West Virginia Capitol Police take all threats against gov-

ernment process seriously. Any person making these threats used to intimidate, disrupt, or coerce the members of our West Virginia legislature or other governmental bodies will not be tolerated."

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Please reply by CV to ARH Hazard System Center, c/o Rhonda Adams, 101 Airport Gardens Rd., Hazard, KY 41701.

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New River Gateway CVB Rejoins Visit Southern West Virginia, Strengthening Regional Tourism Efforts

Explore SUMMERS COUNTY

SUMMERS COUNTY, W.Va. (Hinton News) — Visit Southern West Virginia is thrilled to announce the return of New River Gateway CVB as funding partners, marking a new chapter in regional tourism collaboration. New River Gateway CVB joins the City of Beckley, Raleigh County, New River Gorge CVB (Fayette County, Ansted, Oak Hill) Visit Fayetteville CVB, the City of Hinton, Nicholas County, Wyoming County and Monroe County to promote Southern West Virginia as a tourism destination. By re-joining this dynamic partnership, both organizations aim to leverage their combined resources to strengthen marketing campaigns and extend the reach of their promotional efforts.

As part of this renewed partnership, businesses in Summers County offering lodging options will gain access to full membership benefits with Visit Southern West Virginia, in-

cluding: Listing on VisitWV.com — The state's premier tourism website, providing increased exposure to potential visitors. Promotion on Social Media — Featuring local businesses across Visit Southern West Virginia's highly engaged social media channels, reaching thousands of outdoor enthusiasts, history lovers, and adventure seekers. Inclusion in the Official Visitor's Guide — More than 100,000 copies of this comprehensive resource are distributed annually, connecting travelers with the best accommodations, attractions, and dining in the region. Visit Southern West Virginia and New River Gateway will be celebrating this renewed partnership with an open house on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the McCreery Conference Center from 3-6 p.m. All tourism-related businesses in Summers County are welcome to join. By combining efforts, New River

Gateway CVB and Visit Southern West Virginia will maximize the impact of their advertising dollars, creating more cost-effective campaigns that benefit the entire region. Together, they will highlight the unique attractions and experiences that make Summers County a must-visit destination in Southern West Virginia, from its scenic outdoor adventures to its rich cultural heritage. New River Gateway's re-engagement with Visit Southern West Virginia is a testament to the power of collaboration and the growing momentum of tourism in the Mountain State. For more information on Visit Southern West Virginia's offerings or to learn more about how to get involved, visit <https://visitwv.com/about/membership/>. About New River Gateway CVB Explore Summers County is dedicated to promoting the natural beauty, rich

history, and vibrant communities of Summers County, West Virginia. Through its website, social media, and partnership initiatives, Explore Summers County works to boost local tourism and support the county's economy. About Visit Southern West Virginia

Visit Southern West Virginia is a non-profit organization that works to promote tourism and attract visitors to 9 counties in the Southern West Virginia region. By partnering with local tourism organizations, businesses, and regional stakeholders, Visit Southern West Virginia showcases the area's stunning landscapes, outdoor recreation, cultural heritage, and hospitality.

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