

## Santa Paws Delivery Welcomed by Summers County Humane Society in Hinton



**UPS driver Rick Brown adopted a dog from SCHS last year**

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Almost 500 pounds of dog food was collected and delivered by local UPS drivers in a holiday food drive for pups and dogs in Summers County Humane Society care just in time for Christmas. "Santa Paws aka our local UPS drivers



**The delivery was accepted by SCHS Secretary Christina Cochran.**

made a special delivery for our pups in foster care," according to Humane Society Secretary Christina Cochran. "This UPS detachment was able to donate to five local rescues/shelters this holiday season and we were grateful to be selected. We received lots of food, treats and blankets which will serve our dogs in foster care waiting to be adopted. We are so grateful for the support, and extend a special thank you to Rick Brown, who adopted a dog from us last year, for delivering!" The humane society provides dogs with thousands of pounds of dog food in Hinton



**Local UPS drivers collected and donated nearly 500 pounds of quality dog food, treats and blankets to the Summers County Humane Society for the holidays**

and Summers County foster care. According to the all-volunteer efforts, donations like this from companies and individuals are a huge help. Dogs and puppies are cared for in private homes to meet the demand for care. Cochran says, "Over the past year we have had seven to eight adult dogs at any given time and, if we have litters of puppies that number can be as high as 35 in foster care! In addition," she says, "we provide support to up to five dogs in the care of the county's animal control kennels."

The Summers County Humane Society, also known as the Animal Control and Welfare Project, Inc. (ACWP) welcomes food drives and donations from local businesses and individuals throughout the year.

## Amy Mann, first woman elected as 30th Judicial Circuit Court Judge, takes Oath of Office

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Summers County Court Room was packed with supporters on Dec. 23, as Amy Mann took her Oath of Office as Circuit Court Judge for Summers and Monroe counties. Mann is the first female elected to the 30th Judicial Circuit and the first from Summers County since 1932. Her swearing in came one day after the tragic death of her husband,

Michael Mann, and one day before the 20th birthday of their son, Ferrell. Friends, family, and community supporters were in attendance, to include her faithful companion and emotional support dog, Maya. After swearing her in, Judge Irons gifted her a handmade gavel that his mother had made for him when he took office. Mann will officially take office on Jan. 2, 2025.



**Amy Mann takes Oath of Office for 30th Judicial Circuit Court Judge**

## Eastern recognizes Summers County student for fall semester honors

WEST VIRGINIA (Hinton News) - A Summers County resident achieved academic honors during the Fall 2024 semester at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College. Earning President's List honors, which requires completing 12 or more credit hours this fall with a 4.0 grade point average, was county resident Ashley Lucas.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, based in Moorefield, serves six rural counties in West Virginia's Potomac Highlands by offering affordable academic programs, including five online degrees, early enrollment courses for high school students, and a variety of flexible workforce trainings. Eastern is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. For more information, visit easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000.

## Summers County Shop with a Cop Event a Success



**Deputy Ward and Chief Deputy Adkins check out gifts at Walmart. Photo courtesy of Summers County Sheriff's Department Facebook page**

Rebecca Stalnaker HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Summers County Sheriff's Department announced the success of its annual Shop with a Cop event, providing gifts for 33 children across the county. In a statement re-

leased on social media, the department expressed gratitude to the community for their ongoing support and acknowledged the valuable assistance of the Princeton Police Department, the Hinton Police Department, and Walmart in making the event possible.



**Preparing the gifts at the Summers County Memorial Building. Photo courtesy of Summers County Sheriff's Department Facebook page**



**Sheriff Faris carries gifts down the stairs of the Memorial Building. Photo courtesy of Summers County Sheriff's Department Facebook page**

The Shop with a Cop program aims to foster positive relationships between law enforcement and children in need. The program is a valuable initiative that not only provides essential items for children, but also helps build trust and understanding.



## A Peek into Summers County's Past: Talcott High School Varsity Cheerleaders

William Jones

TALCOTT W.Va. (Hinton News) - With the holiday season upon us, I did not have a lot of free time to dig through my collection to find a piece to do an in-depth story on. While skimming through my old photos of Talcott Album I stumbled across this late 1950s photo of the Talcott High School Varsity Cheerleaders.

I have always just loved this photo. The way they are dressed and car-

ry themselves in this photo, it reminds me of a vintage Christmas movie. I originally found this photo in roughly 2014 on Talcott WV: A History in Photographs Facebook page. The page is managed by Tamara Nelson and Jim Monroe.

I owe this site to how I uncovered the 1907 Talcott Bank and Gratuity Bank stamp I wrote about in my first story. I had seen it again in 2014 and just happened to remember it after

my stroke. I messaged an admin and Tamara Nelson messaged me back, put me in touch with Jim Monroe and the rest is history.

Tamara provided me with the ladies' names in this photo. The only one I knew was late friend Suzanne Humphrey in the middle. Left to Right: Mary Carol Syndenstricker, Virginia Buckland, Suzanne Tolley Humphrey, Ann Neff (who is Tamara's mother) and Jo Garcia.



Talcott High School Varsity Cheerleaders

I showed this photo to Suzanne not too long after I found it. She loved it and told me countless sto-

ries of her school days. Granted we both focused on the history of Pence Springs such as the hotel, Lahey

Boarding House, the airport, etc. But anytime we had the excuse to discuss history we didn't miss a beat.

## Governor-elect Patrick Morrisey Announces Cabinet Appointments, Executive Team

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) - Today, Governor-elect Patrick Morrisey announced his first round of administration cabinet appointments and executive team members for the West Virginia Governor's office. These hires and appointments were announced today at a press conference in Charleston, WV.

The first round of administration cabinet appointments and executive team members include:

"I am grateful to each of these leaders for their willingness and desire to bring opportunity and prosperity to the Mountain State," said Governor-elect Patrick Morrisey. "We are united in our mission of promoting and protecting the freedoms and rights of every West Virginian. When we work together, West Virginia wins."

Tom McCaffery - Chief of Staff

Tom was Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs/Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Department of Defense under President Donald J. Trump, and most recently was principal at Health Management Associates. Tom has run multi-billion dollar business units and has more than 30 years of executive experience in state and federal government, corporate, and policy space. Tom graduated with a Master of Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley, and has a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame. He is also a Rotary International Scholar at Trinity College Dublin.

Douglas P. Buffington II - Senior Advisor

Doug served as Chief Deputy Attorney General under Attorney General Morrisey, where he assisted with the oversight and management of attorneys and the office. Prior to the Attorney General's office, he was the Acting and Assistant Director of the West Virginia Lottery, and was Chief of Staff for the WV Department of Revenue. Doug graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law and Baylor University. Doug lives in Raleigh county with his wife.

A. Todd Johnston - Deputy Chief of Staff and Chair of Energy, Infrastructure, and Competitiveness Council

Todd was most recently vice president and managing director of ConserveAmerica, and has served in government, nonprofit, congressional, and corporate roles leading on energy

and regulatory issues. He also served as Staff Director for the House of Representatives Subcommittees on Energy & Environment. Todd graduated from Hampden-Sydney College with a degree in political science.

Sean M. Whelan - General Counsel

Sean most recently served as a Deputy Attorney General and the Division Director for the WV Attorney General's Tax & Revenue Division. Sean has represented State officials and agencies at various levels of the state and federal court system on tax, insurance, and education matters. Sean graduated from the University of Kentucky's J. David Rosenberg College of Law and Franciscan University. Sean was raised in Nicholas County and today lives in Charleston with his wife and three children.

Curtis R. A. Capehart - Director of Policy

Curtis most recently served as Deputy Attorney General in the Attorney General's Main Office Division, responsible for complex litigation, including the state's defense of the Save Women's Sports Act and Unborn Child Protection Act. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and Marshall University. Curtis is a native of Winfield, where he now lives with his wife and two children.

Marissa Findlay - Director of Operations

Marissa has been a lifelong Republican operative and has worked with numerous Presidential and statewide officeholders nationwide for nearly two decades. She currently serves as the President of the West Virginia Federation of Republican Women and the National Committeewoman of the West Virginia Federation of Young Republicans. Marissa lives in Charleston with her husband and their four children.

John L. Findlay - Director of Intergovernmental and Political Affairs

John most recently served as the Convention Delegate Selection Director for President Donald Trump's successful 2024 Presidential Campaign. John oversaw the victory program's direct mail operations and implemented the campaign's paid voter contact programs across the battleground states in the Fall. John has over a decade of experience managing Republican political campaigns and state par-

ties including serving as the Executive Director of both the Republican Party of Virginia and the West Virginia Republican Party. He lives in Charleston with his wife and their four children.

Mike McKown - Director of Budget

Mike was West Virginia's Director of State Budget office from 2006-2018, and has served the last three governors developing budgets. He has worked in six different state agencies in West Virginia state government, including most recently as Deputy State Auditor. Mike lives in Charleston with his wife and their four children.

Crescent Gallagher - Press Secretary

Crescent was the Deputy State Director for Americans for Prosperity-West Virginia (AFP-WV). Before joining AFP-WV, Gallagher served as the Director of Business Development and Communications, as well as the Legislative Liaison for the West Virginia Department of Agriculture under current Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. He is a graduate of Ohio University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts and a master's degree in public administration. Gallagher has over a decade of communications, policy development and legislative experience.

Katie Franklin - Deputy General Counsel

Katie has been an Assistant Attorney General since 2021. Previously, she was assistant prosecuting attorney for six years and served four years as the elected prosecutor of Jackson County. A lifelong West Virginia resident, Katie Franklin graduated from WVU College of Law in 2008.

Senator Eric Nelson - Secretary of Revenue

Eric was elected to the West Virginia Senate in 2020 after serving five terms in the House of Delegates. Most recently, Eric was Chairman of the majority caucus and the Pension Committee. Eric is also a successful small businessman and is the President of Nelson Enterprise, Inc. He graduated from Washington and Lee University with a degree in Business Administration and Accounting. Eric and his wife reside in Kanawha County, where all three of his children graduated from Kanawha County public schools.

The Honorable Eric Householder - Secretary of Administration

Eric was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 2010, and served as Chairman of the House Finance Committee from 2019-2022. Most recently, Eric served as the House Majority Leader. In the legislature, Eric led on tax cuts, labor reform, and the state budget. Eric graduated from Shepherd College and holds an MBA from Frostburg State University.

Alex Mayer - Secretary of Human Services

Alex has over a decade of experience in Health and Human Services, holding leadership roles across multiple state agencies. Most recently, he served as the Chief of Children and Family Services at the South Dakota Department of Social Services, where he oversaw the Divisions of Child Support, Child Protection, and Economic Assistance. His portfolio included vital programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, LIEAP, and Child-care services. Alex is a dedicated military veteran with service in the 75th Ranger Regiment, and has devoted his career to supporting

those most in need.

Harold Ward - Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection

Harold served as Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) under Governor Jim Justice and will be retained in that position. Previously, he served as WVDEP's Deputy Secretary of Operations and Director of the Division of Mining and Reclamation (DMR). Harold holds a biology degree from West Virginia University.

The Honorable Dianna Graves - Commissioner of the Bureau of Senior Services

Dianna most recently served as the Executive Di-

rector of the Bob Burdette Center, where she led an education non-profit in Charleston that provided free afterschool education programs. Prior to that, Dianna was Delegate in the West Virginia legislature from 2017-2022, an accountant, and television and movie producer. Diana graduated from Stanford University and West Virginia State University.

Further transition announcements will be made in the days and weeks ahead. Those interested in learning more or applying for potential positions in the new administration can visit [wvprosperitygroup.com](http://wvprosperitygroup.com) for further information.

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## The Hillbilly Storyteller: Seng

### The Hillbilly Storyteller

I have been looking for the big one all of my life. I have seen some big ones. We are talking about ginseng. I've been in the woods since I was 8 years old with Poppy. He was very good at finding it.

We knew a lot of older people that loved to ginseng. One was Charlie. One would be Coleman. One would be Harry. One would be Audie.

I really liked going with Coleman. I knew I was better than he was. He never put it on to me. Coleman and myself always had fun going together. There was other roots that you could dig to sell including yellow root and black cohosh and blood root and may apple. But they didn't bring much money.

Poppy said, "You got to take the good days with the bad." What he meant was some days you would find nothing. Some days you would find a lot.

Coleman and myself would go stay a week in Keeney's Mountain. There was no one there to run you off. You could walk 10 miles in any direction and not see a soul. Sometimes you would go a week and not see anybody.

Coleman and myself never did find the mother lode but we had good times.

I remember when I was 12 me and Poppy was in Keeney's Knob. I found a 5 prong. It was 18 inches tall. The root weighed 2 ounces. I was in heaven. I had bragging rights for about a week. Then Poppy put it on to me. He found a bigger one.

Poppy never would tell me I was a good

ginsenger but he said, "You do good for your age."

I remember when I got older I got myself lost one day. Every way I went was the way I shouldn't have went. I could not find my way out. I knew it was getting dark. I was in a panic. I knew I would be there all night if I couldn't find my way out. It was getting dark. I wore myself completely out and sat down on a big rock.

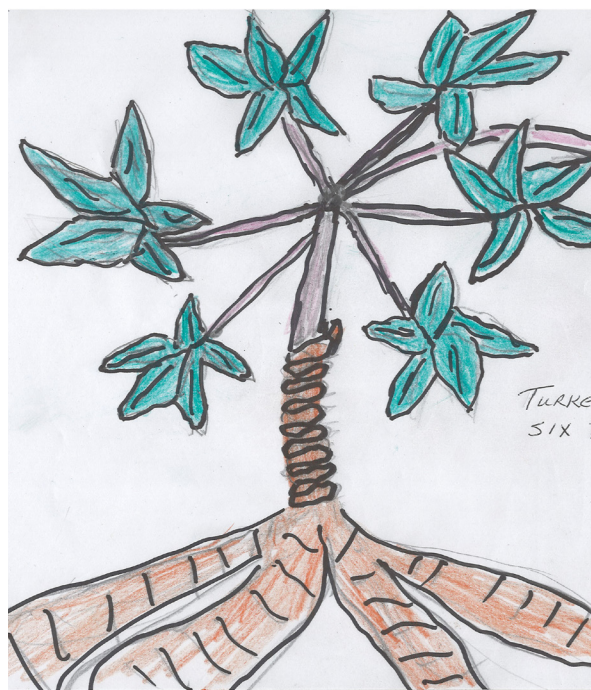
As I was sitting on the rock my head looking down at the ground and all at once 100 feet from me a car went by. I was so happy I couldn't stand myself.

As I walked out into the road there sat my pick up 50 feet from where I came out into the road. I could not tell the old folks and Poppy because they would ride me for the rest of my life.

After that, I paid a lot more attention to where I was going and what stuff looked like.

I was on the north side of the mountain and found a small 3 prong. I said to myself, "I will dig it. If it is too small I will plant it back." I could not believe how big the root was. It had a small top and a humongous root. I counted the turns on the stem. There were 64 of them. That means this plant was 64 years old. Ginseng is a strange plant. In good nice black dirt all the strength goes to the top of the plant not to the root. The poorer the ground the bigger the roots.

The biggest one of the season I dug that year did not have a top. I found a 3 prong.



Turkey foot seng by The Hillybilly Storyteller

I cleaned out around it more than usual for some reason. As I was digging the 3 prong I saw the side of the root of another one. I was very lucky I did not cut it. It weighed around 2 and 1/2 ounces. I was very lucky.

All the old guys were meeting down at the store building the next day. I showed them the stalk of seng and the first thing that they said was "How big was the top?" I said, "It didn't have none." All the old guys including Poppy said it was a sleeper.

A sleeper is a stalk of ginseng that doesn't come up until it wants to. It can just lay there in the ground for 5 years before it comes up sometimes.

This started the story telling about the sleepers. All the old guys had their story. Some were believable and some were challenging to believe.

That year ginseng season was over. I found a big one standing up dead as I was hunting. I dug it with



Ginseng by The Hillbilly Storyteller

double berries. I cleaned out around it good. As I pulled the leaves and debris from around the stalk, my heart fell. I found something I didn't want to see. It was black dirt. It still had a good root. It weighed 2 ounces. But it should have weighed 10 according to the size of the stalk.

Later that year I was ginsenging in Tug Creek. I was not finding nothing. The ground is so steep down there that the trees will fall off the sides. So steep you have to hang onto whatever tree limb you can find just to stand up. And sometimes you had to dig holes in the ground to even get around the side of the

bank. I was lucky. I found an old logging road. In a little cove in a holler to my surprise, I found 2 very very nice 4 prongs. Both of them were on the same root. When it dried it looked like two snakes and the roots would sit up on their own. It looked like 2 snakes looking at you. I sold it to Birch River. The guy that bought it said, "Are you sure you want to sell this?" I said, "I need the money." He gave me \$100 dollars. This was about 30 years ago.

The moral of the story - the big one is out there and all you got to do is find it.

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## In the Library: January 2025

Kris Kellan

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - January marks the beginning of a new calendar, and, for many, a pivotal moment of change in their personal lives. Maybe you want to drop an unhealthy habit or pick up a new hobby. Maybe you are pondering a single word to guide your life this year such as pause or breathe. Maybe you are set in your curmudgeon ways and refuse to par-

ticipate in this ritual. After all, over 80% of resolutions are abandoned by February. That statistic sounds discouraging, but luckily, I have the solution to all your resolutions - whatever they may be - the library.

With a plethora of books, an Adult Education center, magazines, free internet access, office services like scanning, printing, copying, and faxing, and monthly activities for all ages,

the library is your one-stop-shop. Sticking with the curmudgeon plan? We have comfy seats where you can relax, read, catnap, and irritably shush other patrons. And, other than a few reasonably priced services, libraries charge the average patron \$0. That is way cheaper than a gym membership or daily fancy coffee!

So, come check out the library and renew yourself for 2025.

## What If...?

By Jeremy Paschall

*What if God could not take the time to bless us today because we would not take the time to thank Him yesterday?*

*What if God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we did not follow Him today?*

*What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain?*

*What if God did not walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day?*

*What if God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?*

*What if God took away His message because we failed to listen to the messenger?*

*What if God did not send His only begotten Son because He wanted us to pay the price for sin?*

*What if the door of the church building was closed because we did not open the door of our heart?*

*What if God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?*

*What if God would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him?*

*What if God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?*

*What if God met our needs the way we give Him our lives?*

Have you ever considered the fact that we often treat our family, friends, neighbors, schoolmates, and coworkers better than we treat God Almighty? Most people at least try to live according to the "golden rule" - do unto others as you would have them do unto you. As Jesus said, "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise" (Luke 6.31). While most extend such courtesy to other human beings, we often fail to show such courtesy to God Himself. For example, consider the following:

All of us like to be recognized, appreciated, and thanked when we do something helpful for someone - yet how often do we receive blessings from Him and never stop to say "thank you"? When our counsel has been consistently found wise and beneficial, we all like to be heard by those who ask our advice - yet how many times have we inquired of God then failed to heed His infinite wisdom? Everyone appreciates the services of others when they are requested in time of need - yet how frequently do we ignore God's urgent pleas to come work in His vineyard?

Why do we treat our Lord God Almighty with such disrespect? Have we forgotten that, as Paul said, "in Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17.28)? Have we entirely lost sight of the fact that "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights" (James 1.17)? Have we forgotten the promise that, if we "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6.33), He will provide for our necessities? He is greater than any human being ever has been or ever will be, yet we so often treat Him and His blessings with such contempt.

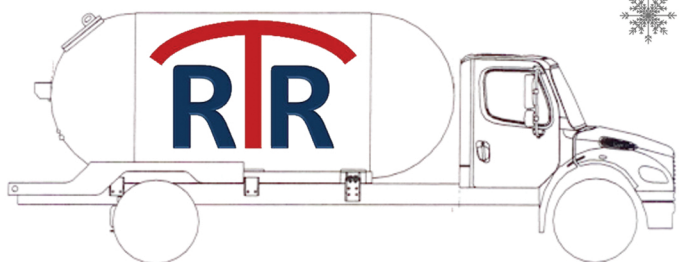
King Solomon had lived his life in exactly this way, treating God with irreverence, yet late in his life he came to this realization: "**Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all**" (Ecclesiastes 12.13).

Let us each resolve today that we will begin treating God as He deserves to be treated!

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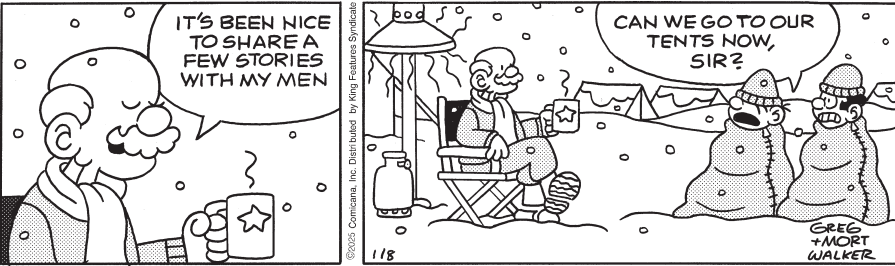
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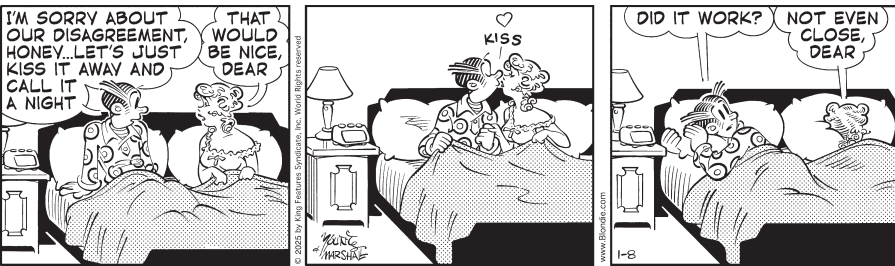


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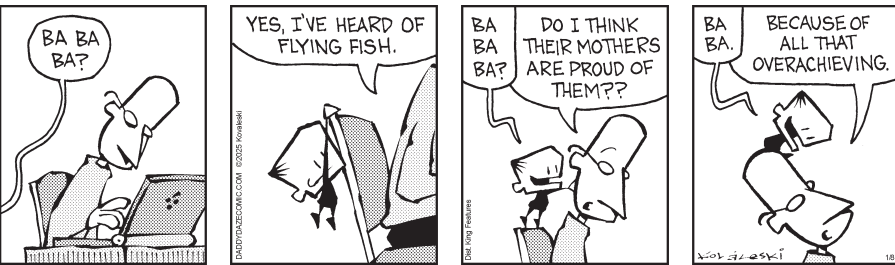
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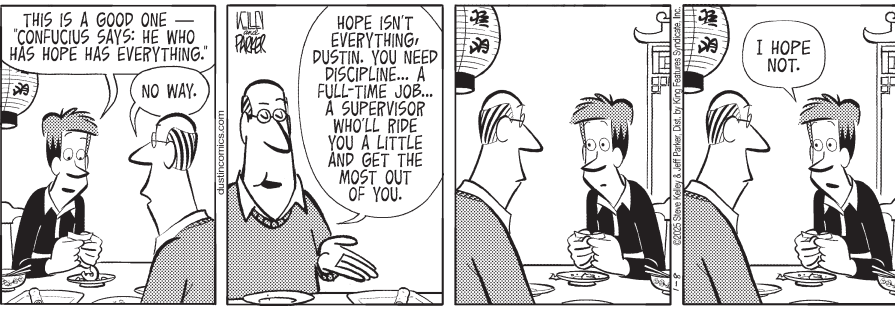
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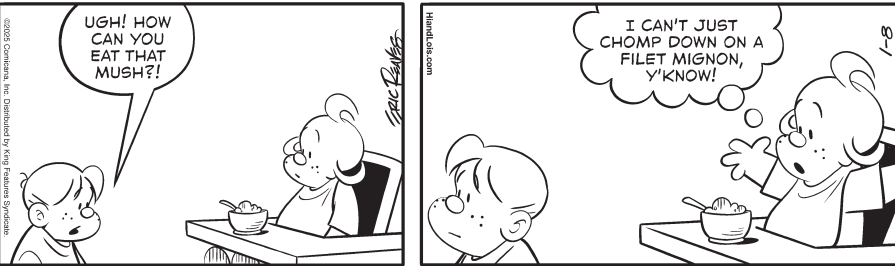
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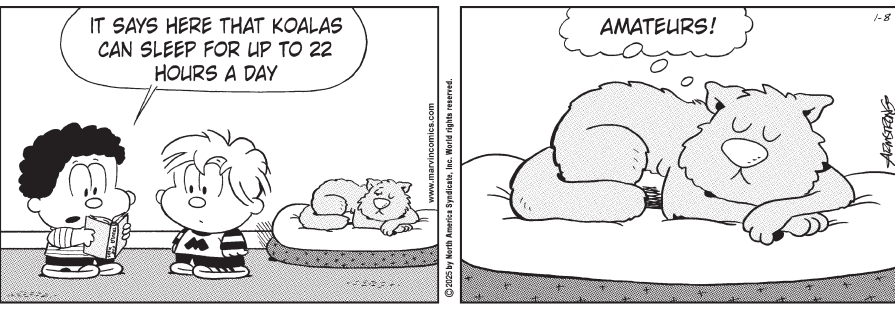
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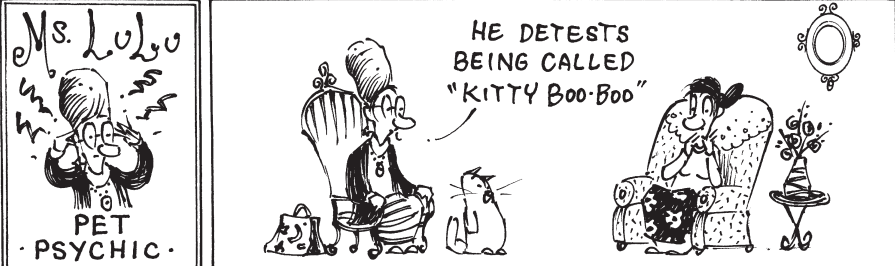
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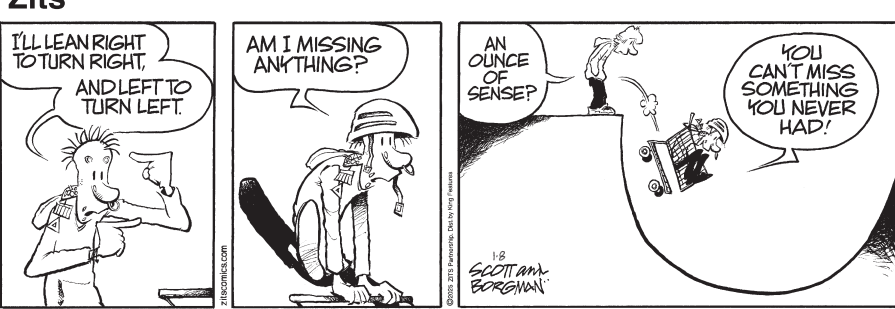
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SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

Sudoku grid with numbers 3, 9, 8, 8, 6, 1, 3, 9, 4, 3, 7, 7, 4, 7, 5, 3, 3, 2, 9, 8, 4, 7, 8, 3, 1, 7, 5, 3, 9, 6, 2

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.

Difficulty: ★★★

Answer to last Wednesday's puzzle grid

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1 Banner on "The View", 5 Invoice fig., 8 Experts, 12 Earring site, 13 Brit's restroom, 14 Carry on, 15 Capital of Paraguay, 17 Slender weapon, 18 Rationed (out), 19 Urges forward, 21 "La Dolce", 24 Granola morsel, 25 Luke's teacher, 28 Folklore monster, 30 Mel of Coopers-town, 33 "Caught ya!", 34 Welcome, 35 Bankroll, 36 "Tasty!", 37 Give temporarily, 38 Burden, 39 Navarro on "The View", 41 Mausoleum, 43 Continue, 46 Skiers' mecca, 50 Bank statement no., 51 Capital of India, 54 Close crime lab evidence, 56 Motown genre, 57 Bouquet, 58 Tofu source, 59 Norms (Abbr.), 20 Champagne brand, 22 Ripped, 23 Rep, 25 Candied veggie, 26 Resistance unit, 27 Capital of Syria, 29 Make over, 31 Sigma follower, 32 QBs' goals, 34 Glitzy rock genre, 38 Fixate, 40 Peculiar, 42 Irrate, 43 Grate, 44 Canyon comeback, 45 Concludes, 47 Conspiracy, 48 Barak of Israel, 49 Guitarist Lofgren, 52 Rock producer Brian, 53 Method

Solution time: 23 mins.

Crossword grid with circled letters

Last Wednesday'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 Taurus. HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2024: You can be successful in many fields. You are hard-working, determined and willing to make sacrifices to achieve your cherished goals. Take inventory of your life this year. It's time to let go of people, places and things in the past that 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★ Today you're in the mood to discuss how to use your money, your assets and your belongings in the most efficient way so that they improve your life. After all, what you own should help you, not hinder you. Incidentally, someone older might have excellent advice for you. Tonight: Financial discussions. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) 4★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with Saturn, which makes you

willing to accept your duties and responsibilities. ("I'll come peacefully.") You see there are gains to be made by keeping things practical and orderly, even to the extent of putting your physical comfort second. (Admirable.) Tonight: Travel plans? GEMINI (May 21-June 20) 3★ This is an excellent day to do research of any kind, because your mind is focused and purposeful. If you need answers to questions, you will keep looking until you find them. Oh yes, you'll be like a dog with a bone. A boss or parent might be impressed. Tonight: Solitude. CANCER (June 21-July 21) 4★ This is a good day for a serious discussion with a friend or a member of a group, especially with someone more experienced. Whatever advice they give you could cause you to change your future goals. It's often wise to stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before you. Tonight: Talk to friends. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) 3★ People notice you today, and they respect you

because you exude confidence, patience and authority. This isn't surprising; you're working hard right now, busting your buns to get things done. Fortunately, the resources of others will help you. Tonight: You're mired. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) 4★ Because you have a strong desire to do something different today (perhaps travel or making travel plans), a discussion with an older friend might help you see ways to do this. You're in a playful mood and eager to explore the arts, social outings and vacations. Tonight: Vacation plans? LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) 4★ Home and family are your focus now, even though you're uncertain about your long-term direction. Discussions with a work colleague or someone older or more experienced might help you reduce your debt or see better ways of using shared resources and shared property. Tonight: Solidify home base. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) 3★ Today you have to go more than halfway to get along with others. (That's just how it is.) However, dis-

cussions about the care and education of children might come up. This is a good time to look at these issues, because the resources of others can help you this month. Tonight: Financial support. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) 4★ This is a positive day for you. You'll be able to accomplish a lot, primarily because you're in the mood to roll up your sleeves and get things done. Your approach to everything, daily duties as well as your health, will be practical and realistic. Tonight: Learn new things! CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) 4★ With the Sun in your sign, you're powerful. This is why discussions with your kids or your decision to make social arrangements will be done in a practical, orderly fashion. You also might have a social outing with someone older or more established. Tonight: Check your belongings. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) 3★ A discussion with a parent or someone more experienced might benefit

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Jumble word game with words VBEAO, HISSU, NFYLOD, FWEALF and a cartoon of a barista. Includes instructions and a solution key.

you today. They might give you practical advice about how to do things at home or deal with a family member. Meanwhile, you might shop for something beautiful for yourself or a loved one. Tonight: Profitable work. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) 4★ Today you're in a practical frame of mind, which is why you will have serious discussions with others about how to get things done and how to do them efficiently. It's a good day to make plans for the future. Tonight: Upbeat discussions! BORN TODAY Singer Elvis Presley (1935), fashion designer Carolina Herrera (1939), actress Gaby Hoffmann (1982) Find more Georgia Nicols horoscopes at georgianicols.com. (c) 2025 by King Features Syndicate Inc.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estates have been opened for probate in the Summers Fiduciary Supervisor's Office at 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 100, Hinton, WV 25951-0097.

Settlement of the estates of the following named decedents will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

First Publication Date: Wednesday, January 1, 2025
Claim Deadline: Sunday, March 2, 2025
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 19, 2024. Donald R. Basham Jr. Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County (1,8ja)

A.A. meetings in Hinton

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hinton Alcoholics Anonymous group holds two weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays at noon, in the lower level of Ascension Episcopal Church.

The entrance to the meeting area is through the rear of the church, which is located at the corner of Temple Street and 5th Avenue

For more information, please call 304-660-7073 or 1-800-333-5051.



Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady, After all packages are opened on Christmas day there is always a pile of ribbons and bows left. Are ribbons or bows recyclable? Loves Christmas

Dear Loves Christmas, Ribbons and bows make packages festive and pretty, but they are definitely a no-no for recycling. Ribbons are hazardous as one ribbon entangled in any of the baling equipment brings everything to a halt. Bows are less hazardous to equipment than ribbons, but they usually have a plastic component and a glue that sticks the bows to the packages. Both of these components make bows a contaminate and

non-recyclable. Please do not take ribbons, bows, twine, or anything long and stringy to a recycling center. Next Christmas when you are opening packages keep a bag or box handy for collecting the bows and ribbons. They can be reused many times!

Dear Recycle Lady, All the decorations have been taken off my beautiful cut Christmas tree and I am now wondering if there is any way it can be reused. Looking for Information

Dear Looking for Information, According to homesteadhow-to.com/repurpose-and-recycle-your-christmas-tree-after-the-holidays/, there are several creative

ways to turn your tree into something useful. Your tree could become a bird feeder by leaning it up against another tree or by finding a way to keep it upright. Just add some peanut butter, birdseed, or suet to the branches. The birds will love the snack! If there is a chipping service available, your tree can be turned into mulch and spread around your garden or yard. The organic material suppresses weeds, helps to retain moisture and can add a little extra protection during the cold months. If your tree can be cut into pieces, it can be used for firewood or if the pieces are small, they can be added to your compost pile. Next Christmas,

consider a live tree that can be planted in your yard after the holidays.

Dear Readers, Please remember to remove all cards, wrapping paper, ribbon, Styrofoam peanuts, bubble wrap and plastic wrappings from any boxes before bringing them to the Recycle center. None of these items will recycle and they can contaminate an entire load of cardboard. Thanks for helping out with this. The Recycling Center greatly appreciates the many recyclers who clean, sort and deposit items in the correct bins.

Interesting Information: The Atlantic Equatorial Water, a huge hidden water mass that

blends northern and southern currents, was rediscovered using robotic floats. It helps move heat and nutrients across the globe, showing how even "invisible" forces shape our planet. It's a vital climate regulator! (Freethetheocean.com)

Wishing Everyone a Safe, Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Have questions about recycling or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to Recyclelady7@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

Manchin, Capito Celebrate Acquisition of Blackwater Canyon Property

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News)— U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (I-WV) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) celebrated the U.S. Forest Service's acquisition of the Blackwater Canyon parcel from the Crites family. This is one of the most scenic areas in West Virginia, and this acquisition will allow public access and outdoor recreational opportunities for generations to come along a key 5-mile stretch of the Blackwater River that runs through Blackwater Canyon and includes a portion of the Blackwater Canyon Trail.

The parcel acquired from the Crites family is expected to be named in memory of the late Patsy Crites, who carefully managed the remarkable resources of this land with her husband John and

their family for decades. Earlier this month Senators Manchin and Capito secured Senate passage of bipartisan legislation to name approximately these 2,700 acres of land along the Blackwater River as the Patsy Crites Forest, demonstrating clear support for the naming.

"There is no better way to end the year and my term as a U.S. Senator than to finalize this deal and see the Blackwater Canyon become a national treasure for all to enjoy. The land along the Blackwater River captures the true beauty of Wild and Wonderful West Virginia and now more people will be able to experience more of what the Mountain State has to offer," Senator Manchin said. "We are bringing incredible outdoor recreation opportunities to the

region, which will boost tourism, job creation and economic growth. I want to sincerely thank John and the Crites family for stewarding this beautiful area to date and for now taking this step which will allow West Virginians and Americans from all corners of the country to benefit from this spectacular area for generations to come. I also want to thank the U.S. Forest Service and Senator Capito for their commitment to seeing this acquisition cross the finish line."

"This is exciting news for West Virginia and ensures that one of the most beautiful areas of our state will always be open to our people. The Blackwater Canyon and Blackwater Canyon Trail are exceptional outdoor recreation attractions in West Vir-

ginia that are instantly recognizable. The inclusion of this parcel of the Blackwater Canyon into the Monongahela National Forest will help us remain wild and wonderful for generations to come, and truly displays what West Virginia has to offer," Senator Capito said. "I am thankful for John Crites and his family's dedication to West Virginia, and for Senator Manchin's commitment to finalizing this deal. Now, we must be diligent stewards of this land and work together to preserve the splendor of West Virginia for future generations to recognize and enjoy."

"The Blackwater Canyon is a true wonder of na-

ture. I'm happy that it will be preserved for future generations to enjoy," said Michael Rosenau, President of the Tucker County Commission.

The acquired land, bordered by Blackwater Falls State Park and national forest land, will be added to the Monongahela National Forest. The parcel was acquired using funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Senator Manchin previously sponsored the law that permanently authorized the LWCF, and later authored the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides dedicated funding for LWCF land acquisition projects each year.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON
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CASE NO. 24-0684-MC-19A SOUTHERN SANITATION, INC., a corporation.
Rule 19A application to change rates and charges under P.S.C. M.C. Certificate Nos. F-5695 and F-5850
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES
On August 12, 2024, Southern Sanitation, Inc. (Southern) filed M.C. Tariff Form 11 seeking increased rates and charges to provide solid waste transportation and disposal services under the Commission process applicable to small motor carriers.
On December 10, 2024, Staff recommended revised rates for Southern generating an additional 16.42 percent above current approved rates. Staff incorporated requests for equipment and an inflation adjustment for the current year into the proposed rates.
The current tariff rates are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Service Type, Base rate, Total rate. Rows for Residential and Commercial services.

Table with 3 columns: Service Type, Percentage Increase, Avg. Monthly Increase. Rows for Residential and Commercial services.

The Staff-recommended rates are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Service Type, Percentage Increase, Avg. Monthly Increase. Rows for Residential and Commercial services.

Anyone desiring to review the Staff Report may do so on the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to protest the changed rates and charges must do so in writing within ten days of the date of publication of this notice. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand-delivered to the Public Service Commission. To help the Commission determine the justification for additional review and investigation, protests must be specific as to reasons the changed rates and charges should be modified. In addition, anyone desiring a hearing in this matter must demand a hearing in the written protest.

If no hearing is demanded, the Commission may affirm the proposed rates without hearing. The Commission may adopt rates and charges for Southern which are the same as, greater than or less than the Staff-recommended rates and charges. SOUTHERN SANITATION, INC.

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## Concord University Announces Fall 2024 Dean's List: Part 2

ATHENS, W.Va. (Hinton News) – The following students are on the Fall 2024 Dean's List at Concord University. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who were registered for a minimum of 12 Concord credit hours and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the end of the semester.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is a continuation of the list printed in the Jan. 1 edition.

Brooklyn Gibson – Beaver, W.Va.  
 Connor Gibson – Brenton, W.Va.  
 Dazhuan Giles – Bluefield, W.Va.  
 Sydney Gill – Beckley, W.Va.  
 Samuel Gill – Beckley, W.Va.  
 Emma Gill – Victor, W.Va.  
 Arrora Gill – Beckley, W.Va.  
 Delaney Gill – Wake Forest, N.C.  
 Taylor Glancy – Saint Albans, W.Va.  
 Macy Glenn – Alderson, W.Va.  
 Philip Gonzales – Bradley, W.Va.  
 Olivia Gorcica – Chesapeake, Va  
 Cortney Gosnell – Fairdale, W.Va.  
 Tyler Gray – Oceana, W.Va.  
 Holly Gray – Upper Coomera, Australia  
 Jada Green – Beckley, W.Va.  
 Gabriella Griffith – Bethel, Ohio  
 Abrielle Griffith – Harts, W.Va.  
 Kelsie Groseclose – Christiansburg, Va  
 Kelsey Gross – Daniels, W.Va.  
 Michael Growe – Princeton, W.Va.  
 Lindsey Guest – Fayetteville, W.Va.  
 Hannah Gwinn – Beckley, W.Va.  
 Katelyn Hall – Bland, Va  
 Nataley Hall – Oceana, W.Va.  
 Kindall Hamilton – Flat Top, W.Va.  
 Cassidy Hammonds – Duffield, Va  
 Emily Hampton – Wytheville, Va  
 Erica Hancock – Bluefield, W.Va.  
 JoLee Hanshaw – Summersville, W.Va.  
 Sidney Hardesty – Alderson, W.Va.  
 Caleb Harper – Eccles, W.Va.  
 Rylee Harshbarger – Bluefield, W.Va.  
 Erica Hartwell – Bluefield, W.Va.  
 Katherine Hartwell – Hinton, W.Va.  
 Payton Harvey – Parkersburg, W.Va.  
 Roman Harvey – Princeton, W.Va.  
 Jordan Harvey – Sophia, W.Va.  
 Garrett Hatcher – Shady Spring, W.Va.  
 Christine Hatfield – Hanover, W.Va.  
 Eden Hawley – Beckley, W.Va.  
 Austin Hear – Centerville, Indiana  
 Avalyn Helvey – Lindsdale, W.Va.  
 Sara Hendricks – Summersville, W.Va.  
 Jennifer Hernandez – Conyers, Georgia  
 Kaitlyn Hicks – Roderfield, W.Va.  
 Hannah Hill – Leroona, W.Va.  
 Jeremy Hill – Shady Spring, W.Va.  
 Alexandria Hoke – Shady Spring, W.Va.  
 Wesley Holcomb – Calvin, W.Va.  
 Madison Hollis – McMinnville, Tn  
 Bryson Honaker –

Princeton, W.Va.  
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 Shyan Jenkins – Brenton, W.Va.  
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 Emily Johnson – Cool Ridge, W.Va.  
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 Madison Lester – Baisden, W.Va.  
 Morgan Lester – Princeton, W.Va.  
 Trevor Lester – Princeton, W.Va.  
 Brooklyn Lester – Iaeger, W.Va.  
 Lacie Lewis – Kearneysville, W.Va.  
 Xander Lewis – Union, W.Va.  
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 Kendall Lilly – Shady Spring, W.Va.  
 Nathan Lilly – Cool Ridge, W.Va.  
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 Brooke Linkswiler – Fayetteville, W.Va.  
 Blake Lockhart – Iaeger, W.Va.  
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