

Man arrested in relation to Summers County Dollar General fire and break in



Isaac Gage Brown

J U M P I N G BRANCH W.Va. (Hinton News) - In the early hours of March 16, emergency responders were called to the Dollar General in Jumping Branch on reports of theft and a fire. According to a public statement by Chief Deputy Adkins, an individual has been arrested in relation to the incident. The statement notes “On Sunday, March 16, 2025, at approximately 4:30 a.m., Sheriff J.L. Faris received a call to respond to the Dollar General in Nimitz regarding a possible arson. After the fire was extinguished, it was quickly determined that a breaking and entering had occurred. During the investigation, video surveillance footage was reviewed, and suspects were identified. “On Monday, March 17, 2025, Sheriff J.L. Faris obtained an arrest warrant for Isaac G. Brown, a 20-year-old from Jumping Branch, for second-degree arson, breaking and entering, felony destruction of property, and petit larceny. Members of the Summers County Sheriff’s Office and West Virginia Parole located and arrested Mr. Brown. He is currently being held in Southern Regional Jail. “We are pleased to be able to provide answers in this case and give the community of Summers County a positive resolution.”

Summers County Historical Society releases names of 2025 Inspiration Gallery inductees



Ken Allman

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Summers County Historical Society has released the names of those to be inducted into the Inspiration Gallery on Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m. at Summers County Comprehensive High School. They are as follows: **Ken Allman** is the founder and CEO of both PracticeLink, an online physician job bank and MountainPlex Properties LLC, both based in Hinton. In 2014 he was named West Virginia Small Business Person of the Year by the West Virginia Small Business Administration. He has been a philanthropist for many projects in Summers County and serves on the Board of the Hinton Area Foundation. **Ella Atkins** heads the Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering at Virginia



Ella Atkins



Christopher Payne

Tech in Blacksburg. Her specialty is unmanned vehicles, commonly known as drones. She is an AIAA Fellow (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics) and the Editor in Chief of the Journal of Aerospace Information Systems. She is also a private pilot. **Butch Miles** was a world-famous jazz musician and drummer who attended Central Elementary in Hinton. He performed on every continent and played with Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Frank Sinatra, just to mention a few. He appeared on the Tonight Show, CBS 60 Minutes, Merv Griffith, and many other TV appearances. Butch also taught jazz at the University of Texas. Butch recorded over 100 albums. **Christopher Payne** was born when most Af-



Butch Miles



Blind Alfred Reed

rican Americans were enslaved, although he was born free. His mother taught him to read and write. From humble beginnings, he went on to found two churches in Hinton, three black newspapers in the state and was the first black legislator in West Virginia. Later Payne earned a law degree and finally was appointed as Consul General to the Dutch West Indies which later became the Virgin Islands. **Blind Alfred Reed**, born blind, made his living writing and playing music. He recorded over 21 records including one of the most popular, “How Can a Poor Man Stand Such Times and Live” which was later sung by Bruce Springsteen. In 1937 Hinton passed an ordinance prohibiting him from playing on the street corner where he received tips. Inspiration Gallery is designed to inspire students to achieve their greatest potential by honoring historical figures from the county who have made significant contributions. The induction ceremony is open to the public.

City of Hinton announces no 2025 spring clean up

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The City of Hinton released the following announcement regarding the 2025 spring clean up: There will NOT be a cleanup by the City in the spring of 2025. Spring is an extremely busy time for our Public Works Department so we are scheduling the pick-up for the 2nd and 3rd weeks of September of this year. Our original restart of the program 5 years ago was in the fall. In those 5 years we hauled over 300 loads to the Raleigh County Landfill. This effort was to help us clean up unsightly and unnecessary debris left behind by former landowners and tenants that were highly visible throughout the City. The program has made a difference. We hope to continue the annual pick up but want to remind you it is the landowner and or tenants’ responsibility to remove trash from their property. If you live in the City you are required to maintain service with Southern Sanitation. This provider will take 1 larger/bulky item each month for you IF notified ahead of pickup. If you have an immediate need then contact Southern Sanitation or please take the item to the landfill yourself. Thank you for your co-operation and help in keeping the City clean.



One Dies in Early Morning Monroe County Fire

MONROE COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) – A 77-year-old man died in a fire early this morning near Peterstown, Monroe County. The fire happened just before 3 a.m. this morning, March 18, at a house located on Seneca Trail South. One person was able to safely escape the house but the victim was unable to do so. A vehicle with attached camper was also damaged in the fire. Investigators with the West Virginia State Fire Marshal’s Office and have declared the cause of the fire as undetermined due to the severity of damage to the home. The victim has been sent to the WV Medical Examiner’s Office in Charleston for positive identification and autopsy.

WV Helping Hands Slated to Open Single-Occupancy Residencies for Homeless

Joshua Lambert

RONCEVERTE, W.Va. (Hinton News) - The new WV Helping Hands Thrift Store is taking significant strides to support the local homeless population, with all proceeds from sales now dedicated to funding their mission. The shop, located at 8706 Seneca Trail S., offers a variety of gently used clothing, household items and furniture, with the aim of providing affordable goods while making a meaningful impact on the community’s homeless population. The store is focused not only on providing affordable items but also on making a difference in the local area. Every purchase made at WV Helping Hands directly supports efforts to assist the homeless in the area, from providing shelter to offering necessary resources and support services. These funds are going to help the project of opening a single-person residence for 42 displaced individuals, providing single-occupancy rooms.

There will be a strict process for receiving this help, and Amy Hubbard, the program’s chairman and founder, wants the community to know that they are “in the process of renovating the old hospital in Ronceverte, a 26,000 sq. ft. building that is going to be turned into residential education. This means it will give first priority to the homeless population, and it will give them a safe place to live while working on vocational, educational and job training. Not just anyone can walk in off the street with our project. We definitely aren’t bussing people in to provide them shelter.” The WV Helping Hands Thrift Store hopes to play a vital role in the community by offering affordable options for those in need. However, the new initiative takes its community focus a step further. Proceeds from the store are now directly funding local outreach programs including housing, meals and job training for homeless individuals and families in

Greenbrier County. The project has been 4 years in the making, according to Hubbard, and she is extremely excited about the new prospect. “Although each room is not supplied with a kitchen, there will be a commercial kitchen, and we will serve all the meals and snacks. We will also have a culinary certification for any residents interested in learning culinary skills.” Hubbard also has plans to extend the certifications offered in the future to provide more opportunities for vocational education. She finished by saying, “WV Helping Hands is extremely grateful to be working with the city of Ronceverte concerning this project.” Addressing homelessness is a complex issue that sometimes requires a strong and unique approach. By supporting the thrift store, residents are not only getting great deals but are also helping to provide a pathway out of homelessness for those struggling in the surrounding community. In addition to its sup-



WV Helping Hands Thrift Store

port for the homeless, the WV Helping Hands Thrift Store also offers a volunteer program, where individuals can help sort donations, organize merchandise and assist in various outreach activities. The WV Helping Hands Thrift Store is incredibly grateful for the support of the local community. Hubbard finds it “heartwarming to see how many people are eager to help, whether by donating goods,

volunteering their time or simply shopping at the store. Every little bit helps.” For those interested in supporting the WV Helping Hands Mission further, monetary donations are always welcome, and the store continues to accept gently used clothing and household goods. Community members can also stay updated on upcoming fundraising events and special promotions by following

the thrift store on social media. The WV Helping Hands Thrift Store is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and all sales make a direct difference in the fight against homelessness in the region. For more information about the WV Helping Hands Thrift Store or to inquire about volunteer opportunities, visit their social media pages or website.

Musings From Memory Lane: The Way We Were

Lisa Abshire

As spring approaches, my mind turns, as it always does, to the past. As a child, spring meant looking for the first signs of life, that everything was waking up after its long winter rest. Nobody was more restless than I was. While I never enjoyed

many outdoor activities, nothing made me happier than finding wildflowers. For my mom, it’s poke and wild lettuce. She loved having my Dad take her around the back roads to look for her beloved spring greens. I can still see the look of excitement that would come over her entire

being when she found a big patch of wild lettuce. Daddy always let me climb the hill to get the highest ones because I felt so big and invincible. I thought if Daddy said I could, anything was possible. Mom would make “killed” lettuce and onions with wild lettuce. The ratio of

oil/grease and vinegar had to be exactly right. To my mom, it was a delicacy. She would cook the poke greens down and then fry them up. Beans and cornbread always accompanied them. Mom always said that was good old country cooking at its finest. If I try hard enough,

I can close my eyes and be transported back to one of those spring days with the sky so blue and the air that perfect temperature that isn’t cold but not too hot, and redbuds dotting every hillside. My Dad is outside working and my Mom is inside cooking her for-

aged bounty. Clothes are hanging outside on the line. Life was good. This is but a small glimpse of the Way we Were. And for a brief moment, the memories make life right again. May your own memories of spring bring sweet harmony to you this year.

Friends of the Summers County Library to Hold Mini Used Book Sales

HINTON W.Va. (HintonNews)-Have you read through all of the used books that you bought last fall at the annual library book sale? Need a couple more books to tide you over? You are in luck! Each Saturday in May, the Friends of the Library will be holding a mini used book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the meantime, clean off your shelves and donate your finished books back to the library, so it can go to

the next reader. Donated books can be dropped off at the library during working hours. Remember – donated books should be gently used. No moldy oldies! Donated books will be accepted up through the end of April. Mini Book Sale Dates (all sales are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.): May 3 – History, War, and Cooking! May 10 – Biographies, Memoirs, Politics, and

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A Peek into Summers County’s Past: John Hendrick

William Jones

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - John Hendrick who many of you know as “the farmer” from War Ridge Rd. Wayside, WV passed away on December 18, 2024 at 86 years old. John and his wife Betty became good friends of mine and my family throughout the years.

Our meeting was quite the happenstance. I had written a letter to the editor looking for pieces of furniture that had been built by my great-great-grandfather L.W. Thompson in Talcott around 2011 or so. I was contacted by my late cousin Ginger Snider, whose maiden name was Thompson. She was from Hinton, but our paths had never crossed before.

Her best friend was John’s wife Betty who had an oak buffet built by L.W. in 1948. She sold it to us so we could keep it in the family. Ginger had known my Grandfather Bernard Thompson when they were children, but as it so often occurs they had lost touch when they got older and she moved away.

It wasn’t long until

Ginger and Betty had us doing all of the things they were involved with. Summers County Historical Society, Friends of the Library, Children’s Home Society (if you are from Summers County you probably know about the huge barn sale that Betty has had for over 20 years to benefit the Children’s Home Society). It is held in John’s barn in War Ridge.

And then convinced us to become members of the Ballengee Farm Club in Wayside, WV. This is where my friendship with John really started as he served as president of the club. He made the joke to me and I was recently reminded of it by his son John Jr. where he would say, “I had to move away and make some money so I could afford to come back to West Virginia and farm.”

After retirement, he moved back to Marie where he and Betty built up the family farm and enlarged the old farmhouse. John’s father stressed the importance of education and John carried this throughout his life. He had graduated 8th grade from Crossroads School after

attending the one-room Davis School in Ballengee. He graduated high school from Wilkinsburg High School in Wilksburg PA in 1956. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1960 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, and from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh in 1966 with a Masters in Industrial Management. Long after his formal education, John continued to attend various cattle and agricultural conferences, most often through West Virginia University, Virginia Tech, and the West Virginia Extension Agency.

His education was a great success as it led to him having begun his career working on the nuclear submarine program at Westinghouse Corporation. He also worked for Moog, Inc. in East Aurora, NY where he moved from engineering to sales. Later he worked at American Tool in Cincinnati, OH as Vice President. He was then recruited by Mitsui Machine Tools as President at their Long Island, NY office and lastly became President and Chairman of Okuma America Cor-



Photo provided by William Jones

poration in Charlotte, NC. John was honored to have served on many boards of directors especially on the board of Moog, Inc. Throughout his professional career John was widely regarded for his leadership abilities and marketing prowess.

After returning to the community John built the farm club back up. Served on the Board of Directors of the Hinton Area Foundation. John was a long-time supporter of The Children’s Home Society of West Virginia. He was a mem-

ber of many associations including the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, West Virginia Farm Bureau, and West Virginia Cattlemen’s Association. John never turned down a request from Summers County Schools, or Community organizations. To say John lived and breathed the farm life would be an understatement.

John will be long remembered for his caring and compassion, his quick wit, and for mentoring so many throughout his life. He was de-

voted to his family and friends and dedicated to improving his farm and community.

One of my fondest memories of John is the fact that he helped me relearn to not be afraid to speak in public. In 2023 he invited me to be the guest speaker at one of our farm club meetings. I think at that point I had written 7 or 8 of these Summers County history stories. I am over 100 stories now. I took several of the items my stories are centered around and talked about them.

Region 3 of WV Writers Hosting Memoir Writing Workshop

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - On April 12, from 1 to 3 p.m., Region 3 of WV Writers will be hosting a free “how to write a memoir” workshop. Do you have a story from your life to tell? What part of your life has been different than other people? What event happened that made a change in your life? What person had an impact on your life? If you’ve had a pivotal moment in your life or

if you want to capture some bit of your past, this workshop may be for you.

In this workshop, participants discuss the differences between a memoir and an autobiography. The workshop will cover how to get started, how to hook your reader, and how to write a true story rather than fiction and still keep it interesting. You are welcome to ask questions throughout the

session, but we will also plan a Q&A time at the end of the workshop so we can discuss individual, personal projects.

Contact Cheryl Kula at Cheryl.kula@gmail.com to register for this event. Those who wish to attend virtually will receive a link. For those with less than stellar internet, you are welcome to join Cheryl at the Farmer Center (104 James Street, Hinton, WV) in

the conference room. The instructor is author, M. Lynne Squires, is an Urban Appalachian fiction crafter, essayist, and occasional poet. She has penned four books, and her work has appeared in numerous journals, in-

cluding Change Seven and The Ekphrastic Review, as well as multiple anthologies, including three volumes of the Anthology of Appalachian Writers (Shepard University and the WV Center for the Book 2018, 2021, 2022) and Fearless:

Women’s Journeys to Self-Empowerment (Mountain State Press 2019). She is a Pushcart Prize nominee and is the 2020 Pearl S. Buck Writing for Social Change Award recipient. Connect with her at www.mlynne.com.

WVDNR announces Gold Rush returns April 1-12

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) today announced the return of Gold Rush stockings at 69 lakes and streams around the state starting April 1.

From April 1-12, the WVDNR will stock more than 50,000 golden rainbow trout at 69 lakes and streams around the state, including waters in or near 15 state parks and forests. Of these fish, 100 will receive a numbered yellow tag. If an angler catches a golden trout with one of these tags, they can enter the tag number online for a chance to win one of the following prizes:

- (1) Free Resident West Virginia Lifetime Fishing License (1 Winner)
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Series On Calvinism (Part 8) Unconditional Election

(Last week we completed our study of the first tenant of Calvinism, total hereditary depravity. This week we will begin looking at the second tenant, unconditional election and find out what some of the church manuals have to say about it.)

by Gene Taylor

The second doctrine of Calvinism, Unconditional Election, is based on the first, Total Hereditary Depravity. Calvinists say that since mankind is totally depraved and cannot respond in faithful obedience to the invitation of Jesus—people cannot choose for themselves to obey or disobey God—then God had to choose for mankind. Unconditional Election states that God chose some to obey and some to disobey.

Unconditional Election is the belief that God, with no regard to the will of man, made an eternal choice of certain persons unto eternal life and some to eternal damnation and that number is so fixed that it cannot be changed.

Rooted in Calvin’s view of the sovereignty of God, Unconditional Election is also referred to as the doctrine of predestination.

This article will examine the doctrine of Unconditional Election by seeing how it is expressed by those denominations and individuals who promote it; defining predestination; analyzing the proof texts used to support it; and citing some Scriptural objections to it.

Unconditional Election Expressed

The Westminster Confession of Faith states, “God has predestined and foreordained some men and angels to everlasting life out of His free grace and love without any foresight of faith or works in man or perseverance in either of them, and others are foreordained to everlasting death and the number of either is so certain and definite that it cannot be increased or diminished.” (Chap. III, art. 3,4 &5; Chap. X, art. 2)

The Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. says, “God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass ... By the decree of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and angels are predestined unto life, and others foreordained to everlasting death. These angels and men, thus predestinated and foreordained, are particularly and unchangeably designed; and their number is so certain and definite it cannot be either increased or diminished.” (Chap. III)

The Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689 says, “Those of mankind who are predestinated unto Life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable Purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen in Christ to everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love, without any other thing in the creature as a condition or cause moving Him thereunto.”

Calvin’s Institutes states, “All are not created on equal terms, but some are preordained to eternal life, others to eternal damnation; and, accordingly, as each has been created for one or other of these ends, we say that he has been predestinated to life or to death.”

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(Next week we will define predestination and read some of the proof texts used in support of unconditional election.)

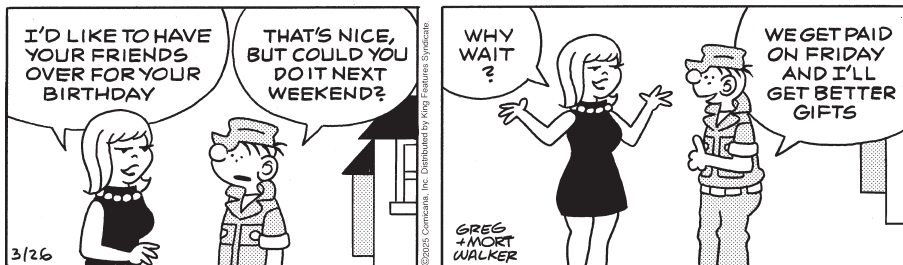
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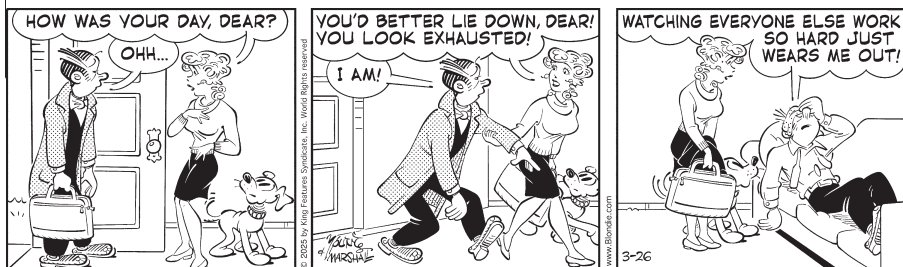


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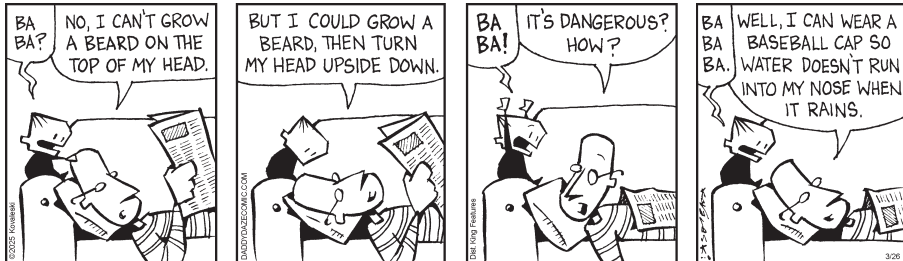
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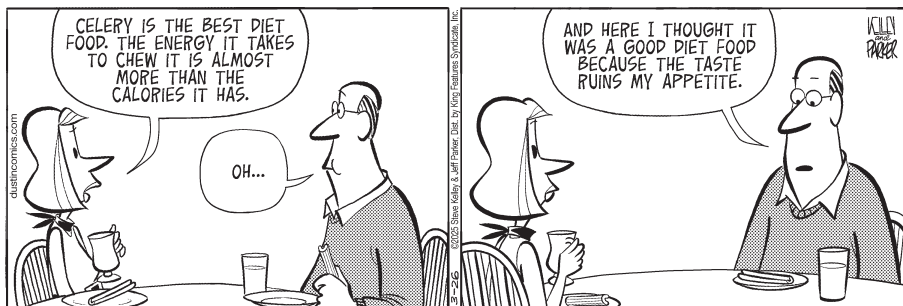
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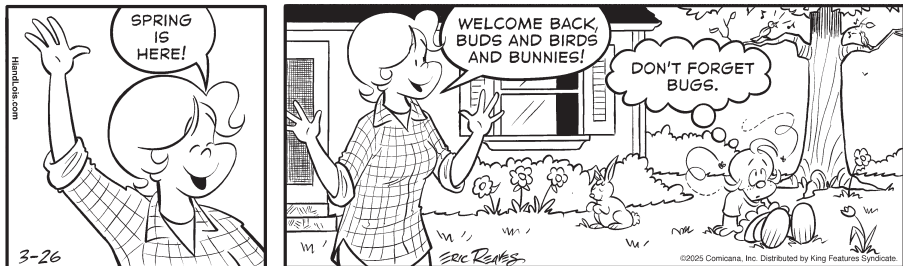
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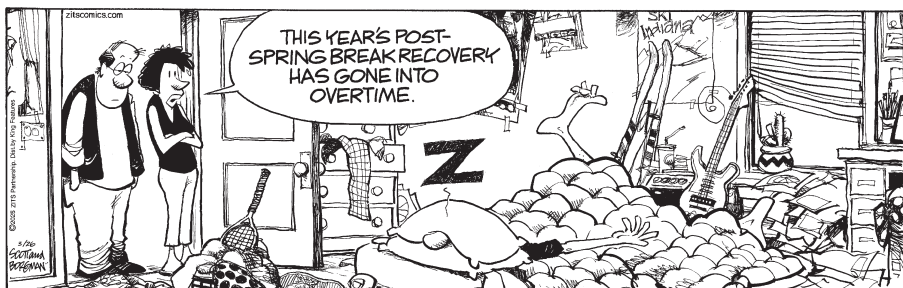
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(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:

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8 Lingerie trim
12 Glass of public radio
13 On the Aegean, say
14 October birthstone
15 California wine, for short
16 Employment based on completed units
18 Famed restaurant guide
20 Klutz
21 Golden State sch.
24 Shows fury
28 Toil away
32 Hoo-ha
33 British verb ending
34 "... who lived in —"
36 Soap unit
37 Passel
39 Big struggle

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- 1 Cham-pagne sound
2 Opera house solo
3 "Phooey!"
4 Online "humanity" test
5 "Do — say!"
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7 Mexican entree
8 Yogurt variety
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19 Arctic sea-bird
22 Whip

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Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Caution! Avoid shopping or important decisions from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT today (3 a.m. to 1 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Aquarius into Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 26, 2025: You are clear-sighted, practical and easygoing when dealing with others. You are also perceptive and quick-thinking. This is a slower paced year. Take time to rest and rejuvenate your energy. Seek out people who are kind and helpful. Relationships will be your strong focus.

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)

2★ A minor argument about your possessions or something that you own might occur today. Or you might argue with a friend or a group about how to spend a specific amount of money. You might even argue with someone about your earnings or your cash flow. Things are unpredictable. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

2★ This is a tricky day to deal with parents, bosses and authority figures, including the police. You might be unhappy about some kind of pronouncement made from on high. Or you might disagree and find yourself dealing with the unexpected. Watch your back. Tonight: Be friendly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3★ Travel plans will change today. Or perhaps you suddenly have to travel when you didn't expect to do so. Likewise, issues related to schools might hold an unexpected turn of events. Tonight: You're noticed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

2★ Make friends with your bank account today to be sure you know what's happening. Something unexpected could impact your wealth or anything to do with taxes, debt or shared property. You snooze, you lose. Stay in touch with your finances. Tonight: Do something different!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

2★ A partner, spouse or close friend might throw you a curveball today. They might want to change the rules. They might have an

unusual suggestion. They might want more freedom in the relationship. It could be anything. Be alert and stay off your heels. Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

2★ Your work routine will be interrupted today. Staff shortages, power outages, equipment breakdowns, delivery delays and unexpected news are just some examples of what could send your day south in a New York minute. Others might be surprised by health news. Pet owners should be vigilant. Tonight: Cooperate with others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

2★ Parents should know that this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Make sure you know where they are at all times. In particular, be aware of the potential for electrical accidents as well as something sudden and unexpected. Meanwhile, social plans will change today and sports will have a surprise. Tonight: Work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

2★ Your home routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Could be anything. Unexpected

company might drop by, which is why it will be wise to stock the fridge so that you feel you're ready for anything. (Ice cream is comforting.) Tonight: Play!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

2★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today, because this is an accident-prone day for you. Of course, an accident doesn't have to happen, but you could be distracted. On the upside, you might think outside the box and come up with a brilliant, original solution to something. Tonight: Relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

2★ Keep an eye on your money today, because things are unpredictable. You might find money; you might lose money. Likewise, protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. If shopping, beware of impulse purchases you might later regret. Give everything a sober, second thought. Tonight: Conversations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

3★ Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with unpredictable Uranus, which makes you obsessed with things, especially unconven-



JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

LNAEK

SUTEG

RPSUOO

DYRTSU

Last Wednesday's Answers

Jumbles: QUEST

BRISK

HINDER

SONATA

Answer: The glove and mitten factory employees met to discuss the —

BUSINESS AT HAND

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

3/26

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

BORN TODAY Singer-songwriter Steven Tyler (1948), actor Martin Short (1950), actress Keira Knightley (1985)

Find more Georgia Nicols' horoscopes at georgianicols.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia
10/11/2024

Case No. CC-45-2024-JA-33
IN THE INTEREST OF: AVANI RICHMOND
Adult Respondent(s): CRYSTAL RICHMOND
ORDER OF PUBLICATION TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The purpose of this action is to determine guardianship of Avani Richmond DOB: 10/11/2024. Petitioner, the West Virginia Department of Human Services, is seeking continued legal and physical custody of said child(ren), and/or Termination of Parental Rights.

It appearing that the whereabouts of Respondent Father of Avani Richmond or any known or unknown father, or of any named or unnamed father, or of anyone claiming paternity of the infant child, is presently unknown at this time, it is ORDERED that Respondent Father of Avani Richmond or any known or unknown father, or any named or unnamed father, or anyone claiming paternity of the infant child, appear in the Office of the Honorable Michael E. Froble, Special Judge of the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia, for a hearing on June 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., of that day and object, or make other defense, to the Petition, otherwise guardianship of the child may be granted to the West Virginia Department of Human Services, and the parental rights of the father be terminated.

Further, it is hereby ORDERED that any known or unknown father, or any named or unnamed father, or anyone claiming paternity of Avani Richmond DOB: 10/11/2024, be advised of their right to have counsel at every stage of these proceedings and that counsel will be appointed if they cannot pay for the services of counsel and that such proceedings may result in the severance of parental rights and the transfer of custody of said child(ren) unto the Petitioner.

/s/ Michael E. Froble
Circuit Court Judge
30th Judicial Circuit
(19,26mr)

A.A. meetings in Hinton

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

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 (222 5th Avenue). The format of the meeting will be an open discussion of a weekly topic related to alcohol use/abuse.

For more information, please call 304-660-7073 or call the toll-free number at 1-800-333-5051.



Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,

I purchased a new pair of shoes and each of the new shoes has what appears to be a pressed shoe-shaped form in the toe of both shoes. Is this shoe-shaped form recyclable? Likes New Shoes

Dear Likes New Shoes,

Yes, your shoe-shaped form made of pressed cardboard is recyclable. In fact, cardboard is one of the most recyclable materials that we have.

There are, however, a few cardboards that are not recyclable. For example, waxed cardboard, not to be confused with glossy finished cardboard, is one of the biggest of the nonrecyclable cardboards. Milk cartons and juice containers have a waxed layer that keeps the cartons from leaking, but also prevents them from being recycled. Cardboards with food grease on it, for example pizza boxes, are

not recyclable either as the food grease is a contaminant. Another kind of nonrecyclable cardboard is chipboard, also known as particle board. Chipboard is used for various applications, including furniture and cabinets. Since cardboard is recycled using water (pulp) to break down the cardboard, the stiff, non bendable particle board can't be broken down this way. If your cardboard has oil-based paint on it, it may not be recyclable either as oil paint is a contaminant. Glossy cardboard can sometime be a challenging to recycle as it has a shiny finish made from plastic or wax. If there is a heavy coat of either wax or plastic, the cardboard will not recycle.

Dear Recycle Lady,

How is the new plastic that has been created going to be any better for our environment than the plastic that is now being

used? Need Clarification

Dear Need Clarification,

Scientists have long been looking for a biodegradable plastic.

The RIKEN Centre for Emergent Matter Science in Japan has created a new plastic that is biodegradable and dissolves in seawater in a matter of hours and 10 days in soil. Takuzo Aida, who led the research, said that "with this new material, we have created a new family of plastics that are strong, stable, and recyclable that can serve multiple functions and, importantly, they do not generate microplastics."

This is a big step in ending plastic pollution and supporting a sustainable environment.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Yesterday I came across the word pre-recycling in a magazine article. What is pre-cycling? Wondering

Dear Wondering,

According to https://recyclingimplified.com,

pre-cycling is about reducing waste. It is sometimes called a low-waste lifestyle as it is about making initial choices that will minimize waste or maximize reusable or recyclable materials. For example, it is about choosing items that are unpackaged, have less packaging or have packaging that is recyclable. It is doing simple things, like taking a reusable bottle or bag with you, buying only what you need, or using rags instead of paper towels for cleaning. If you are trying to decide between a plastic, paper or cardboard container, paper and cardboard containers are the best option.

Ultimately, pre-recycling is making choices that reduce consumer waste and have the smallest possible impact on the environment. Interesting

Info: According to The Week Junior, "The Constitutional Court of Ecuador has ruled that marine ecosystems on the country's coast have legal rights."

Whales, sharks, dolphins, manta rays and sea turtles all live in the Pacific Ocean of the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador.

In 2008, Ecuador was the first country to declare that nature had legal rights; that oceans and seas are essential for "the healthy functioning of the planet." Both New Zealand and Bolivia have also passed similar laws that protect natural environments by giving them legal rights.

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.

Record Visitation for New River Gorge National Park and Preserve in 2024 Proves a Strong Foundation for Tourism

BECKLEY W.Va. (Hinton News) - New River Gorge National Park and Preserve welcomed 1,811,937 visitors in 2024—a 6.31% increase from 2023.

2024 was a record-breaking year for the National Park Service, welcoming 331.0 million guests over the system's 443 units. The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve's 6.31% rise outpaced the overall surge in national park site visitation, which was 2%.

New River Gorge National Park and Preserve's record-breaking visitation coincides with the boost in visitor spending. In 2023, the nine counties within Southern West Virginia's marketing footprint—Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Raleigh, Summers and Wyoming—brought in \$1.2 billion in visitor spending, a dramatic increase from the \$881 million in 2019, before the national park's redesignation. Visitor spending is calculated from money spent at local businesses like retailers, gas stations, hotels and campgrounds, restaurants and recreational outfitters.

Visit Southern West Virginia is working hard to

continue attracting visitors to the area and the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve through social media promotions and brochure distribution. The organization's Facebook account reaches an average of 234,816 accounts weekly, with some posts reaching over a million views across 10 countries. The organization also teams up with influencers to engage audiences worldwide. Visit Southern West Virginia distributes approximately 400,000 brochures and visitor guides annually to direct tourists to local businesses.

The draw of outdoor recreation sites, such as the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, continues to be a strong foundation for Southern West Virginia's tourism industry and economy.

"Working in the tourism industry for over 30 years, it has been so exciting to watch new visitors discover West Virginia," said Lisa Strader, executive director. "The New River Gorge has always been an integral part of our destination, but with the park designation, we have seen visitors from further away, staying longer and spending more throughout our region."

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0854-E-42T
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Rule 42T tariff filing to increase rates and charges.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES

Notice is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing electric service to approximately 460,921 customers in their service territories in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wetzel, and Wyoming. This filing is a replacement of Case No. 24-0669-E-42T that was dismissed by the Commission on September 18, 2024. The rates, tolls, and charges proposed in this filing are in lieu of, and NOT in addition to, those proposed in the dismissed Case No. 24-0669-E-42T.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective December 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$250,493,835 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 14.12 percent. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$27.15	16.16%
Commercial	\$57.09	14.04%
Industrial	\$32,385	11.63%
Resale	N/A	N/A
Other	\$1.33	12.01%

A residential customer using 1,000 kWh would experience a monthly increase over current rates of \$23.74 or 13.54%.

Resale customers of Appalachian Power Company include Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, City of Radford, Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative, City of Salem, Kingsport Power Company, Black Diamond Power Company and Virginia Tech Electric. Resale rates are subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and are not affected by this West Virginia jurisdictional rate filing. The increases shown are based on the averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene prior to April 7, 2025. Failure to timely intervene can affect your right to participate in the proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written or electronic protest at any time prior to the start of the evidentiary hearing. Customers may also make verbal protest at a public comment hearing scheduled in this case. Notice of the evidentiary hearing and public comment hearing dates and locations will appear in future newspaper publications. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to:

The Executive Secretary,
Public Service Commission of West Virginia
P.O. Box 812
Charleston, West Virginia 25323

A complete copy of the tariff, as well as a representative of the Companies to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following office of the Companies: 200 Association Drive, Charleston, WV 25311. A copy of the tariff is also available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents on the website of the Companies www.appalachianpower.com/account/bills/rates/APCORatesTariffsWV.aspx.

Any customer wishing to receive a reduced-size copy of the tariff can telephone toll-free 800-982-4237, request such a copy and provide the necessary mailing information, and a copy will be mailed to the customer. A copy of the tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

The Hillbilly Storyteller: The Young Boys Get Their First Gun and Go on Their First Hunt

The Hillbilly Storyteller

I am a true hillbilly. Everyone I know has a gun. It is part of life in the hills. The young boys and girls cannot wait until they are 10 years old. That is how old they are when they get their first gun. Most of the time the gun comes from their father getting it for them. Do not think the girls cannot shoot. They can shoot as good as I can. The young people who get their guns this year get to do something they have never got to do before – they get to go on the big hunt.

Most say “We can’t wait til we get our gun.” I remember I could not sleep the night before the big hunt because I was just too excited. Most of the time 3 or 4 days before the big hunt the old men would let them target practice. The old men would set up targets for them to shoot at. The targets would be tin cans, or little apples or empty shot gun shells. It was good for them to practice. When I target practiced I love to put it on to my brothers.

There is a lot of work to be done to go on a hunt. If you take a rope and tie it between to trees and then loop a canvas over it and tie down the 4 corners it is a shelter. It keeps everything dry. Easy and convenient. We would always take bales of straw for the dogs’ beds. The old timers always took care of their dogs. They used the dogs to tree the squirrels with. That is the reason they took the dogs.

The boys that were on their first year of going on the hunt had to have one of the old men go with them to teach them. They learned a lot. They would tell them not to shoot a squirrel too close because it would ruin the meat. If you shoot too far away you would miss the shot. The most important thing the old men would tell the boys that were on their first year of hunting was to know where their bullet was going if they missed their target. You have to know if there is a building or someone’s cattle that might be shot accidentally if you missed.

For some reason there is a lot of people this year. There are 15 this year. The most it has ever been. I reckon because it is so pretty. One of the old men said, “This year we can only stay 3 or 4 days because we left a lot of work to do at home that we have to catch up on.” As evening approached the first day everyone had done good. Everyone had killed something. There were a lot of animals to be skinned and cleaned and put in the big cooking pot. That would be the meal for the next day. The camp was always near a creek or spring so there would be good water for drinking and cooking. The food in the big pot was cooked slow for a long time so that the meat would be falling off the bones. The men and boys got the meat for their supper and the dogs got the bones. The next day everyone just knew when to go back to back for supper. The smell of the cooking meat brought them all in from the woods. Even the dogs were sniffing the wonderful smell of the big cooking pot.

On the evening of the second day everybody did good. They got out all the lard cans and the salt. The game they had killed was skinned and cleaned and salted down before going in the lard cans.



The boys first hunt picture by The Hillbilly Storyteller

The salt kept the meat from spoiling. On the third day the old men said to the boys that had just turned 10 years old that they were to take the dogs and go hunting by themselves for the first time. The boys were very excited. The boys did wonderful. They each had about 3 or 4 squirrels apiece when they got back.

About that time the dogs got on a trail of something and ran off plum out of hearing distance. They went so far you couldn’t hear them barking. The old men said, “If the dogs are chasing a deer it will go in a big circle and they will be back in a while.” And sure enough in about an hour here the dogs came. The old men said, “Catch them.” They said to scold the dogs for chasing the deer and make them lay down in their beds. The dogs laid there all night. They were so tired they barely moved. I don’t believe they will be chasing any more deer.

The evening of the fourth day the old men decided that they would just take the animals home. They would divide them up and then skin and clean them when they got home. As we was heading home I made the biggest mistake of my life. I rode in the truck with 2 boys that got about an hour here the first time. They kept telling their stories over and over – about the one that got in the big tall tree and it hung on to the limb and they had to poke it with a stick, and about the one that got away at the last second and the great big one that the dog treed but eventually got away. I closed my eyes as they just kept on talking and talking all the way home. It was the biggest excitement of their lives – to go on their first big hunt.

Moral of the story – the excitement of a first great adventure will stay with you always.

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Annual 4-H & FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show a Success

GREENBRIER COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The 74th Annual Greenbrier Valley 4-H & FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale was held on Friday, March 14, and had 77 participants showcasing over 116 items, with sales totaling \$84,600.20.

This program allows youth in FFA and 4-H to take their livestock project a step further while turning them into young entrepreneurs! Participants with poultry projects are trained to successfully raise a laying hen, as well as how to select a perfect dozen of eggs based on interior and exterior quality. Swine participants are instructed on the proper procedures and techniques to cure a ham and bacon taking their product from harvest to the dinner table. These carefully crafted products are then judged for quality and auctioned off to dedicated supporters of FFA and 4-H in the area.

With the combined support of parents, volunteers, local businesses, 4-H Clubs, FFA chapters, and WVU Extension, youth across Greenbrier and Monroe Counties continue to expand their knowledge, master skills and build character through the Ham, Bacon and Egg Program.

This year’s ham and bacon judge was Virgil Wilkens, a retired Vocational Agriculture Instructor from Hundred High School in Wetzel County. The eggs were judged by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture Regulatory and Environmental Affairs Division.

Greenbrier and Monroe County 4-H and FFA would like to thank the following buyers: WV State Fair, Farmers Home Fire Ins Co., McCoy Fencing, Warren’s Real Estate Auctions, Morgan Funeral Home, 4C HVAC Solutions, Rasman Walker - State Farm Ins., The Greenbrier, Greenbrier Ford, Greenbrier Chevrolet, Greenbrier Motors, Tim & Wanda Hoke, The Bank of Monroe, Monroe Ins Group, Garys Garage, Valley Vet Clinic, Greenbrier Excavating & Paving, Farm Credit of the Virginias, Freedom Ag & Energy, Beech Ridge Energy, Long Farm, James River Equipment, Seneca Trail Animal Hospital, Ironsides Animal Health, Ora Ford, Greenbrier Valley Medical Center- CAMC, Sonya Fullen-Realtor, Buck Law Firm/

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