

“Takin’ a Ride in 2025”: John Henry Days Returns This Weekend with Exciting Events

Hinton News Staff

TALCOTT W.Va. (Hinton News) - John Henry Days 2025 is scheduled for this coming weekend in Talcott, from Friday, July 11, to Sunday, July 13. The 28th Annual John Henry Days festival, themed “Takin’ a ride in 2025,” kicks off on Friday at 11 a.m. with the John Henry Museum and Gift Shop opening. The evening will feature a live band at the tunnel at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 12, begins at 8 a.m. with a Run/Walk. Craft and food vendors, along with various activities, will be open from 9 a.m. There will be chainsaw carving demonstrations, blacksmithing, and weaving loom and spinning wheel demonstrations. The Grand Parade, honoring the Talcott Fire Department as Grand Marshals, is set for 11 a.m., with parade registration from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Talcott School. The festival concludes on Sunday, July 13, with events starting at 11 a.m. For more, please see the John Henry Days special page inside.

Mountaineer Food Bank Receives Grant from the Hinton Area Foundation to Support Veterans

G A S S A W A Y W.Va. (Hinton News) – Mountaineer Food Bank is honored to announce the receipt of a \$2,000 grant from the Hinton Area Foundation. This grant will directly support the Veterans Table Program, which is dedicated to ensuring food security for military veterans and their families. West Virginia has a long history of men and women who have bravely served our country. Despite their sacrifices, many of our veterans face the harsh reality of not knowing where their next meal will come from. The Mountaineer Food Bank is dedicated to helping these veterans through our Veterans Table Program, which provides monthly food boxes filled with nourishing and nutritious foods. These boxes include a variety of shelf-stable items as well as fresh produce, protein, and dairy products, ensuring that veterans receive the balanced nutrition they need. “Too many veterans in our communities face food insecurity after giving so much in service to our country,” said Chad Morrison, CEO of Mountaineer Food Bank. “This grant allows us to deepen our commitment to ensuring no veteran goes hungry and receives the support and respect they deserve.” The Veterans Table Program currently serves 1,400 veterans across West Virginia each month. These funds will help fortify our commitment and strengthen our partnership with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) to reach more homebound veterans, delivering food directly to their doors. To learn more about the Veterans Table Program or how you can get involved, visit mountaineerfoodbank.org/veteranstable.



NRGRDA 2024 State and Regional Impact is Substantial

BECKLEY W.Va. (Hinton News) – The New River Gorge Regional Development Authority (NRGRDA), and its entrepreneurial program the WV Hive, recently issued its inaugural 2024 Regional Impact Report showcasing its substantial accomplishments throughout the New River Gorge Region and Southern West Virginia. Leveraging a staff of 13 skilled professionals and the support of local, state and federal resources, NRGRDA Executive Director Jina Belcher said, “By all measurements, 2024 was an unqualified success in all categories and metrics. Our team is honored to have earned the trust to promote and leverage community and economic development benefits in one of the most beautiful places on Earth – southern West Virginia and the New River Gorge region.” The full report is available at <https://nrgrda.org/impact/> and is filled with compelling details of the economic development authority’s organizational efforts. Some of the key highlights include:

Business Attraction
The NRGRDA has made significant strides in attracting investments to the region by proactively identifying opportunities and providing businesses with the tools they need to succeed. Through ChooseNRG.com, its site selection tool, NRGRDA streamlines the process for companies seeking prime locations.
\$23,781,896 in investments committed
Federal - \$15,895,110
State - \$5,986,786
Local - \$1,900,000
99 active property listings on ChooseNRG.com

141 site-ready acres developed to target business recruitment
12 prospects generated via ChooseNRG.com
950 acres of property acquired for proactive redevelopment planning
1 building acquired for focused, productive reuse
\$2,600,000 committed to critical infrastructure development for site-ready property
75 manufacturing jobs created

Success in Attracting Investments to the Region
Pioneering Site Readiness to Drive Economic Growth with the following top successes:
Raleigh County Memorial Airport
PATTERN Training and Manufacturing Center
Pinecrest Business and Technology Park
University Drive Infrastructure Project
\$43,000,000 invested by new businesses in the region
\$98,712.50 in technical assistance support for project advancement
8 new vendors engaged for NRGRDA project support
161 local jobs retained through expansion projects

Success in Capital Invested by Businesses
NRGRDA’s Role in Klöckner Pentaplast Expansion in Beaver, W.Va.
Success in Technical Assistance Committed by Partner Programs: Hinton Ice House
Success in Vendors Procured for Projects: Retained Vendors
Success in Jobs Retained
SMR Technologies, Inc. and Nicholas County
WV Hive Businesses/Entrepreneurs



Jina Belcher, Executive Director of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority (NRGRDA), named Bowles Rice, LLP and Huntington Capital Markets, as its 2024 Partners of the Year at the December 6 Showcase and Soiree at the Summersville Arena and Conference Center. Left to right are Corey Bonasso, Bowles Rice, LLP; Belcher, NRGRDA; Aaron Sporck, Huntington Bank; and Philip Angelo, Huntington Capital Markets.

Local economic stability and community growth was achieved by maintaining 136 and 22 positions for these two organizations respectively. These efforts not only secured livelihoods, but also preserved the skilled workforce necessary for continued innovation and competitiveness.
Small Business and Entrepreneurship
166 entrepreneurs or small businesses served
13 small businesses created
Retail opportunities secured for 17 entrepreneurs
37 trainings provided for 396 training participants
\$167,271.27 in technical assistance deployed
Success in Support Programs Accessed by Entrepreneurs
Multiple Training Opportunities with the nationally acclaimed CO.STARTERS program

Specialized Training Opportunity with ZingTrain to enhance quality customer service
Fostering Business Resilience and Entrepreneurial Growth
ACT Now Coalition – The WV Hive is partnering with The West Virginia Community Development Hub, Advantage Valley, WV Brownfields Assistance Center, and AFV Educate, Inc. to increase business resilience in Accelerate Communities and deliver signature services in Logan and Mingo Counties as part of the Community and Business Resilience Initiative (CBRI).
Success in Enhancing the Region’s Appeal
Further development of Needleseye Trails
Completion of Fayetteville Pump Track
Success in Two New Committees Created
Land Reuse Agency, Action Committee

NRG Working Group Subcommittees
Success in Turning Vacant Properties into Community Assets
NRGRDA and Fayette County Land Reuse Agency
Food Business Incubation Hub
Success in Quality of Place Priorities Assessed
Wayfinding Assessment
Barriers to Capital Access
Statewide Child Care Economic Impact Survey
Regional Housing Needs Assessment
“We are here to serve the region and its citizens,” said Judy Moore, Deputy Director of NRGRDA and Executive Director of the WV Hive. “We are extremely proud of the work portrayed in the 2024 Impact Report and we encourage our community, partners, and supporters to read it and explore opportunities to collaborate and innovate with us in 2025 and beyond. By working together, we can continue building a more resilient and prosperous Southern West Virginia.”
Belcher added that sustaining this level of innovation will require continued collaboration and commitment. “We receive invaluable support from our Congressional delegation, the Governor and Legislature, regional and local leaders, the business community, financial institutions, educational institutions, and the media. On behalf of our staff and board of directors, we extend our deepest thanks to those we’ve had the pleasure to work with, and we look forward to building new relationships and partnerships in the year ahead.”

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Community Obituaries



Rita Jane Keaton Pack

It's with profound sadness the family announces the passing of a beautiful lady, inside and out, Rita Jane Keaton Pack.

Rita, 75, of Pipestem and Bellepoint, went home to be with Jesus Christ, her Lord, on June 27, 2025.

She was born on August 19, 1949, to a WWII veteran, Charles Russell Keaton, and a Rosie the Riveter, Dorothy Jewell Worrell Keaton of Pipestem. Rita enjoyed

a farm life upbringing, where integrity, hard work, and honesty were an everyday part of life. Her family was active in Cooks Chapel Church at Pipestem, where she accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age. She also sang in a trio with her sister, Martha. She patterned her walk with God and the belief in healing from her grandfather, Rev. George Worrell.

She graduated from Hinton High School in 1967 and was selected Miss Bobcat her senior year, where she also met and married her high school sweetheart, Steve. She and Steve were featured on the grand opening brochure for Pipestem State Park in 1970. Rita wondered how they got selected; Steve said it was because she was gorgeous. Rita loved working with the reunion commit-

tee organizing her high school class reunions. Rita graduated from Concord College in 1970 and received her Masters degree from WV College of Graduate Studies. She enjoyed 35 years of teaching at Hinton High School and Princeton Sr. High School, where she retired.

During her years at Hinton High, she started the Bible Club and freely gave up her lunch time to minister to the kids that attended. She was also active in organizing the Jubilee. She helped start and organize the first AWANA club in Summers Co. at Bellepoint Baptist Church and served in AWANA for 25 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hinton, a lifetime member of the Summers County Historical Society, a member of

the Hinton Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, and was the organizer of the annual Old Log Church Reunion at River Ridge, Pipestem.

Rita opened her house to all of her children's friends, providing food, games, and fellowship.

She loved Jesus more than anything, and He was her best friend. All of her decisions in life were weighed on how to glorify Jesus. She was a true prayer warrior, and countless people reached out to her for prayer. Rita constantly sacrificed for her family, neighbors, students, and strangers. She was selfless and practiced random acts of kindness wherever she went, having a special place in her heart for the less fortunate. She's remembered by many for her wisdom, love, kindness, and generosity. Rita was bold about her faith

and longed for others to know the love of her Lord. Rita loved and honored her parents, taking care of them in their old age. She never lost faith, contending for her healing until she saw Jesus.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Dorothy Keaton.

She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Steve Pack; and their children, Sharon Pack (Los Angeles, CA), Valerie Pack (Waynesboro, VA), Ron Pack (Alexandria, VA), and Rachel Sack, husband, Josh (Greenville, SC); and her granddaughters, Aleah, Keatley, Naomi, and Isabel. Other survivors include her siblings, Martha Baker and Dave (Beckley, WV), Lonnie Keaton and Florence (Pipestem, WV), and Mary Wills and her son, Jer-

emy Wills (True, WV).

Celebration of Life was held at the First Baptist Church at 108 Temple St. in Hinton, WV at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2025. Visitation with the family was prior to the service from 12 to 2 p.m. Her private entombment was at The Greenbrier Burial Park Mausoleum. A live stream of the memorial service can be viewed at First Baptist Church of Hinton, WV's Facebook page.

The three crosses on Zion Mountain had been lit for Rita, last week, to remember the positive impact she had for our Lord and the community of Hinton.

Online condolences can be given at www.pivontfuneralhome.com.

Submitted by Pivont Funeral Home, Hinton, WV.

Creative Writing Workshop in Hinton - Make Your Character Suffer

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - On July 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, there will be a free creative writing workshop at the Summers County Public Library. This is an

in-person workshop taught by Cheryl Kula (author of Unsinkable Sam and A Different Tail). It is open for all ages (10 to 100), but be aware that they may discuss some hard top-

ics. Sign up at the library or contact Cheryl Kula directly (cheryl.kula@gmail.com).

Workshop Description: Many writers find their stories fall flat because they create a

wonderful main character, and then they are reluctant to force their beloved character into difficult situations or to find a resolution to the situation. But bad decisions create

good drama. Conflict creates tension, which is often engaging and entertaining to your readers. Through this hands-on writing workshop, participants will discuss characters

and then create ways to make them suffer. Writers should walk away from this workshop with a fleshed-out main character and the framework for a full story.

Alert Issued in Gap Mills After Sheep Tests Positive for Rabies

GAP MILLS W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Monroe County Health Department has issued an alert regarding confirmation of a rabies case in a sheep found in the vicinity of Mountain View Rd. The positive test was reported on July 2.

Rabies is a severe viral disease that poses a significant threat as it can be transmitted

to pets, livestock, and humans through bites or contact with infected saliva.

What You Need to Know:

The Monroe County Health Department urges residents to take the following precautions:

Avoid Contact with Wild Animals: Exercise extreme caution and avoid any contact with wild animals,

particularly raccoons, bats, skunks, and foxes, which are common carriers of the rabies virus.

Ensure Vaccinations Are Up-to-Date: It is crucial to ensure that all pets and livestock are current on their rabies vaccinations. Regular vaccination is the most effective way to protect animals from this deadly disease.

Seek Immediate Assistance if Exposed: In the event that you or your pet may have been exposed to a potentially rabid animal, contact your healthcare provider or veterinarian immediately. Prompt medical attention is vital in preventing the onset of rabies.

For further information or concerns, residents can contact the Monroe County

Health Department at the details provided below.

Monroe County Health Department
200 Health Center Drive

P.O. Box 590
Union, WV 24983
Phone: (304) 772-3064
Fax: (304) 772-5677

HealthNet Aeromedical Services Launches 40th Anniversary Celebration



Photo by Christopher Miller

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) - West Virginians will soon notice a "40" on HealthNet Aeromedical Services aircraft.

That's because HealthNet Aeromedical Services - the not-for-profit critical care transport system

cooperatively owned and operated by Marshall Health Network, Vandalia Health and WVU Medicine - is celebrating four decades of providing high-quality aeromedical services across Central Appalachia.

"Our commitment

is to provide compassionate, high-quality care," said Clinton Burley, president and CEO of HealthNet Aeromedical Services. "Safety is our top priority and the focus of everything we do. That focus hasn't changed over the past four decades. But many things certainly have. It's an incredible story of collabora-

tion, dedication and innovation."

Before 1985, the West Virginia State Police operated medical helicopters out of the Charleston and Morgantown regions. However, the state-funded service operated only during daylight hours and a

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John Henry Days

July 11 - 13, 2025

"Takin' A Ride In '25"

A Peek into Summers County's Past: John Henry



John Henry statue comes into Talcott. Photo provided by William Jones



The train carrying the statue passes by. Photo provided by William Jones



Unloading the statue. Photo provided by William Jones



The statue is placed. Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones
Hinton News

TALCOTT W.Va.
(Hinton News) - I love

the history of Summers County as a whole; however, Pence Springs and Talcott are my two

passions within that. Coming upon the 28th anniversary of the John Henry Days festival

this July 10-13, I felt the need to give Talcott and John Henry a little shout out, as I wear my green t-shirt that says

"Talcott" on it. Each year, there is a theme for the event; this year is "Takin' A Ride In '25." I have talked about

the John Henry whiskey decanters, the John

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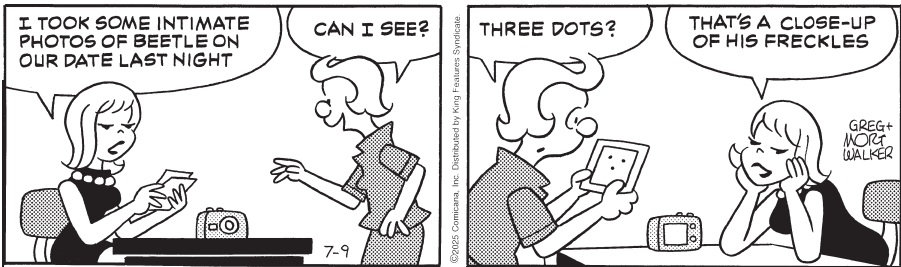
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Saturday, July 12 | 6-8pm



ENTERTAINMENT & COMICS PAGE

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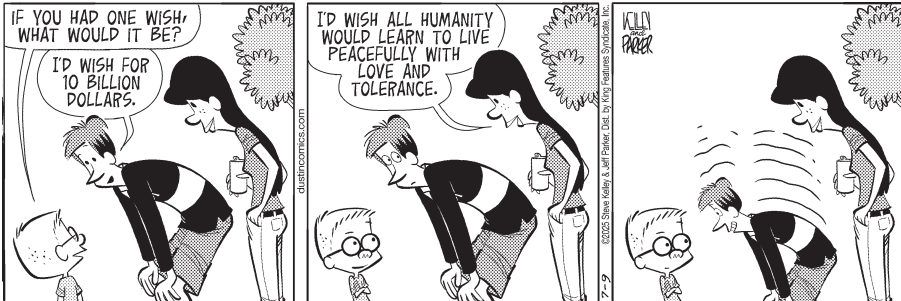
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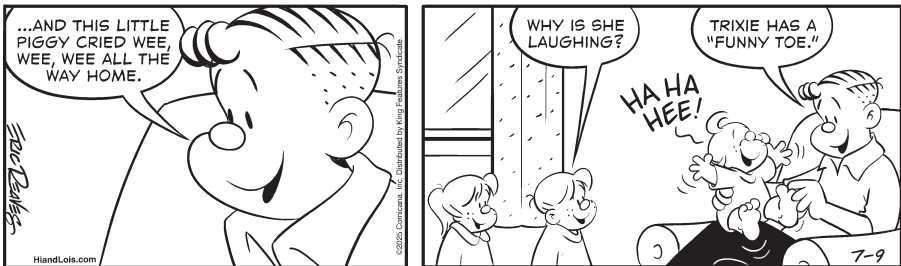
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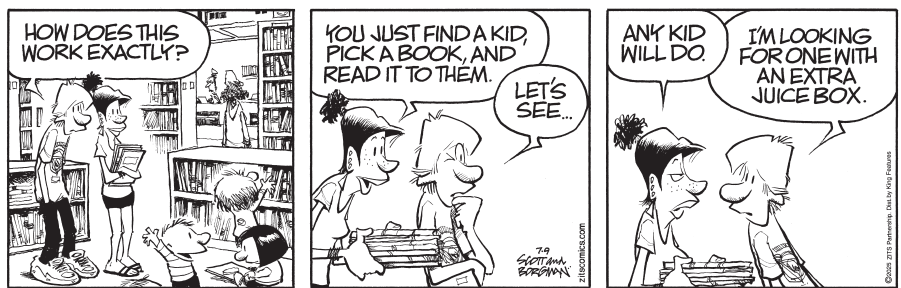
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SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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	3	6	9	7	1			
7	9	8						5
	1		5	8	3	7	9	6

Difficulty: ★★★

7/9

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:

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

Difficulty: ★★★

7/2



SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Hardly any
- 4 — goes there?
- 7 Post-WWII alliance
- 8 Yorkshire city
- 10 Chocolate source
- 11 Baseball division
- 13 1989 Kevin Costner film
- 16 Vintage
- 17 Tattered
- 18 Kung — chicken
- 19 Barracks beds
- 20 Elevator name
- 21 Garbage barges
- 23 Flynn of film
- 25 Desist
- 26 Tarzan's clique

DOWN

- 1 Con-fronted
- 2 List-ending shorthand
- 3 President Wilson
- 4 George of "Cheers"
- 5 Ford or Hudson
- 6 "Garfield" dog
- 7 Hammer target
- 8 Elevates
- 9 Awake suddenly
- 10 Corp. money manager

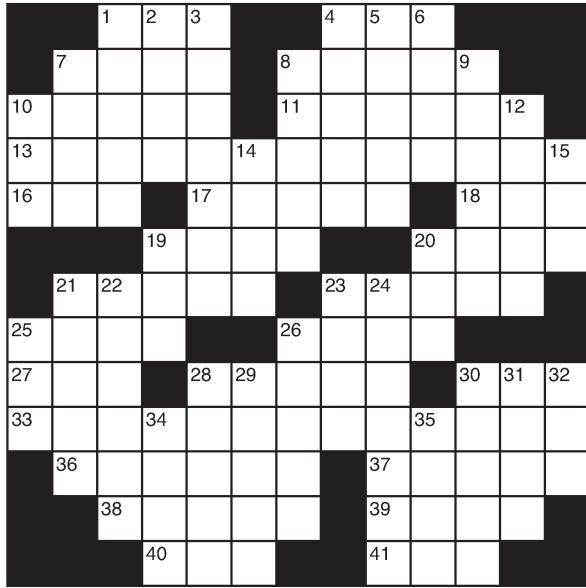
12 Yahoo

- alter-native
- 14 Feedbag filler
- 15 "Help!"
- 19 Officer
- 20 Hosp. areas
- 21 Walk with pride
- 22 "Lord Jim" author
- 23 Monumental
- 24 Backslide
- 25 Deli creation
- 26 Golfer Palmer, to fans
- 28 Bit of flora
- 29 Chair designer
- 30 Cram
- 31 Hide
- 32 MGM motto start
- 34 Corvette roof option
- 35 Go yachting

Solution time: 23 mins.

OFFS	PCS	TSAR
NUIT	OAT	AURA
UMBRELLA	KNIT	
SESAME	GREBES	
PUN	SEAL	
LBS	STY	VIOLA
IOWA	AAB	MCAT
NAIVE	PAL	KIA
MAWR	REL	
NESTEA	VOICES	
AGUA	BLANKETS	
PAIR	BAR	ELAN
ANTS	IND	ALLS

Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)



ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: After 5:15 a.m. EDT today (2:15 a.m. PDT) there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in CAPRICORN.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 9, 2025:

You are curious, enthusiastic and have an investigative mind. You blaze new trails! This is a year of learning and teaching. Renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore meditation or philosophies that will give you a better self-awareness and get you closer to the true meaning of your life.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

3★ This is a poor day to ask authority figures for permission or approval for something, because very likely, their response will be, "Talk to the hand." Nevertheless, relations with parents might prove to be mutually generous today. You might improve your home scene. Yes! Tonight: You're high-viz.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

4★ Controversial subjects might be a pain in the

neck for you because they will trigger tension with others. (Especially with authority figures or someone older.) Meanwhile, travel plans and opportunities to learn and study new things will encourage and please you. You win some, you lose some. Tonight: Explore!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3★ Discussions about shared property, inheritances might discourage you today. You might be unhappy with your share of something. Nevertheless, something to do with finances will please you. Perhaps this will relate to your job or a bank. Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

3★ Take it easy today and don't push the river, because conversations with partners and close friends, as well as authority figures, might discourage you. Rules, regulations and the advice of others might stifle your plans. Fortunately, a female friend might encourage you! Go figure. Tonight: Cooperate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

3★ Pay attention to the rules and regulations at

work today to make your life easier. Likewise, anything to do with your health or a pet will require your attention to duty and obligations. Later today, you feel lighthearted and happy. A winning reprieve! Tonight: Get organized.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

4★ Initially, children might be an increased burden or responsibility today. You also might have this feeling related to sports events or the entertainment world. Later in the day, things change. A sense of optimism will boost your spirits, and you're ready for fun! Tonight: Enjoy socializing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

3★ Be patient with partners, spouses and close friends today, because criticisms and negative thinking could create problems. You like to get along with others. Take the high road. Fortunately, family relations and discussions with parents will be encouraging! Tonight: Cocoon at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

4★ You might be worried about something today, which is always a drag. "Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do

but gets you nowhere." Fortunately, in another part of the forest, good news will make you feel optimistic and upbeat! Who knew? Tonight: Discussions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

3★ You might be concerned about the cost of an entertaining event or a vacation, or the cost of something related to your kids. A financial squeeze play might force you to curtail your plans. (Bummer.) Nevertheless, countering this, a little windfall might come your way. Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

4★ Today the Moon in your sign is at odds with Saturn, which can make you feel lonely, out of touch and cut off from others. Separations might occur. And yet, a contrasting this kind of influence, you also might feel reassured by a close friend or partner who lifts your spirits. Saved by the bell! Tonight: You win!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

3★ Friendships are important to you. However, for some reason, today you might feel cut off from someone. You might even

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.

CRTTA
RNCKA
LPYLEU
ASCWEH

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Last Wednesday's Answers



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

Jumbles: WHIRL ALLOW BOUNTY DRIVEL

Answer: The African safari was very expensive, but seeing so many animals made it all — WORTH "WILD"

feel lonely. Fortunately, this is short-lived. Work colleagues or someone connected with your health or a pet could turn these feelings around. Suddenly, you feel good! Tonight: Privacy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

4★ Tread carefully today, because you might offend a friend or a member of a group. Or vice versa, you might feel offended by a friend or a member of a group. Later in the day, you

will feel happy and popular with others! Accept invitations to socialize. Enjoy sports events and fun times with children. Tonight: Friends.

BORN TODAY

Actor Tom Hanks (1956), actress Kelly McGillis (1957), actor Jimmy Smits (1955)

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Given under my hand June 13, 2025.
Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of SUMMERS County, State of West Virginia (2,9,16jl)

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. Any person seeking to impeach or es-tablish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code § 41-5-11 – 13. Any interested

person objecting to the qualifications of the per-sonal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file writ-ten notice of an objection with the County Commis-sion through the Summers County Fiduciary Supervi-sor's office within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is for-ever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code § 44-2 or 44-3A.

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 request-ed by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support refer-ence to a fiduciary com-missioner.

First Publication Date: Wednesday, July 2, 2025
Claim Deadline: Sun-day, August 31, 2025
ESTATE OF: ALFRED O. WYKLE

EXECUTRIX: DEBRA KAY WYKLE
ESTATE OF: DEMPSEY LEE WEBB
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EXECUTOR: MARK HANK

Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 25, 2025.

Donald R. Basham Jr.
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County (2,9jl)

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Civil Action No. FC-45-2025-D-38

IN RE:

The Marriage of:
Darren Lee Forren, Jr.,
Petitioner,
and
Heaven Rejoice Forren (Ramsey),
Respondent

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

THIS IS A PUBLICA-TION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISE-MENT.

To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affida-vit filed in this action that Heaven Rejoice Forren (Ramsey) is a non-resident of the State of West Vir-ginia or has an unknown ad-dress. It is hereby ordered that Heaven Rejoice For-ren (Ramsey) serve upon Darren Lee Forren, Jr., Pe-titioner, whose address is Pruntytown Correctional Center & Jail, PO Box 159, Grafton, West Virginia, 26354, an Answer, includ-ing any related counter-claim or defense you may have to the Petition For Di-vorce filed in this action on or before August 1, 2025. If you fail to Answer the Pe-tition for Divorce, a judg-ment may be taken against you for the relief demand-ed in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court June 23, 2025.
/s/ Stacy D. Ford
Clerk of the Court (2,9jl)



Dear Recycle Lady,
Recently, you wrote about proper disposal of prescription medi-cines. What about pre-scription bottles? Are they recyclable? **Avid Recycler**

Dear Avid Recy-cler,

Although these bot-tles are not recyclable locally, Mathew 25: Ministries (m25m), a Cincinnati-based inter-national humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization, accepts donations of washed, unlabeled, empty plas-tic pill bottles and over-the-counter (OTC) pill bottles of all sizes. These bottles are sent to developing countries where they are reused in the dispensing of medications. Plus, this helps our environment by keeping these bottles out of landfills.

Too often, pills dis-pensed in developing countries are wrapped in paper, which doesn't protect the medication from loss, moisture or damage. It also doesn't protect children either as the pills are easily ac-cessible.

Before sending your bottles to m25m: (1) Remove labels, leaving no glue or sticky resi-due. Some labels peel off easily, others require soaking overnight in water. Goo-Be-Gone or lemon essential oil is helpful for remov-ing any sticky residue.

Dear Recycle Lady

(2) Wash bottles and lids in hot soapy water to remove any chemi-cal residue from medi-cines. (3) Rinse and dry the bottles thorough-ly. (4) Replace plastic caps (child-resistant or not child-resistant) on clean, dry bottles. (5) Separate prescription bottles from OTC bot-tles and place in sepa-rate resealable plastic bags labeled "Clean Bottles." Mail bottles to Mathew 25: Ministries, 11060 Kenwood Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242. See https://m25m.org/pillbottles or https://earth911.com/diy/re-use-pill-bottles/ for more specific instruc-tions.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch? **Concerned for Oceans**

Dear Concerned for Oceans,

Located between Ha-waai and California, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch is an accumu-lation of ocean plastic that is twice the size of Texas, an accumula-tion that began as early as the 1950s. Currents from all over the world carry the plastics that gather there, forming a massive floating island.

An estimated 1.15 to 2.41 million tons of plastic enter the ocean from rivers every year. Some of this plastic is less dense than water, so it will not sink once

it is in the water, and thus, it accumulates in the patch. The plastics that are stronger or more buoyant are trans-ported by converging currents over long dis-tances, finally accum-ulating in the patch and elsewhere. Ocean waves and heat from the sun cause the plastics to de-grade into smaller and smaller microplastics.

The ongoing effect of these microplastics on marine life is currently being studied. In 2015, a team of scientists con-sisting of a fleet of 30 boats, 652 surface nets and two flights over the patch conducted the most elaborate sam-pling method ever co-ordinated. By sampling different locations with-in the same time peri-od, a more accurate es-timate of the size of the patch and the amount of plastic drifting was obtained.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I am cleaning out the garage and have several half-full cans of paint. Do you know of any place that accepts cans of usable paint? **Clean Garage**

Dear Clean Ga-rage,

ReStore, a nonprofit that accepts and resells items to benefit Habitat for Humanity, said it would accept your cans of partially used paint. They are located outside Lewisburg on Route 219 N., across from Rose-

wood Cemetery and the Ford dealership. (1431 N. Jefferson Street).

If you have any empy cans of paint that are dry, they can be recy-cled at the Recycling Center in the steel con-tainer, not in the bin. Go to the aluminum can door and ring the buzzer. Someone will come to assist you.

If some of your cans contain only a small amount of paint, mix the paint with kitty lit-ter, sand or sawdust to thicken it, replace the lid and put it in the trash. Never put a can of any kind, or any amount of liquid in the trash without thicken-ing the liquid. The land-fill's permit prohibits it from accepting any free-flowing liquid.

Tuesday, July 1, be-gan the 15th annual Plas-tic Free July challenge. The challenge is to choose one thing each day in July that reduces your use of single-use plastic. Last year, 174 million people accept-ed the challenge world-wide, making a huge impact on the environ-ment.

Have questions about recycling or interest-ing information about recycling? Send ques-tions or requests to Re-cyclelady7@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

WVDNR Files Legislative Rules For Review, Seeks Public Comments

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced that it has filed several proposed legislative rule chang-es with the Secretary of State's Office and is inviting public com-ment on the proposals through July 24.

Members of the public may review the proposed rules online at sos.wv.gov/admin-law and are encouraged to submit written comments by email to DNRCom-ments@wv.gov or by mail to:

WV Division of Natural Resources
ATTN: Wendy Greene
112 California Avenue
Charleston, WV 25305

The proposed leg-islative rule changes include:

Rules Governing Small Arms Hunt-ing (58CSR14)

The WVDNR pro-poses repealing this rule, which is no lon-ger needed following legislative changes made during the 2025

Regular Session. HB 2387 eliminated the requirement for an A1 pistol stamp to hunt with a handgun, and a separate rule change removed maximum caliber restrictions for nighttime coyote hunting. The rule and related documents can be viewed online here.

Wildlife Rehabil-itation (58CSR21)

This new rule estab-lishes standards for the state's newly cre-ated wildlife rehabil-itation program. It outlines application, training and permit requirements, care and housing stan-dards and key defi-nitions for wildlife rehabilitators. The rule and related doc-uments can be viewed online here.

Special Boating Rule (58CSR26)

This proposed amend-ment would remove horsepower restric-tions on six impound-ments statewide and update the definition of electric motor. The rule and related doc-

uments can be viewed online here.

Prohibitions When Hunt-ing and Trap-ping (58CSR47)

To simplify regula-tions, the WVDNR proposes moving min-imum handgun barrel length requirements for hunting and pro-

visions still needed from the soon-to-be-repealed 58CSR14 into this rule. The rule and related doc-uments can be viewed online here.

To learn more about hunting, fishing and boating regulations in West Virginia, visit WVdnr.gov



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Henry museum that was the old LG Rhodes store in Talcott, which was donated by Donna and Ellery Wykle, the John Henry Museum Restoration Gala that my mother and I planned after Donna passed away in 2013, and the large roadside statue.

The Hilldale-Talcott Ruritan Club set out to have a statue made to commemorate the legend of John Henry. I purchased a fantas-

tic John Henry artifact from an online auction in Roanoke, VA, several years ago. This little statue was sold as just one of the many means of raising the funds to have the statue made and placed over the top of the Big Bend Tunnel, where he died in competition during its construction, and where he stood until being relocated to the park.

The original card that hung on the chalkware

statue I purchased at auction reads: “John Henry, The Steel Driving Man The figure you have purchased is a small replica of an original statue of John Henry, the Steel Driving Man who gained fame in racing the steam drill in the C.&O. Railroad Big Bend Tunnel at Talcott, West Virginia in the late 1800’s. But who, in so doing, died from the exertion.

History has it that

John Henry is not a legend, but was a real man, who worked in the tunnels and lived and died at Talcott, West Virginia, where a John Henry Park is being developed for all to see.

The original sculpture by Charles O. Cooper, Sculptor, of Williamstown Gallery, Williamstown, Michigan, is eight feet tall, of bronze, and in the spring of 1972, will be placed over the Big Bend Tunnel where John Henry died.”

Now, for a series of photos from the day the statue was brought into Talcott in 1972 and placed on the pedestal where it stood for decades. First is a photo of him being brought through the Big Bend Tunnel, where he died in competition during its construction. It was very symbolic to have him come into Talcott through this tunnel.

Next is a photo of where he emerged from the tunnel on his way “uptown” in Talcott. The third is of him being unloaded from the train to be placed on a truck to haul him to his final resting place over the Big Bend Tunnel, where he stood for decades. Last is a photo of a crane lowering him onto the stone base where he majestically stood for years. With a crowd of spectators looking on.

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lack of funding threatened its existence altogether.

West Virginia’s hospital systems stepped in, taking inspiration from St. Anthony’s Hospital in Denver, where, years earlier, in a bid to host the 1972 Olympic Games, a hospital-based air medical helicopter system was launched to ensure injured Olympians could quickly reach area medical centers. Ironically, Denver didn’t host the Olympics, but they had creat-

ed a quality, hospital-sponsored flight program that worked very well.

The Mountain State’s hospitals worked cooperatively, providing air transport for all of West Virginia. That cooperative nature is reflected in HealthNet Aeromedical Services’ “snowflake” logo, with lines extending to all parts of the state.

“Their vision turned into the incredible system we have today,” Burley said. “Each could have operated

their own transport systems, but they decided to work together, doing the best thing for West Virginia and her people.”

HealthNet Aeromedical Services’ dedication in 1986 took place at Charleston Area Medical Center, where West Virginia native and renowned NASA astronaut the late John McBride spoke.

Its first two bases were in Charleston and Morgantown, and Huntington’s base began operating in 1987.

Today, HealthNet Aeromedical Services’ eight bases include operations in Beckley, Buckhannon, Huntington, Lewisburg, Martinsburg, Millwood, Morgantown and Moundsville.

“Our story is one of challenges and opportunities,” Burley said. “It’s one of success. And I’m proud that it’s a story of firsts, and a story of countless lives saved.”

HealthNet Aeromedical Services was the first program east of the Mississippi

River to utilize night vision goggles in all phases of operation, allowing pilots to more safely navigate the state’s hills and hollows.

It was one of the earliest programs to have blood and plasma on all flights.

“HealthNet Aeromedical Services employs the latest technology in both safety and clinical operations,” Burley said. “The program is dedicated to leveraging technology to improve service delivery.”

In 2019, HealthNet Aeromedical Services was named Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) Program of the Year.

Today, the fleet of 10 aircraft includes eight helicopters with twin engines and Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) equipment. “An IFR-equipped aircraft can fly in and above the clouds and allow us to reach many patients that other helicopters simply cannot,” Burley said. “That means we save lives every day.”

NFL’s Houston Texans Making Training Camp Stop at Greenbrier



Quarterback C.J. Stroud and the Houston Texans are coming to the Greenbrier this August (Photo: Houston Texans/Facebook)

Brandon Baker
Hinton News

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS W.Va. (Hinton News) - A couple of days ago, the Houston Texans’ official Facebook page an-

nounced that the team will spend August 4th through 7th at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs as a pit stop for part of their 2025 training camp season.

The Texans are no strangers to the Resort as they also held training camp at the Greenbrier in 2017 and 2018, as the place has become a hotbed for NFL camps over the last several years.

According to the fan comments on the page, they seem to be extremely excited, with some from Texas saying that West Virginia is a special place, and they look forward to traveling there if the practices are open to the public--still trying to confirm one way or the other. Other Houston fans expressed excitement due to living close to the Greenbrier and can make an easy trip to the Hotel.

Houston finished last season with a record of 10-7 and lost to the Kansas

City Chiefs in the divisional round of the playoffs. They are coached by Demeco Ryans and feature star players like quarterback C.J. Stroud, receivers Tank Dell and Nico Collins, and running back Dameon Pierce.

The WVDN and Hinton News will have a full team report once the Texans arrive in Greenbrier County.

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Series On Calvinism (Part 23) Perseverance of the Saints

(Last week we looked at more proof texts used by Calvinists in support of the doctrine of perseverance of the saints. Today we will look at the scriptures to see the objections to this doctrine.)

Scriptural Objections to Perseverance of the Saints

Matthew 13:41,42. All who are in Christ’s kingdom have been born again (John 3:3-5) but some of those in the kingdom who “practice lawlessness” will be gathered out of it.

John 15:1-6. In these verses Jesus warns His disciples to continue to abide in Him. If it is impossible for a Christian not to abide in Christ, then Jesus’ warning has no meaning. A Christian who does not repent of failing to abide in Christ can only anticipate destruction in the final day.

Acts 8:9-24. Simon believed and was baptized. (v. 3) Thus there is no question he was a child of God. After becoming a child of God he sought to buy the gift of God with money. (vv. 18-19) He was told he was “poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.” (v. 23) He was commanded to “repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart can be forgiven you.” (v. 22) One inspired man, Luke, called Simon a baptized believer. Another inspired man, Peter, told him he would perish with his money. Simon, though a child of God, had sins that needed to be forgiven or he would perish. (v. 20) Simon had fallen from grace.

Romans 8:12, 13. This passage is directed toward “brethren.” (v. 12) It is possible for a brother, a child of God, to live according to the flesh and “die.” (v. 13)

Romans 11:22. This text is a warning to Gentile Christians who were in God’s “goodness.” If they failed to continue in God’s goodness, they would be “cut off.”

Romans 14:15 and **1 Corinthians 8:11.** Both of these passages warn Christians not to cause their brethren to sin in matters of judgment. Those “for whom Christ died,” Calvinists would call them the elect, can be destroyed (Rom. 14:15) or perish. (1 Cor. 8:11)

1 Corinthians 9:27. Not even the staunchest Calvinist would deny that the apostle Paul was a child of God. Yet, in this text, Paul said, that even after preaching to others, he could be “disqualified,” i.e., he could be lost even though he was a Christian.

Galatians 5:2-4. This passage is definitely directed toward Christians (cf. Gal. 3:26), children of God. The word translated “fallen” in this text is the same word that is used in other places to refer to divorce. It could be translated “severed.” These children of God were once as firmly united with the grace of God as a man is with his wife or as Christ is with the church, but now they have been divorced, severed, from grace. They could not be severed from something they were not joined to in the first place. They could not fall from that which they were not in.

1 Timothy 4:1. This passage states that some Christians “will depart from the faith.” Such a departure would cause them to be lost. In verse 16, Timothy is told if he, as a child of God, would be saved he would have to “continue in” the doctrine of Christ.

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(Continued next week when we will finish up this series by looking at the remaining objections to the doctrine of perseverance of the saints.)

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