

# Pipestem Zipline and Adventure Lake Welcome Visitors



Photo of the zipline in use provided by Pipestem Peaks Zipline

PIPESTEM W.Va. (Hinton News) – With the Pipestem Adventure Lake—two of the region’s premier outdoor attractions. Zip Through the Treetops Over the Stunning Bluestone Gorge Adventure-seekers aged 10 and up can take



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flight on the Pipestem Peaks Zipline Tour, a 3.5-hour, adrenaline-pumping canopy experience featuring nine ziplines that cross the awe-inspiring Bluestone Gorge three times, soaring over 300 feet above the ground. With breathtaking panoramic views and cool mountain air rushing by, guests will be guided by professionally trained staff who ensure the highest safety standards while sharing fascinating stories and facts about the

local flora and fauna. Each tour accommodates up to eight guests, accompanied by two expert guides, offering a safe, scenic, and unforgettable aerial adventure through the treetops. Participants must weigh between 100 and 250 pounds. Make a Splash at the Adventure Lake After zipping through the forest, cool off at Adventure Lake and Splash Park, a family favorite and the perfect place to spend a hot summer day. The lake features giant inflatable slides, mountains, trampolines, and more for all ages to enjoy. Kids can splash and play while parents relax in a lounge chair on the sandy beach. It’s also a popular venue for birthday parties and private gatherings, making it a go-to spot for summer celebrations. Other activities available at Pipestem include skeet shooting, mini golf, family float trips on the New River, and horseback riding. Plan Your Visit Reservations are required for Pipestem Peaks Zipline Tours and can be made by calling 1-833-WV-PARKS (1-833-987-2757), visiting wvstateparks.com, or going directly to wvstateparks.com/things-to-do/aerial-tours/pipestem-peaks/. For more information on Adventure Lake rentals, birthday party packages, and full activity details, visit www.pipestemadventures.com. Get ready to fly, float, and feel the fun this summer—only at the Pipestem Peaks Zipline Tour and Pipestem Adventure Lake!

# Washington DC: West Virginia’s Superpower Next Door



The White House amassed in darkness with the Washington Monument behind

Henry Jones Hinton News WASHINGTON D.C. (Hinton News) - For most, it resembles ancient Rome; for some, it’s simply their workplace. However, for all, it is the stronghold of modern Western politics. It took one afternoon-long train ride to enter the heart of America – Washington, D.C. The massive and imposing architecture left me in awe, the history



Union Station main hall. All three photos of Washinton D.C. by Henry Jones

and grandeur of each building individually made a lasting impression on me. The culture of Washington is present everywhere you go, the mistakes and triumphs of each to come before us echo through the streets. The people, with their strong advocacy for what is right, inspire anyone who visits. When you find yourself in the National Mall, where most of D.C.’s federal buildings are located, you see a diverse crowd of individuals, all gathered for the same reason: to experience the entirety of Washington, D.C. The allure of exploration, wonder, and amazement is hard to resist in this city. It’s important to note that while you may have an idea of what visiting D.C. will be like, nothing is comparable to actually being surrounded by the city in all its glory. As I explored downtown, and the National Mall, I couldn’t help but



The front of the Capitol Building immediately outside of Union Station

I spent the Fourth of July celebration on the Russell Senate Office Building steps and watched each firework explode between the Capitol Building and the Washington Monument, while surrounded by fellow Americans bound to the country and its cause. Knowing we were all celebrating the country despite the sorrows it’s facing brought a sense of patronage, and made me ask the question, “What’s next?” Not only is Washington D.C. one of, if not the most, powerful and protected areas in the world, but it is also an inspiring place for most, and grants young people, such as myself, a glimpse into the professional world, where dreams are fulfilled and victories are achieved. EDITOR’S NOTE: This article was written by a local student who recently traveled to Washington D.C. and wrote of his experience for The Hinton news

# Trump’s “One Big, Beautiful Bill” Signed into Law; CAP Officials Warn of Potential Harm to West Virginians

Joshua Lambert Hinton News WASHINGTON D.C. (Hinton News) — In a narrow vote, the U.S. Senate and House passed President Trump’s sweeping “One Big, Beautiful Bill,” legislation that critics say could deliver deep cuts to

programs that thousands of West Virginians rely on each day and year. Natasha Murphy, director of Health Policy at the Center for American Progress, and Kyle Ross, who works in Inclusive Economy at American Progress, spoke about the newly passed bill. The legislation, which was signed into law, has been touted by the White House as a “historic overhaul of wasteful government spending,” includes significant rollbacks of federal funding for

Medicaid expansion, stricter eligibility requirements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, and broad changes to how states administer aid for housing and child care. Policy analysts at the Center for American Progress (CAP) warn that the proposed changes could leave vulnerable families struggling to access basic health care and food assistance. According to CAP experts, the Senate version contains new work

requirements, tighter eligibility standards, and spending caps that could result in many low-income residents losing benefits altogether. “I’ll kind of focus in on two of the largest, most substantial,

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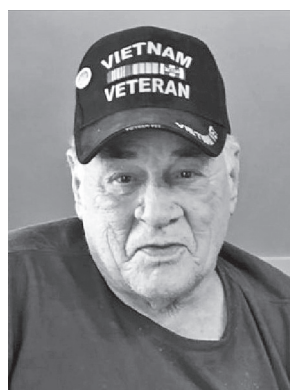
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# Community Obituaries



Troy Wilbur Phillips

Troy Wilbur Phillips, 86, widower of Debbie Phillips, passed away Sunday, July 6, 2025. Born in Athens, WV, he was the son of the late Preston and Maude Keaton Phillips. A former maintenance technician with Louisville Forge, Troy spent many years working construction with Daniel Construction Company and Capital Rigging. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he enjoyed reading Louis L'Amour westerns and watching sports in general. Troy was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

He is survived by his son, Randy (Patty) Phillips; brother, Arnold Phillips; sisters, Edith Wickline and Rita Draper; grandsons, Corey Micheal (Katelyn) Phillips and Brandon Scott (Hannah) Phillips; great-grandchildren, Lauren Elizabeth Phillips, Blake Emery Phillips, and Bennett Scott Phillips. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Ray Phillips and Tom Phillips. Funeral services were 10 a.m. Friday, July 11th, at Johnson's Funeral Home, conducted by Mike Ryan. Burial followed at the Crestlawn Memorial Cemetery. Visitation was 5 - 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10th. You can send online condolences at [www.johnsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.johnsonsfuneralhome.com). Johnson's Funeral Home of Georgetown, KY, is in charge of arrangements.

# Big Beautiful Bill Continued

dangerous changes here. The first, we're talking about really, well, overall, let me say, layman's terms main takeaway," said Ross. "This is, frankly, the largest cut to SNAP food assistance in the program's history. We're going to be talking at the end of the day, around the 17, 18% cut to the entire program, which, like I said, is going to be historic. This is going to kick millions of people, potentially off of their benefits." Ross also noted that although SNAP already has work requirements, "This [bill] just expands the people who would be subject to that requirement to older Americans, as old as 64, for the first time, as well as going back on a bipartisan deal from two years ago to make veterans, people experiencing homelessness and youth that are aging

out of foster care, subject to those requirements. This is going to put nationally 5 million folks at risk from losing their benefits." While supporters of the bill argue it will streamline federal spending and encourage self-sufficiency, advocacy groups and some lawmakers say it will do more harm than good in rural states like West Virginia where economic hardship and high rates of chronic illness already strain social safety nets. There are also talks of rural hospitals closing in the near future because of this bill, according to experts. Natasha Murphy spoke about Medicaid and said, "So this bill also imposes the largest cuts to Medicaid in the program's 60 year history. Somewhere on the order of magnitude of a trillion dollars. And that is

going to have huge impacts, definitely in West Virginia, but of course, nationwide. And I would also highlight probably two things that folks really need to be aware of. The first of which are these work requirements that are now applied or imposed on the Medicaid program," said Murphy. "And similarly, it is for folks who are 19 to 64 years old, so, you know, pretty much the entire working age population. And so beginning as early as January 1, 2027, some states will use a little bit more time and they actually have until December 31, 2028. But kind of in that time period, to maintain their Medicaid coverage and those enrolled would have to prove that they are either working 80 hours a month or participating in some type of other approved activity."

Murphy also said, "It's a gut punch to families who depend on these programs to get by." Local community organizations have already begun expressing concern. Cathy McCallister, a volunteer at a food pantry in Greenbrier County, said she fears the demand for emergency food boxes will skyrocket. "Our shelves are already stretched thin," she said. "If people lose their SNAP benefits or get cut off, they're going to turn to places like us — and I don't know if we can keep up." Residents and local officials alike are keeping a close eye on what happens next. Those seeking more detailed analysis can connect with policy experts at the CAP for a breakdown of the bill's key provisions and what they could mean for West Virginians.

# Monroe County Farmland Protection Board acquires Conservation Easement



L-R Rod Graves, Anna Ziegler, Amy Moloney, Lavonne Paden, Ronnie Glover, Scott Mason, Laura Smith

MONROE COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Monroe County Farmland Protection Board (MCFPB) partnered with the WV Agricultural Land Protection Authority and the USDA/NRCS to fund a voluntary conservation easement on a farm in Monroe County. Ronnie Glover protected 85 acres of land in the Union District of Monroe County. The property possesses State and locally recognized agricultural soils, which is of high importance to the Program. When asked about the land being protected by the conservation easement, Glover stated: "I don't want to see this farm developed. I want it to remain a farm." The purpose of the Farmland Protection Program is to preserve land for agricultural use. The farmland protection board acquires conservation easements under the West Virginia Voluntary Farmland Protection Act §8A-12-21. Since its inception in 2002, 28 easements and 4,622 acres have been placed under protection in Monroe County. 2,175 of

those acres have been donated to the Program. The farmland protection board has successfully leveraged local resources to bring in over \$2.6 million of State, Federal and non-profit funds to protect farms in Monroe County. This money goes directly into the hands of our farmers, which is then circulated into our community. For more information about this program, contact Amy Moloney at 304-667-4877 or send an email to [amy@saddleback-services.org](mailto:amy@saddleback-services.org).

# A.A. Meetings Held Weekly

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) The entrance - The Hinton Alcoholics Anonymous group holds multiple weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 8 p.m., Wednesdays at noon, and Saturdays at 5 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. For more information, please call 304-660-7073 or 1-800-333-5051.



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## A Peek into Summers County's Past: Lowell

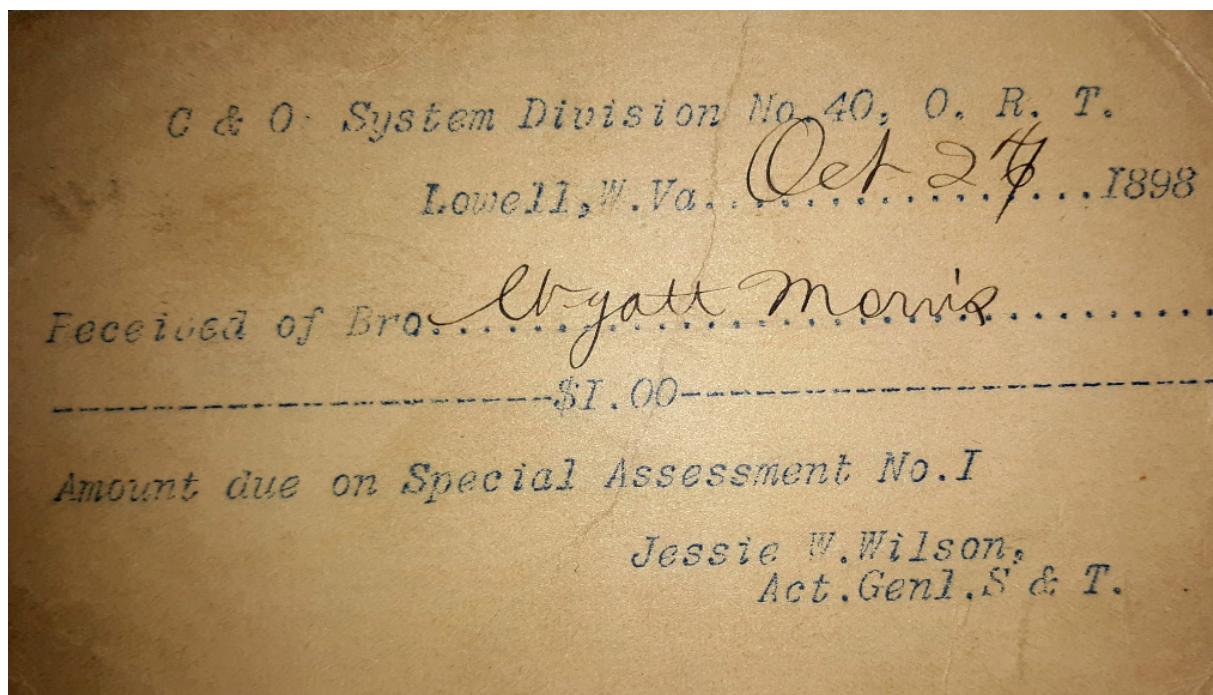


Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones  
Hinton News

You just don't see much about Lowell, WV other than the Graham House which was constructed in 1770. My late friend John Kesler who passed away in 2019 was not just an expert on Lowell, but of Summers County history in general. I will try to give a glimpse into the history of this community but not nearly as detailed as John could have.

I have previously mentioned the little known fact of the three Rhodes brothers that had

stores in Talcott, Lowell and Pence Springs. The one in Talcott was L.G. Rhodes who's store now serves as the John Henry Museum. The one in Pence Springs was W.D. Rhodes married one of the Pyles sisters from Pence Springs. Having been in business before the marriage he changed the store's name to Rhodes and Pyles Store. Everytime I think of the Pyles Sisters I think of the Baldwin Sisters on the Waltons, without the "Recipe". Ha

As for the 3rd brother that had

a store in Lowell I have never been able to track down his name. However, I believe the tale because both John and Ashby Berkley told me the same thing. And that my Great Great Grandfather L.W. Thompson built each of them houses near their store in each town.

The community of Lowell was formed in 1872 by brothers A.C. Lowe and Erastus Preston Lowe settled in what is now referred to as "Lowell". This was on the "other side" of the river from the Graham House.

Here they built a hotel to service the depot that had been recently constructed there.

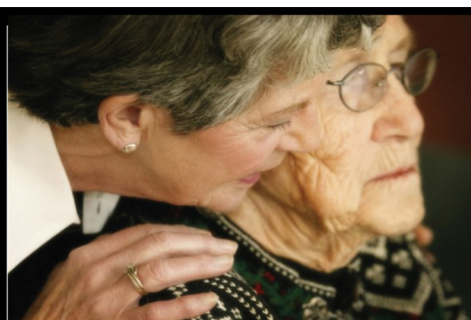
Sometime around the turn of the century the 3rd Rhodes brother built his store. He then had his home constructed at Lowell. The home has been beautifully restored and is where the Bowlings now reside.

This was a thriving community in its day and also even had its own post office. As I have said before you rarely see items from Lowell so even though I am not sure what exactly this is I snatched it up while at a yard sale years ago.

What you see is a "C&O System Division No 40, O.R.T. Lowell, W. Va. Oct.

26/27, 1898 received of Bro. Wyatt Morris \$1.00 Amount due on Special Assessment No. 1 Jessie W. Wilson, Act. Genl. S&T" card.

It has the only postal cancellation stamp from "Lowell Oct. 27, 1898 W. Va." that I have ever seen. Being the history nerd I am all I can think is that the original Lowell postal stamp is out there floating around somewhere. Also if you happen to be a railroad history buff and know what the basis of this card was used for please enlighten me at greenbrierantiques@gmail.com. Thank you, William.



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### Series On Calvinism (Part 24) Perseverance of the Saints

(Last week we looked at scriptural objections to the doctrine of perseverance of the saints. Today we will look at the final objections to this doctrine and provide the conclusion to this series on Calvinism.)

**Hebrews 6:4-6.** The people under consideration in this passage:

- Were "once enlightened." Even Calvinists believe this phrase applies to the Christian and not to one who is totally depraved and wholly defiled.
- "Tasted the heavenly gift." They must have been Christians for unregenerates, those totally depraved, could not experience the heavenly gift.
- Were "partakers of the Holy Spirit." Since the word "partakers" has its root idea in fellowship, can one who is not a Christian be in fellowship with the Holy Spirit?
- "Tasted the good word of God." An unregenerate person, according to Calvinists, could not possibly understand the word of God.
- "Tasted...the powers of the age to come." Again, the unregenerate could have no connection to the powers and blessings of God through Christ.
- Are obviously Christians, children of God.

Not only could these children of God fall away, they could fall so far away that it would be impossible to renew them to repentance.

**Hebrews 10:26-29.** It is evident that Christians are under consideration in this passage because they have been "sanctified" by the blood of Christ. (v. 29) If a child of God willfully forsakes the Lord and does not repent, he has nothing to anticipate but a "certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation." (v. 27)

**James 5:19.** A brother can "wander from the truth" in such a manner as to be a "sinner" whose soul is in jeopardy of "death." (cf. Gal. 6:1)

**2 Peter 2:1.** This passage warns of false teachers who will deny "the Lord who bought them." Those who deny Christ, even children of God, will be denied before God (Matt. 10:33) and be cast into the lake of fire if they do not repent. (Rev. 21:8)

**2 Peter 3:17.** Christians can fall from "steadfastness" and be led away "with the error of the wicked."

**Revelation 3:5.** All Christians have their names written in the book of life. (Rev. 20:15) Those names can be removed if they do not live faithfully. (Rev. 3:5; 22:19)

#### Conclusion

The Bible teaches that the believer is secure in his salvation in the hand of God as long as he remains faithful to the will of God and loyal to Christ. (2 Tim. 4:7-8)

The word of God also teaches that a child of God can voluntarily, by his sins, separate himself from God and Christ and be lost. If the child of God becomes unfaithful and does not repent, the "wages of sin," death (Rom. 6:23), await him even though he had once been in fellowship with God.

The Perseverance of the Saints, or "once saved always saved," like the four tenets of Calvinism which precede it, is a false doctrine that must be rejected.

Copyright © 2022 David Padfield • Send comments to: zionchurch@padfield.com (This completes the study of Calvinism. Next week we will begin a series concerning the church for which Christ died. We will look at several congregations of the church of Christ as noted in the New Testament.)

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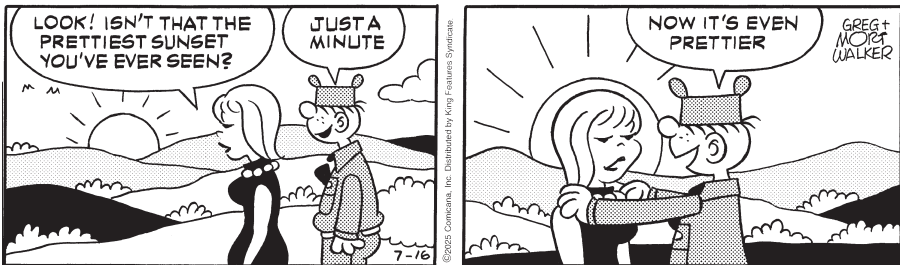
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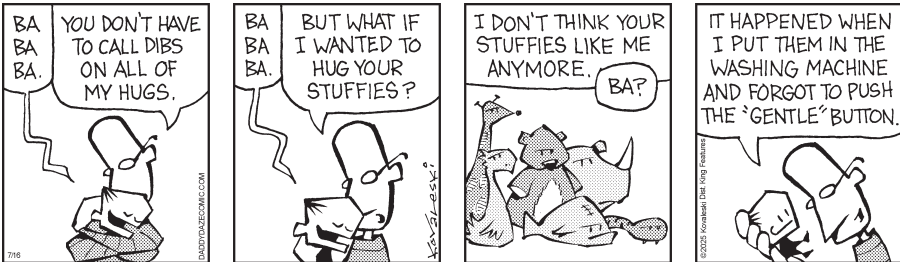
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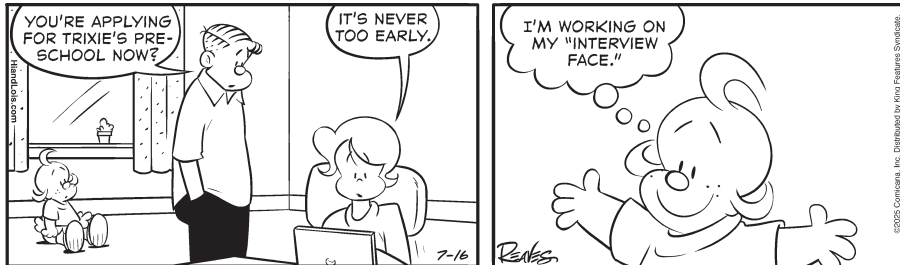
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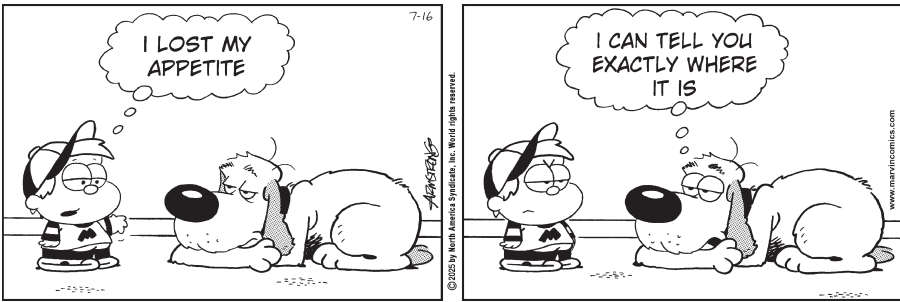
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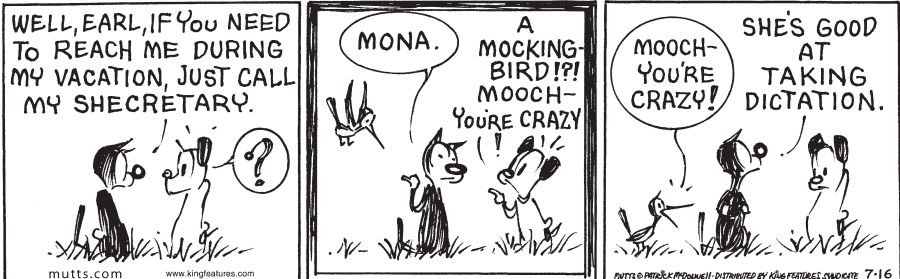
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**MOON ALERT:** After 12:45 a.m. EDT today there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in ARIES.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, July 16, 2025: You have an amazing imagination. You are also friendly, enthusiastic and empathetic toward others. This is a year of change, which will bring you increased freedom. Stay flexible. Let go of things that are holding you back. Seek out new opportunities and be ready to act fast. Expect to travel.

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)**

4★ Today you feel aroused and energetic. In particular, you might want to make some changes in your immediate environment -- changes that will improve things. This will likely include getting rid of stuff you don't need. "Let's clean things up!" You're also keen to socialize! Tonight: Be friendly.

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

3★ Financial discussions with bosses and au-

thority figures will go well today. In large measure, people will be attracted to your upbeat, positive attitude. Plus, you look confident. (Whether you feel this way or not.) Remember, appearances are everything. If you think you've "got it," then you do! Tonight: A secret?

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

4★ Your people skills are hot today. Not only will you relate well to friends, as well as groups and organizations, you'll be convincing in financial discussions with someone. Or perhaps you will persuade someone to see your point of view in broader issues related to politics or religion. Hey, you are the wordsmith of the zodiac. Tonight: You're popular.

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

4★ Today you're high-viz. People notice you more than usual, and they're impressed with your optimism and your can-do attitude. Don't hesitate to make suggestions about shared property or ways to improve agreements about shared responsibilities. You have financial savvy and others know this. Tonight: Be modest.

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

4★ Today you have strong feelings about something, perhaps something in the news or related to other countries, or something in your own life related to medicine or the law. Fortunately, friends and groups will agree with you in a helpful way. Enjoy your interactions with others today. People will listen to you. Tonight: Explore!

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

4★ This is an excellent day to discuss wills, estates, inheritances and anything to do with shared property. You'll be diplomatic. Others will cooperate with you. More than that, you'll be convincing because you see the best way of doing something. You're in the zone! Tonight: Check your finances.

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

4★ Today it will be to your advantage to cooperate with others. In fact, bosses, parents and authority figures will look kindly on you for making an effort to collaborate with them, especially about legal matters or something to do with publishing, medicine or higher education. Tonight: Socialize.

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

3★ Financial or practi-

cal help for your job or your personal life (especially medically) can benefit you today. In turn, you might use this assistance to improve your own home life or help a family member. Meanwhile, romance is passionate! (Be still my beating heart.) Tonight: Get organized.

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

4★ Social outings, playful times with children, sports and entertaining diversions will appeal to you today. Plus, romance will be intense and powerful. People want to see you (which is flattering). Meanwhile, financial negotiations will favor you. Ask for what you want! Tonight: Schmooze!

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

4★ A discussion with a female family member will be powerful today. Either you or someone else wants to make home improvements, perhaps redecorating or solidifying your home base in some way. Be ready to accept help and suggestions from a partner or close friend. Tonight: Be cooperative.

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

4★ Your communication skills are excellent to-

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(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

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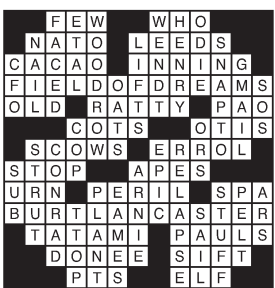
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Solution time: 23 mins.



Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

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JUMBLE

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

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Answer here:

Last Wednesday's Answers

Jumbles: TRACT CRANK PULLEY CASHEW

Answer: Many people love quartz, and the reason is — CRYSTAL CLEAR

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

We can set up here again tomorrow.

Sounds good. I'll take our stuff home with me.

LEMONADE \$2.50

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THEY SOLD LEMONADE ALL THROUGHOUT THE DAY UNTIL DECIDING TO ---

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

day, which is why this is a wonderful day for those in sales, marketing, teaching, acting, writing or editing. It's a great day to schmooze and enjoy the company of others. Work-related travel will broaden your horizons. Tonight: Show the way.

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

4★ Trust your financial savvy today, because you might see ways to get a better paying job. Alternatively, you might see better uses for something you already

own. Meanwhile, accept invitations to party and socialize. You will also enjoy entertaining at home. What a winning day! Tonight: Favorable finances.

**BORN TODAY**

Actor Will Ferrell (1967), actress Rose Salazar (1985), musician Stuart Copeland (1952)

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LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF REDEMPTION**  
2022-C-000074  
Summers County  
To: TODD BERTHA ES-TATE, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TERRILL TODD, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BERTHA TODD, WILMA TODD, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.  
**DISTRICT JUMPING BRANCH MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 5855 0000**  
You will take notice that WVTa LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2022-C-000074, located in JUMPING BRANCH District, 195.20 ACRES WHITE OAK MOUNTAIN MINERAL ONLY which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of TODD BERTHA EST 1/2 INST (MINS), and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of SUMMERS County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 9, 2023. WVTa LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after September 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before August 31, 2025 will be as follows:  
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 9572 .....\$106.53  
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number..... \$0.00  
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-9597.....\$11.70  
Additional taxes with interest ..... \$0.00  
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest ..... \$220.95  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest..... \$724.18  
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest ..... \$476.10  
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check .....  
**\$1,539.46**  
**You may redeem at any time before August 31, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**  
*If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.*  
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)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water and Waste Management  
601 57th Street SE  
Charleston, WV 25304  
Telephone:  
(304) 926-0495  
Fax: (304) 926-0463  
**Public Notice No.: PH-25-03**  
**Public Notice Date: July 14-18, 2025**  
**GENERAL WV/NPDES WATER POLLUTION**

**CONTROL PERMIT WASTEWATER DISCHARGES FROM SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS OF DOMESTIC SEWAGE ONLY (50,000 GPD or Less, except mine bathhouses) WV/NPDES PERMIT NO. WV0103110**  
The Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to issue a General WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit to regulate the discharge of wastewater from Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems of Domestic Sewage Only (50,000GPD or Less, except mine bathhouses). The General Permit will authorize the operation and maintenance of establishments engaged in Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems of Domestic Sewage Only (50,000 GPD or Less, except mine bathhouses) and to cover the discharge of treated sewage to waters of the State. It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5) year term. The majority of the facilities to be permitted under this General Permit are already in existence, with approximately 3-5 new facilities every year.  
In accordance with 60 CSR 5.6.c., Tier 2 antidegradation reviews are not required for these facilities. Coverage under this general permit will require the utilization of minimum treatment technologies that should result in an overall benefit to public health and the welfare of the environment from an improvement in water quality.  
All facilities wishing to be covered under this General permit will be required to submit a facility registration application form. Upon receipt of the registration application form, the Division of Water & Waste Management will review it for completeness. The Division of Water & Waste Management then will advise the applicant of its coverage under this permit.  
There are approximately 678 treatment facilities currently registered under the present general permit. If those facilities wish to continue discharging, they will be required to register for coverage under the new general permit.  
The Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management retains authority to require any owner/operator to apply for and obtain an individual WV/NPDES Permit. This authority will be exercised when the Director determines that such individual permit will better protect the receiving water.  
The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet may be inspected by appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management, Public Information Office, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost.  
Any interested persons may submit written comments on the Draft Permit. Comments will be accepted until August 18, 2025. They should be addressed to:  
Director, WV Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water and Waste Management  
601 57th Street SE  
Charleston, WV 25304  
Attention: Pamela Houston  
Phone: (304) 926-0499, Extension 43864  
Fax: (304) 926-0463  
E-mail: [pamela.s.houston@wv.gov](mailto:pamela.s.houston@wv.gov)  
All comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the Draft Permit. Correspondence should include the name, address,

and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues being raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, based on requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the draft General Permit. Interested persons may contact the Public Information Office to obtain further information. (16jl)

**NOTICE**  
Summers County Schools is inviting bids for the following for our Child Nutrition Department as of July 3, 2025:

**ITEM:** Fresh Fruit and Produce  
**Period:** July 31, 2025, through July 31, 2026 (with the option to roll over bid twice)  
**Bid Opening:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025, 11:00 a.m.  
Summers County Board of Education Office  
418 Temple Street  
Hinton, WV 25951  
**Bids are to be mailed to:**  
Linda D. Knott, Director of Student Services  
Summers County Public Schools  
418 Temple Street  
Hinton, WV 25951  
**Bids may also be hand delivered in a sealed envelope prior to 11:00 a.m. on July 23, 2025.**  
**ENVELOPE SHOULD BE PLAINLY MARKED:**  
"Fresh Fruit and Produce Bid Quote", July 23, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.  
For Fresh Fruit and Produce Bid application, please contact Linda D. Knott, Director of Student Services at 304-466-6000 or [lknott@k12.wv.us](mailto:lknott@k12.wv.us). (16jl)

**NOTICE**  
Summers County Schools is inviting bids for the following for our Child Nutrition Department as of July 3, 2025:

**ITEM:** Milk, Juice and Other Dairy Items  
**Period:** July 31, 2025, through July 31, 2026 (with the option to roll over bid twice)  
**Bid Opening:** Wednesday, July 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m.  
Summers County Board of Education Office  
418 Temple Street  
Hinton, WV 25951  
**Bids are to be mailed to:**  
Linda D. Knott, Director of Student Services  
Summers County Public Schools  
418 Temple Street  
Hinton, WV 25951  
**Bids may also be hand delivered in a sealed envelope prior to 9:00 a.m. on July 21, 2025.**  
**ENVELOPE SHOULD BE PLAINLY MARKED:**  
"Food Service Milk Bid Quote", July 21, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.  
For Milk and Other Dairy Items application, please contact Linda D. Knott, Director of Student Services at 304-466-6000 or [lknott@k12.wv.us](mailto:lknott@k12.wv.us). (16jl)



Dear Recycle Lady

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Can toothbrushes or toothpaste tubes be recycled? **Pearly Whites Pearly Whites,**

Toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes both require special recycling. Toothbrushes are tough to recycle as they are made of several types of plastic that are bonded together, with nylon bristles added for the brush. Toothpaste tubes are tough to recycle because they're made with multiple layers of plastic and a thin layer of aluminum. Separating these materials is almost impossible and most recycling facilities aren't equipped to handle them.

However, the Recycling Center in Roncerverte participates in the TerraCycle mail-in program sponsored by Colgate Oral Care which accepts toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and floss containers. Plus, it pays the postage to send in the brushes, tubes and floss containers that are then repurposed into new products. There is a special large tube in the aluminum can area at the Recycling Center into which all these items can be deposited. Be sure to remove any toothpaste remaining on the brushes. The Recycling Center has mailed four 25-pound boxes of toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and floss containers, all free of charge.

Have you tried any of the new sustainable alternatives, such as the bamboo toothbrush? Used toothbrushes can also be upcycled or repurposed for various household cleaning jobs.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Why is the month of July called Plastic Free July? **Plastic Recycler Dear Plastic Recycler,**

The Plastic Free July Challenge is a global social movement that began in 2011 in Western Australia as an annual challenge to help empower people to reduce single-use plastic. The challenge, which began with only 40 participants, had an estimated 174 million participants in over 190 countries last year in the 2024 challenge.

To join the 2025 Plastic Free July Challenge go to <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge>, click on "Take the Challenge" and pledge to reduce the use of one single-use plastic item daily, or reduce the use of takeaway items. For the good of the environment, let's all be "plastic free" in July and avoid items such as single-use cups, plastic food wrap, and plastic beverage bottles.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Can extra-large, colored plastic, laundry detergent jugs be recycled? **Laundry Lady Dear Laundry Lady,**

Yes, these jugs are recyclable. Put them in the bin with #2 colored plastics. Each year, 900 million jugs are used in the U.S. alone and unfortunately, only about 30% of plastic laundry detergent jugs are recycled — most end up in landfills contributing to long-term plastic waste.

Have you tried the new laundry detergent sheets or tablets? They are plastic free, non-toxic and made with clean ingredients. They are eco-friendly, fragrance-free, and you'll have no heavy jugs to carry home from the store!

**Good News!** Kudos to Vermont for creating two underpasses beneath a busy road in a migration corridor that has cut amphibian deaths — including salamanders and frogs — by 80%.

**Interesting Ocean News:** The Ocean Census announced 866 new marine species — including a guitar shark, sea butterfly and sea slug! This 2025 milestone deepens our understanding of ocean biodiversity and boosts awareness for conservation. (fto.com)

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

Vendor Registration Now Open for Carnegie Hall's 39th Annual Taste of Our Towns

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - On Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the 39th annual Taste of Our Towns (TOOT) festival will bring thousands of visitors to downtown Lewisburg. TOOT is a fundraiser for Carnegie Hall, a cultural institution of the Greenbrier Valley/New River region that brings arts education, performances, and exhibits to all.

TOOT involves the closing of downtown Lewisburg on Washington, Court, and Church Streets and the distribution of a map orienting patrons to ticket and tasting locations, arts and crafts, entertainment, and exhibits. The festival strives to offer a food tasting adventure, featuring the fare of southeastern West Virginia, including Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Webster, Nicholas, Fayette, Summers, and Monroe Counties.

Restaurants, businesses,

and non-profit organizations are invited to be vendors at TOOT 2025. The non-refundable registration fee is \$350 (\$250 for nonprofits), and vendors keep 100% of their profits.

Vendors who sign up before September 1 receive \$50 off the vendor registration. The registration deadline is September 22, 2025.

Vendors set their own item prices for the festival. Vendor's proposed menu is due September 14. Vendors are promoted on the official TOOT map during the four-hour, food-focused event and retain 100% of the proceeds.

Vendors should plan now to be a part of this local tradition.

To register or for more information, please visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org/taste-of-our-towns](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org/taste-of-our-towns). Booth location preferences are fulfilled on a first-come, first-served basis. Carnegie Hall reserves the right to decline an application or to require alternate food selections.

Sponsorships are available.

To become a sponsor, call Carnegie Hall Development Director Sally Bray at 304-645-7917 or email [TOOT@carnegiehallwv.org](mailto:TOOT@carnegiehallwv.org).

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# West Virginia Water Festival

## July 17 - July 19

### Water Festival 2025



The City of Hinton Fire Department's ladder truck with the Mermaid Queen and her court atop in the 2024 Fireman's Parade. Photo by Lisa Abshire



Summers County Council on Aging in the 2024 Grand Parade. Photo by Lisa Abshire

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HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Here is what we know about the 2025 West Virginia State Water Festival! Get ready for a weekend of excitement and community celebration. One of the highlights you won't want to miss is the spectacular fireworks display on July 18. Starting around 9 p.m. or dusk, the fireworks will light up the night sky and be visible from the Route 20 bridge, offering a fantastic viewing experience for all. If you're a fan of classic automobiles, mark your calendars for the Classic Car Show on July 19. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2nd Ave will be filled with stunning vintage vehicles. There's no entry fee for participants, and cash prizes will be awarded, making it a great opportunity for car enthusiasts to showcase their prized possessions and for attendees to admire automotive history. There will also be live music each day of the festival. The 2025 West Virginia State Water Festival promises a memorable experience with these and other events. Stay tuned for more details and get ready to make a splash!

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18 JUL MUSIC: NATHAN SELDOMRIDGE Rivertown Stage, 5-7:30p FIREMANS PARADE Starts from James and 1st, Begins around 8p FIREWORKS View from the Hwy 20 bridge, 9pm or Dusk

19 JUL MUSIC: MATT MULLINS Rivertown Stage, 12-2p GRAND PARADE Starts at the Corner of James and 1st, 11am

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