

State Fair of West Virginia Announces Scholarship Recipients

FAIRLEA W.Va. (Hinton News) - The State Fair of West Virginia has announced the recipients of its State Fair Scholarship. The scholarship provides \$1,000 per year for four years to five seniors or students currently enrolled in trade school or college who have participated in the State Fair of West Virginia with a market livestock animal, equine, dairy, or through an exhibit at the 4-H FFA Underwood Youth Building.

This year, 29 applicants from 12 counties applied. Each year, scores are competitive due to the number of participating youth in the 4-H and FFA programs.

Applicants are evaluated by six committee members in the following areas:

- State fair participation,
- Essays
- Extracurricular activities
- References
- Phone interviews for the top 10 candidates

In the 100th year of the State Fair, the 2025 State Fair of West Virginia scholarships were awarded as follows:

The Gus Douglass Award was presented to Shailyn Wickline from Monroe County, who plans to attend the University of Charleston to major in nursing. Shailyn exhibited Suffolk Hampshire cross lambs.

The Jim Justice Scholarship was awarded to Thomas Sibold from Monroe County, who plans to attend WVU to major in biochemistry. Thomas exhibited market lambs.

Hailey Ervin from Greenbrier County will attend WVU Tech to major in engineering and exhibited Hampshire sheep, boar goats, and Maine Cross steer.

Isaiah Bartenslager from Greenbrier County will attend WVU to major in Animal and Nutritional Science and exhibited Angus heifers, market steer, market heifer, feeder calves, and market goat.

Tabitha Samsel from Monroe County will attend New River Community College to major in business and exhibit it Hereford, Limousin Angus Cross, Shorthorn Cross, Maine Anjou Cross beef cattle, and Chester White and Hampshire pigs.

For information about donating to the endowment supporting scholarships, youth education, and agriculture premiums for youth exhibitors, contact kellyt@statefairof-wv.com.



Left to Right Top Row: Thomas Sibold, Isaiah Bartenslager and Hailey Ervin. Left to Right, Bottom Row: Shailyn Wickline and Tabitha Samsel

Smokey Bear Turns 81: America’s Iconic Fire Prevention Mascot Celebrates a Storied Legacy

David Hodge
Hinton News

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Hinton News) — Smokey Bear, the beloved symbol of wildfire prevention and one of America’s most enduring public service icons, marked his 81st birthday last week, reminding generations of Americans that “Only you can prevent wildfires.” Born from a campaign launched in 1944 by the U.S. Forest Service, the National Association of State Foresters, and the Ad Council, Smokey Bear’s message has become synonymous with fire safety and environmental stewardship.

Over eight decades, Smokey has evolved from a simple poster character to a living legend, a cultural touchstone, and a tireless advocate for the nation’s forests. The origins of Smokey Bear trace back to World War II, when concerns about forest fires threatening the war effort prompted the War Advertising Council and the U.S. Forest Service to raise public awareness.

Early campaigns featured bold slogans such as “Another enemy to conquer” and “Our carelessness, their secret weapon.”

In 1942, the release of Disney’s “Bambi” inspired the use of the animated deer in fire prevention posters, but the character was only on loan for a year. Needing a permanent mascot, the campaign’s creators turned to artist Albert Stahl, who painted the first image of Smokey Bear in August 1944. Wearing his signature ranger hat and dungarees, Smokey poured a bucket of water on a campfire, accompanied by the message, “Care will prevent nine out of 10 fires.” Three years later, the now-famous slogan, “Only you can prevent forest fires,” debuted, cementing Smokey’s place in the American consciousness.

A real-life hero, Smokey’s story took a poignant turn in 1950, when a wildfire in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico left a young black bear cub orphaned and badly burned. Firefighters rescued the cub, who had climbed a tree to escape the flames. The bear, later named Smokey, was nursed back to health by New Mexico Ranger Ray Bell and his family, with help from a local veterinarian.

As news of the cub’s survival spread, Smokey became a national sensation. Once healthy, he was flown to Washington, D.C., where he took up residence at the National Zoo. The living Smokey Bear became the embodiment of the fire prevention message, delighting visitors and receiving thousands of letters from children across the country.

A national icon, Smokey’s popularity soared, and in 1952, Congress passed the Smokey Bear Act, placing him under federal protection and ensuring that royalties and fees from his image would fund continued wildfire prevention education. By 1964, Smokey was receiving so much mail that the U.S. Postal Service assigned him his own zip code: 20252, a distinction shared only with the President of the United States.

The campaign’s reach was further amplified by the 1952 song “Smokey the Bear,” written by Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins, which inadvertently led to the widespread but incorrect use of “Smokey the Bear” instead of his official name, Smokey Bear.

Over the years, Smokey’s message has adapted to changing times. While his original slogan focused on preventing all forest fires, recent updates acknowledge the importance of prescribed burns for ecosystem health, while still emphasizing the dangers of unwanted and unplanned wildfires.

Today, the U.S. Forest Service and the National Interagency Fire Center credit Smokey Bear with helping to dramatically reduce the number of human-caused wildfires on public lands. The Ad Council estimates that 96% of Americans recognize Smokey, a level of familiarity rivaled only by the likes of Mickey Mouse and U.S. presidents.

As Smokey Bear celebrates his 81st birthday, his message remains as relevant as ever. The Forest Service encourages Americans to honor Smokey’s legacy by practicing fire safety, sharing his message with the next generation, and even sending birthday cards to Smokey Bear, Washington, D.C., 20252. For more than eight decades, Smokey Bear has stood as a gentle but firm reminder that the responsibility to protect America’s forests and communities from wildfire rests with each of us. Happy birthday, Smokey Bear, and here’s to many more years of service.



On August 9, 2025, Smokey Bear turned 81 years young! Here he’s celebrating early with a young fan on the National Mall. (USDA Forest Service photo by Preston Keres)



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Summers County Fall Sports Schedules

SUMMERS MIDDLE SCHOOL				
Mid/Jr Football Schedule				
Events				
1	09/04/25	6:00PM	H -	VALLEY
2	09/11/25	6:00PM	H -	PETERSTOWN MIDDLE
3	09/18/25			OPEN
4	09/25/25	6:00PM	A -	MEADOW BRIDGE HIGH
5	10/02/25	6:00PM	H -	MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
6	10/09/25	6:00PM	A -	PIKEVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
7	10/13/25	1:00PM	H -	GLENWOOD SCHOOL
8	10/16/25	6:00PM	A -	WESTERN GREENBRIER MIDDLE SCHOOL
9	10/23/25	TBDPM	H -	PLAYOFFS
10	10/30/25	TBDPM	H -	CHAMPIONSHIP

2025	
SCYFL SCHEDULE	
8/23/25 AWAY @ UNION (GRID)	
8/30/25 AWAY @ UNION	
9/6/25 HOME VS. CLAY COUNTY GAME TIMES - NOON, 1, 3 & 5	
9/13/25 HOME VS. MOUNTAINEERS GAME TIMES - 2, 3, 5 & 7	
9/20/25 HOME VS. NEW RIVER GAME TIMES - 2, 3, 5 & 7 (VARSITY NIGHT)	
9/27/25 AWAY @ RONCEVERTE	
10/4/25 HOME VS. RICHWOOD GAME TIMES 11, 12, 2 & 4 (HOMECOMING)	
10/11/25 AWAY @ POCAHONTAS COUNTY	

SUMMERS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL				
Senior Volleyball Schedule				
Events				
1	08/25/25	5:30PM	A -	BLUEFIELD
2	08/26/25	6:00PM	H -	LIBERTY (RALEIGH)
3	08/30/25	TBDAM	A -	PRINCETON TOURNAMENT
4	09/02/25	6:00PM	H -	PIKEVIEW
5	09/04/25	TBDPM	A -	GREENBRIER WEST/WEBSTER COUNTY TRI
6	09/06/25	TBDPM	A -	JV TOURNAMENT @ WESTSIDE
7	09/08/25	6:00PM	H -	PRINCETON SENIOR
8	09/09/25	TBDPM	A -	@ MONTCALM/MOUNT VIEW TRI
9	09/15/25	5:30PM	A -	PRINCETON SENIOR
10	09/16/25	5:30PM	A -	MIDLAND TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
11	09/18/25	6:00PM	H -	MOUNT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
12	09/23/25	5:30PM	A -	MEADOW BRIDGE HIGH
13	09/25/25	6:00PM	H -	GREENBRIER WEST
14	09/27/25	8:00AM	A -	COALFIELD CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT @ WESTSIDE
15	10/07/25	6:00PM	H -	MIDLAND TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
16	10/08/25	7:00PM	H -	MONTCALM
17	10/11/25	TBDAM	A -	@ PIKEVIEW JV TOURNAMENT
18	10/13/25	6:00PM	H -	WESTSIDE
19	10/14/25	5:30PM	A -	MOUNT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
20	10/16/25	6:00PM	H -	BLUEFIELD
21	10/20/25	5:30PM	A -	WESTSIDE

SUMMERS MIDDLE SCHOOL				
Mid/Jr Volleyball Schedule				
Events				
1	08/28/25	5:30PM	A -	GLENWOOD SCHOOL
2	09/02/25	5:30PM	A -	WESTERN GREENBRIER MIDDLE SCHOOL
3	09/09/25	6:00PM	H -	PETERSTOWN MIDDLE
4	09/12/25	6:30PM	H -	VALLEY
5	09/15/25	5:30PM	A -	MONTCALM
6	09/17/25	5:30PM	A -	MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
7	09/22/25	6:00PM	H -	INDEPENDENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL
8	09/26/25	5:30PM	A -	PETERSTOWN MIDDLE
9	09/30/25	6:00PM	H -	GLENWOOD SCHOOL
10	10/01/25	6:00PM	H -	MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
11	10/06/25	6:00PM	H -	WESTERN GREENBRIER MIDDLE SCHOOL
12	10/07/25	6:00PM	A -	BECKLEY-STRATTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
13	10/08/25	6:00PM	H -	MONTCALM
14	10/13/25	6:00PM	A -	INDEPENDENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL
15	10/20/25	6:00PM	H -	BECKLEY-STRATTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
16	10/22/25	6:00PM	A -	VALLEY

SUMMERS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL				
Senior Football Schedule				
Events				
1	08/29/25	7:30PM	H -	PIKEVIEW
2	09/05/25	7:30PM	H -	GREENBRIER WEST
3	09/12/25			OPEN
4	09/19/25	7:30PM	A -	MEADOW BRIDGE HIGH
5	09/26/25	7:30PM	H -	MIDLAND TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
6	10/03/25	7:30PM	H -	EAST HARDY
7	10/10/25	7:30PM	A -	MOUNT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
8	10/17/25	7:30PM	H -	WESTSIDE
9	10/24/25	7:30PM	A -	WYOMING EAST
10	11/01/25	7:00PM	A -	LIBERTY (RALEIGH)
11	11/07/25	7:00PM	H -	INDEPENDENCE SENIOR

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A Peek into Summers County’s Past: Mt. Zion Methodist Church



The 1952 Homecoming. Photo provided by William Jones



Mt. Zion Church. Photo provided by William Jones

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Hinton News

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(Hinton News) - The
Summers County His-

torical Society is in the process of writing a book about the history of the various churches in the county. I do not want to overstep and write about any more churches in the county until after the book comes out. So I am going to tell you a little bit about Mt. Zion Methodist Church.

Mt. Zion M.E. Church is located up Big Branch, right outside of Alderson, WV. Being basically right on the border of Summers and Greenbrier Counties, you had residents of Summers County who would attend there while visiting family in the surrounding area.

The church was dedicated on September 15, 1901. I have all sides

of my family that are buried there, including Thompson, Thomas, Knapp and other relatives. Over the years, the Knapps have become the caretakers of the property since the church discontinued holding services.

When my Grandfather, Bernard Thompson of Talcott, was a child, he would go stay with his grandparents who lived up the hollar beyond the church, A.W. and Mamie Knapp. While there, he would attend church with them. After they moved to Alderson and my grandfather grew up, they would still attend the “Homecomings” held there the first Sunday in August.

These Homecomings

have been held for the past 84 years. The photo you see here with all of the people standing in front of the church was taken at the 1952 Homecoming. I can make out my Great Aunt Edith Knapp and a few of her children. And a few cousins, I can recall looking at this photo with granddad and my great Uncle Buck Thompson at the Homecoming in around 2015 or so.

Granddad said he didn’t think he was in it because it was probably one of the times he ran away from home chasing women. Uncle Buck said that sounds about right, and they both just laughed, Ha.

It has shrunk a little in size, and the church is in bad shape due to age, and with no indoor plumbing, Homecoming is now held in the community building on Muddy Creek Mountain.

Mom and I attended Homecoming just this past Sunday. And just as I said, it has shrunk just a tad from this pic, with only 22 people in attendance ranging from 5 to 86 years of age. The group has shrunk in size, but the fellowship definitely has not. I am already looking forward to Homecoming 2026. And I would be lying if I didn’t say the food is my favorite part...after time with family of course ;).

National Hunting and Fishing Day tickets now available



Photo provided by WVDNR

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced today that tickets are now on sale for National Hunting and Fishing Day, the state’s largest outdoor-focused celebration, returning to Stonewall Resort State Park in Roanoke on Saturday, Sept. 6.

Hosted in partnership with the West Virginia Wildlife Federation, this annual event showcases the best of West Virginia’s hunting, fishing and outdoor traditions through family-friendly activities, live demonstrations and hands-on exhibits. The event will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with free weekend parking and shuttle service to select activity areas.

General admission is \$10 and children 14 and younger get in for free. Those who complete an online ticket purchase by 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 5 will receive five complimentary

food tickets for A Taste of West Virginia State Parks, a ticketed activity that features signature dishes prepared by state park chefs. For more information about this deal and to buy tickets, visit WVDnr.gov/national-hunting-and-fishing-day.

The popular Outdoor Youth Challenge is also back this year, and provides kids a chance to try various outdoor activities related to hunting and fishing. Participating youth will be entered into prize drawings, including scholarships to Conservation Camp and a lifetime hunting and fishing license.

To buy tickets and learn more, visit WVDnr.gov/national-hunting-and-fishing-day.



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Sardis: Your Works Are Not Perfect

(Part 1)
by Jeff Asher
(We are looking at some of the congregations of Christ’s church in the New Testament. Last week we completed our look at the congregation of Christ’s church at Thessalonica. Today we will begin to study the church at Sardis.)

Sardis was one of the oldest and most important cities of Asia Minor. The city was founded in the third century B.C. The Lydian kings revered the Greek gods, were benefactors of Hellenic sanctuaries and consulted the oracle at Delphi. In Roman times Sardis was the center of the imperial cult in the region. Current excavations have brought much to light, including a superb late synagogue. For centuries Sardis had been a principal center of the Jewish Diaspora, and was probably the “Sepharad” of Obadiah 20. Sardis was situated on the east bank of the Pactolus River about 50 miles east of Smyrna. The city stood on the northern slope of Mount Tmolus. Its acropolis occupied one of the spurs of the mountain measuring a height of 950 feet. At the base was a river that served as a moat.

The original city was an almost impregnable fortress, towering above the broad valley of the Hermus, and nearly surrounded by precipitous cliffs of treacherously loose rock. The ruins of the walls are still visible.

The most impressive building of ancient Sardis must have been its magnificent Temple of Artemis, built in the fourth century B.C. The temple was 327 feet long and 163 feet wide and had 78 Ionic columns, each 58 feet high. This massive temple still bears witness in its fragmentary remains to the wealth and architectural skill of the people that raised it.

The ancient city was the residence of the kings of Lydia, among them Croesus, proverbial for his immense wealth. Cyrus is said to have taken \$600,000,000 worth of treasure from the city when he captured it in 548 B.C. Sardis was in very early times, both from the extremely fertile character of the neighboring region and from its convenient position, a commercial mart of importance.

Through the failure to watch, the acropolis had been successfully scaled in 549 B.C. by a Median soldier, and in 218 by a Cretan. The Ionians burned the city in 501 B.C., but it was quickly rebuilt and regained its importance. In 334 B.C. it surrendered to Alexander the Great who gave it a brief measure of independence, for 12 years later in 322 B.C. it was taken by Antigonous. In 301 B.C. it fell into the possession of the Seleucid kings who made it the residence of their governor. It was freed again in 190 B.C. when it formed a part of the empire of Pergamos, and later of the Roman province of Asia. In A.D. 17, when it was destroyed by an earthquake, the Roman emperor Tiberius remitted the taxes of the people and rebuilt the city, and in his honor the citizens of that and of neighboring towns erected a large monument, but Sardis never recovered its former status.

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(Next time we will continue our look at the church at Sardis.)

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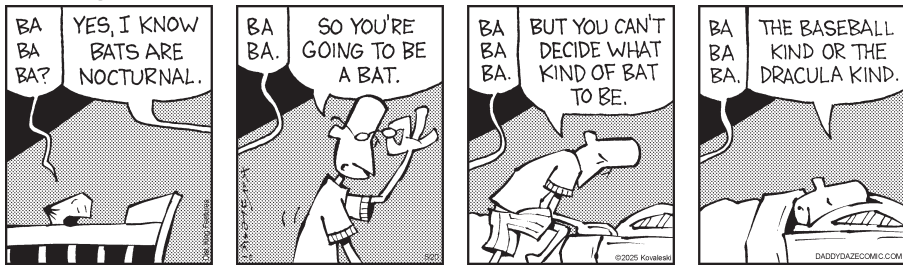
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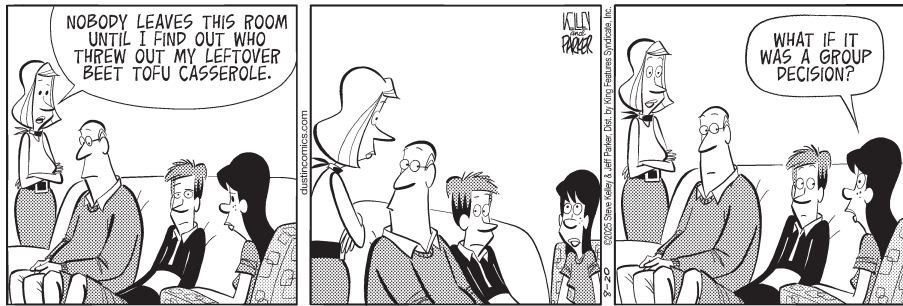
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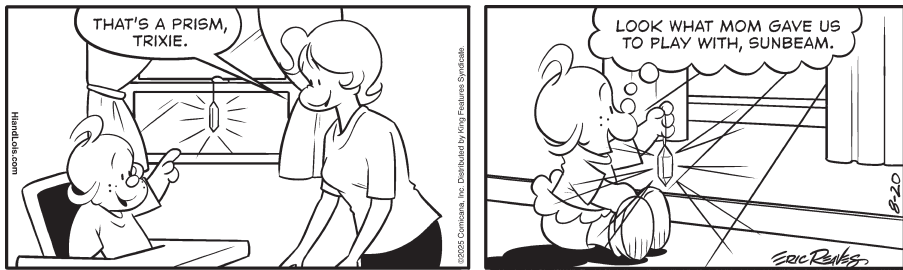
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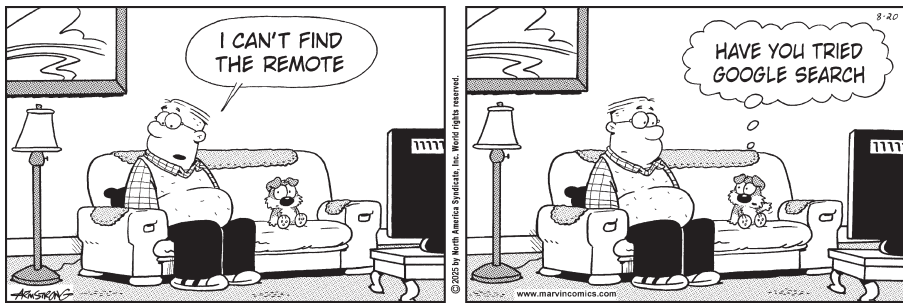
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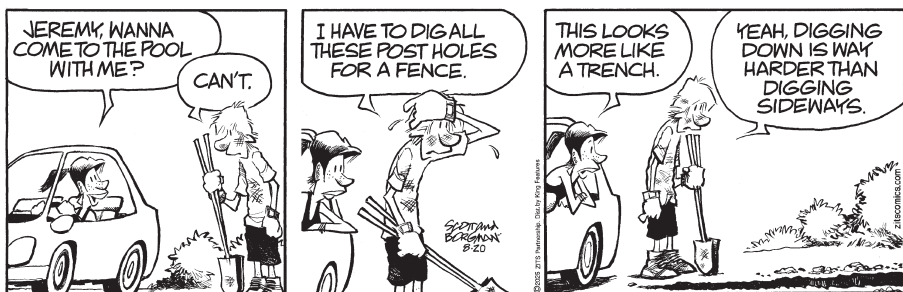
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Caution! Avoid shopping (except food and gas) or important decisions from 8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. EDT today (5 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from CANCER into LEO.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2025: You're a logical problem-solver. You are also private. You're concerned for the welfare of others. This is a year of exciting adventures, new beginnings and major changes. Take action, initiative and define your goals. Prepare for leadership. What you do now will benefit your future.

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★ Take it easy today. Explore laid-back activities, especially at home. Don't volunteer for anything or make important decisions until the Moon Alert is over. Enjoy hobbies and expressing your creative talents. Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

4★ You'll enjoy short trips and talking to others

today. You might be full of enthusiastic ideas. If so, be aware of the limitations of the Moon Alert today. Wait until the Moon Alert is over before you commit to doing anything. Until then, just coast. Tonight: Home and family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3★ Be careful. Today is a Moon Alert, and it's occurring in your Money House. You'll be tempted to shop or explore financial deals. Do not shop for anything other than food and gas. Do your homework. Wait until the Moon Alert is over to get real. Tonight: Lively discussions!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

4★ Today the Moon Alert is taking place in your sign, which is why you might feel loosey-goosey and indecisive. It's a fantastic day to play, socialize and express your creativity. Keep things light. Avoid decisions and shopping (except for food). Tonight: Check your belongings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

3★ Don't try to do too much today. Because the Moon and Mercury are in your sign, you want to be

out there flying your colors! However, most of this day is a Moon Alert, which means you enjoy schmoozing. Take things easy. But postpone shopping (except for food) and important decisions until after it's over. Tonight: You win!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

4★ This is the perfect day to hang out with friends and groups. Don't volunteer for anything -- not during the Moon Alert. Don't agree to anything important. Restrict your spending to food and gas. Why not ponder future goals and see how these ideas look after the Moon Alert is over? Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

3★ Today people notice you. Some know personal details about your private life. However, because most of this day is a Moon Alert, don't react. Take it easy. In discussions with authority figures don't volunteer for anything or agree to anything important. Wait until the Moon Alert is over. Tonight: Be friendly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

4★ Give free rein to your ideas today, especially about travel plans or ex-

ploring ways to learn new things. However, don't commit to any of these ideas during the Moon Alert. After the Moon Alert is over, see what you still think. What sticks? Tonight: You're admired.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

4★ Be careful. The Moon Alert is in one of your Money Houses, which will make you want to borrow money or jump into financial negotiations. Poor idea! Do your homework. Get your facts, then wait until the Moon Alert is over before you commit. Tonight: Explore!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

3★ Today conversations with others will be frank and disarming. You might feel playful and sociable. Whatever happens, don't agree to anything important. Don't hold anyone to anything. Wait until the Moon Alert is over to act. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

3★ Expect shortages at work today, as well as poor decisions. Your mind will be full of original concepts, which could be fruitful in



SUDOKU PUZZLE

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:

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- 1 Piece of work
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 - 14 Places
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 - 17 Conked out
 - 18 — -Croat
 - 19 Black Sea port
 - 21 Tragic king
 - 24 Sphere
 - 25 Carry on
 - 28 Flex
 - 30 Mornings (Abbr.)
 - 33 Lyricist Gershwin
 - 34 "Bless you!" trigger
 - 35 Archipelago part
 - 36 Prof's aides
 - 37 Pronto
 - 38 Related
 - 39 Saloon
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Chaste
 - 3 — utility
 - 4 -friendly state-ments
 - 5 Tease
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 - 7 Cellist Ma
 - 8 Birch's kin
 - 9 Returns to the Rhine
 - 10 Some HDTVs
 - 11 Verdi opera
 - 16 Low digit
 - 20 Nitwit
 - 22 Lessons for tots
 - 23 Detox center
 - 25 Humorist
 - 26 Football's Par-seghian
 - 27 Monthly
 - 29 "Unh-unh"
 - 31 — tai
 - 32 Wd. from Roget
 - 34 River to the
 - 38 Pueblo struc-tures
 - 40 Plus
 - 42 Crumb mover
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Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

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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.

NFSIF
AGBNE
ANPOCY
NSFIHI

Ans. "here:"

Last Wednesday's Answers

Jumbles: CHOMP YEAST MERELY DONKEY Answer: To show his grandchildren where he bowled a perfect game, they went to — MEMORY LANE



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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

the long run. Nevertheless, be aware of the Moon Alert today. After it's over, you can move forward with confidence. Tonight: Cooperate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

4★ This is a creative day! If you're a writer, artist or involved in a creative project, use this day to explore new avenues. Your mind will be full of original concepts and fresh approaches. (This is due to the Moon Alert. The lid is off!)

After the Moon Alert is over, use what is still viable. Tonight: Work.

BORN TODAY

Actor Andrew Garfield (1983), actress Amy Adams (1974), actor Jonathan Ke Quan (1971)

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LEGAL NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until September 09, 2025 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):
Call: 027
Contract: 2021000846
State Project: U345-HIN/TO-2. 00
Federal Project: TAP-2023(336)D
Description: PEDESTRIAN/BIKE FACILITIES
HINTON SIDEWALKS
Sidewalk
COUNTY: SUMMERS

DBEGMS: 8% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL. REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.
(20,27ag)

CIVIL SERVICE APPLICATION DEPUTY SHERIFF

Applications for the Civil Service Examination for the position of Summers County Deputy Sheriff will be available beginning **Thursday, August 7, 2025.**

Application packages shall be received from and returned to Lynn Reed, Summers County Clerk, 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 106, Hinton, WV 25951. All persons interested in this position must make application by **Friday, August 22, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**

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

We urge all veterans and minorities to apply. Appli-

cants must live within 5 miles of Summers County.

The Summers County Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Discrimination is prohibited due to race, creed, color, religion, sex, orientation or national origin. Applicants must be 18 years old and not more than 45 years old on the date of application.
(20,27ag)

Dear Recycle Lady,

Why do beer companies still sell beer in glass bottles when Coca-Cola and Pepsi use plastic bottles? **Puzzled**

Dear Puzzled,
Besides glass being eco-friendly packaging and made from sand, which is an abundantly available natural resource, there are several reasons for packaging beer in glass.

According to roetell.com, the primary reason for the superiority of glass beer bottles is that they preserve the taste and quality of beer. Additionally, the brown and green bottles protect the beer from ultraviolet (UV) exposure, a chemical reaction that can result in beer with a "skunk" flavor. Another advantage to storing beer in colored glass bottles is that it keeps its flavor up to 4 times longer than if it is stored in plastic bottles or clear glass bottles. According to sumnerstirs.com, glass also prevents oxygen from entering the bottle, causing oxidation that negatively impacts the taste and aroma of beer.

Prior to the 17th century, beer was sold in ceramic or wooden containers, which were prone to spoilage, according to roetell.com. When glassblowers began making bottles for liquid, the beer industry found that the bottles were a much better packaging for their beer.

According to worldhistory.org, the first beer in the world was brewed by the ancient Chinese around the year 7000 BCE. However, what is known today as beer brewing began in Mesopotamia (modern-day Iran) between 3500 – 3100 BCE and probably much earlier. See worldhistory.org for a most interesting history of beer.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Please tell me there is progress being made in the big business world so that in the fu-

Forest Road 209 to Stonecoal Dispersed Camp Site to reopen August 14

ELKINS, W.Va., (Hinton News) — Forest Road (FR) 209 and the popular Stonecoal Dispersed Camping area along the Shavers Fork of the Cheat River on the Monon-

gahela National Forest will officially reopen on Thursday, August 14, 2025. Forest Road 209 has been closed since the summer of 2023 to ensure public safety during road con-

struction and bridge replacement. The construction of a new bridge over Red Run was needed to improve public safety and access. Stonecoal Dispersed

Camping area and Forest Road 209 provide access to a scenic section of the national forest, known for its solitude, trout fishing, and rustic camping opportunities.



Dear Recycle Lady

ture products will be properly marked with standardized recycling information, so we consumers won't have to question the recyclability of each and every item! **Want Information**

Dear Want Information,

Yes, there is hope that future products will be clearly marked for recycling. However, even with clear recycling symbols and information, everyone will still need to check with their local recycling center as to what it recycles, since recycling capabilities differ greatly across our nation.

How2Recycle is part of GreenBlue, an independent 501(c)(3) environmental nonprofit whose mission is "to get more materials in the recycling bins by taking the guesswork out of recycling." Their goal is to "reduce confusion by creating a clear, well-understood and nationally harmonized label that enables companies to convey to consumers how to recycle their packages." For readers interested in improving the labeling of recyclables, go to their website, <https://how2recycle.info/survey>, and participate in their questionnaire. They request help in making the How2Recycle label "the best it can be."

Dear Recycle Lady,

There have been several discussions at my house about recycling waxed milk cartons. Please give us a clear and definitive answer.

Ardent Recycler Dear Ardent Recycler,

Happy to help. At first glance, it seems like milk cartons should go in the cardboard recycling bin. However, these gable-top milk cartons aren't your normal cardboard boxes! Think about what would happen if you poured milk in a cereal box – you soon would be covered with milk! Thus, liquids require special packaging.

According to the

Carton Council, a trade association for the carton industry, milk cartons are made of paperboard covered with a thin layer of polyethylene plastic (PET or #1 plastic) on both sides of the box. Larger cities have facilities for recycling these cartons, but unfortunately, our local Recycling Center does not.

Research by the Council indicates that "more than 60% of households across the country have access to this carton recycling," and they are work-

ing to promote and increase carton recycling nationwide. Readers who want to help them achieve this goal can sign the Council's petition at www.recyclecartons.com/petition. You can also mail your milk cartons to their network of recyclers, and they will recycle them for you. See the same website for this information.

Good News: Scientists have discovered fungi with the ability to break down certain types of plastic. Pestalotiopsis microspora,

originally found in Ecuador, can decompose polyurethane, even in anaerobic conditions. Aspergillus tubingensis, discovered in Pakistan, can break down polyester. Amazing! (fto.com)

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.

Tariff Form No. 8-C
(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION
NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.
The proposed changes in rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2025, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will increase revenue approximately \$44,564,000 annually, an increase of approximately 39.2%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of Mountaineer Gas COMPANY who purchase their gas from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	INCREASE	INCREASE
Residential	\$ 12.51	15.56%
Commercial	\$ 62.49	19.80%
Industrial	\$ 440.00	9.18 %
Resale	\$ 1,479.55	28.10 %

Proposed PGA rates for each Mountaineer rate schedule, which include Business and Occupation Tax, are as follows:

Rate Schedule	Present	Proposed	Increase \$	Increase %
RS	\$ 3.460	\$ 3.960	\$0.500	14.45%
RS Demand	\$ 11.08	\$ 20.59	\$ 9.51	85.83%
GS	\$ 5.308	\$ 7.391	\$ 2.084	39.24%
LGS	\$ 2.860	\$ 3.960	\$ 1.101	38.46%
WS	\$ 5.080	\$ 7.074	\$ 1.995	39.25%
IS	\$ 2.860	\$ 3.960	\$ 1.101	38.46%
LIS	\$ 2.860	\$ 3.960	\$ 1.101	38.46%

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas Company, and City of Philippi.
The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased 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.
This filing also contains proposed changes to MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY'S rate components for customers that purchase their gas from an alternative supplier/marketer and purchase only transportation services including MDFQ, Storage Balancing Fee, Firm Standby Fee, and Fuel Retention Percentage from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY. These transportation service rates are applicable to customers that voluntarily elect to subscribe to transportation service. The proposed changes to the rate components are as follows:

Rate Component	Present	Proposed	Increase \$	Increase %
MDFQ	\$ 12.952	\$15.861	\$ 2.909	22.46%
Storage Balancing Fee	\$ 0.483	\$ 0.609	\$ 0.126	26.09%
Firm Standby Fee	\$ 1.833	\$ 2.648	\$ 0.815	44.46%
Fuel Retention	4.00%	4.00%	N/A	0.00%

Any change in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.
A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company:
Mountaineer Gas Company Office
• 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.
A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.
The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

WVU Football Preview by Position: Quarterbacks

Brandon Baker
Sports Editor

MORGANTOWN- The West Virginia Mountaineers will be breaking in a brand-new coaching staff and over 70 brand-new players in 2025 and as of right now, how things will go is a complete unknown.

Even though the national media is down on WVU's chances this season, there is some secret optimism behind closed doors that is offering hope to all the fans.

We will do a short, but informative preview-by-position based on insider knowledge and credible sources and what they are saying, hearing, and seeing so far in fall camp in Morgantown.

Up first, the Quarterbacks.

The quarterback position, especially under Rich Rodriguez, is typically the most important spot on the team and this upcoming season, that stance will hold true--although I would argue the offensive line holds the keys this year.

There are four signal callers that are vying for playing time. The top two are reportedly Nicco Marchiol and Jaylen Henderson, with most saying that at this very second, Marchiol holds a slim advantage to be named the starter. A lefty from Arizona, Marchiol is entering his fourth year in the program and has paid his dues and waited his turn to run the offense in Morgantown. And even though Rodriguez really likes Marchiol, he does not care one bit about who has been on the roster three days or 10 years. For the former and now new coach, it is about winning games and playing the best guy to help do that, and Marchiol could very well be that guy. In his career, Nicco is 71-of-122 for 742 yards and eight touchdowns. He has rushed for an additional 285 yards and three scores. Marchiol is 4-0 as a starter in his career and has a winner's mentality and is a great leader.

Henderson, a transfer from Texas A&M and Fresno State was injured all last season and did not play, but was the starter for the Aggies in the SEC for the final four games of the 2023 season and he took advantage of that opportunity. In those four games, he was 53-78 for 715 yards and six TD passes. He ran for 104 yards and two TDs. His best game that year came at no. 14 LSU when he completed 25-of-35 passes for 294 yards and two scores. He battled current Washington Commanders star QB Jayden Daniels head-to-head that day and held his own. Sources say that Rodriguez loves Henderson and it would not be a total shock to see the former A&M project be the main guy when the season begins. Go watch his highlights on YouTube and you can see what kind of potential there is here.

Another name to keep an eye out for is true freshman Scotty Fox. Right now, Fox is considered the future at WVU. A four-



Jaylen Henderson is a big, talented QB that could very well be the starter for the Mountaineers. Henderson started four games for Texas A&M in 2023 (Photo: WVU Football/Facebook)

star recruit out of high school last year, Fox is the one player that the coaching staff will make sure stays in Morgantown during this crazy transfer portal era. One source close to the team said "he is the quarterback Rich will win the Big 12 with." There is a good chance Fox will see game time this season as he reportedly has solidified at least the no. 3 spot on the depth chart so keep an eye and ear open for him when he does get on the field.

Charlotte transfer Max Brown is another capable option if injuries or other factors decimate the quarterback room. Brown may be the best runner of all the QBs on the roster, but he still has to work on his passing game as he completed just 46 percent of his passes with three TDs and six interceptions a year ago. Still, if Brown gets called into action, he has the division-1 experience to get the job done.

NEXT UP: Running Backs

Vandalia Health Charleston Area Medical Center's Medicine in Motion Mobile Medical Fleet to offer lung screenings and mammograms in Princeton and Oak Hill



CAMC Mobile Lung Screening Unit



CAMC Mobile Mammography Unit

PRINCETON and OAK HILL, W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Charleston Area Medical Center Medicine in Motion Mobile Lung CT Screening Unit will be visiting the CAMC Telemedicine Center in Princeton on Aug. 26 and Oak Hill's Oak Leaf Festival on Aug. 30.


The Charleston Area Medical Center Medicine in Motion Mobile Mammography Unit will be attending the Oak Leaf Festival as well. The units will offer lung CT and mammography services to eligible patients.

In Princeton, Aug. 26, the lung CT unit will be stationed at 150 Courthouse Rd., Suite 101-E, Princeton, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

During the Oak Leaf Festival, Aug. 30, the lung CT

and mammography units will be stationed at 430 Main St. W, Oak Hill, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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