



John Henry Days Returns: A Weekend of Heritage, Music, and Mountain Hospitality in Talcott, West Virginia



The John Henry statue

Susan Smith-Linton

TALCOTT- A festive burst of Appalachian storytelling, music, and small-town energy is set to sweep Talcott this weekend, July 10-12 when John Henry Days returns to Summers County.

The festival honors the legendary steel-driving man and his famous showdown with the steam drill—one of America’s most iconic folk tales—while weaving together the region’s rich history with lively celebrations.

Visitors can explore the history behind the Great Bend Tunnel, browse local artisans and craft vendors, savor regional food favorites, and enjoy a full slate of live performances. Families will find plenty to do with chil-



Concrete & Cut Stone Foundations display at the park.

dren’s activities, tours, and community events that spotlights Summers County.

The program blends heritage with modern festivities, giving locals and travelers alike a chance to reconnect with John Henry’s enduring legend and to discover the history that helped shape West Virginia’s character.

The weekend’s schedule begins with a Friday evening concert at the Great Bend Tunnel, offering a musical welcome to attendees and a chance to soak in the tunnel’s storied backdrop. Saturday promises a high-energy parade and a Kids’ Carnival, alongside arts and crafts vendors and a robust lineup of live mu-

John Henry Days » 5

Hinton Wins Big when the Community Shows up



More than 120 community members showed up



Some FFA members

Susan Smith-Linton

WV Community Development Hub recognizes Hinton. More than 120 community members gathered in Hinton, WV, for the Accelerate team’s Good News Event, a celebration designed to bring residents together and showcase the incredible work happening throughout the community. The folks in attendance learned about projects and initiatives led by local organizations, discov-

Hinton Wins Big » 5

Rising Focus on Dilapidated Structures in Summers County

Susan Smith-Linton

Summers County has sharpened its focus on dilapidated structures, supported by funding and a clearly defined process aimed at protecting property values and public safety.

The county was awarded \$201,000 in 2024 specifically for the removal of dilapidated structures. As of last week, most of the previous round of demolitions has been completed to expend the remaining funds from that award.

The original funding facilitated the removal of 29 structures, and officials anticipate another round of funding

will open in the near future, with plans to apply promptly. There is no overlap between the Summers County Dilapidated Structures Committee and the City of Hinton’s separate Dilapidated Structures Committee.

In 2022, the Region I Planning & Development Council identified 283 dilapidated structures county-wide, including those within city limits; Summers County has since added several others beyond the original report. Of the 283 identified structures, 56 were located within city limits and were not under the Summers County commit-

tee’s purview. Among the properties the Summers County committee is actively tracking, 39 structures have been demolished in recent years, with demolitions carried out both by owners and by the county.

Demolished properties do not transfer to the county; they remain associated with the original owner. When grant funding through the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection’s Dilapidated Properties Program (DLAP) is used, an encumbrance is placed on the property, typically in the form of a lien equal to the demo-

lition costs. The Commission has implemented a lien-reduction policy: the lien amount can be reduced over time for property owners who cooperated to provide access for demolition and who meet ongoing maintenance requirements after the demolition is completed.

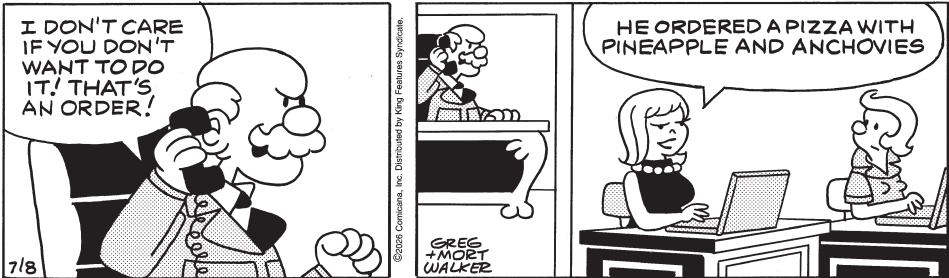
The Dilapidated Structures Committee has identified properties in need of removal and has provided recommendations to the County Commission. For questions about the program, contact Summers County County Administrator, Lisa Eads.



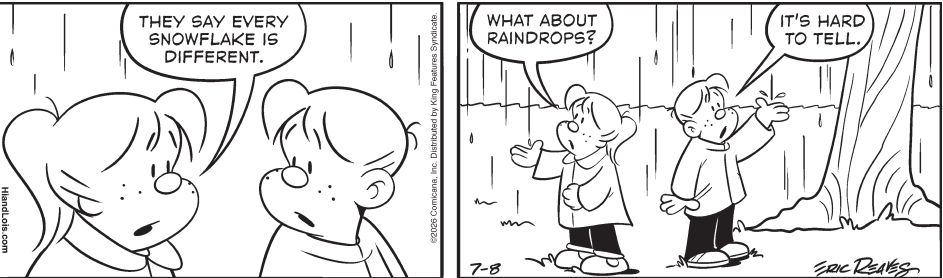
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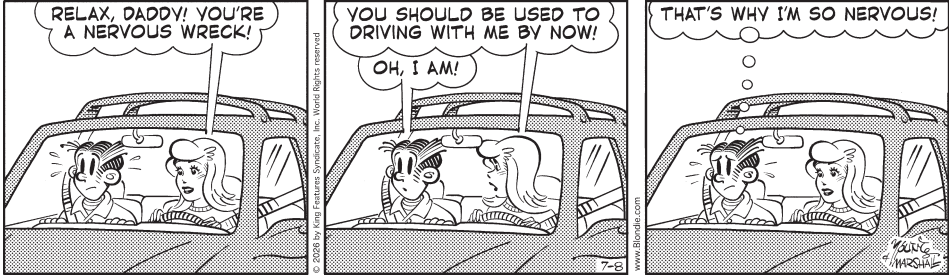
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Hi and Lois



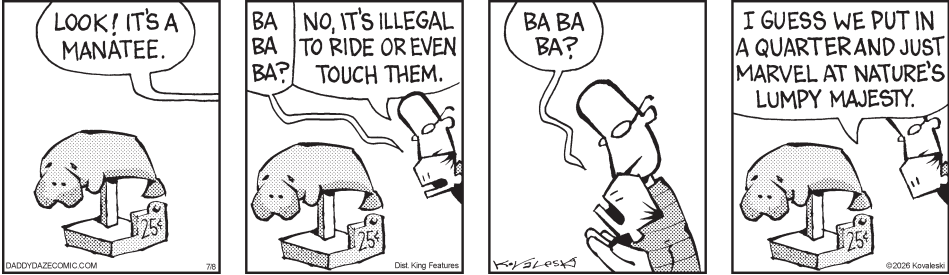
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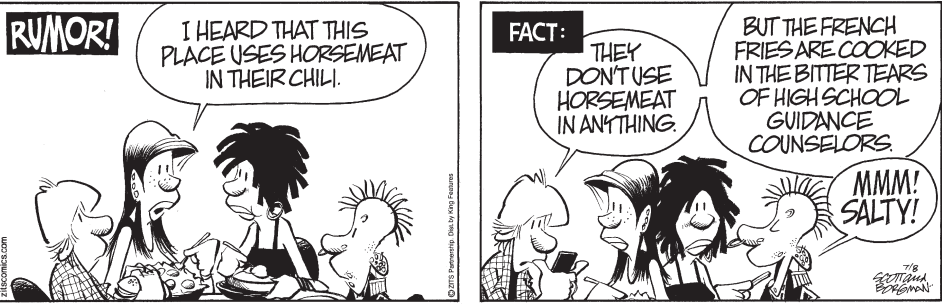
Mutts



Daddy Daze



Zits



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Mended
- 7. Hymns
- 13. Commercial transport of goods
- 14. Poked holes in the ground
- 16. They precede C
- 17. Branch of knowledge concerned with wealth
- 19. Larry and Curly's pal
- 20. Injured
- 22. Popular type of dance
- 23. Moon crater
- 25. American state
- 26. Places to lock valuables
- 28. Stalk that supports the capsule
- 29. Keyboard key
- 30. '___ death do us part
- 31. A type of cage
- 33. A place to sleep
- 34. Annual music awards show
- 36. Made over
- 38. Hard, stony sub-

stance

- 40. Incantations
- 41. Long-legged, wading bird
- 43. Breathe noisily
- 44. Congressman
- 45. Rip off
- 47. Golf score
- 48. Popular pickup truck
- 51. Where infants sleep
- 53. Music term
- 55. Small opening in a surface
- 56. Musical term meaning "very"
- 58. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 59. Treats with powder
- 60. Email subject line feature
- 61. A British lawyer
- 64. Expression of laughter
- 65. Farmer's calendar
- 67. Seeds used as food
- 69. Eurasian shrubs
- 70. Periods of inactivity

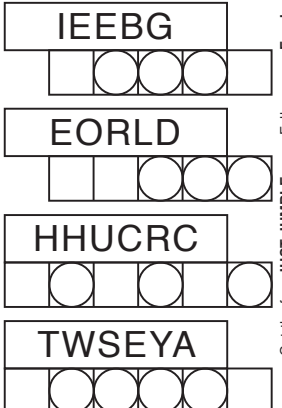
- 1. Hard things to kick
- 2. Collective of countries
- 3. Letter of Hebrew alphabet
- 4. One-time Alabama running back Eddie
- 5. One's sense of self-esteem
- 6. Of the teeth
- 7. Treat with care
- 8. Type of whale
- 9. Curved structure
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. One of the Gospels (abbr.)
- 12. Smallest interval in western music
- 13. Netherlands seat of government
- 15. Gives to charitably
- 18. Lout
- 21. Pastas
- 24. Release from restrictions
- 26. Female sibling
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Silver coins
- 32. Region in India
- 35. Partner to cheese
- 37. Dark or dusky
- 38. Pacific Northwest

- tree
- 39. Exaggerate
- 42. Toddler
- 43. Touch lightly
- 46. Fundamentals
- 47. Jeopardies
- 49. Curved structures
- 50. Isolated, flat-topped hills
- 52. Forming the bottom layer
- 54. Reciprocal of sine
- 55. Genus of Old World birds
- 57. New York college
- 59. Cloak
- 62. Kawhi Leonard's team (abbr.)
- 63. Vietnamese offensive
- 66. "The Great Lakes State"
- 68. "___, myself and I"

CLUES DOWN

JUMBLE

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



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(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

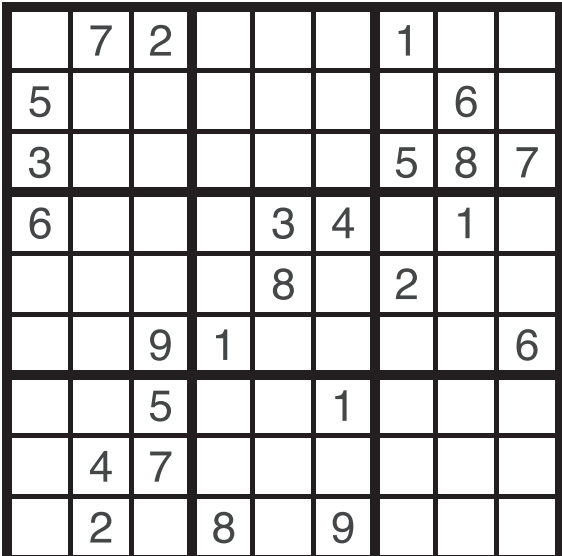
Last Wednesday's Answers | Jumbles: FAITH MOUSE GRUMPY BUTTER Answer: When the stand-up comedian took a tumble, he broke his — HUMERUS



WHILE PATIENTLY KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR SALMON, ONE BEAR SAID THEY SHOULD ---

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

SUDOKU PUZZLE



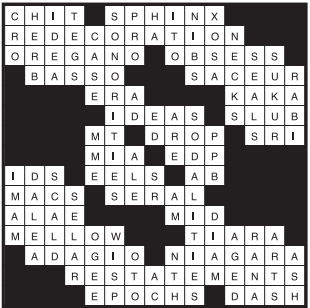
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column, or box.

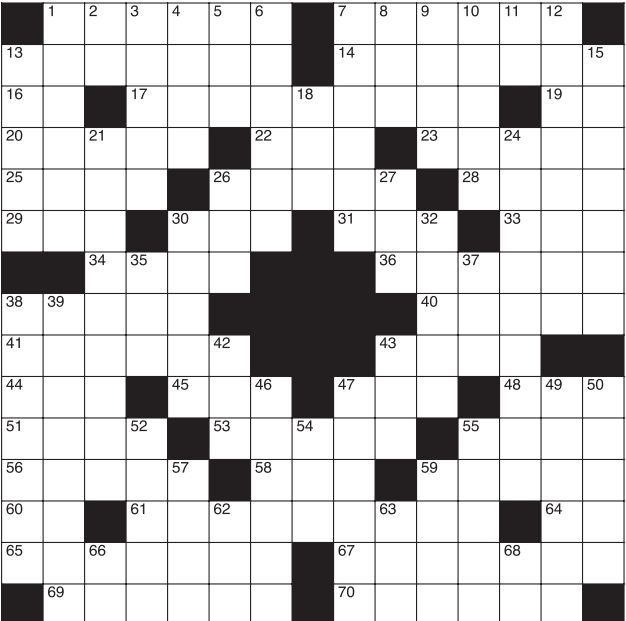
(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle →

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



Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)



A Peek into Summers County’s Past: Guinn family of Lowell, WV missing collection



Captain Silas Taylor

William Jones

This piece is a bit different than my usual weekly series. This week I am writing to you for your help. A friend of mine shared a post from Derek Guinn last week. Anyone in this part of Summers County around Lowell knows of the Quinn family and how prominent they were in our early history.

Derek starts the post out by asking for help and explains his situation by prefixing it with this statement: “My Dad is Andy Gwinn and currently lives in Lowell/ Pence Springs, WV. My Mom passed away in October 2024. Shortly afterwards, my wife and I came across an antique trunk that contained a massive collection of irreplaceable historic family papers, letters, and photographs that I had never seen before. I was incredibly excited to go through them and learn more about our family’s history and preserve the items.”

He then tells around the same time that a local woman began helping his dad around the house

with some cleaning and other chores but then they discovered items started missing around the house. The most disturbing thing then was they found that the antique trunk that Derek had found filled with irreplaceable family documents and artifacts had been completely emptied. Derek and the family are desperately trying to track these items down before they are permanently scattered across the internet or private collections or lost.

Contents of the collection:

- Time Period: Roughly 1880 to 1950.
- Key Content: A large number of World War I-era military letters, loose and framed vintage family photographs, newspapers and clippings, and old correspondence.
- Addresses/Postmarks: Most envelopes feature the surname Gwinn and are addressed to Lowell, WV, Pence Springs, WV, or Talcott, WV.

They are asking that anyone who is “an active collector or regularly



The Guinn Family

browse West Virginia history groups, estate auctions, eBay, or Facebook Marketplace, please keep an eye out for any “lot” of old letters or photos matching these names and towns. If you see anything that looks like a match, or if you have any tips on local dealers in the Summers/Greenbrier/Monroe County area who frequently buy old paper collections, please send me a direct message. These items hold immense historical and sentimental value to our family, and any lead helps. I’m very happy to come across this

group and greatly appreciate anything you might be able to do to help.”

I found an early 1900’s postcard in my collection of the young Guinn children around 1900 and sent Derek a copy of it. I have direct historic ties with this family as the Guinn Mansion that was built on the other side of the river from The Graham House was built by Captain Silas F. Taylor, known as “the “Ancient Brick Mason” throughout Summers County.

The photo you see here is found in Judge Millers 1908 History of Summers

County: From the Earliest Settlement to The Present Time. The book, authored by James Henry Miller, highlights the professional legacy of Silas F. Taylor. Taylor was a master brick mason celebrated across the region for his skill and honest craftsmanship. One house referenced as being built by Silas is the Andrew Gwinn brick house at Lowell, Derek’s ancestor home place and was where many of the early documents in the trunk came from.

Silas was my great great-grandfather. He was born in 1820 in Bedford County, VA, and he later relocated to our parts. He died in 1896 and is bur-

ied at the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church in Alderson. If you have any tips to find this irreplaceable family collection or could provide Derek with copies of Guinn documents like I did, please email me at greenbrierantiques@gmail.com and I will get you in touch with him.

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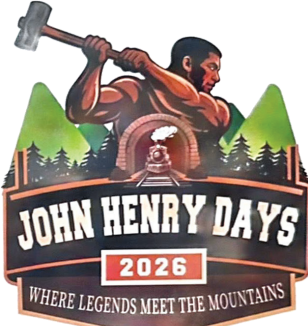
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John Henry Days

July 10-12, 2026

Where Legends Meet The Mountains

John Henry Days 2026 Schedule

Friday, July 10

11am - 4pm John Henry Museum And Gift Shop Open

7pm Live Music At The Tunnel Featuring **Thomas Taylor Band**

- Bring A Lawn Chair • Entertainment Is Free
- Donations Appreciated! • No Alcoholic Beverages!

5pm - 9pm Bounce House, Foam Party (A Water Event, Bring Change Of Clothes & Towel), And Food Vendors

Saturday, July 11

8am - 4pm John Henry Museum And Gift Shop Open

Hammer Down On Child Abuse Run/Walk

7:30am Run/Walk Registration Begins

8am Run/Walk Begins

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9am Craft And Food Vendors And Activities

9am / 12noon / 1:30pm Chainsaw Carving Demonstration With **Hobby By Heart** (Mike And Janie Toney) At Boat Ramp

Saturday, July 11

9am - 1pm Blacksmithing Demonstration By **Matthew Davidson** At Boat Ramp

9am - 10am Parade **Registration** At Talcott School

10:15am **Judging** Begins At School

11am **Grand Parade**

"Where Legends Meet The Mountains"

Honoring **Eddie Fernatt**, Parade Grand Marshal

12noon - 3pm Train Rides At The Park

1pm Parade Awards Beside The Post Office

1pm - 5pm At The Site Of The Woodson House: RC Rally Cross, Model Car Show, Treasure Hunt

5pm - 9pm Bounce Houses Foam Party (A Water Event, Bring Change Of Clothes & Towel),

7pm Live Music At The Tunnel Featuring **Bachelor Boys Band**

- Bring A Lawn Chair • Entertainment Is Free
- Donations Appreciated! • No Alcoholic Beverages!

10pm Fireworks Following The Band

Sunday, July 12

9:30am Church Service At The Tunnel Provided By **River Valley Baptist Church**

- Bring A Lawn Chair • In Case Of Rain, Church Services Will Be Held At Trinity Methodist Church

11am - 4pm Car Show At The Tunnel

Registration Begins At 11am Following Church Service

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Trophies Awarded At 3pm

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12noon - 4pm John Henry Museum And Gift Shop Open

1:30pm John Henry Days "Rubber Duck Pluck"

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The Great Bend Tunnel

...culminating in an evening concert and a dazzling fireworks display that lights up the night sky. Sunday rounds out the celebration with a church service at the tunnel, a car show, and the quirky “Pluck a Duck” lottery drawing, providing a lighthearted close to three days of celebration. Beyond the stage and street, visitors can explore the festival’s broader offerings: detailed exhibits about John Henry’s legend, guided tours that illuminate the Great Bend Tunnel’s historical significance, and countless opportunities to sample regional specialties from local food vendors.



The John Henry in Fiction board display at the park.

The event is supported by community partners and local organizations that emphasize the area’s collaborative spirit and deep connections to its cultural roots. Whether you’re drawn by the music, the history, or the family-friendly activities, John Henry Days promises a compelling, immersive experience that honors a storied chapter of West Virginia’s past while celebrating the enduring charm of a small-town. See page 4 of today’s paper for more details on the event. Grab your friends and family and celebrate West Virginia’s rich history.



Great Bend Tunnel’s Construction display at the park.

Hinton Wins Big

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...ered efforts they may not have previously known about, asked questions, and explored ways to volunteer and get involved. As one of the community’s largest gatherings, the event sparked new connections, highlighted volunteer opportunities, and generated excitement about Hinton’s future. The energy in the room reflected a shared commitment to building an even stronger community together. Inspired by the event’s success, the Hinton Accelerate Team plans to continue creating opportunities for community engagement by hosting both an annual Good News Event and a volunteer recruitment event. “We’re excited to see Hinton creating meaningful opportunities for residents to connect, contribute, and help shape the future of their community.” West Virginia

Community Development Hub shared.

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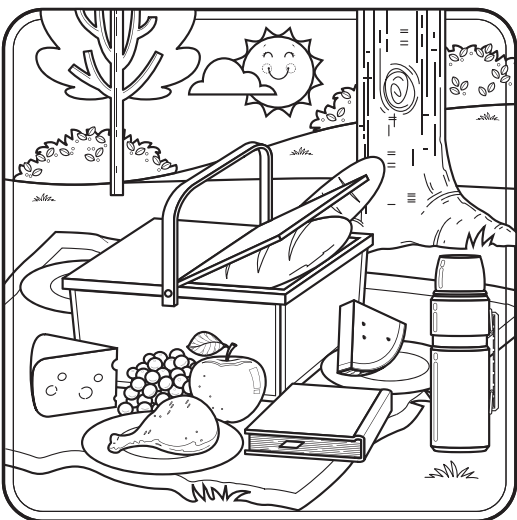
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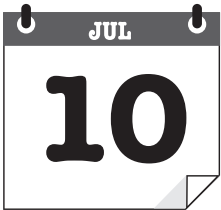


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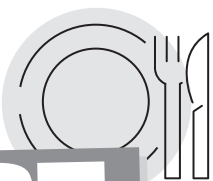
1212: A severe fire in London burns most of the city to the ground.

1850: Millard Fillmore is sworn in as U.S. President a day after Zachary Taylor's death.

1962: Telstar, the world's first communications satellite, is launched.

Food

FACT:



These types of foods are easiest for picnics because you do not need utensils to eat them.

Answer: Finger foods

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the individual words to reveal letters for the phrase.

NKTEBAL

		1	2	3		

SFROK

4		5		

KCIEOO

6			7		

DNREIN

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Answers: blanket, forks, cookie, dinner, fried chicken picnic

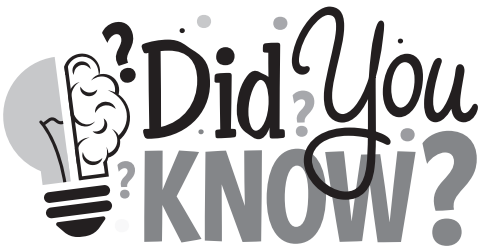
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COOLER

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How they say that in...

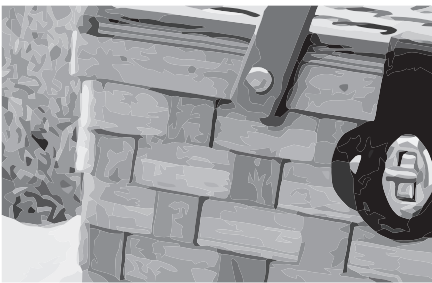
- English: Picnic
- Spanish: Picnic
- Italian: Picnic
- French: Pique-nique
- German: Picknick



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First Publication Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Claim Deadline: Sunday, August 30, 2026

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 23, 2026.

Donald R. Basham Jr.

Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County

(1,8jl)

CIVIL SERVICE
APPLICATION
DEPUTY SHERIFF

Applications for the Civil Service Examination for the position of Summers County Deputy Sheriff will be available beginning **Thursday, July 9, 2026.**

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, July 24, 2026, at 3:00 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. Applicants 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. (8jl)

Pet of the Week: Meet Banjo



Banjo

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If you're looking for a faithful best friend with plenty of love to give, Banjo could be the perfect addition to your family. Open your heart and give this deserving dog the forever home he's been waiting for.

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Dear Abby: Computer Repair Leads to Upsetting Discovery



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my wife for three years. She asked me to fix her old computer. As I was doing that, I saw emails from her ex, "Doug," dated a few months before our wedding. They started with the usual greetings, then proceeded to steamy back-and-forth emails.

They set up a time to talk, and Doug suggested they use FaceTime. It appears they had several interactions on FaceTime. In his emails afterward (she told him never to text), he described his sexual feelings and how great her body looked and details about what he was going to do to her. She played right back with him. This went on for about a month and a half. When she cut it off, he complained, but she never got back to him.

Doug emailed her several times after the last interaction and asked why she had stopped, adding that he was giving up after receiving no response. I noted his number was also blocked on her phone. He lives in another country, so I know they didn't physically get together. We have a good marriage, but this is killing me. What should I do? --

BETRAYED IN NEW
YORK

DEAR BETRAYED: What you should do is tell your wife you found her correspondence with Doug and how it made you feel. She realized she was making a mistake and ended her inappropriate conversations with Doug before she married you. I presume she has been faithful ever since. Feeling as you do, you may need the help of a licensed marriage counselor to put this matter to rest. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: My husband throws a fit over every minor inconvenience, from the trash can being knocked over to the screen door being in his way. He starts yelling and cursing and slamming doors. I don't understand it. When things like this happen to other people, they simply pick up the mess or move the object and go about their day.

I try to help and move stuff around to avoid his fits, but they are inevitable, it seems. I cannot handle the negativity over something so trivial. Our neighbors can hear him, and I'd feel embarrassed, if I were him, to be heard cursing like a child having a tantrum.

How would you advise I handle this situation? I am at my wits' end. I feel as though I will have to live with the yelling and anger forever. -- **IN THE LINE OF FIRE**
DEAR IN THE LINE: Could there be some other stressors in your husband's life that

have caused him to have such a short fuse? When folks are troubled about something they can't control, they sometimes blame their frustration on the nearest person or object. It's called "displacement."

I hope you realize that his inability to control his temper (and his mouth) is no reflection on you, and that it is not up to you to handle it. If you manage to catch him when he's rational, ask if anything else might be bothering him, and then be prepared to listen. If he realizes what's causing this, it might make him better able to cope.

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SCC Hosts 4-H All-Stars and Counselors Party



Summers County
Service Club

Pancake
Breakfast

Catholic Church

Friday, July 24
& Saturday, July 25
7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Please Come To
Support Our Youth!

Susan Smith-Linton

On June 27, the Summers County Commissioners showed their appreciation by hosting the 4-H All-Stars and 4-H Camp Counselors for a picnic and pool party.

The 4-H All-Stars built a new Council Circle following blueprints and guidance from other counties. The Summers County Commission provided the materials for the project through tax-

payer funding. The 4-H Camp Counselors gave up a week of their time to oversee the yearly Summers County 4-H Camp.

Without the volunteers providing these services the Council Circle and 4-H Camp

would not have been possible.

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Jesus, The Way To Eternal Life

(Part 4)

by Mark A. Copeland

https://executableoutlines.com/topical_series/jesus-the-way-guide/jtw_01.html

Last time we were looking at the beauty of eternal life, but Jesus also taught something else about eternal life: the only alternative is eternal condemnation! In other words, the only alternative is Hell, which Jesus describes as “a prepared place for unprepared people”:

“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” (Matthew 25:41)

“And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” (Matthew 25:46)

This terrible place of everlasting condemnation is vividly described by Jesus in the revelation He gave to His servant John:

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:10-15)

“But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” (Revelation 21:8)

And note carefully, this is the **only** place that people will stumble into accidentally! As we saw earlier:

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. (Matthew 7:13)

Many go in to the way that leads to destruction, because they simply follow the crowd. Making no effort to come to know God and obey the gospel of Christ, they face a terrible fate when Jesus comes again:

And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)

Punished with everlasting destruction, what a terrible alternative to the eternal life Jesus offers!

We will conclude this lesson with several questions for thought next week.

Paid for by Shockley Hill church of Christ.

We meet at 3293 Tug Creek Mountain Road

Sunday Morning Worship 9:30

Bible Study 10:30

Worship 11:15

Wednesday Bible Study 6:30

We would love to have you come and study with us.

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