



Ultimate Experience Outdoors Holds Successful 4th Annual Dice Run in Summers County



Susan Smith-Linton

Summers County welcomed riders from across the region for the Annual Dice Run, a community fundraiser organized by Ultimate Experience Outdoors (UXO) and coordinated by a team. Held annually on the second Saturday in August, this year's ride brought together Veterans, First Responders, Youth, and Gold Star Families for

an outdoor adventure experience—while raising funds to help make those trips possible in multiple states. According to Johnny Ratliff, one of the event team members, the mission centers around giving deserving groups opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. “This year, we had riders come into the community from Indiana, Alabama, Tennessee,

see, Virginia, and West Virginia which not only helped our fundraiser but also brought people to see our local area and helped our local economy,” Ratliff added.” In addition to the ride itself, Ultimate Experience Outdoors reported that the organization returned value to riders through gifts collected locally. Ratliff shared that \$2,500 worth of gift cards were provided to participants. Looking ahead to next year's 5th Annual Ride, Ratliff confirmed that planning has already begun. Ratliff indicated the organization will continue its focus on community participation, regional attendance, and fundraising that directly supports outdoor opportunities for the groups UXO serves. Keep an eye on their event page for updates on the 2027 run

Summers County Man Faces Alleged Murder Charge Following Incident



Jayson Bennett

A Summers County man is facing several serious charges after police allege he intentionally crashed a vehicle into another man's car Saturday, Aug. 8, in Jumping Branch. According to a criminal complaint filed in Summers County Magistrate Court, West Virginia State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash in the area of 7196 Beech Run Road. Investigators identified the accused as Jayson Scott Bennett and the alleged victim as Donald Wayne Neely. Police said Bennett had left the scene on foot before officers arrived. A witness

later told investigators that Bennett's vehicle had swerved in front of them, entered the parking lot of Angell's Store and nearly struck them twice before returning to Beech Run Road. The witness alleged Bennett then traveled left of the center line without braking and struck Neely's vehicle in a T-bone-style collision. The complaint states Neely was inside his vehicle at the time of the crash, which police said placed him at substantial risk of bodily injury or death. Investigators later located Bennett at a nearby residence and detained him.

According to the complaint, Bennett initially did not answer officers' questions. While being transported back to the crash scene and after being advised of his Miranda rights, Bennett allegedly stated, “I tried to kill a guy today.” Police reported Neely's vehicle was no longer drivable and estimated its value at approximately \$3,000. Investigators also reported significant damage to both garage doors and portions of a nearby building, with that damage estimated at approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000. Bennett was arrested on charges including attempted murder, malicious assault, felony destruction of property, reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident, according to the complaint. He was transported to Southern Regional Jail for processing and booking. The allegations contained in the criminal complaint are accusations, and Bennett is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.

The 23rd Festival of Rivers will be a Free Family Fun Day at Summers Landing, Bateau Beach in Hinton, WV on Aug. 22



To celebrate its 23rd year, the festival will have music from Noon until 9:00 PM while families enjoy the water, beach, vendors, and food trucks. Please bring a chair to put under the canopies

to hear our lineup which begins at noon with the Summers County High School Band. After the band our lineup features Matt Deal, originally from Bluefield, WV but coming to us from Savannah, GA. Local musicians include Chris Hopson, Jerry and the Country Rockers, Lark in the Holler, East of Memphis, and our headliner band, Alabaster Boxer. There will be vendors featuring crafts, dogs, clothing and of course, food. Many door prizes will be given out by our two Emcees, Matt Deal, and Jill Stanley. The festival is sponsored by Campbell-Flannagan-Murrell House Museum, the City of Hinton and WV Fairs and Festivals along with our many business supporters. Please come out to enjoy the beauty of Bateau Beach and the fun at the festival. For any questions, please call 518-423-0725.

Three Summers County Teachers Attend M3T Grade Level Improvement Team Launch



L-R Deana Betts, Ellen Holt, and Ladonna Aliff

Per the Summers County Comprehensive Facebook: Look at our teachers growing for our students!! Ellen Holt, Ladonna Aliff, and Deana Betts

attended the M3T Grade Level Improvement Team Launch in Fairmont. Ms. Holt reports, “worked some tasks and chose one to help us help our students

better understand ratios & proportions at all grade levels. We will meet again virtually twice more, once before and once after completing the task with students to debrief”



Summers County Man Faces Destruction of Property Charge

A Summers County man was arrested last week and is facing a property-related charge, according to booking information. Jacob Matthew Boone is charged with one count of destruction of property. Additional details surrounding the alleged incident were not provided in the available booking information. The charge is an allegation, and Boone is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Dear Recycle Lady: Plastic Windows In Envelopes, Biodegradables & More

Dear Recycle Lady,
I was told that the plastic windows in envelopes needed to be removed before they are recycled. Cutting out windows is a pain. Is it really necessary to do this?
Not Windowless
Dear Not Windowless,
Generally, windows in envelopes should be removed as they can potentially be a contaminant and affect the quality of the recycled paper. However, plastic windows are such a small percentage of recycled office paper that most post-consumer mills can process the plastic out while recycling the office paper. While these plastic windows are not a large contaminant, the fewer there are, the cleaner the paper. Envelopes with windows are accepted at our local Recycling Center. If in doubt as to the proper way to recycle items, check with

your local recyclable center or guidelines.
Dear Recycle Lady,
What does biodegradable mean? I see it used more frequently now. **Interested**
Dear Interested,
Biodegradable refers to materials that can be broken down by living organisms into natural substances such as water, carbon dioxide and organic matter. Biodegradable items decompose naturally without leaving any harmful residue. Using biodegradable items helps prevent pollution in oceans and landfills. However, the term biodegradable can be used to describe anything that takes from 6 months to 1,000 years to break down. Consequently, the term "biodegradable" is sometimes used to promote market products that are not good for the environment; a practice called "gre-

enwashing." Greenwashing is defined as using an eco-friendly word, symbol or color, to market products as good for the environment when they aren't.
Dear Recycle Lady,
I put my recyclables out for curbside pick-up. What do I put newspapers, magazines, office paper, plastic, and cans in, if I am out of orange and yellow recycle bags? **Recycler**
Dear Recycler,
Newspapers, magazines, office paper, plastics, and cans all need to be bagged separately. Any bag is okay. Just be sure it is not a black bag as black bags will be picked up as trash. Newspapers can be bundled and tied with heavy string. Aluminum and steel cans should be bagged separately, as should plastics #1 and #2. It is really helpful for the Recycling Center to receive these items already sorted.

Be sure to tie the bags tight so the contents won't spill out when they are picked up. It is also a good idea to put recycling bags in a separate location from trash containers, perhaps on the other side of the driveway, as they may be viewed as trash. Orange and yellow recycle bags can be found in a green container outside Open Doors across the street from the Lewisburg Post Office. These bags are used only by residents of Lewisburg who have subscribed to trash pickup.
Helpful Hint:
The Pacific Ocean, the largest ocean on Earth, spans more than 20 time zones. Protecting something this big starts with small changes at home. Using old cloth items for clean-up instead of paper towels is a small start that can have a big impact.
Good News:

Hawaii is exploring innovative ways to recycle ocean plastic by incorporating it into road materials. This approach helps remove plastic waste from the environment while reducing the need for some traditional paving materials. It's a creative example of turning a pollution problem into a

practical solution!
Have a question about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recycleladywv@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

Dear Abby: Calls and messages threaten racy video leak



DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, I started receiving mysterious phone calls from a man claiming to have in his possession videos of me performing sexual acts. I do not know where he would have gotten something like that. I changed my phone number, but somehow he got my new number and started harassing me again. After a while, the phone calls stopped, and I haven't received one in years. Recently, I was sent a request on Facebook by a girl with no profile information who then sent me a message saying something about a video and accosting me with sexual language. I have since deleted all my social media accounts. My question is: What if there is some video I have no knowledge of, and how do I handle it if

someone decides to leak it? -- **SCARED AND EMBARRASSED**
DEAR SCARED AND EMBARRASSED:
What has been happening to you amounts to harassment and blackmail. That is why you should notify the police about what has been going on. I seriously doubt that there is a video. (The whole thing is probably a scam.)
If there is one and it is leaked, I recommend that you hold your head high and say to anyone who mentions it that yes, like most of the adult population in the world, you, too, have a sex life. At least then you will know who filmed it, and you can share that additional information with the authorities.
DEAR ABBY: I am 70. My sister is 68, and her husband is 80. He has kidney failure and needs 24/7 care. Our mother is 98. She lives independently in a condo and is mentally fully functional, but she can't cook or do housekeeping anymore. (She has cleaning help.)
My sister and I take turns making Mom warm meals, and my sister also does some light housekeeping. It takes one to two hours. My sister does this three times a week while her hus-

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Peek into Summers County’s Past: A Local Barn Find

William Jones

To show just how obsessed I am with local history, especially family history, let me tell you about this piece that appears to be a piece of garbage, ha.

I was cleaning in our family barn in Talcott with granddad around 2012 or so. I put my hand up over one of the beams, felt something, and pulled out this 1930s empty Mail Pouch tobacco envelope that had been placed there and forgotten about.

The family barn was built by my Great Grandfather O.D. Thompson. He chewed, but Grandma Thompspn did not like him doing so. So, he must have kept his Mail Pouch hidden in the barn over a beam and would sneak him a chew when he was out of the house around the barn.

Most people would

have simply thrown this in the trash but not me. I am a bit obsessed with the Thompson side of my family. So, I brought this antique envelope home, ironed it flat and placed it in this frame where I could display it with other things similar to it.

Mom was recently reminding me of an O.D. story regarding tobacco. As I said, Grandpa Thompson did chew and grandma did not like it. When mom was a kid, he had a large brass spittoon beside his chair that had belonged to his father. Grandma picked it up one day, went out the front door, down the steps, walked across the road, and flung it over the bank into what is now the John Henry Historic Park because she was tired of cleaning it.

On a side note, as I



Mail pouch tobacco envelope

have mentioned in a few of my pieces before O.D. and his father were exceptional craftsmen and built fantastic furniture. Mom already had a smoke stand that O.D. carried up to what we call the “Little House” when my grandparents were in one weekend

in the 1970’s. He gave it to my Grandmother Bea; moms mother who used it to hold her alarm clock by her bed for many years.

My Great Uncle Buck Thompson’s estate auction was held in Union in September of 2024. He had a smoke stand



A black and white 1960’s photo that shows the smoke stand to the right of the chair

that L.W. Thompson, my great great grandfather, had turned out on a lathe. To keep it in the family I purchased it to add to my ever-growing collection. The black and white photo is from the early 1960s and shows the smoke stand to the right of the chair.



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Pet of the Week: Meet Tator



Tator

A friendly young dog named Tator is searching for a loving forever home. At just 10 months old and weighing approximately 60 pounds, Tator is described as a sweet companion with a gentle personality and a love for people and other animals.

Tator is already house trained and crate trained, making him a great fit for families looking to welcome a well-mannered pet into their home. He also gets along well with other dogs, cats and children, making him a wonderful addition to a variety of households.

Those interested in giving Tator the permanent home he deserves are encouraged to learn more about the adoption process. With his friendly nature and good manners, Tator is ready to become a loyal companion for the family lucky enough to call him their own.

Finding Jesus, The Way

(Part 5)
by Mark A. Copeland

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

Last week we were finding Jesus in the gospels and in Acts. Today we will be looking at Jesus in the epistles.

Because it was the Holy Spirit who was guiding the apostles into all the truth, we find that the words and writings of the apostles (i.e., the epistles) were to be received as if from Jesus Himself! As Paul wrote to the church at Corinth:

If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 14:37)

And to the church at Thessalonica:

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Of course, Jesus Himself had said that those who receive His apostles would in fact be receiving Him:

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.” (John 13:20)

An important point to be made is that the Holy Spirit did in fact guide the apostles into ALL the truth (cf. **John 16:13**)! In other words, with the gospels, the book of Acts and the epistles (including Revelation) we find the teachings of Jesus and about Jesus **completely, fully, and finally** revealed! No more revelation is needed. As Peter explained, we have **all** that is needed to live godly lives:

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, (2 Peter 1:2-3)

The apostle Paul also spoke of the completeness which the Scriptures provide:

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

As an example of how final the apostles’ revelation of Jesus and His teachings are to be considered, notice what Paul told the Galatians:

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. (Galatians 1:8-9)

So with the writing of the New Testament, we are able to see Jesus through **the eyes of completeness**! All we need to know to follow Jesus as **The Way** is there, for us to **learn it, and live it**! No other revelations are needed. Our task is to simply remain true to what has been revealed once and for all:

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. (Jude 1:3)

But having said all this, let me emphasize finally that we only find Jesus when we truly obey Him!

Next week, we will look at finding Jesus in obedience.

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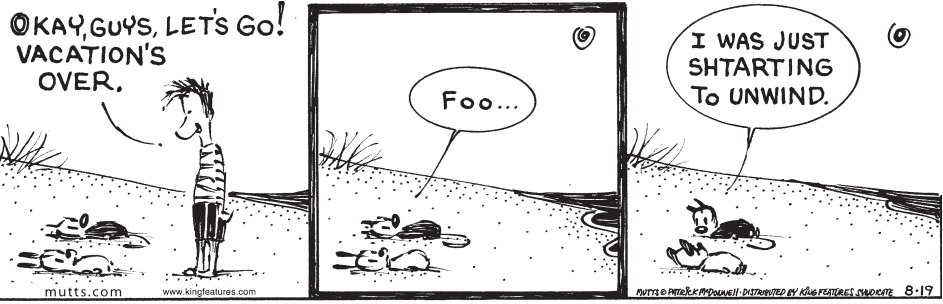
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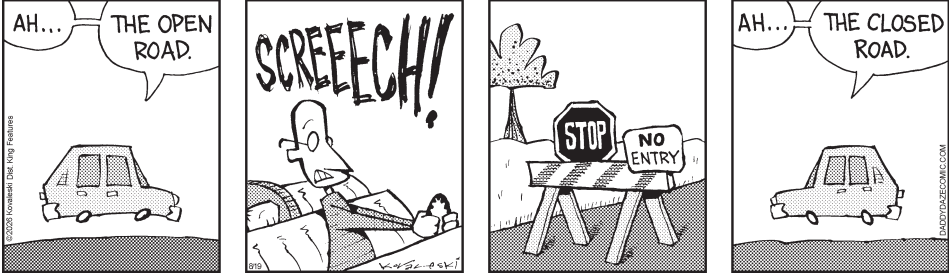
Blondie



Mutts



Daddy Daze



Zits



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Microgram
- 4. Fixed charge
- 7. Each
- 8. Feeling of humiliation
- 10. Coat with sticky substance
- 12. Powerful "Severance" family
- 13. Japanese city
- 14. "Pulp Fiction" actress Thurman
- 16. Hat
- 17. Place where rockers work
- 19. Psyche
- 20. Snakelike fishes
- 21. Where people live
- 25. Body part
- 26. Old towel
- 27. One's essential being
- 29. Japanese alcoholic beverage
- 30. Boxing's GOAT

- 31. Wet muddy ground
- 32. Christian Laettner is one
- 39. A place to store lawn tools
- 41. Large tub for liquid
- 42. Old World lizard
- 43. One-time European member group
- 44. Healing student
- 45. Nuclear weapon
- 46. "Kiss of the Spider Woman" actress Sonia
- 48. Silk garment
- 49. About some Norse poems
- 50. Woman religious community member
- 51. Congressman (abbr.)
- 52. Two-year-old sheep

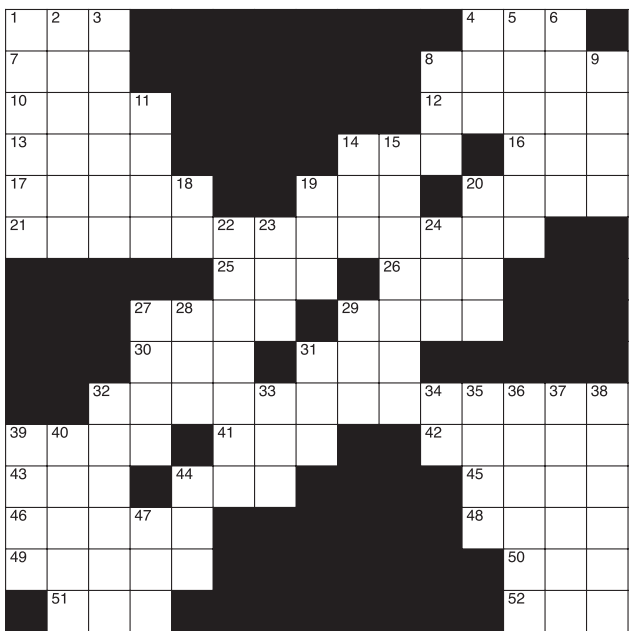
CLUES DOWN

- 1. An insane person
- 2. "Homeland" actress Danes
- 3. Buttock muscles
- 4. US federal agency
- 5. Birds of prey
- 6. Electronic communication
- 8. Ocean
- 9. Terminates
- 11. Low-pitched sound from a bell
- 14. Exclamation: yuck!
- 15. A place to attach a boat
- 18. Exclamation of surprise
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Border line
- 22. Have religious faith
- 23. Klutz
- 24. Large tree
- 27. House of rulers
- 28. Red deer

- 29. Small coin (French)
- 31. Popular sandwich
- 32. 10-year period
- 33. Not good
- 34. Government lawyer
- 35. Egypt's intelligence agency
- 36. Without an occupant or incumbent
- 37. Stain with one's hands
- 38. Crippling
- 39. One point east of southeast
- 40. Large, united groups
- 44. ___ and cheese
- 47. Alcoholic beverage



Last Wednesday's Answer
(Answers Next Wednesday)



SUDOKU PUZZLE

8							1	7
		6		3	8			
	5			6		2		
				4				
	2						4	
		4			6	9	7	
			3		1		2	
			2	9		8	6	
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Level: Intermediate

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.

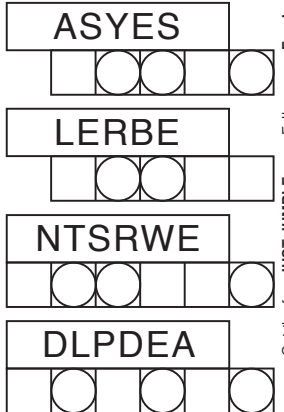
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Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last
Wednesday's
Puzzle →

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

JUMBLE

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



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Last
Wednesday's
Answers

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

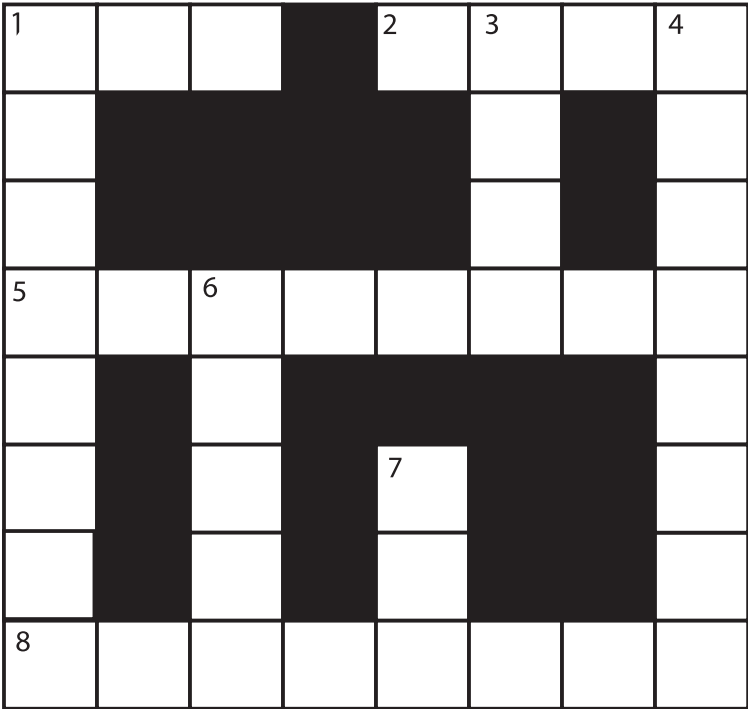


AS THE TRAIN PULLED AWAY, THOSE ON THE PLATFORM WAVING FAREWELL WERE ---

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



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Feline
- 2. Neatens hair
- 5. A citizen from a particular country
- 8. Site or monument

DOWN

- 1. Traveling fair
- 3. Not closed
- 4. Baseball stadium
- 6. Bird's claw
- 7. Precious stone

DAY IN HISTORY



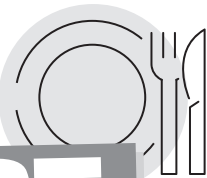
1807: The world's first commercial steamboat service starts when it leaves New York City for Albany, NY.

1907: Pikes Place Market opens in Seattle.

1945: The novella *Animal Farm* is first published.

Food

FACT:



This food is popular at fairs and carnivals. It features a common barbecue food in the middle of a batter coating.

Answer: Corn dog

NEW WORD

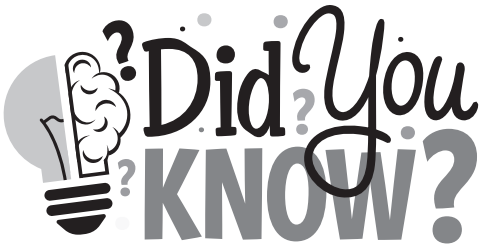
CARNIVAL

a public event or celebration that is typically held outdoors

Answers:
Across
1. Cat 2. Comb 5. National 8. Landmark
Down
1. Carnival 3. Open 4. Ballpark 6. Talon 7. Gem

How they say that in...

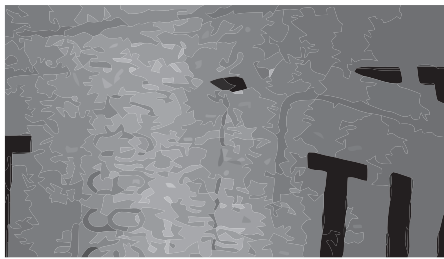
- English: Prize
- Spanish: Premio
- Italian: Premio
- French: Prix
- German: Preis



Many fairs have competitions that locals can enter, including events that recognize people who are good at raising livestock.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Ride ticket



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Library Matters: Literacy

Dear Abby

Myra Ziegler

Perhaps it was the dismal figures in the 1990 census which reported that that almost 25% of the adults in the United States had less than 12 years of school that inspired Congress to pass the National Literacy Act of 1991. This law made funds available to local school systems and other literacy providers including libraries in an effort to provide services to help adults 25 and older get their high school equivalency diploma (GED).

And perhaps the Summers County School system received some of this money and perhaps that is why Dr Sarah Brown called the Summers County Public Library, sometime in the fall of 1991 and asked if the library could supply some tutors! Dr Brown worked for the Summers County school system and was starting a class for adults who needed to refresh their skills in preparation for taking the high school equivalency exam.

She had announced that the class would take place at Talcott School. About 42 people came! Dr Brown quickly realized that about ½ of that number had reading and math skills below a 9th

grade level and needed one-on- one tutoring in order to participate successfully in the class! Naturally she called the Library.

The Library in Summers County had been open since 1977. As with most libraries in WV, it was underfunded. We were lucky to have books! Tutors? definitely no tutors. “What” said Dr. Brown “No tutors? Isn’t this a library?” Well! That was all it took to set me off.

With help from Richard Lawrence, another capable and dedicated employee of the Summers County Schools, we managed to secure a grant for some of the National Literacy Act funds and one of the most successful programs the library has ever been associated with was off and running.

With grant funds, we were able to hire a coordinator to recruit and train volunteer tutors and keep up with the rather complicated task of scheduling tutoring sessions. Things took off fast.

I don’t remember them all but I certainly do remember our first student! He was a man who wanted to get a job as a delivery driver but couldn’t

read well enough to read addresses, directions or receipts. He worked with Thelma Garten, the coordinator for the program at that time. They met at the Library once a week for almost 2 years and by the beginning of 1994, he was reading and ready to go to work!!

He was the first of hundreds of students to come through the Library. The library’s literacy program merged with the school’s adult ed/pre GED in 2010. People have come to get their high school equivalency diploma, learn a skill to make them more employable, get help with writing resumes and other job seeking skills, etc .

Has it been successful? You may judge for yourself! The 1990 census showed over 41% of the adults in Summers County had less than a 12th grade education -well above the national average of 25%. By 2020 census figures showed that the percentage had dropped to 14.6% (still above the national average of 8.5%, but definitely an improvement).

Now this and other programs like it are in jeopardy! Congress is proposing to cut funding for Adult Education and Family Literacy in

next year’s budget by \$729 million. That’s a lot of money, although less then the estimated cost of 1 day to fight a war in Iran which is estimated at something like \$800,000,000.

This cut would mean the end of the adult ed/literacy program in Summers County. It is time to write to our Senators and congresswoman and tell them to see to it that these funds are restored.

For the moment, Adult Education and Spokes (a job training program) are housed on the third floor of the Library. Jared Bailey is the current coordinator and the person to call if you are interested in getting help or perhaps would like to volunteer. 304-466-2661.

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band is at dialysis at a nearby facility. She also has my mother’s medical and financial powers of attorney and prefers to be the one to take care of things.

I am in fairly good health but have some medical issues that may eventually make it difficult (or even impossible) to travel. This fall, I plan to go to Europe for three weeks. I would like to have someone come in to help my mom three times a week while I am gone. I would introduce this person ahead of time so that Mom could get to know them and I could show them what needs to be done.

Unfortunately, Mom doesn’t want anyone other than my sister and me to care for her. My sister’s plate is already more than full, so I don’t want to add to it. Is it unreasonable of me to expect my mother to accept outside help? -- PER-

PLEXED IN PENNSYLVANIA
DEAR PER- PLEXED: Your plan is not unreasonable, but it’s common for someone your mother’s age to resist change. Remind her that the clock is ticking on your travel opportunities, and emphasize that the arrangement is only temporary. Tell her you will call to check in while you’re away, and promise to bring back lots of photos and stories to share with her when you resume your normal caregiving routine.

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Weekly + HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way this week, Aries. You may not get many chances to test your mettle in the weeks to come, so it's important to act now.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, something that started out as a part-time venture could turn into much more. Figure out if this is the path you see yourself going and then make your move.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Let loose and have fun for a change, Gemini. Don't delay when others want to invite you out for a night on the town or even a brunch. Say "yes."

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

There's a lot going on right now and it may have your head spinning, Cancer. Delegate some of your workload if you can. Don't be too hard on yourself.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, it is important to remember that your online presence never goes away. Watch what you post and be mindful of what you support in social media groups.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Family matters require your undivided attention this week, Virgo. You must dig in deep to address them. There are two sides to every story.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, just when you started to lose hope, the new horizon you were seeking comes into view. It is well-deserved.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, if you find yourself with too much extra time on your hands, why not volunteer with the community to pass the time? This can be a great way to meet people.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

When plans change on a dime, you are ready to roll with the new situation, Sagittarius. Higher-ups may get a peek at your quick thinking, which can land you a promotion.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

It's time to make amends with someone who did you wrong, Capricorn. Life is too short to hold grudges, and this person has since mended their ways.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Unless you take swift action, you could be heading for a financial free-fall, Aquarius. Start to pull back spending for a while and see if the situation will right itself.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you are on fire lately. There's seemingly nothing you touch that isn't turning to gold. This trend will continue, but try not to let it go to your head..

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 16 Madonna, Singer (68)	AUGUST 18 Christian Slater, Actor (57)	AUGUST 21 Usain Bolt, Athlete (40)
AUGUST 17 Austin Butler, Actor (35)	AUGUST 19 John Stamos, Actor (63)	AUGUST 22 Richard Armitage, Actor (55)
	AUGUST 20 Demi Lovato, Singer (34)	HS268300



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CONGES- TION	INTERSEC- TION	ROUND- ABOUT	TURN
		RUSH HOUR	VEHICLES

LEGAL NOTICE

Monroe Health Center Provides Notice of Data Security Incident Involving Aesto Health

Monroe Health Center (“MHC”) is providing notice of a data security incident involving Aesto, LLC, doing business as Aesto Health (“Aesto”), a vendor that provides healthcare data migration and archiving services to MHC and other healthcare organizations. On or about December 18, 2025, Aesto identified unauthorized activity affecting a limited portion of its Amazon Web Services infrastructure. Aesto reported that it immediately contained the incident, began an investigation, and engaged cybersecurity experts to determine whether personal or protected health information was involved. Following an extensive forensic investigation and manual review of potentially affected files, Aesto determined on May 26, 2026, that certain information stored within its network may have potentially been accessed or acquired by an unauthorized person between approximately December 2, 2025, and December 18, 2025.

Aesto subsequently notified MHC that information associated with certain MHC patients was included in the potentially affected files. The information involved varied by individual and may have included:

- Full name;
- Date of birth;
- Medical information;
- Health insurance information;
- Driver’s license number;
- Financial account number;
- Individual taxpayer identification number;
- Other government identification number; and
- Social Security number.

Not every category of information was involved for every affected individual. Aesto reported that Social Security numbers were potentially involved for only a limited number of individuals. At this time, Aesto has reported that it has no evidence of identity theft or financial fraud related to this incident. Nevertheless, MHC encourages potentially affected individuals to remain vigilant by reviewing financial account statements, credit reports, health insurance statements, and explanations of benefits for activity they do not recognize. Individuals

may also consider placing a fraud alert or security freeze on their credit files. Aesto has reported that it contained the unauthorized activity, engaged cybersecurity professionals to investigate the incident, and continues to evaluate and enhance its information-security practices. MHC has reviewed the information provided by Aesto, is coordinating with Aesto concerning required notifications, and continues to evaluate whether additional safeguards or vendor-management measures are appropriate. Individuals with questions regarding this incident may contact Aesto’s dedicated, confidential toll-free response line at **833-918-8060**. The response line is available Monday through Friday from **8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time**, excluding major United States holidays. Callers should be prepared to provide the following engagement number: **B167683** Monroe Health Center takes the privacy and security of patient information seriously and regrets any concern or inconvenience this incident may cause. (19,26ag)

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

The Summers County Commission is requesting sealed bids from qualified contractors for the design, supply, installation, testing, and commissioning of a new electrically operated access gate system, fencing, and swing gates at the Recycling Center located at 2128 Greenbrier Drive, Hinton, WV 25951. The selected contractor shall provide a complete, turnkey installation that meets the requirements outlined in paperwork provided at a mandatory on-site pre-bid meeting. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on site 10am August 24, 2026. Sealed bids must be received no later than 4pm September 8, 2026. Bids should be mailed to: Summers County Commission 120 Ballengee St., Suite 203 Hinton, WV 25951

All bidders are required to contact DEP-REAP at 1-800-322-5530 to report submission of their bid. The Summers County Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Questions regarding bidding, including requests to arrange a site inspection can be emailed to countyadmin@summerscountywv.gov or directed by phone to 304-466-7171. (19ag)

Tariff Form No. 8-C
(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))
Case No. 26-0703-G-30C

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, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will increase revenue approximately \$3,051,865 annually, an increase of approximately 1.9%. 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	\$ 0.86	0.91%
Commercial	\$ 4.29	1.12%
Industrial	\$ 35.60	0.64%
Resale	\$ 101.65	1.50%

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

Rate Schedule	Present	Proposed	Increase \$	Increase %
RS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%
RS Demand	\$ 20.59	\$ 20.91	\$ 0.320	1.55%
GS	\$ 7.381	\$ 7.534	\$ 0.143	1.93%
LGS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%
WS	\$ 7.074	\$ 7.211	\$ 0.137	1.91%
IS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%
LIS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., 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	\$ 15.861	\$ 16.112	\$ 0.251	1.58%
Storage Balancing Fee	\$ 0.609	\$ 0.625	\$ 0.016	2.63%
Firm Standby Fee	\$ 2.648	\$ 2.684	\$ 0.036	1.36%
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.

Weekly Recipes

A Staple Summer Side Dish With A Fresh And Tasty Twist

Hot dogs and hamburgers garner a lot of attention at a backyard barbecue. But there’s more to backyard gatherings with family and friends than hot dogs and hamburgers, as hosts and guests alike know that various side dishes also are staples of summertime get-togethers. Homemade side dishes can up the ante at backyard barbecues, particularly when such gatherings are potluck affairs. While store-bought sides can suffice, preparing foods at home allows cooks to experiment with ingredients. Potato salad is a backyard barbecue staple, and this recipe for “Potato Salad With New Potatoes, Zucchini, Olives, and Almond Pesto” from Lines+Angles offers a fresh and tasty twist to this popular side dish.

Potato Salad With New Potatoes, Zucchini, Olives, and Almond Pesto

Makes 4 Servings

For the pesto:

3 cups basil, leaves only

1/2 cup whole blanched almonds

1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, finely grated

2 garlic cloves, crushed

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 cups extra-virgin olive oil

For the salad:

1 3/4 pounds new potatoes

2 zucchinis, halved and sliced

1 1/4 cups black olives, pitted

1 small handful basil, leaves only

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1. For the pesto: Combine the basil leaves, almonds, Parmesan, garlic and salt in a food processor.

2. Blend on high until broken down and finely chopped. Scrape down the sides of the processor if needed.

3. Continue to blend on a low setting, drizzling in the olive oil through the feeder spout until the pesto comes together. Adjust seasoning to taste and chill until needed.

Hinton Area Foundation Welcomes Sheila Pillath as Executive Director



Sheila Pillath (Photo: Hinton Area Foundation)

HINTON, W.Va. — The Hinton Area Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Sheila Pillath as its new Executive Director.

Pillath brings decades of nonprofit leadership, fundraising, strategic planning, and community engagement experience to the Foundation. Throughout her career, she has worked alongside nonprofits, donors, businesses, and community leaders to strengthen organizations and create lasting impact.

A native of Summers County and a graduate of Hinton High School, Pillath is returning to the region where her family has deep roots. With decades of experience leading nonprofit organizations and advancing philanthropic initiatives, she will guide the Foundation as it continues connecting generous donors with opportunities that strengthen Summers County and support the causes that matter most to the community.

“The mountains have always felt like home and being closer to my family is a blessing. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my hometown community through the Hinton Area Foundation,” said Pillath. “I believe philanthro-

py has the power to bring people together, inspire hope, and create opportunities that benefit generations to come. I look forward to working with our Board of Directors, donors, nonprofit partners, and community members to build on the great work already taking place throughout Summers County and strengthen the Foundation’s strong legacy.”

Before joining the Hinton Area Foundation, Pillath held executive leadership positions in the nonprofit sector, including serving as Vice President of Development at Community Foundation & United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties and Executive Director of the Mathews Family YMCA, where she focused on donor engagement, foundation development, and organizational growth.

The Hinton Area Foundation has served Summers County for decades by connecting charitable giving with community needs. Through endowments, grants, scholarships, and partnerships, the Foundation supports initiatives that enhance education, health, human services, the arts, public recreation, beautification, and other charitable projects—projects which benefit the adults, youth, and children who live, work and visit Hinton and Summers County.

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