



Summers County School Board Recognizes Individuals for Support School System



The board recognized Senator Vince Deeds and David Woodrum

From Summers County School’s Facebook:
At tonight’s BOE meeting, the SCS BOE had the pleasure of recognizing the dedication of our community members in supporting our school system.
First, the board recognized state Senators Deeds and Woodrum for their help in securing funding for the JBE playground.



They also recognized Ms. Bowling

They also acknowledged Ms. Bowling for her advocacy in getting this funding. Second, the board recognized the City of Hinton, represented by City Manager Megan Turner, for their \$10,000 donation to support the needs of the school system. SCS is ever grateful for the support of its community!

Man Arrested at Pipestem State Park and Charged with Three Counts

The Summers County Sheriff’s Office responded to Pipestem State Park in the area of the lookout tower following a report from two Good Samaritans who observed a vehicle being operated by a driver they believed to be possibly intoxicated.
Upon arrival, Sheriff Faris located Samuel Walker passed out behind the wheel of the vehicle. The vehicle was still running and was in drive. Mr. Walker was also found holding a knife while unconscious.
After several attempts, deputies, assisted by members of the West Virginia State Police, were able to wake Mr. Walker and safely begin their investigation.
During the course of the investigation, deputies located fentanyl, gabapentin, and hydrochloride pills inside the vehicle. Three firearms were also recovered, one of which was determined to have been reported stolen from Florida.
Mr. Walker was subsequently arrested and charged with three counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, DUI, and Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm.
The Summers County Sheriff’s Office would like to commend the two Good Samaritans who recognized the potentially dangerous situation and contacted law enforcement. Their decision to report the suspected impaired driver may have prevented a serious crash or injury.
All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
-Team 900

Graham House Hosts Annual Chili Dinner



Susan Smith-Linton
The Hinton News

SUMMERS COUNTY- The Graham House Annual Chili Dinner returns this fall on Saturday, September 26 from 12-3 PM. Attendees will spend an afternoon enjoying homemade comfort food, live entertainment, and local vendors. Also, fresh apple butter and apple cider, adding to the season-



al spirit.
Plates are available for \$15, and proceeds from the dinner will help preserve and maintain the historic Graham House, ensuring it remains a treasured part of Summers County for years to come.
The Graham House is located between Alderson and Hinton on Rt 3/12 in Summers County and stands one of West Virginia’s oldest and most storied homes.
Built between 1770 and 1772 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1976, this three-sto-

ry frontier residence has changed little over more than two centuries, except for a modern rear wing that hints at today’s comfort while preserving its historic character. The house was constructed by Colonel James Graham (1741–1813) as both a family home and a protective fortress for settlers on the Virginia frontier, offering a glimpse into a refined lifestyle that contrasted with the era’s typical log cabins.
The Graham House offers FREE guided tours (donations welcome) and hours are Saturdays, 11 to 5 and

Sundays 1 to 5, offering a step into history through stories, artifacts, and engaging visuals.
For special tours of the Grahams House call Jim Bowling Treasurer at 304-716-6430. Jim invites everyone to come out and enjoy the tour.
If Vendors interested in participating in the Chili Dinner (no food), contact Jimmy Bowling at 304-716-6430. Vendor spots are free.
Enjoy an afternoon of homemade food and live entertainment while supporting the Graham House historic landmark preservation.

Read Aloud WV Salutes Dolly Parton’s Commitment to Literacy, Launches Campaign to Further Boost Reading Throughout West Virginia

Charleston, W.Va. (WVDN) – Dawn Miller, Executive Director of Read Aloud West Virginia, announced the launch of a fundraising campaign to remember the late Dolly Parton and the Imagination Library she created to promote literacy.

For the month of September, in memory of Dolly Parton, Read Aloud West Virginia will share any donations dollar for dollar with Parton’s award-winning Imagination Library partners in West Virginia, if donors note “in memory of Dolly” when donating to Read Aloud WV online, by mail, in person or via stocks.

“Dolly was so special,” said Miller. “When she created Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library 31 years ago and made it available in other states, including West Virginia, we began to realize she had been lifting us up in ways other than her wonderful music.”

Miller indicated that

vides books from birth to age five and Read Aloud West Virginia’s primary mission is to offer books and resources for school-aged children. “This allows Dolly’s passion to intersect with our core mission and enhance reading, literacy, educational attainment and quality of life for more West Virginians.”

Miller said Read Aloud only has resources to have formal programs in 28 West Virginia counties, but enjoys some level of presence in 40 counties, and responds to teacher requests for books for school-aged children from all 55 counties of the Mountain State.

“There are so many unmet needs in the Mountain State to help our youth become good readers, students and lifelong learners,” said Miller. “The lack of resources forces our non-profit to make tough choices, and Dolly would want to ensure all youth interested in reading and literacy get an opportunity to do so. Right now, that is not the case.”

“What we are doing works,” Miller said. Providing classroom volunteers to read to children for fun, helping parents to understand their value in reading to children from birth, and then giving children engaging books that they want, it all supports the instruction children receive in school.

Parton’s own father never learned to read or write. Her Imagination Library foundation set out to correct that condition for millions of children by sending newborns a book a month until they turned age five. Sixty books at home are a major factor in growing up to be a reader. “It was and still is a brilliant approach,” noted Miller. “Dolly understood the physical barriers to literacy and has helped millions of families overcome some of them.”

Miller said she remembers when Dolly’s Imagination Library came to West Virginia 20 years ago. “It was a cause for celebration,” she said, “to have Dolly Parton lending her name and fortune to the cause of early childhood literacy.”

Read Aloud West Virginia – celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2026 -- works in the same space as Imagination Library, and Miller collaborates with its West Virginia partner. “While the Dolly Parton Foundation covers the costs of administering Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, regions must raise the funds to buy the actual books,” said Miller. “This is another major reason why more financial support is needed as schools are just returning to session.”

Checks can be sent to Read Aloud West Virginia, P.O. Box 1784, Charleston, WV 25326, or online at <https://readaloudwv-101341.square.site/> or call us for details.

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ACOUSTIC	DYNAMIC	OCTAVE	SONATA
ANTHEM	ENSEMBLE	OVERTURE	STACCATO
BALLAD	HARMONY	RHAPSODY	SYMPHONY
CADENCE	IMPROVISE	RHYTHM	TEMPO
CHORD	LYRICS	SERENADE	TIMBRE
CRESCENDO	MELODY	SOLO	VIBRATO

Weekly Recipes

Warm Curry Flavors Spice Up Chicken

Few foods are as versatile and as beloved as chicken. Chicken is a lean protein source that many people rely on for meals throughout the day. However, they may be stuck with the same tried and true recipes that can dull the taste buds over time. The good news is that there are no shortage of ways to prepare chicken, which will take on the unique flavor profile of the other spices and ingredients included.

Fans of Asian cuisine can try this Lines+Angles recipe for “Chicken Curry with Peas and Peppers,” which offers the warm flavors of curry, ginger and coconut milk for an inviting meal.

Chicken Curry with Peas and Peppers

Makes 4 Servings

Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt, to taste
- 16 ounces skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves of garlic, diced
- 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, minced
- 1 cups chicken stock

- 12/3 cups unsweetened coconut milk
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- Kosher salt, to taste
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, rough chopped
- Cooked rice for serving

- Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil over medium heat in a large saucepan. Season chicken with salt and saute until golden brown, about 5 minutes.
- Remove the browned chicken and set it aside. Coat the pan with the remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil and reduce the heat to low. Add the cumin, onion, garlic, and ginger; saute for 3 minutes or until onions are soft. Add chicken stock; cook until reduced.
- Return the pan to medium heat, add the coconut milk to the saucepan, then whisk in the curry powder and season with salt. Let the curry simmer and thicken for 3 minutes.
- Stir in the chicken, peas and red peppers; bring the saucepan to a boil. Reduce heat to medium low and let simmer for 5 minutes.
- Garnish with cilantro and serve with rice.

Charleston OB-GYN Women’s Health Advocate to Deliver WVSOM White Coat Ceremony Keynote

LEWISBURG, W.Va. – The newest group of medical students at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) will receive their white coats during a ceremony that officially recognizes them as student doctors.

The White Coat Ceremony will take place at 2 p.m., Sept. 11, in the Conference Center in the WVSOM Student Center on the school’s Lewisburg campus. The event will celebrate the Class of 2030’s commitment to a health care career.

The keynote speaker will be Dara Aliff, D.O., a WVSOM alumna who is the founder and owner of Premier Women’s Health Specialists PLLC, a Charleston, W.Va.-based practice that has provided care to tens of thousands of women since 2009.

Aliff is a West Virginia native and a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology from Marshall University before earning a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree in 1999 from WVSOM, where she served as class

president and student body president. Aliff completed a rotating internship and an obstetrics and gynecology residency at Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC), where she was chief resident and received multiple teaching awards.

A champion for the health of rural and underserved women, Aliff has advocated on these issues through the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and through direct engagement with state and local government. She is a member of CAMC’s Medical Ethics Committee Board, the Kanawha Board of Health and the Board of Directors for the West Virginia Women’s Alliance. Aliff currently serves as a WVSOM clinical assistant professor and as a member of West Virginia University’s clinical faculty.

Aliff also has served in health care governance, including board and committee positions at two major medical professional liability insurers. She has experience in fiduciary oversight, claims management, fi-



Dara Aliff DO

nancial governance and outcome-focused quality initiatives.

Aliff was inducted into West Virginia Executive magazine’s Health Care Hall of Fame in 2025.

WVSOM’s White Coat Ceremony will have limited seating, and tickets will be required for admission. The event will be livestreamed at www.wvsom.edu.



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BOOKS REVISITED



Books Revisited, the onsite book store at Summers County Library, will be the site of the **Friends of the Library** annual book sale.

The sale will run from late September through mid October during Railroad Days.

Books will be **\$1 or 50¢** for childrens' books.

Book donations for the sale are welcome at the library anytime before and during the sale. ♥

**SALE DATES**

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during library hours

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during library hours, including Sunday 10am - 4pm

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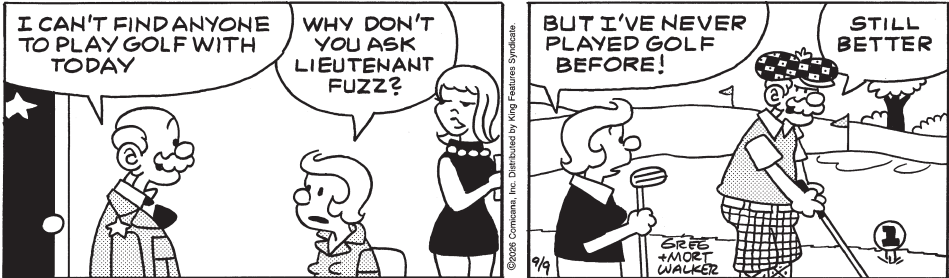
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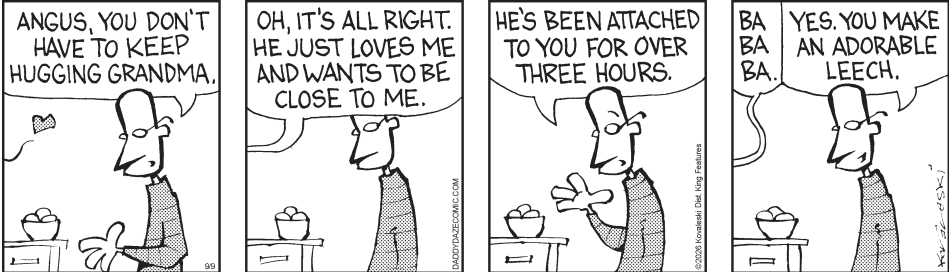
Blondie



Mutts



Daddy Daze



Zits



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Longtime Vogue editor Wintour
- A Spanish title of respect
- A way of looking
- Properly
- Rolled steel
- Not down
- Law degree
- Consume food
- Intermediate ecological stage
- Old world, new
- Dispense justice
- Stiff hair-like structure
- Ethiopia
- Cool!
- Father
- An enthusiastic devotee of sports
- Holm oak
- Be united
- Rattling breaths
- Supermarket chain
- Provided with a quality

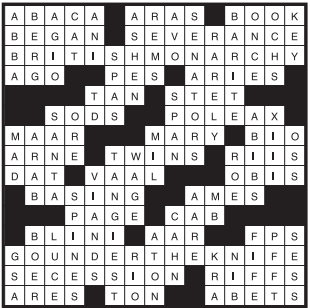
- Samoan monetary unit
- Swiss river
- Hill (Celtic)
- Have already done
- ATM company
- Syngman __, Korean president
- Very willing
- Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- Food listings
- Bachelor's place to crash
- Big Blue
- Sports magazine
- Relating to a place north of south of the equator
- Female follower of Bacchus
- A type of laugh
- Slovenly women
- Large jug

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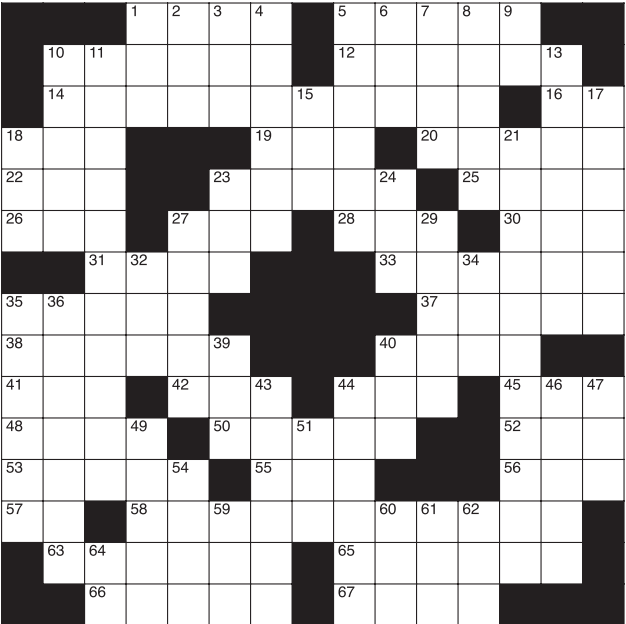
- Boxing's GOAT
- Zero

- Midway between north and northeast
- Concurred
- Added flavor
- Amount of time
- Eggs of parasitic insects
- S-shaped moldings
- Atomic #45
- __ d'art: small artistic item
- A godparent's "kids"
- Nocturnal burrowing lizard
- Hit lightly
- Aircrafts
- Witness
- Alluding to something
- Take to the limit
- Baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Start over
- Administered
- Romanian monetary unit
- Unit of liquid capacity
- Equips with weapons again

- Disney town
- Female deer
- Title of respect
- A place to go rafting
- A way to conclude
- Type of television
- Georgia rockers
- Leonhard __, Swiss mathematician
- Slang for gun
- River in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bar bill
- Small, gray-headed crow
- Frozen water
- Norwegian krone
- Commercial



Last Wednesday's Answer
(Answers Next Wednesday)



SUDOKU PUZZLE

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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.

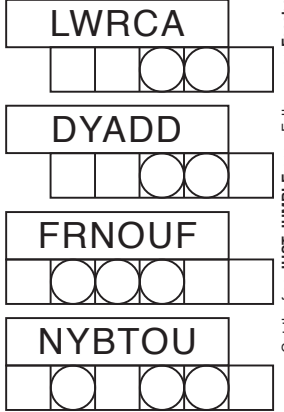
(Today's Answers
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Answer To Last
Wednesday's
Puzzle →

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

JUMBLE

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



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Ans. here: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

Last Wednesday's Answers

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Jumbles: NUDGE THIEF FUNNEL POTATO
Answer: When it came to making balloon animals, this guy had an — INFLATED EGO



Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



DAY IN HISTORY



1936: The first world individual Speedway World Championship is held at Wembley Stadium in London.

1960: Abebe Bikila becomes the first sub-Saharan African to win an Olympic gold medal.

2002: Switzerland becomes a full member of the U.N.

Holiday
FACT:



This event celebrates the culture and contributions of people who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

Answer: Hispanic Heritage Month

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the individual words to reveal letters for the phrase.

SCMTUO

1	2	3			

RTYOS

	4	5	6	7

OPPLEE

		8		9	

IDTE

10	11		

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	1	2	9	4	2	6	8			

Answers: custom, story, people, diet; History and culture

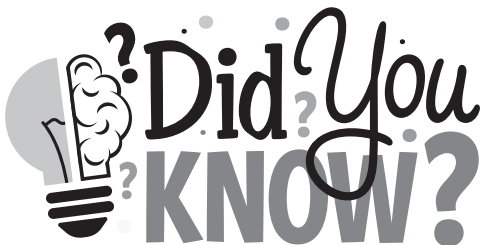
NEW
WORD

HISPANIC

people and cultures related to Spain and the Spanish language

“How they say that in...”

English: Heritage
Spanish: Herencia
Italian: Eredità
French: Héritage
German: Erbe



National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year from September 15 to October 15.



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PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Pinata



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William Jones

This week's piece is going to be relatively quick as I have been copying historic items from Summers County. Fellow Summers County historian Jimmy Costa, who is best known for, well I will let Ai explain it: "Jimmy Costa (often referred to as Jim Costa) is best known in Summers County, West Virginia, as an accomplished traditional old-time musician (playing fiddle and banjo), local historian, storyteller, and avid collector of 18th- and 19th-century Appalachian material culture and farm tools."

Jimmy is in the process of going through his vast collection and donating many local historic papers to WVU Archives. I had found one of these rare Pence Springs Hotel letterhead

online years ago, but it was a very poor copy. Jimmy copied this version of it for me for my collection.

This is a letter that was written to Judge Milller. Judge Miller is best known for the history of Summers County he wrote in 1908 titled: "History of Summers County: "From the Earliest Settlement to the Present"

Judge Miller was also a very active businessman throughout the county, having ties to large enterprises. He was one of the original shareholders in the Talcott Bank and Gratuity Company in Talcott, WV in 1906. He was also one of the investors who ventured to rebrand Barger Springs as “Greenbrier Springs”. The new business operated as the “Greenbrier Springs Co”



for several years.

In copying his collection, I uncovered several variations of letterhead for the Greenbrier Springs Co., several businesses in Hinton and Talcott that I had never heard of, a campaign ribbon for Judge Miller, and several other interesting things throughout Summers County.

I already have several other Summers Coun-

ty businesses to write about on file. Another Pence Springs piece he copied for me was this 1910's water bottle label. I do not have one of the water bottles but one of the ginger ale bottles. Its label is an identical design to this water label. I do have a shipping crate



sign to this water label. I from this time period from Alderson gave me
do have a shipping crate that Jimmy Johnson years ago.

(Part 1)

by Mark A. Copeland

<https://executableoutlines.com/tracts/>

Have You Heard The Most Important News In The World?

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."-- Mark 16:15

Jesus wants everyone to hear the gospel! Are you sure what you've heard is the pure and simple gospel of Jesus Christ, not a perverted gospel based on teachings of men rather than the Word of God?

In this article you will be presented with the gospel Jesus wanted you to hear, the most important news in the history of mankind! But first, let's go over a few...

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

Gospel Means Good News - The Greek word is euangelion. In the NT, it is spoken only of the glad tidings of Christ and His salvation, the gospel (cf. **Luke 2:10**) - Complete WordStudy Dictionary.

The Gospel Is God's Power To Save - The apostle Paul wrote that the gospel "is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." (**Romans 1:16**) It tells how to be saved from our sins and the wrath of God to come.

Beware Of False Gospels - Even in the first century A.D., there were different gospels that distorted the gospel of Christ (**Galatians 1:6-9**). Are you sure that you have heard the true gospel of Christ?

The Gospel Must Be Obeyed - Peter raises the question, “*what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?*” (1 **Peter 4:17**) Paul answers that there will be terrible consequences for “*those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.*” (2 **Thessalonians 1:7-9**) Are you sure you have obeyed the gospel of Christ?

With these preliminary considerations in mind, let's now examine the gospel, noting first that...

THERE ARE FACTS TO BELIEVE!

Jesus Died For Our Sins - Paul wrote that according to the Scriptures Jesus died for our sins (**1 Corinthians 15:1-3**). He likely referred to **Isaiah 53:4-6**, written 700 years before Jesus' death.

Jesus Was Buried And Raised - His burial and resurrection from the dead were foretold by Scripture and attested to by many eyewitnesses (**1 Corinthians 15:4-8**). If Jesus was not raised from the dead, they were false witnesses and our faith is in vain (**1 Corinthians 15:14-15**).

Jesus Is Lord And Savior - He has been exalted to sit at the right hand of God, and rules as both Lord and Christ (**Acts 2:33-36**). He now has all authority in heaven and on earth (**Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:20-22; 1 Peter 3:22**).

Jesus Is Coming Again - He is returning as promised, to judge the world in righteousness (**Acts 1:9-11; 17:30-31**). Are you ready for that great day? Well, in the gospel of Christ...there are commands to obey.

Next week we will look at commands to obey and promises to receive.

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Weekly + HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

It may feel like you're coming out of the dark and into the light this week, Aries. A weight has been lifted, but there is still some emotional components to work out.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, have a look at the world around you this week instead of just moving forward with your nose to the grindstone. Enjoy a night out with friends and take an active role in the evening.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, question what you hear this week, and do not take all of the information you receive at face value. You might need to read between the lines.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

This is a great week to go out and get things done, Cancer. Even if you feel a little indecisive, don't sweat the small details. You don't have to make any great commitments.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, action is the name of the game for you right now. You might notice a sudden burst of physical energy at some point, and that can be channeled into a walk or bike ride.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Take some of the knowledge you have picked up and processed over the past few weeks and spread it around, Virgo. It is time to put your communication skills to work.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Physical stamina is strong for you this week, Libra. Consider working out to release some of that pent-up energy. A sport or hobby can channel it as well.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Take a break from the seriousness that has taken root lately, Scorpio. You'll find that some upbeat conversations are the way to navigate the waters this week.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

The things you say to others will have a profound effect, Sagittarius. Be mindful of the words you choose. Enjoy a physical group activity.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, your solid footing may become a bit unstable this week. Don't fret. In fact, infuse a bit of laughter and playfulness into things.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

There is no excuse for laziness this week, Aquarius. Make sure you get out of bed each day and engage in something that gets your body and mind working.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

It is time to take action, Pisces. See how far you can take all of the tasks that are on your to-do list. You may be surprised to find that you accomplish so much.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 6 Idris Elba, Actor (54)	SEPTEMBER 8 Pink, Singer (47)	SEPTEMBER 11 Taraji P. Henson, Actress (56)
SEPTEMBER 7 Evan Rachel Wood, Actress (39)	SEPTEMBER 9 Adam Sandler, Actor (60)	SEPTEMBER 12 Jennifer Hudson, Singer/Actress (45)
	SEPTEMBER 10 Colin Firth, Actor (66)	


Aries

Taurus

Gemini

Cancer

Leo

Virgo

Libra

Scorpio

Sagittarius

Capricorn

Aquarius

Pisces

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 November 17, 2026 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):

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Contract: 2026450010
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S345-3-6.11 00
Federal Project:
STBG-0003(576)D
Description:
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BEECH RUN - HINTON ROAD
Begin: 2.20 miles East of CR 3/4, End: WV 20
COUNTY: SUMMERS

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.

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NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION
TO CREDITORS,
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LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estates have been opened for probate in the Summers Fiduciary Supervisor's Office at 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 100, Hinton, WV 25951-0097. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code § 41-5-11 – 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Summers County Fiduciary Supervisor's office within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code § 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estates of the following named decedents will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

First Publication Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Claim Deadline: Sunday, November 1, 2026

ESTATE OF: CHARLES RAY SURBAUGH JR.

EXECUTRIX: SARA DAWN SURBAUGH

ESTATE OF: DIANA SUE PUCKETT

EXECUTRIX: MISTY FAWN SMITH

ESTATE OF: BONNIE JEAN AYERS

EXECUTOR: GARRY LEE AYERS

ESTATE OF: ORIS JENNINGS LILLY JR.

ADMINISTRATOR: LUKE LILLY

ESTATE OF: RALPH ALAN GWINN

EXECUTOR: THOMAS A. GWINN (DECLINED TO SERVE JULY 21, 2026)

EXECUTOR: RANDALL W. PATTERSON

ESTATE OF: RICHARD ELLISON MCWHORTER

EXECUTRIX: ANN L. F. MCWHORTER

ESTATE OF: BETTY JEAN ELLISON

EXECUTRIX: JESSICA RODES

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 26, 2026.
Donald R. Basham Jr.
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County
(2,9sp)



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm in love with an older woman. I'm 41, and she is about 35 years older. I have known her since I was a kid. She's the reason I always dated older women. I want to tell her how I feel, but I'm scared she'll be shocked, and I wouldn't want anyone else to find out my feelings, like her kids. I grew up with them.

We always enjoy our conversations, and I often throw her little hints. When I do, she smiles and likes that I flirt with her, but I've never told her

my real feelings. What should I do? -- **HIDING MY FEELINGS**

DEAR HIDING: You have nothing to lose by telling her your real feelings. If you do, at the very least she will feel complimented. If there is a possibility that your feelings are reciprocated -- well, you are both adults now. If her kids don't object (once they get over the shock), you could have a happy life together. I say this with confidence because years ago a distant cousin of mine married a contemporary of one of her sons.

DEAR ABBY: What is the proper etiquette when dining out and a hair is found in your meal? I informed the server, and she apologized and gave me credit for a free drink. Others say they wouldn't have eaten the meal and would have requested a new entree. What would you have done? -- **HAIRY SITUATION**

DEAR SITUATION:

A free drink is not adequate compensation for this unpleasant mistake. When you are presented with food that is inedible for any reason, the manager should be summoned immediately to comp the dish (or more), as well as to offer a sincere apology. When they offer to remake the food, you are within your rights to ask for a different entree. This should allay any suspicion that the kitchen staff might simply pluck out the hair and return the contaminated dish to you.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend in her 80s who always needs to be the center of attention. When someone is talking, not only does she interrupt the speaker, but she also distracts the ones trying to listen by dragging out pictures of her grandchildren.

She often makes inappropriate sexual comments. She even brought up the subject of sex with my husband! People

don't want to be around her. However, she will give the shirt off her back and go out of her way to help anyone. How can I tell her that her conversational style is off-putting without hurting her feelings? -- **SUFFERING IN SILENCE**

DEAR SUFFERING:

This woman has several bad habits, so don't expect her to correct them all at once. Privately and gently tell her you are not comfortable with her racy comments, nor is your husband. If she begins to show more restraint, be sure to express your sincere appreciation so she feels good about the effort she has made.

If her bad behavior is a sudden change, it may be a sign of a medical issue. Tell her you have noticed that she hasn't seemed like herself recently and ask if she is keeping up with her medical exams. If you are acquainted with her family, urge them to have her evaluated by her doctor.

Dear Recycle Lady: Rusty Steel Cans, Precycling & More

Dear Recycle Lady,

When cleaning out my garage I found several rusty steel cans. Are they still recyclable? **Cleaner Garage**

Dear Cleaner Garage,

Yes, your rusted cans can be recycled. The fact that your cans are rusted, identifies them as made of steel so they go into the steel can bin. The best thing to do with any rusted metal is to put it in the recycle bin. When rusty cans are thrown in the trash, they end up in the landfill. Metal does not break down, so it takes decades, and sometimes centuries for it to breakdown into smaller pieces. Regardless of how small the pieces are, they are never absorbed by the soil as metal is neither biodegradable nor compostable. Thus, rusty metal is harmful to the environment. According to osha.gov, metals may build up in biological systems and become a significant health hazard. Aluminum cans don't rust as they contain no iron.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I purchased a gallon of water in a #1 clear plas-

tic bottle with a white plastic handle and a thin plastic label. The handle was very handy for carrying the bottle, but what about recycling the bottle? Does the plastic handle need to be removed before recycling? What about the thin plastic label? **Plastic Recycler**

Dear Plastic Recycler,

The white plastic handle on your bottle needs to be cut off and the cap removed before you put the bottle in the recycle bin for #1 plastics. However, the label can be left on. It will be removed during the recycling process. The bottle's cap and handle are made of different kinds of plastic fibers, so they go in the trash.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Yesterday I came across the word pre-cycling in a magazine article. How does pre-cycling differ from recycling? Wondering

Dear Wondering,

Precycling and recycling both reduce waste, but they happen at different points in the life cycle of a product. Pre-cycling means reducing waste before it happens

by avoiding products and packaging that will be thrown away or that will be recycled later. It is sometimes called a low-waste lifestyle as it is about making initial choices that will minimize waste or maximize reusable or recyclable materials. For example, it is about choosing items that are that have little or no packaging, have less packaging than other packaging on similar products, or have packaging that is recyclable. It is doing simple things, like taking a reusable bottle of water with you instead of buying a plastic bottle of water, taking bags with you instead of getting new ones at the store, buying only what you need or can use, or using rags instead of paper towels for cleaning. It is repairing or reusing items instead of replacing them with new items. It is choosing durable goods over disposable ones. Ultimately, pre-recycling is making choices that reduce consumer waste and have the smallest possible impact on the environment. Precycling prevents the waste from

being created in the first place, while recycling deals with waste after it happens.

Food for Thought: According to <https://archive.epa.gov>, For every ton of office paper Americans throw away, 17 trees could have been saved, 380 gallons of oil, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 3,000 kilowatts of energy and 7,000 gallons of water could also have been saved. Before you think that is an impossible amount of recycled office paper, consider that the Greenbrier Recycling Center shipped out 22 tons of office paper last week. So, our wonderful Greenbrier recyclers saved 374 trees, 8,360 gallons of oil, 66 cubic yards of landfill space, 66,000 Kilowatts of energy and 154,000 gallons of water. Hurrah for our recyclers!

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

Pet of the Week: Meet Rocco



Rocco

This sweet senior gentleman somehow found himself wandering along a rural road, and now he's hoping his next stop will be his FOREVER HOME!

Meet Rocco — a gentle, docile boy with an old soul and a heart full of love. He's the kind of guy who just wants to be near his people and enjoy the simple things in life.

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Good around chickens! Walks right alongside you OFF LEASH! Loyal to his foster and loves staying close!

Now, Rocco does have one little confession: HE'S AN ESCAPE ARTIST!

Kennels are definitely NOT his favorite thing, and if given the opportunity, Rocco may decide he's ready for a little adventure. But don't worry

— this sweet boy doesn't go far. He much prefers to stick close to his foster's side.

Rocco has so much love left to give, and he deserves to spend his golden years feeling safe, loved, and cherished. Please help this sweet senior boy find the forever family he's been waiting for!

ROCCO IS READY TO GO HOME!

Senator Justice Celebrates Opening of Marshall Health Network – Rivers Health, new Emergency Department

POINT PLEASANT, W.Va. (WVDN)— Senator Jim Justice joined Marshall Health Network – Rivers Health officials to celebrate the opening of the new emergency department.

“Our emergency departments are absolute lifelines for West Virginians. When our folks are facing some of the toughest moments of their lives, they deserve to know that quality care is close by when they need it most. This new emergency department will be exactly that for Mason County and all the surrounding communities. I couldn't be prouder to have played a part in this critical project, and I truly believe it will take care of our people, save lives, and serve West Virginia families for generations to come,” said Senator Jim Justice.

This enhanced Emergency Department represents what we want Marshall Health Network to mean for the communities we serve—high-quality emergency services close to home, strengthened by the expertise of an academic health system. For the people of Mason County and the surrounding region, that means greater access to the care they need, right here in their community,” said Beth L. Hammers, chief engagement officer of Marshall Health Network.

“In an emergency, every moment matters, and having high-quality care available close to home can make all the difference. Our team has cared for generations of families in this community. This new Emergency Department gives them the space and resources to continue that tradition while enhancing the overall experience for our patients and families,” said Shawn Bastin, president of Rivers Health.

BACKGROUND:

- As Governor, Senator Justice awarded Rivers Health \$7 million through his Rural Hospital Grant program to help make this expansion possible.
- In January 2026, Senator Justice visited Rivers Health to highlight investments being made in rural health care across West Virginia, including nearly \$200 million coming to the state through the Rural Health Transformation Program, which he supported through the One Big Beautiful Bill.

This past week, the Trump administration announced a \$4.2 million investment to expand rural healthcare access in West Virginia through the Rural Health Transformation Program in the Working Families Tax Cuts Act.

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